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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Prosecutor To Elect Procedure

A new section in the proposed revision of the Criminal Code provides that where an offence is punishable by indictment or on summary conviction the prosecutor is entitled to elect whether the proceedings shall be by indictment or on summary conviction.

The choice of method of prosecution usually reflects the seriousness of the offence charged and in particular, whether it is a first or repeated offence.

According to Justice Minister Garson's explanation in the House of Commons, the new section is intended to do away with consultations between the Crown prosecutor and the judge to determine whether the prosecution should proceed by summary conviction or by preliminary inquiry leading to indictment.

British Leadership

Rationed food, world unrest and great problems at home and abroad, do not prevent Britain from going ahead with programs designed to make the world a better place in which to live.

"An expedition to investigate river blindness is now in West Africa. It is led by Dr. F. C. Rodger, a Scots eye surgeon, and Dr. Geoffrey Crisp an entomologist.

"Dr. Rodger will send pathological specimens by air to a laboratory the Gold Coast Government is setting up in Accra, 400 miles away.

"No scientist has succeeded in breeding the tiny but deadly fly that causes river blindness in the White and Red Volta and the Sissili rivers of the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast, nor is it known how the fly survives the dry seasons."

Nearing The Limit

Since 1938, the last prewar year, the population of Canada has increased by about one-quarter; from eleven million to slightly in excess of fourteen million.

These figures may also be looked at on a per capita basis. In 1938, the average Canadian paid Federal, Provincial and municipal taxes of \$80.

the dollar of 1952 was worth only half as much as the dollar of 1938. But even when allowance is made for this, it will be seen that over the last fourteen years, the taxes paid by the average Canadian have almost tripled.

This has come about largely because of the vast increase in spending by the Dominion Government. Last year, the municipalities spent just over twice what they did in 1938—\$600 million against \$273 million.

Good arguments can be made out for these huge expenditure increases, but the point is that all the money must come from taxes.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Brotherhood Week, stressing the moral and spiritual values in democratic principles, opens Feb. 15th.

Microfilm is enabling famous European libraries to be restored to something like their former completeness.

There is a good demand for eggs this year with prices comparable to those of last year. Egg prices on February 3rd for Grade A Large at Charlottetown were 33c to the producer, 44c to the retailer, and 50-52c to the consumer.

Russia seems to have decided on a "get tough" policy in Israel and Berlin. The purpose, no doubt, is to cause an unfavorable reaction towards United States policy and cause a split, if possible, in the North Atlantic Community and in the United Nations.

Protests, including a Canadian one, against United States restrictions on dairy imports do not seem to achieve very much.

The proposal of the P. E. I. Agricultural Council that the consumer be educated in the matter of product grades and varieties is badly needed.

Randolph Henry Spencer Churchill, more generally known as Lord Randolph Churchill, third son of the seventh Duke of Marlborough, was born this date 1849.

A fine example of what can be done by community initiative is seen in the South Shore Musical Festival organization, which is presenting a concert in the Tryon Baptist Hall of last year's Festival winners.



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.

LETTERS APPRECIATED

Sir, Judging by a letter in Tuesday's Guardian signed McAndrew Navin, that gentleman does not appreciate Mr. Pendergast's articles which appear in your paper from time to time, nor does he seem to like Mr. Green's letters, for he gives him a sly dig in passing.

Now we think they both write quite interestingly. Of course Mr. Green sometimes comes down heavily on the drink traffic. This may not be as palatable to some as porridge but—More power to his elbow!

I am, Sir, etc. VOICE FROM BEDDEQUE

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

ADVERTISEMENTS

From the Royal Gazette, July 24, 1832: Joseph Pope, Commissioner of Roads, announces that he will sell at auction on Monday next at 11 o'clock, near John Wright's, "that part of Anderson's Road from the South West River to the County Line; also, on the same day at 3 o'clock, at the New Settlement, on Lot 67, the opening of a new Road from that settlement to Poplar Island Bridge, the work to be completed by the 30th October next."

