

Looking Ahead

We trust that to our urban as well as rural readers the contents of our sixth annual Farm Edition, appearing today, will be read with close interest and preserved as a source of reference. The most striking feature of the articles is their realistic approach to current farm problems, and the proof they afford that agriculture is not only still the major industry in this Province but is likely to remain so for a long time to come.

The contributors are, for the most part, experts in their field, and it is reassuring to note their general tone of optimism. This is not due to wishful thinking, but to cautious appraisal of the prospects for development along modern lines, in keeping with consumer demands and changing market conditions. Plainly, the old days of haphazard production and marketing are gone forever; but so have our dirt roads, our horse-and-buggy transport methods, and other symbols of the past. The future will see further changes, even more spectacular, in every phase of human activity; but that is something not to be deplored, but to be faced with courage and confidence.

One thing we can count on is that population will increase, both in Canada and in the countries to which we export our food products. Farming will remain as important to the national economy as ever it was, and will provide a far greater variety of subsidiary industries than before. Hence the emphasis on new or expanded processing plants for our potatoes and other vegetable crops, as well as on disease eradication, intensive soil research, and livestock production which goes hand in hand with better pasture care and management.

One of our objectives, it will be noted, is to double our Island cattle population over the next ten years. Another, for which \$25,000 has been budgeted provincially, is the eradication and control of potato diseases and concentration on highest quality seed rather than table stock acreage. Poultry and hog production trends are underlined, and new ventures, such as tobacco growing, are reviewed with regard to their opportunities. Not less important is the growth of 4-H clubs and the increasing emphasis on youth activities generally.

Our agricultural history goes back nearly three hundred years in Prince Edward Island. A study of it will show that it has had many ups and downs, but that on the whole its basis of mixed farming has proved ideal for this Province, and that it has survived every challenge by improving its techniques and making quality its basic standard of progress. The years ahead will be no less strenuous, or less demanding in initiative, but the opportunities will be greater and the premium on enterprise more rewarding.

Whose Side Is It On?

The Winnipeg Free Press continues to blast Prime Minister Diefenbaker for his "\$105 million bribe" to the people of Prince Edward Island—meaning of course the promised causeway which will link this Province with the mainland. This is the title of its latest editorial effusion on the subject, in which it says: "It is a commentary on Mr. Diefenbaker's reputation that this example of brazen political bribery created hardly any stir at

all, except perhaps in the area immediately affected." Here, it confesses, "whether or not the construction of the causeway is in the national interest, the promise to construct it is very much in the interest of the Conservative party in the Maritime Provinces."

This from one of the leading Liberal newspapers of the country will be read with mixed feelings by its party supporters. And they will wonder, as they peruse the Free Press editorial further, whether it hasn't sold them out altogether on the issue. For it claims that it was "in the 1958 campaign that Mr. Diefenbaker sowed the seeds" of this rewarding promise. "The government," it says, "then instituted an engineering and scientific survey to determine the feasibility of the P.E.I. causeway."

That is a statement which neither Liberal Leader Pearson nor any of his supporters in the Atlantic Provinces would be prepared to admit for a moment. It was the Liberals, they proudly claim, that instituted the surveys and made the first election promise on the subject. Prime Minister St. Laurent himself took credit for this. In a speech here in the 1957 campaign, he said the surveys were being pushed forward and if they showed the project to be feasible, engineering-wise, and justified economically, it would be undertaken by his government.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker's statement in Parliament was that both of these conditions have now been satisfactorily established; and it was on this basis that he made what our Winnipeg contemporary calls his brazen political bribe. As we pointed out the other day, a similar "bribe" was promptly given by Mr. Pearson. He didn't even wait to get to the Island with it, but wired it, or telephoned it, to his party candidates here before he arrived.

How could the Free Press have gotten its facts so badly mixed? The trouble, we imagine, is that it has been reading too much Conservative propaganda. It is they who claim to have fathered the scheme, and the Liberals who have been denying it; and the Manitoba Liberal oracle—shame on it!—has swallowed the Tory bait, hook, line and sinker!

Well, If They Insist . . .

"Watch the results from tiny Prince Edward Island on election night," says an article in the Financial Post, "for clues to the way the nation is voting." The article points out that since World War I, this province has never backed a national loser. And in 1925, when neither Liberals nor Conservatives won a majority of seats in the House of Commons, P.E.I. also was divided.

The Post article gives the proof of this in detailed figures of voting in federal elections since 1921. It says that on this basis of our claim to be a true political weathervane, election experts are analysing the present contest this way:

If P.E.I.—having elected four Progressive Conservatives and no Liberals in 1957-58—elects one Liberal this time, the Liberals will win a total of 80-100 Commons seats nationally. If we choose two Liberals, it will be a "very, very tight election." And if P.E.I. chooses three or four Liberals, then, of course, a Liberal victory is indicated.

So, let's watch our step carefully in this contest! A mistake on our part could be very costly to the country. As bellwether of the flock, it is our duty to lead the other provinces, to steer them clear of desert wastes and into pastures lush and green. A big responsibility, but who says we're not capable of it?

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TRYING TO CARRY BOTH

THE STRUGGLE FOR MINDS Religion In The Soviet Union

Globe and Mail, Toronto

A call by the leader of the Communist youth movement in the Soviet Union for greater atheistic propaganda to counter new efforts by the churches shows how lightly Communism holds freedom. The official told the opening session of the Congress of Komsomol (Young Communist League) that constitutional guarantees of freedom of religion do not apply to children.

