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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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A Greater Charlottetown

There should be no more delay in enlarging the boundaries of Charlottetown to take in the built up area now on its outskirts.

Citizens have every right to be proud of the layout of Charlottetown proper, and although it will take years to develop harmoniously the areas which must now be added, it should be commenced at once.

A commendable panel discussion of the problems involved took place at Rotary luncheon yesterday, a full report of which is elsewhere in this issue.

The suggestions as to a basis of incorporation with Charlottetown are sound and should appeal to all concerned.

The further delay will only aggravate the situation and as more than one speaker said, may well prove dangerous to the health and well-being of all our people.

National Defence

A striking feature of military trends for many years has been the rapidly increasing cost of maintaining a soldier in the field. Exercise "Sweetbriar", if it shows nothing else, makes it quite clear that the trend will not only be continued but enormously accelerated in any Arctic campaign.

Communism On The March

In the Balkans as well as in China, Communism is on the increase, playing right into Soviet hands. This lends point to Mr. Howard Green's (P.C., Vancouver-South) statement in the House of Commons that with China now in Russian hands Canada is in greater danger than ever.

Netherlands Offer Immigrants

Probably no people in the world have proved themselves more adapted to farming than have the Dutch. They have developed their country agriculturally to a remarkably high level of production and added enormously to its acreage by dint of pushing back the sea.

Holland can spare as many emigrants from her farm population as Canada can take, and the Prince declared in Ottawa that he would like to see more than 10,000 a year move here.

relieve the need for exporting an unduly high proportion of our product. The Netherlands have the people. Canada has the room. It should not be impossible to find ways of settling a great many of them in this country.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The price of turnips is most satisfactory to everyone except perhaps, the farmer who wishes he had some to sell.

The five o'clock vesper service innovation at Saint James Church, City, is proving popular. It is in line with similar services in both the Old Country and U. S. A.

Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, M. P., may not yet be in the innermost circle of the Government at Ottawa, but he evidently seems able to accomplish in the outer circle whatever he goes after.

Lent is nearly half over, and people are anticipating with joy the approach of Easter—26 days hence. The Fashion Show today and tomorrow heralds the beginning in earnest of Spring displays and shopping in most worthwhile dry-goods stores.

Bringing down the budget may no longer call for evening dress, but it is still the most important event of the session. All other matters depend upon the provision of the wherewithal and the taxpayer's pocketbook soon reflects the decisions.

Permission to lower freight rates on potatoes is being asked of the United States Interstate Commerce Commission by the C. P. R. The reason for this request is the existence of keen barge and truck competition on the West Coast.

The Ontario legislator's suggestion that tourists be provided with currency of a distinctive tint might make our people realize how much money is brought in by visitors, but Americans and others might well be dubious about giving up their greenbacks for what on the face of it was "funny money."

A Public Works Department official says that owing to the light fall of snow and comparative lack of drifting the Government ploughs have not had a fair chance to prove what they can do. Still, most people would be prepared to tolerate their inactivity than run the risk of the continuously blocked highways in winters that are past.

The United States has been converted to the policy of non-discrimination so far as imports by other nations are concerned. The frequent rumblings from Maine and other potato producing areas indicate that a little discrimination in their favour would not be welcome.

Electronic computers are now made which can rapidly answer questions which the human brain would take years to work out if at all. Perhaps our best bet for peace would be to concentrate on building a machine which could solve that problem which at the moment seems beyond the ken of man.

Lord Randolph Henry Spencer Churchill, British statesman, born this date 1849, died 1895. Was second son of the 6th Duke of Marlborough, and father of Mr. Winston S. Churchill, present leader of the British Conservative Party. Was Chancellor of the Exchequer under Salisbury, but resigned owing to differences with his colleagues. He then went to Africa shooting big game, but returned in time to take a leading part in opposition to the Irish Home Rule Bill.