Rev. John McLennan advertises for a carpenter to lay the floors of the gallery of Pinette Church, "in the usual way with brackets; to build two pairs of stairs, each six feet wide; to finish the front work of the gallery, and post-casing for the length of the side galleries are each forty-four feet long, and ten feet wide, the end gallery forty feet long and sixteen feet wide; the contract to be finished on or before the 15th day of October next. Terms of payment, half cash and half produce, at current prices."

James Kelly, Lot 48, "begs leave to return his sincere thanks to the inhabitants of Three Rivers, and those on the way leading thereto, for their kindness and hospitality to his son during the two years he has carried the Mail to and from Georgetown. And now, since the Mail is ordered to return from thence on Sunday, he can carry it no longer, for reasons already assigned at the proper quarter. Being convinced that many of the inhabitants will feel disposed to take passage, or send packages of parcels by the Mail on that day, he has to announce that, in compliance with their wishes, he has commenced running a Gig, which leaves the Ferry on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, and Three Rivers on Thursday morning at 8, and will continue to do so for the Summer, if he receives sufficient encouragement. He also wishes to inform his friends and the public in general, that there is now a road opened a little below the Baptist Meeting-house, at the Cross Roads, Lot 48, leading to his place, only two chains longer than to the Ferry, where they can be supplied with stabling, hay, oats and pasturage for horses, at the lowest price."

Peter McGowan, secretary of the Agricultural Society, announces that tenders will be received by the Society from persons willing to make "six Fanners complete — all materials provided by the Society, except wood and paint—to be constructed according to the most improved plan, and completed by the 1st of November next." Advertisements to be sold by public auction on the 12th day of September are "Two water lots, fronting Lots 9 and 10, in the First Hundred of Town Lots, in Charlottetown, together with the store and buildings erected thereon, now in the possession of Mr. James Peake. These premises front the Main-

Dupes Of Communism

(Hon. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs in a recent address at Guelph, Ont.)

There are the dupes as well as disciples of Communism. Perhaps one of the most difficult features of the problem of Communism in our midst is the way which its practitioners camouflage and conceal their true purpose, and attempt to confuse and mislead the unwary and the gullible, to use them as bait on a red hook "made in Moscow." We are only too familiar with the way in which organizations with worthy purposes have been infiltrated, and how the idea of "peace" has been debased by these people for their own ends.

This is a serious aspect of the problem which requires good sense and vigilance on the part of us all. We must learn to judge organizations by what they do, not by what their Communist spokesmen say; we must distinguish between pretension and performance; we must ceaselessly expose the fallacies in their special pleading.

Take the Communist so-called "Canadian Peace Congress" which has attracted too many well-intentioned dupes. There is no doubt that this organization slavishly and unwaveringly follows the line laid down by Moscow and is under direction and control from that centre.

I had an experience in New York recently which proves this. On November 20, Mr. James Endicott sent me, as President of the United Nations General Assembly, a letter on behalf of the "Canadian Peace Congress" which included this: "We welcome Canada's positive attitude towards the Indian proposal of prisoners of war and trust the discussion around this proposal will lead to a final solution."

I replied, noting, and with satisfaction, their support for the Indian resolution, which, as you know, the Canadian delegation was backing strongly.

A subsequent letter was sent to me a few days later by the same Congress. By this time, however, Mr. Vishinsky had laid down the Soviet line with unmistakable clarity. Therefore, the second letter merely echoed the Soviet appeal for an immediate cease fire, without any prior agreement on an armistice or for the release of prisoners; matters which were to be left for later decision to a Commission on which the Communists had a veto.

