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three-quarters greater than in 1945. The cow population declined sharply and the human population increased at an even greater rate.

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Notes By The Way Discussing the five-day week, a writer points out that people on the farm work a seven-day week. But that, of course, is because there's no such thing as an eight-day week.

Let Legislators Take Note

It is to be hoped our legislators read regularly the feature articles in our columns from the able pens of two distinguished Islanders, His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan and the Very Rev. Dr. Pidgeon, the former an Islander by birth and the latter by descent.

But in the dairy industry there was dislocation of world markets and low prices for surpluses; competition from cheaper foreign oils, higher wages in industry which made it difficult to keep help on dairy farms, and the desire of many dairy farmers, in common with most wage earners today, to get out of the heavy work and long hours of dairy farming and into production which promised higher returns and less labor.

TEACHERS' SALARIES Sir, I don't quite get the point of Senator Grant's letter regarding teachers' salaries.

The Poet's Corner

FROM IN MEMORIAM How pure in heart and sound in head, With what divine affections bold Should be the man whose thought would hold An hour's communion with the dead!

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. L.)

UNFIT FOR FELONS From an address by a deputation of the Grand Jury, to Lieutenant Governor Ready, February 23, 1929: The insecure and disgraceful state of the Jail of Charlottetown has been frequently complained of by former Grand Jurors, but, we are sorry to perceive, without any effect.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Spring cleaning seems to be the order of the day, except in those households where it began immediately after the Christmas season.

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS Sir—Those of your readers who may be interested in the subject of music for the rural communities in Prince Edward Island must be painfully aware that the art of singing by sight, or singing by note as it is usually called, is at a very low ebb in these communities.

Proceeding the Cardinal says: "While each of these factors is worthy of note, nevertheless the percentage of youths who are affected is alarming. This is a fact that calls for the attention of all people. It cannot be regarded lightly for the future welfare of our country is dependent on those who are youths today.

In a sense supporting the Red Cross is like insurance. We rather hope not to be beneficiaries of its disaster and some other services, but it is reassuring to know that they are always available.

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS

of British Columbia during the last five or six years that I taught there. I notice, also, in reading a recent school report of Nova Scotia that the system is in general use throughout the schools in that Province.

While His Eminence gives consideration to the causes advanced for insanity, he strikes deeper and seeks for the preventative, and finds it in the practice of the Christian religion.

It is shocking to learn that Falconwood Hospital provides little more than "protective custody" for inmates. A programme of treatment of the mentally ill, as now proposed, is very long overdue indeed.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you.

Water Commissions Recent developments have brought the Summerside Water and Sewerage Commission into the public eye. The business which they transact and decisions they make directly affect the ratepayers and, more important, affect public health, fire risk and the palatability of that very ordinary but essential commodity, water.

This country, or at any rate the larger Provinces, gleefully broke the "monopoly" of farmers and dairymen in the production of butter and strangely enough seems now bewildered that butter production should have fallen off.

The Age-Old Story

There is, I judge, too, a considerable number of musical-minded men and women among the older generation in our Province who will readily see that what I advocate is not the introduction of some new system of singing to our rural communities, but rather the restoration of an old one that once flourished more or less in every section of this Province.

As citizens of Charlottetown had forced upon their attention a few years ago, in both these municipalities the commissioners of sewers and water are established independently of the Council. They may prudently operate at a comfortable profit which will be used to reduce the tax burden, or they may let their community in for crushing debts and deficits. In either case, as the situation stands, they are not answerable to the Council.

Subsidies for gold production are now accepted as a matter of course. It is hard headed business from a foreign exchange point of view to encourage production of the universally acceptable medium of exchange. When production of consumer goods is the key to controlling inflation, the hard headedness of diverting labour and materials to gold production is at least open to question.

LONDON—(CP) — A seven-foot wall was built to stop school-boys playing in the yard of St. Marks Church. One boy was praised for sealing the wall anyway. He saw smoke coming from the vestry window, scrambled over the wall and gave the alarm.

That the system of divided responsibility has worked as well as it has reflects great credit on the various office holders over the years but it seems desirable that the City Council and Town Council should have the final word on matters of civic importance.

Hon. T. J. Bentley, Saskatchewan, minister of public health, served notice in the throne speech debate that legislation will be brought in at this session to make certain changes in dealing with delinquent hospitalization taxpayers. Instead of a magistrate's order to pay the tax and court costs or go to jail, a delinquent taxpayer will receive a magistrate's order to pay, or have assets seized to value of the tax.

DICHLING, England—(CP) — Parishioners in this Sussex town were invited to bring oil stoves and rugs to church services. The church had run short of fuel.

The Butter Shortage

All sorts of fancy theories are being advanced for the butter shortage, which is currently causing higher prices and a great deal of controversy. The fundamental reasons, says the Ottawa Journal, can be stated simply. The number of milk cows on farms in Canada on December 1, 1950 (according to the latest DBS return) was just under 3,500,000, the lowest number since 1932 and a half million fewer than the high point of 1945 when there were just a few less than four million.

Sir Hugh Walpole, English novelist, was born this date 1884. A son of the Bishop of Edinburgh, he served with the Russian Red Cross in the First World War. He succeeds admirably in creating "atmosphere," notably in "The Dark Forest" and "The Secret City" which deal with Russia, and in "The Captives." He has written clever and sympathetic studies of children; keenly observant humour and mastery delineation of character are his chief qualities. He produced the play, "The Young Huntresses" in 1933.

Premier Manning of Alberta, as provincial treasurer, estimated total revenue at \$94,223,090, another record. This provides for a surplus of \$253,480. The oil-rich province, to spend more than \$19,000,000 over estimated expenditures of last year, will receive a net reduction in taxation, automobile licence plates and licence fees in excess of \$3,000,000. Direct and indirect financial assistance to municipalities, school districts, improvement districts and special areas will exceed \$25,000,000. This represents more than 40 per cent of the total estimated expenditures on income account.

There are relatively few important things which a government might want to do which Ottawa will not be able to do under the Emergency Powers Act, says the Gazette. It is strong legislation. But Parliament has not forgotten the "detention" of spy suspects during the 1946 espionage inquiry. One of the powers which the Federal Government will not have under the new act, is that of suspending the venerable principle of habeas corpus. This power will not be assumed by the Government unless and until the present international "emergency" comes closer to being a general war.

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