The Massachusetts department of conservation's drive to preserve the luscious Massachusetts bay lobster has been strengthened in recent weeks with the release in North and South shore waters of 206,000 tiny lobsters, all less than an inch long and artificially raised. Mother lobsters for hatching and rearing were supplied by the Atlantic Lobstermen's Co-operative and the South Shore Lobster Fishermen's Association.

The Soviet news agency Tass said Shvernik told an audience in Sverdlovsk just before the election: "Today there is no force in the world capable of dragging back into capitalism the Soviet Union and the people's democracies which have embarked on the road to Socialism." Winston Churchill and other western speakers have expressed the hope that Communist rule some day may pass from Eastern Europe and western-type democracy be restored there. But Shvernik said: "We live in the Stalin epoch of the struggle for communism when the front of Socialism, headed by the Soviet Union, represents an invincible force opposing the capitalist camp." Evidently we are supposed to believe that the unopposed reelection of the Stalinites proves this, though the electorate had no choice in the matter.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

HIGH SCHOOL SUGGESTION

Sir,—For some time there have been murmurings of a new High School for Queen's County, but to date there seems to be little definite data on the subject. Where, when, and how may be known to a few, but there are many who are very hazy on the subject. At any rate the "how" is still unanswered.

There is definite need for increasing our educational facilities. Due to this some people shrug and say we simply must have a high school. Others, however, cannot see where the money will come from.

As a suggestion, I would like to mention the profits from the sale of liquor in Queen's County. Let us suppose that for one year (just one), the Government of our Province turned over the profits from the sale of liquor for the construction of a high school.

It seems logical to assume that more people would buy more liquor if it was to further education of our children. Even abstainers could then buy a "drop for a sick friend" with a clear conscience. Also the present Government would win the heartfelt thanks of all parents who have children of school age. These parents are a large majority, and I think it is worth a thought by our honorable members.

In fact it's worth two thoughts. I am, Sir, etc. T. M. R.R. 2, Charlottetown.

THE POTATO SITUATION

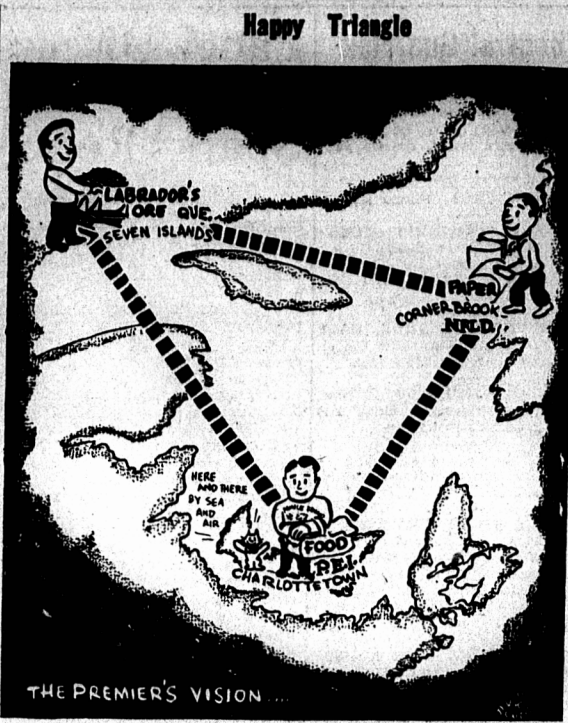
Sir,—In reply to a letter published in your forum March 11th under the heading of Farmers, it would seem that neither writer or T. J. Kichham have made a very close study of the causes leading up to present unsatisfactory conditions prevailing in the potato industry. The people who are directly responsible for the wrecking of our potato industry are, only few in number in comparison to the number of potato growers throughout the Maritimes. This minority group consists of a few large dealers, a few produce companies, and some speculators who are financing the growing of thousands of acres of potatoes.