While the Soviet Communist movement has traditionally opposed all religious faith and has held atheism to be the Party dogma, it is true that officials have never been greatly concerned about the older citizens who still crowd services in Russian Orthodox and Baptist churches, synagogues, mosques and other houses of prayer. The Communists' approach has been to concentrate on youth and to let nature take its course with the older folk.

Other churches such as the Baptist Church also are appealing to youth. Activities such as sports programs, football teams and hobby activities are being introduced which interest particularly the young people. The Komsomol has realized that this approach poses a far more serious threat to Communism indoctrination than the earlier purely religious sermonizing and the devotional practices.

ALARMING TRENDS

Recently, however, there appear to be developing alarming trends for Communist officials. Mr. Harrison Salisbury of The New York Times has reported in this newspaper that within the most advanced echelon of Soviet science there is emerging a tendency to seek a non-materialistic concept of the universe.

Continuing Berlin Talks

By Alan Harvey Canadian Press Staff Writer

Amid a general wringing of hands over nuclear tests, some small solace can be gleaned from continuing Soviet-American talks on Berlin.

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. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. The Guardian is unable to enter into any correspondence regarding letters submitted.

ELECTION PLEDGES

Sir.—This causeway will be a wonderful accomplishment when built, and will always be referred to as "the road to the Isle" by Islanders. But many are wondering if Mr. Diefenbaker's statement on the eve of the last election that "agriculture won't be the poor orphan of Canada if we are elected" doesn't give it a hollow sound.

CAUSEWAY CREDIT

Sir.—With reference to the present scramble by the Chief Cooks and Brainwashers of our three political parties to promise each other on the erection of the causeway at Borden: May I humbly suggest that when the causeway has been built by whatever party is then in power, that petty politics be shoved into the background and it be named for the man who first showed enough imagination and initiative to request it in the House of Commons, namely, Neil Matheson, the then Liberal member for Queens.

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Drugs, Bed Rest Recommended For Lung Cure

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen "DEAR Dr. Van Dellen: My 12 year old granddaughter was in the hospital twice this last year with unresolved pneumonia. Since I never heard of this disease, I wish you would write something about it."

The delay may continue for three months or more, depending upon treatment. During this time the victim feels listless, often lacks appetite, and is disturbed because strength does not return.

Should tests fail to uncover other possibilities, the unresolved pneumonia is treated with appropriate antibiotics and bed rest. This plan fails occasionally and the body takes the upper hand finally and replaces the pneumonic lesion with scar tissue.

BEET THERAPY IS OLD HAT

E. A. S. writes: I have had arthritis for years and am always on the lookout for new remedies. A friend tells me that in Germany this disease is treated by letting honey bees sting the patient. Have you ever heard of this treatment?

ROUND SHOULDERED

J. G., Jr. writes: Since I started working one year ago I have become round shouldered. I used to play ball a lot but don't get any exercise now. Do you think sitting at a desk all day is responsible?

MUFFLING THE BELLS

L. E. P. writes: Can bells ringing in the ears of an 80 year old man be silenced?

NOTES BY THE WAY

Horse-power was a lot safer when the horses had it. — Montreal Star. Hope springs eternal. Soon we shall have another chance to produce flowers and vegetables even remotely resembling those in the seed catalogues. — Ottawa Journal. Science is pushing man closer and closer to that unhappy day when a whole meal will be contained in a couple of capsules and a banquet will be reduced to two capsules and a pill. The latest push is the development by a Toronto scientist of a process for reducing meat, fish, fowl, cheese and pumpkins to the "instant" state where you simply add water and mix. — Windsor Star.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 30, 1937) Special sermons were preached last Sunday in the Presbyterian Churches to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the entrance into the ministry of missionary of world wide fame, Dr. John Geddie, D.D. Born in Banff, Scotland he came to Pictou, N.S. as a young lad and later studied, and was licensed to preach in Nova Scotia before coming to Prince Edward Island where he served for seven years.

TEN YEARS AGO

Extension course lectures are being held here this week for the pharmacists in the province, thus affording the practising pharmacists to keep abreast of modern developments in the field. The committee in charge of arrangements are Roy M. Smallman, Ralph E. Jenkins, Charlottetown and Harry W. Wedge of Summerside.

Judge Harold L. Palmer, QC.

Judge of the Probate Court of Prince Edward Island and Vice-Chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia, is to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Canon Law, at the convocation of the University of King's College Halifax, May 8.

Ontario school buses will have flashing lights at the rear to signal a stop.

Projecting, illuminated arms, of the kind used on many United States school buses, would be better. When raised at the side of the bus, they can be seen for a considerable distance, and are effective in stopping traffic facing the bus, as well as behind it. — Ottawa Citizen.

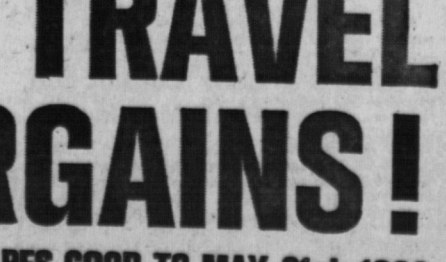
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