This second letter made no mention whatever of the Indian proposal which the Congress had welcomed only a few days before but which now had been damned by Mr. Vishinsky, its representative at the U. N. Assembly, as a "rotten compromise." Of course,

The Age-Old Story

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. ... But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

street from the King's wharf and Water-street, and are the most desirable situation for an extensive mercantile business in Charlottetown, and the Lots extend to the channel. Also Town Lot No. 99, in First Hundred of Town Lots, in Charlottetown, together with the house thereon, now in the possession of Mrs. Macgowan; And that beautifully situated Water Lot, fronting the Harbour, opposite the residences of Dr. De St. Croix and the Rev. Mr. Mackintosh, containing about three acres, to be sold in small parcels to suit purchasers for building lots."

Notes By The Way

Serious citizens are often sorry that so many churches are locked on weekdays. Many people would like to use them to rest, or pray, or to think in. Very often passersby who are showing the city to visiting friends would like to show them the inside of a church, and it is a chilling experience to find the door locked, it suggests that the church is, in reality, a lecture hall for use on Sundays only. Surely many people would welcome more church doors that are open every day. — Brandon Sun.

A broken main cut business to a trickle in a 40-story New York financial district skyscraper by pouring an estimated million gallons of water into the sub-basement. The 62 elevators in the Equitable Building, 120 Broadway, stopped dead before dawn and some 12,000 employees of 800 tenant-firms were stranded in the lobby when they came to work — unless they climbed the stairs. Some of the hardy did climb, but many offices and a big eating club on the upper floors either didn't open or closed during the morning. — Wall Street Journal.

Dr. E. W. McHenry, Toronto nutritionist, blames Father when the children grow up disliking and refusing to eat certain essential foods. Children, he said to the Associated Milk Foundation meeting in Toronto, often imitate their parents. They look to papa to give them a lead. This puts the old gentleman on a spot. Is he to eat spinach, or turnips, or bread and butter — which he detests — simply to encourage the children and insure their better nutrition? Maybe he should. Our guess is that, in general, he will refrain from so sacrificial and

heroic an undertaking. Mother, being on a diet, will not be much help. Perhaps the children will have to learn from what is printed on the packages. — London Free Press.

If our university is to retain the services of a competent faculty it must pay its members at a rate that at least approaches what their services would command in other comparable institutions in other occupations which might attract their services. This is not what is being done at the University of British Columbia. Between 1939 and 1952, the average wage and salary of 16 major occupational groups in Canada, excluding agriculture, rose 129.8 per cent. However, during that period the average salary of faculty members at UBC has increased only 56 per cent. — Vancouver News-Herald.

At Bentley, 80 miles south of Edmonton, a drilling crew was working merrily. Its drill was down 500 feet. Then all of a sudden the boys had a flowing well on their hands. Nice clear water came bubbling up from the hole. But as they were pulling out they noticed flocks of magpies gathering around the flowing well, having a wonderful time. They checked more closely. Then they discovered that they were in Alberta after all — they had struck a fish gusher. The water coming from the hole was full of fish. Learned authorities were called in and they confirmed the presence of thousands of Eucalia inconstans — brook stickle-back to us — in the water. — Winnipeg Tribune.

The Sault Ste. Marie hockey club announced a few days ago that it had purchased a player from Syracuse and that as soon as his reinstatement as an amateur could be arranged he would be put on the lineup to bolster a certain weak spot. In the Ontario Hockey Association players are being bought, sold and traded openly. One team was recently advertised in the press as "The best that money can buy." It is pure professionalism and everyone knows it. The mystery is why they themselves continue to call it amateur. — Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

The Poet's Corner THE TREE I love thee when thy swelling buds appear, And one by one their tender leaves unfold, As if they knew that warmer suns were near, Nor longer sought to hide from winter's cold; And when with darker growth thy leaves are seen To veil from view the early robin's nest, I love to lie beneath thy waving screen, With limbs by summer's heat and toll oppressed; And when the autumn winds have stripped thee bare, And round thee lies the smooth, untrodden snow, When naught is left that made thee once so fair, I love to watch thy shadowy form below, And through thy leafless arms to look above On stars that brighter beam when most we need their love. — Jones Very.

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