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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Fisheries Research Important

A stimulating prelude to the East Coast Fisheries Conference which opens in Charlottetown on January 23 was the meeting recently held at Ottawa of the Fisheries Research Board, which coincided with a Dominion Bureau of Statistics tabulation indicating that fishermen on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts enjoyed excellent catches for the first eleven months of 1950.

While meetings of the Research Board were private, a statement issued at the close gives an idea of the scientific effort that goes into the research for better and more economical means of handling seafoods in ways calculated to stimulate public demand for them.

One of the jobs to which the Research Board is applying itself earnestly is to boost fish sales in this country. As the Ottawa Citizen remarks, were more fish eaten, the nation's economy would benefit.

Survey Of Legal Profession

A further study of the legal profession in Canada appears in the January number of the Canadian Bar Review, in an article by J. P. Nelligan, Assistant Director of the survey.

Earlier reports issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics have already covered much of the ground but so far the survey is not completed and a final comprehensive report is yet to be published.

With some exceptions, the average income of lawyers increased with the size of the town in which they practice, unlike the medical profession which has a much more uniform income in this respect as well as in the division by age groups.

Rising Defence Costs

According to Mr. Claxton, the cost of enlisting, feeding, housing and equipping every new recruit to the Canadian Air Force is \$20,000 a year. In the Navy the annual cost per man is \$14,000, and in the Army \$11,000 in the armoured units and \$7,350 in the infantry.

It is estimated that the current Canadian defence budget of \$1 billion will provide equipment and establishment for an addition of only 12,000 men to the armed services. Clearly that will not be anything like enough.

during the next twelve months. Such an increase would drastically alter all the Government's present budgetary calculations. Those who imagine that the Government's present revenues, because they are producing a current surplus, will be adequate for the future forget that the cost of defence is only beginning.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The centenary of Responsible Government, April 24, 1851-1951, has got off to a start, but there are many ways in which it can be celebrated by schools, Government and public spirited organizations.

Daniel Webster, American lawyer, statesman and orator born this date 1782. Famous on account of his eloquent oration at Plymouth on the two hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers.

When Parliament meets on the 29th it will face heavy problems. In a way, however, its task is simplified. To every decision it need bring only one over-riding consideration. Which course is best in the interest of national security?

Cars in motion on icy streets cannot swerve or stop suddenly. Children, of all ages, must be taught not to dash suddenly into traffic if accidents are to be avoided.

The outbreak of flu in various parts of the world should serve as a grim reminder that disease is as great a menace as the atomic bomb. Bacteriological warfare is counted amongst the potential weapons of every great power and defences against possible enemy-caused epidemics must not be neglected.

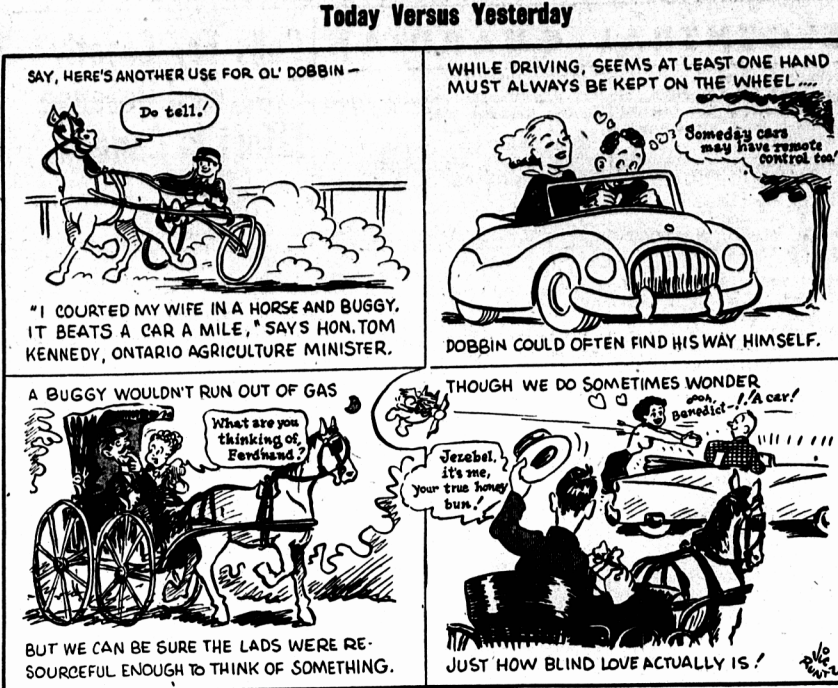
The sudden advance by U. N. forces in Korea provided valuable encouragement to the forces there and to people at home. That it is a small and temporary success does not deprive it of the merit of showing once more that the retreat is a planned and orderly one, not forced by superior fighting qualities of the enemy at any particular section of front.

