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Indecisive Election

American Democrats, despite their successes in the "off year" elections, cannot congratulate themselves that a trend has been established that will assure them of re-occupying the White House in two years time.

The Administration, of course, was never in jeopardy although the exceedingly important chairmanships of Congressional committee was indeed a prize to be fought for.

It may well be that the predominance of Democrats will even make President Eisenhower's task easier. The opposition to many of his measures, both domestic and foreign, stemmed from elements in his own party.

That is not to say that the election was really a victory for the President or his party. There were far too many losses of governorships as well as seats for him to feel that he has been given an endorsement.

A Breathing Spell

The Cuban political structure may not be the most stable in the world; and there are some things about the popular attitude towards elections which seem to be lacking in normal political sense.

There is one provision about the Cuban election law, however, that might well be tried by other countries. This is the provision that gives a one-week breathing spell between the last political speech and voting day.

There is, indubitably, something to be said for it. Election-day campaigning is, usually, a hectic and confused affair. In trying to get in "the last word" each candidate is tempted to throw discretion to the four winds; no man is at his best when he is trying frantically to beat his opponent in one last fling at oratory.

A Governmental Quandary

Rain-making is not yet numbered among the exact sciences; but it is well on the way to that category. Already, governments in various parts of the world where the normal rainfall is sometimes inadequate to the needs of agriculture and conservation are considering legislation to control the rainmakers and their techniques.

or too generously, in which case one calamity would simply give place to another, and the last state would be no better than the first.

Then, too, what is good for one branch of agriculture might be very bad for another branch in the same area. This difficulty arose this past summer in the State of Washington where both cherry growing and wheat farming are important to the general economy.

Strong Measures

A visiting policeman from the United Kingdom is reported to have been suspicious about the fact that many Canadian policemen carry guns and a few have been known to use them under circumstances that were less than emergency.

In St. John's, Newfoundland, recalls The Printed Word, the civic police do not carry guns or other weapons. During the Second World War, however, St. John's, crowded with high-spirited servicemen and merchant seamen of many nations, was completely blacked out every night.

Shortly after the issue there was a minor riot along the waterfront and a policeman was slugged with a beer bottle and sent to the hospital with a fractured skull.

He said gravely that conditions were unsatisfactory; so unsatisfactory that he had felt justified in taking the unprecedented step of issuing his men with batons.

"And furthermore," he said, bending a stern gaze on the shuffling, hung-over and thoroughly repentant prisoners at the bar, "if there is any repetition of this incident, I shall order my men to use their batons."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Catches have been good and prices firm for fishermen, according to Fisheries Minister Sinclair. Both are very largely due to fishermen being capable of adapting their technique and way of life to modern requirements.

According to a past president of the National Dairy Council there is at least one common ground between Russians and North Americans. Russians love ice cream. It is one of the few unrationed foods and the Soviet people eat it winter and summer.

Island potatoes and pigs dominated the Maritime Winter Fair and our farmers made a most creditable showing generally. Even more important, perhaps, is the outstanding achievement of boys and girls from the 4-H clubs of Prince Edward Island. It augurs well for the continued progress of agriculture in this Province.

A history of Pictou county which will soon be off the press contains many anecdotes which have surprising counterparts in the history of this Province. Archivist George MacLaren's book refers, for instance, to the days when cars were permitted to operate only two days a week in Pictou county and "the year of the mice."

Prominently mentioned as a successor to the late Judge Lewis for the vacant Prince County Court judgeship is the Hon. Walter E. Darby, Attorney General and Provincial Treasurer. Other names mentioned are those of Messrs. D. O. Stewart, R. S. Hinton, and Morley M. Bell, all having the professional status of Queen's Counsel.

If the proposed Wood Islands ferry can be redesigned to carry 60 cars instead of 40 without interfering with its ability to make use of terminal facilities the change will be highly welcome. Even the prospect that it will mean a further delay in construction can be accepted philosophically in anticipation of the expanded service to come.

Will Rogers, American humorist, showman and homespun philosopher, was born 75 years ago. "All I know is what I read in the papers." Thus he discounted his fund of knowledge about human nature, but to youngsters he was a joy and inspiration and his advice could be taken with advantage by those in places of responsibility. He and Wiley Post were killed Aug. 15, 1935 when the latter's plane crashed in Alaska.



Possible Unforeseen Developments

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.

DEALERS' MEETING

Sir,—I was pleased to be present at the potato dealers meeting in Alberton last night, Nov. 2nd. By a rough estimate of the number present I would say there were one hundred dealers and about twenty-five or thirty farmers present, including myself.

There has been a lot of comment in the past about Canadians being Americanized. With all the capital and people coming to this country from the U. S., it may be a case of Americans becoming Canadianized. But who can tell the difference. —Oshawa Daily Times Gazette.

Scientists aboard a New England fishing schooner claim to be the first persons ever to have reached the magnetic north pole. This is not to be confused with the geographic pole, which now should have a sign nailed to it reading: "The old original north pole, don't be misled by substitutes." —Hamilton Spectator.