Some of them are members of the Provincial Governments of the Maritimes, some in the Federal House. This group, for the last 10 years or more has been selling potatoes under contract to the foreign trade months before the potatoes are grown, thus cutting out competition from small dealers and affording themselves huge profits. Our politicians boast of our free enterprise system; yet we find these same politicians are among the ones implicated in the price fixing in the potato industry. I believe it must be quite clear to the majority of farmers why in past years when a delegation was sent to Charlottetown, or Ottawa, or elsewhere to plead the farmer's case it has been a delegation of dealers that was always sent. It is quite obvious their concern was for their own interests, not of the growers. Why not get behind the Federation of Agriculture and support it one hundred per cent and have a firm body that can and will honestly represent us. I believe Mr. Kichham's suggestion to Parliament for a levy on potato acreage is the only solution with a few clauses added which he apparently omitted. First, the grower must be a farmer owning his own land; second, in cases where rented land is used the grower must be a farmer and use this land for the sole purpose of making a living; third, that the assessment be not \$10.00 but \$25.00 on the over 20 acreage to a maximum of one hundred acres or more. The general idea of this is to reduce the acreage. Why not make it strong enough to get results? Had Mr. Kichham wished to do his Province real service he would have asked Parliament to investigate the price spread between producer and consumer in the table stock trade; also the spread between what the producer gets for his seed and the produce companies get through their contract system of marketing. I believe such an investigation would bring to light some very interesting facts to our potato growers.

I am, Sir, etc. CLAYTON SMITH Freetown, P.E.I. March 11, 1950.

The Poet's Corner

SIC VITA
Like to the falling of a star,
Or as the flight of eagles are,
Or like the fresh spring's gaudy hue,
Or silver drops of morning dew;
Or like a wind that chafes the flood
Or bubbles which on water stood;
Even such is man, whose borrowed light
Is straight called in, and paid to night.
The wind blows out, the bubble dies;
The spring entombed in autumn lies;
The dew dries up, the star is shot;
The flight is past—and man is got.
—Bishop King (1602-1608)



Scouting Deserves A Boost

(The Telegraph-Journal)

People who have seen the Boy Scout movement in action, and who realize its constructive influence in moulding the character of youth, will doubtless contribute readily to the current financial campaign which seeks \$26,000 in New Brunswick for maintenance and development of the Scouting program.

The boys are not asking the public to clothe them with uniforms and supply them with badges and other equipment—far from it. They pay for all these needs, and do so gladly. What the citizens are asked to do is to help the organization meet its administration and supervision costs and expand the scope of its work so that every boy, whether he lives in a city or town or village or on a remote farm, will have the opportunity to participate in Scouting.

This activity is of direct benefit to the boys themselves; and indirectly, it is of benefit to the entire community. Good Scouts—and good Wolf Cubs—are wholesome, healthy, clean-living, clean-thinking boys, alert and interested in the world about them, proud of the diversity of practical skills they have acquired, and, proverbially eager to be of assistance to other people. Scouting directs into worthwhile channels the natural tendency for boys to "gang together" and to find diversions to occupy their time and attention. Invariably it has been found that as Scouting expands in any district, juvenile delinquency contracts.

A great many public-spirited citizens, all over New Brunswick, are giving volunteer service as committee workers and uniformed leaders and in other capacities to help the Boy Scout movement thrive. They appreciate its value. The rest of us can show our appreciation, too, in a tangible way by supporting the current financial appeal generously.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

SPEAKER'S DINNER

"On Thursday evening last, the Hon. Joseph Pope, Speaker of the House of Assembly, entertained, at Dinner, at the Victoria Hotel, the Members and Officers of the House. The following gentlemen were guests on the occasion: the Hon. T. H. Haviland, the Attorney General, Col. Lane, J. Spencer Smith and Thomas Pethick, Esq. We are informed the Dinner and Wines were excellent, and that much credit is due to the landlord of the Hotel for the style in which it was got up." —The Examiner, April 5, 1845.