The Canadian Press is in error reporting in a bulletin that the Divorce Committee in the Senate hears petitions from Prince Edward Island "which has no divorce court."

Complaint has been received that certain schools are making themselves the means of collections for charitable or other objects. The Education Department and School Board should put their feet down on this.

Egg prices on January 12 this year and previous years. The prices quoted below are for Grade A Large. At Montreal and Toronto the prices are those at which graded shipments are selling to wholesalers.

Table with columns for City (Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Charlottetown) and Price (1951, 1950, 1949). Also includes a table for Weight of Live and Dressed Poultry at Registered Stations week ending Dec. 30, Dec. 23, Dec. 16.



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.

THE SENATE APPOINTMENT

Sir, — With reference to an appointment to fill the present Senate vacancy in this Province, it is time that your Ottawa correspondent should know something of what he is writing about.

In the first place he states that the Prince Edward Island vacancy is regarded as more significant than those of the larger Provinces owing to the small representation in the Red Chamber from this Province.

But if your Ottawa correspondent refers to the Senate, he should know that Prince Edward Island boasts the largest Senator in Canada and the other two are well up to the average.

Secondly, he makes the statement that "a provincial Premier has vastly more influence with the Federal cabinet than a member of the Senate", which is altogether misleading as that would depend on the standing with the Cabinet of the parties referred to.

Finally he asserts that while the Prime Minister has the right to name anyone he wants to fill the Senate vacancy, it is doubtful if he would choose any applicant other than the Premier, while the facts are that although it is the Prime Minister's prerogative to make Senate appointments, he invariably selects the one who is recommended by the majority of the Federal members of the party in office, or by the cabinet minister of the province concerned, where such province is so fortunate as to have one of its Federal members in the Cabinet.

Montague, P. E. I. January 16, 1951.

NEWFOUNDLAND MARKETS

Sir, — On my first trip to Newfoundland some years ago I wondered why shippers were shipping cattle and hogs alive down there instead of killing the livestock at this end and shipping the carcasses under refrigeration.

A person does not have to spend much time around Newfoundland to find out where some of the "sore spots" are, and the largest one is I know it is over the cattle trade. Yet after long discussions with them I found they were very interested in chilled meats and would cooperate and help to bring about this method of shipping.

Old Charlottetown

From an account by Lieut. Colonel Sleigh, "late of Her Majesty's 77th Regiment", of his passage by ice-boat from Tormentine to Prince Edward Island during the first week of March, 1862; continued from yesterday's issue:

"We at last succeeded in reaching an extensive field of ice, upon which we again propelled the ice-boat. While running at full speed, I felt the surface beneath me give way, and with a loud shout from all, the boat sank, and in an instant we were struggling up to our shoulders in the water and broken ice.

"The intensity of the cold I shall never forget: it chilled me to the very heart. My clothes became in an instant stiff and frozen, and had it not been for a glass of raw brandy, twice repeated, I should have succumbed to the cold.

"I hastened to drag the boat again on the ice, out of the flaw we had fallen into, and, succeeding in this effort, the exertion once more gave renewed life to the system. We were not so fortunate however as to proceed many hundred yards before we again broke in, though, from the caution our last accident taught us, in this instance we clung with both hands to the gunwale, and only got up to our thighs in water.

