

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dow
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Recalling Another Time

Perhaps former Liberal leader Alex Matheson had his tongue in his cheek when he asked Premier Shaw whether the government had received permission from the trustees of the Confederation Memorial Building to hold the current legislative session in the Provincial Building, in view of the act passed two years ago vesting the building and land in that body.

Nevertheless, the responsibility for drafting proper legislation in such matters rests with the government, and opposition speakers have a wide latitude in bringing to notice any inadequacies in this regard.

The dignity of the Legislature isn't served by such slipshod methods of providing for its activities, however unlikely it may seem that the trustees under the new setup would seek to oust it from its habitat.

The legislators sat, perforce, in a tavern, and—as Dr. Frank MacKinnon writes in "The Government of Prince Edward Island"—no doubt mixed business with pleasure.

This isn't a parallel incident, of course. But that our members should be sitting anywhere under the impression that it was a "foregone conclusion" that they should be there, and leaving it at that, does seem a "damned queer" way of doing things.

Speaking Of New Zealand

In citing the drawbacks of operating under socialistic systems in the Legislature the other day, Mr. J. David Stewart recalled his visits to Russia and New Zealand in this connection, stating that he saw in both countries every evidence of complacency, stultification, and lack of individual effort, leading to the loss of independence and finally freedom.

We did think that so far as dairy production and marketing is concerned—probably the biggest business enterprise in New Zealand—we could learn a lot from its operations. That may be a fallacy that we have been nursing, for fallacies are easily come by in judging enterprises from a distance.

This is a matter of special interest to our own dairy farmers; and by a coincidence we received, only last week, what we took to be an authoritative article on the subject, as it appeared in the January issue of "Forefront: a Monthly Survey of New Zealand Affairs." Here are some of the statements in the report:

dairy produce (380,000 tons in 1964) and in the 12 months to March 1965 it earned the country more than ten million pounds sterling. It maintains its own permanent offices or agents in most countries and in the 1964-65 financial year sold to 70 destinations—a figure that could have been larger if the produce had been available.

The board's unwavering policy of "get out and sell" is laid down by the owners and operators of the dairy industry, who are the New Zealand farmers themselves, though the marketing is done by professionals.

Each of the 150 co-operative dairy companies—the local factory in each dairying district—decides itself what it will manufacture, but the board plays the major role in helping to form the industry's nationwide pattern.

The industry manufactures a great range of dairy products in a high variety of types, packs and sizes. In its chief market—Britain—New Zealand sells more than 90 per cent of its butter (175,000 tons worth £54.8 million in the year of June 30 last) and cheese (80,435 tons worth \$17.4 million), also about half of its milk powders and something less than 20 per cent of its casein.

There doesn't seem to be any evidence here of lack of initiative; but it may be, of course, that there is another side to the story of which we are unaware.

Taking It Badly

Douglas Fisher, former NDP member for Port Arthur and now a press gallery scribe, gave newly appointed Senator Hazen Argue an unkind cut the other day by recalling that he had said, back in 1961, that "Mike Pearson is the greatest mistake the Liberal Party ever made."

Mr. Fisher recalls, too, that for 16 years as an MP, Argue stood for such things as the abolition of the Senate and for freezing the interest rates on loan companies at a low level.

Mr. Lewis, NDP member for York South, hasn't waited for this. Already he has assured the Commons that "the other place" was welcome to Mr. Argue, "that discredited politician and political appendage of the Liberal Party."

That about dusts the new Senator off, so far as his old political mates are concerned. But we expect they'll have more to say on the subject, as the mood inspires them.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Texas farmers lead those of all other states in the use of government price-support crop loans, according to a Washington report. Farmers of the Lone Star State obtained a total of \$415 million in such loans for the year ended July 1 last. The total of loans made to all farmers in the country was \$2,135 million.

Ontario's Provincial Treasurer James Allan resorted to arithmetic when a questioner wanted to know from him how much a drinker would have to drink to come out financially even after the province's liquor prices are increased on April 1.

New Zealand's Dairy Board is by far the world's largest shipper of



OUR BEST-DRESSED LIST

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Campaign Rolling For Safer Motor Cars

Readers of "Ottawa Report" constitute the largest single group of Canadians writing letters to Members of Parliament in this session. Since January 13 the House of Commons Post Office has been handling the reaction of literally thousands of Canadians to a column which appeared in this space.

From Gay To Sedate

Birthday—never more popular than today—are the most universal of all celebrations. Observed around the world range from riotous children's parties in the United States to ceremonial Chinese gatherings.

Our Yesterdays

THE GREEK WAY The ancient Greeks celebrated the birthdays of men and gods; women and children did not rate parties. Long before Washington and Lincoln, the Greeks observed birthdays of important men after their death.

TEN YEARS AGO

The appointment of Lt. Commander Edward P. Shaw 40 of Halifax and Charlottetown as commanding officer of HMCS Oshawa, Algerine coastal escort scheduled for commission on the following April 1st was announced by Naval Headquarters.

Planning Robot Trains

Gone are the days when the dominant aim of the typical megalopolis, already overstocked with population, was to bring in more and more people.

Causes Of Coughing

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Cough is so common that it is usually accepted in the best society. Most city dwellers are affected, especially where the air is polluted and irritating to the throat and bronchi.

Friendly Toward Wilson

WASHINGTON (CP) — Sir Winston Churchill, sometimes described as a 19th-century Tory, urged Britain never to turn its back on the alliance with the United States.

Eager Winter Birds

The winter birds come to the dooryard feeders, busier than the proverbial beavers, and even a few and blustery day is brightened by their presence.

Parable Of The Corn

There was a man who was in the business of raising chickens. However, he raised no corn to feed the birds and the hens refused to lay eggs unless they were fed.

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