The Age-Old Story

I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. I am like a green fir-tree; from Me is thy fruit found.

EXPLOSIVE DISCOVERY

In 1862 Alfred Nobel, a Swedish scientist, invented a method by which nitroglycerine could be used for commercial dynamiting.

ELEPHANT GIFTS

BOMBAY — (CP) — Asoka and Shanti, a pair of baby elephants are on their way to the United States. They are gifts of Prime Minister Nehru to the Washington zoo.

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Notes By The Way —

It is important that controls be removed entirely just as quickly as possible so that rentals and housing can return to their proper relationship and so that the usual economic laws of supply and demand can function. — Calgary Albertan.

Both Canada and the United States are spending terrific sums on defence but we still lack convincing and unanimous assurances that this continent is being made strong enough to resist attack. North Americans are more anxious than ever to know the real score.—Vancouver Province.

The sound and progressive policy of the Duplessis administration, of allowing private capital to exploit the promising mining possibilities of Quebec's rich Ungava, Saguenay and Chibougamau regions, cannot help but give added impetus to the development, production and value of Quebec's mines in the future. And the first to benefit from such a welcome evolution, is it necessary to add, will be the province itself in general and its population in particular. — Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

At Tufts Cove, on the Eastern shores of Halifax Harbor, the Dominion Government is to build more than 1,200 apartments. Tenders will be called shortly for 450 of them. The apartments will be in blocks, six or seven to a building—twelve or fourteen when two buildings are coupled. They will be built of reinforced concrete, and will be the first of this material to be built by the Dominion Government's agency, Central Mortgage and Housing.

Some of the motor car firms around town have taken to listing the prices of the cars in such a way as to show the amount of taxes in the selling price. Sales and other taxes run into substantial sums. Impressing purchasers with the fact that Ottawa reaches in to take that much of the purchase price of the new family buggy is all to the good. Other merchandisers might well follow this example. — Winnipeg Tribune.

Good election stories always are welcome. The best story of the British election campaign was told over the air recent as follows: The Labor leader was speaking in a hall taken over for the occasion from a circus. The lions, in their cages, were just off stage. Some quality in Mr. Morrison's voice roused one lion's interest. The Labor leader's remarks were increasingly punctuated with roars. It became impossible to hear him. Over the din, a voice from the gallery rang clear: "Chuck him

one of your red herrings, Herbie." —Winnipeg Free Press.

It was their fortieth wedding anniversary. The gray, slightly-stooped professor entered his residence, kissed his wife, smiled as he handed her a package and said, "Surprise, my dear. I'm sure you thought that your old, absent-minded professor had forgotten what day this is, but there's your present." The wife hastened to unwrap the large box of beautifully-engraved stationery and, hesitating a moment, said, "It's very distinctive." "Your hesitation," said the professor, "is there something wrong? Just one little thing, perhaps," she said, smiling. "The address is that of the home we sold five years ago—remember?" —Wall Street Journal.

All across Canada municipal taxpayers are receiving bad news. Expenditures are going up and so are tax rates. In the last 10 years as a recent survey in the Financial Post revealed, municipal expenditures have jumped almost 60 per cent with a 40 per cent gain since 1945 alone. And after a substantial period of steady decline, municipal debt is on the way up, too, thus also adding to the burden of the taxpayer. Members of municipal councils—who are supposed to protect and watch the interests of the municipal taxpayers—should watch these trends closely. This is not the time to see how much money they can spend or what new projects they can start. There are few bargains indeed offered the municipal shopper in the present market. —Toronto Financial Post.

Whistling in its own private graveyard, the national executive has cabled Prime Minister Attlee warm congratulations "on a great fight and victory won despite concentration of all reactionary forces against Labor." Whew! What a victory! It would not be surprising if Mr. Attlee pyrrhus in the terms used by Pyrrhus when his friends praised him after his defeat of the Romans in a costly battle: "One more victory like that, and we are done for." —Montreal Star.

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