"Our career now became one continued series of bumping down and floundering, which only terminated upon reaching open water, which we did after being eight hours out.

"Irriving was of opinion that the water before us would be bounded on the other side by the shore-ice, and, if so, that we should get over to the Island without further difficulty. He calculated the distance at about four miles. We all got into the boat, the oars out, and with a heavy pull all together, we flew over the water, hoping to reach our destination in another hour or two.

"The build of our craft, flat-bottomed, rendered her dangerous in an open sea; indeed, Irving said he durst not proceed, or we should all be swamped. At my request we continued on for another quarter of an hour; but the boat shattering waves, she half-filled with water, and we were obliged to put her head about for the ice-field we had left. I baling out as fast as my hands were able, bucketful after bucketful. The wind now lay after us, we shipped less water, and soon found ourselves among the floating masses. I had hoped we had an hour before left behind for good."

Crime Thrillers

(Harold Nicholson in The Spectator)

I have often wondered why some busy people enjoy detective novels, whereas others do not. Mr. Asquith and Lord Curzon derived much solace from the works of Mr. P. C. Wodehouse; Mr. A. J. Balfour took a medicinal view of detective novels, believing that they served as a counter-irritant and diverted blood from the congested cells of the brain.

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Notes By The Way

Let us pause for a moment and pay tribute to an heroic woman. When the National Airlines plane crashed and caught fire at Philadelphia airport it would not have been in the least difficult for Miss Mary Frances Housley, the stewardess, to get out. She opened the door of the aircraft and safely was only ten feet away on the ground. But her duty was to care for passengers. She had done this on the flight from Newark and just went on doing it. Miss Housley guided passengers to the door, urged them to keep calm and take it easy. There was time—for them. When a frantic woman cried out that her baby was in the plane Miss Housley went back in to get the child. Stewardesses always did a little extra for children when she had the infant in her arms. Her last act seems to have been to try to protect the child with her body. Here is heroism on its highest level: the acceptance of duty, the giving of life to save life. — Montreal Star.

With unparalleled opportunities for distribution, the Bible Society reports a world-wide shortage of Holy Scripture. A backlog of unfulfilled demands accumulated during the war years, and great mass movements toward literacy have created shortages which run into scores of millions of copies. In Japan alone, General MacArthur has asked that an objective of 30,000,000 copies be kept in mind and reached as soon as possible. General MacArthur has not only approved and encouraged the widest possible circulation of Holy Scripture, but has told the Bible Society that he is aware that the Scriptures are being read even in the remote fishing villages. With Japan the most enlightened and progressive of the great Eastern countries, it might easily be that her leadership might tip the scale, either for a Communist civilization or for the Christian way of life in the whole of the great Eastern hemisphere. The Bible Society points out, however, that other areas give equal promise, and suggest to the Christian people of the world that we carefully consider what these new readers are going to read. If Holy Scripture is to be available, the Bible Society is the only agency capable of providing it. The society points out, however, that its resources are woefully inadequate for the huge task which confronts it, and asks that those who believe in the Christian way of life see to it that the Bible Society is adequately supported. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Fear that the mounting cost of a medical education will soon prove an impossible barrier for many Canadian rural youths who desire to enter the profession has been expressed by Dr. Sidney Smith, president of the University of Toronto. As he points out, the boy from the farm, village or small town not only has to pay fees for the long course and buy books and instruments but he must be maintained in a residence or rooming house. The cost of living in university cities has increased so much in the past 10 years that this outlay now probably amounts to more than the actual university fees. There will be agreement with Dr. Smith's view that Canada will be a big loser if a medical education gets beyond the reach of such youths; that this country has the urgent need for the "alert minds, the firm muscles and the capacity for hard work frequently to be found in farm boys." There is another serious aspect. Shortage of doctors is most pronounced in rural areas. If the problem is not an easy one to solve and is one that should be given close study by leaders of the medical profession, university heads and education departments of provincial governments. One solution might be the provision of many more scholarships for farm and village youths. — From Winnipeg Tribune.

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