In the end, the guiding principle in choosing a profession is not whether one can become rich and famous in it, but whether one will be happy in it. The man who hates his work, or is indifferent to it, will never give of his best; he cheats himself, he cheats his employer, and in a wide sense, he cheats his society his whole life through. However humble the task if a man is happy in performing it, he has found satisfaction in living. —Hamilton Spectator.

There are persons who are never easy unless they are putting your books and papers in order. —According to their notions of the matter — and hiding things, lest they should be lost, where neither the owner nor anybody else can find them. If anything is left where you want it, it is called little. There is a pedantry in the housewifery, as well as in the gravest concerns. —Sydney Post-Record.

W. B. McLELLAN, Alma, Nov. 2nd.

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I.

From The Examiner, Nov. 21, 1882.

The prominent legal firm of Hodgson & McLeod has been dissolved. Hon. Neil McLeod has opened out opposite the Post Office, in the room lately occupied by the Reform Club, and has also established a branch office at Summerside, in the building occupied by the Merchants Bank of Halifax. Mr. Hodgson retains the old office of the late firm in both Charlottetown and Summerside.

Mr. A. C. Dennis, of the firm of Dorsey & Goff & Co., Charlottetown Boot and Shoe Factory, started yesterday on a tour of the Island to take the winter and spring orders. He took with him a large and splendid lot of samples, the firm's own manufacture.

At the special general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Nova Scotia, held at Halifax yesterday, resolutions in favour of amalgamation with the Union Bank of P. E. Island were unanimously passed, and full powers were granted to the directors to consummate the matter without a further meeting of shareholders.

The Cherry Valley Post Office is now at McDonald's store. The late postmaster, Mr. Angus McLeilan, being too old to attend to his duties, resigned. We think the Government should allow the small pitance he received as postmaster to continue, in compensation for the length of years he so faithfully served the public.

The Age Old Story

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. . . . And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.

NEEDS DONORS

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) —R. J. Cross, official reporter of the blood bank here, said "alarmingly low." An average of eight to 10 donors a day, they said, supplied only half the requirements.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Far too many people are refusing to acknowledge the first rule of economics — that lower the price, the bigger the market, the greater the sale, the more the employment — Midland Free Press Herald.

A tobacco heiress, already one of the richest women in the world, has been willed \$100,000 more by her half-brother. He probably didn't want little sister to go broke. — Sydney Post-Record.

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Brantford Expositor: It isn't necessarily true that because Kenora has a proportionately higher hospitalization rate than any other place, it is the unhealthiest place in Ontario. The beds might be softer, or the nurses prettier. —Brantford Expositor.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer

EXPEDIENT OR HOAX?

Everybody remembers the Russian "friends". Nothing much was heard after that until early this week when a rather laboured greeting was sent from Belgrade to Moscow. "The liberation of Belgrade by the joint sacrifices of the Red Army and our own fighters" read the greeting, "is going to be a symbol of the fraternity of the Yugoslav and the Soviet peoples".

Not to be outdone in grace and courtesy, a Soviet official recalled a message sent by Stalin to Tito in October 1944: "The Red Army, together with the People's Liberation Army, with stupendous heroism, liberated Belgrade". What does it all mean. Well one of these days we shall be getting the official Western interpretation. Meanwhile, one might make a few speculations.

One thing, we may be sure it does not mean is that Marshal Tito will ever be a great and strong ally of the West. The "new voice" may indicate that after six years of estrangement from Moscow he has arrived at the conclusion that Yugoslavia's best interests lie in a rapprochement with the Cominform. He may believe now that the quarrel was a mistake, that Yugoslavia's cultural and racial ties with Russia are stronger, despite the temporary defection, than any relationship that might be developed with the West.

The Russian leaders, quite understandably, are anxious to break up, before it gets well under way, any Balkan alliance that might prove to be troublesome; and it is possible they offered Tito enough to make it worth his while to come back to the fold. In short, the new affection which Russians and Yugoslavians — their leaders and is — have acquired for one another may be simply a military expedient.

On the other hand it may turn out to be the culmination of the greatest diplomatic and military hoax in history. This would mean, of course, that there never was any break between Moscow and Belgrade, that the whole thing was a colossal trick to entice American dollars and military supplies into Yugoslavia, all for the eventual use of the Communists conspirators. Time will tell the story, and it may be told soon. At the moment it does not promise to be very pleasant reading for the West.

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The Poet's Corner

LITTLE THINGS, that run and quail, And die, in silence and despair! Little things, that fight, and fail, And fall, on sea, and earth, and air. All trapped and frightened little things, The mouse, the coney, hear ye pray! As we forgive those done to us — The lamb, the linnet, and the hare. Forgive us all our trespasses, Little creatures, everywhere! —James Stevens

ISRAEL COTTON

The Republic of Israel harvested its first commercial cotton crop from an experimental 740 acres in 1954.

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