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"Off Season" Employment

In this country much of our economic activity is seasonal and it requires thought and intelligent anticipation to make the best of the situation.

Mr. Morrison's Thesis

Now that Labor Government in Britain has been returned by the barest of margins, an exchange suggests that perhaps it will return to the thesis laid down by Mr. Herbert Morrison in a little-noted speech delivered before the present campaign began.

"Our principle must be that those who want more than a minimum standard of life—and it is a fine and praiseworthy ambition—must contribute more than a minimum day's effort in the way of work.

"In many cases workers could not help being somewhat less effective, but they could at least refrain from discouraging the more efficient from going ahead and putting out the extra effort the country needed to live.

Such advice, coming from a private employer, would be widely regarded among the British labor unions as an attempt to exploit and impoverish the workers.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Feast of St. David, Patron Saint of Wales.

Messrs. Atlee and Churchill are having their own worries these days, not to mention the Western Powers generally and U.S. particularly.

Moncton City Council went in the "red" last year to the tune of \$50,000, due to underestimating the revenue and expenditure.

It is encouraging as well as gratifying to find that two Island boys, Robert Nelson (16) of Charlottetown, and Ronald

Leard (17) of Summerside, have been chosen by the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. to go on Weston four weeks' trip to England from July 12 to August 17.

The Little Theatre's farce "Brighten the Corner" certainly succeeded in doing just that. Comedy may not be the easiest form of theatre to present but there is little doubt that it has the widest appeal.

There is nothing like being optimistic, so don't let us forget at the beginning of this month that the Irishmen are usually assured of dry walking for their annual parade on the seventeenth, St. Patrick's Day.

The announcement by Attorney-General T. C. Webb of New Zealand that that Dominion is to reintroduce the death penalty, which had been abolished in 1941, should give pause to those who would do away with capital punishment here.

What is behind the formation of the Charlottetown Salvage Company Limited? Is it to take over the assets, etc., of the Mount Pleasant Airport, and to dispose of them in a business-like and profitable manner, instead of allowing them to be dissipated?

The "second half" of Farmers' Week gets under way today and the idea of dividing the programme seems likely to prove highly successful. In the past the sheer amount of business to be dealt with in a short period has made it difficult for many to take the active part they may have wished.

The British Labour Government's dramatic drop from a majority of 140 to a bare seven will have many results. Not the least, perhaps, is the remarkable importance of the two Irish Nationalist members who had pledged themselves not to take their seats at Westminster, but who have now asked their party to reconsider the decision.

Transport Minister Chevrier is cautious regarding the future of the Northumberland Ferries. In reply to a question by Mr. McLure, he gives the assurance that "at this time" his department is not planning to take over the service.

Sir Samuel Romilly, English legal reformer, born this date 1757. He persistently advocated reform of the criminal law by closer restriction of capital crime, removal of sheep stealing, etc., from being a capital crime, and the reduction of penalties for lesser crimes.

Two extremely important decisions are to be announced today. The Supreme Court of Canada is to decide, probably on the basis of the existence or non-existence of a state of national emergency, whether federal rent controls are valid.

The Royal Air Force College at Cranwell, Lincs., the air force equivalent of Sandhurst and Dartmouth, has celebrated its 30th anniversary. It was established on February 5, 1920, to train permanent officers for flying duties in the R. A. F.

The British Admiralty recently demonstrated for the first time a new safety suit which will be issued to all submarine crews. It is made of rubberized nylon and when packed weighs only 6 lbs.

Some Still Don't Sand



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.

LIVESTOCK MARKETING BOARD

Sir.—In the "Forum" column of Tuesday's "Guardian" a correspondent, Mr. R. E. Connelly, sponsors a letter on the affairs of the Potato Growers' Association, at the conclusion of which, the following remarks are ventured: "It might happen, that after another year the assets of the P.E.I. Potato Growers' Association would be confiscated, as were those of the Livestock Marketing Board, and held for disposal by the Government."

I am, Sir, etc., J. A. GILLIES

OLD COINS

Sir.—My attention has been drawn to letters published recently in the Public Forum section of your newspaper from Clem G. Peters, Parkton, C.B., Delbert Muirhead, Canoe Cove and A. J. Matheson, O'Leary, P. E. I., regarding old coins and souvenir pieces.

The collection also contains four coins all bearing the inscription "Ships, Colonies and Commerce" on the one side, and on the reverse side is a three-masted, square rigged ship sailing the "Jack".

I am, Sir, etc., JACQUELINE CONNOLLY, (Mrs. J. J. Connolly) 101 North River Road, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Sir.—Mr. Muirhead has an old coin: On one side a plough and the words "Speed the plough". On the other side of this coin there is a split cod and the words "Success to the Fisheries".

There are two others in my collection. On one side "Fisheries and Agriculture". On the other side "One Cent 1855" but one of these is up and the other down. Another on one side "Fisheries and Agriculture" and on the other side a three masted ship and around it "Half Penny Token"—No date. I do not know by whom these coins were issued.

Fishing Made Easy

(Financial Post) A trigger-equipped fishing rod is being offered American "sportsmen" that Canadian game authorities might well investigate. This is designed to shoot the lure (or an arrow or harpoon) if the first named fails) wherever the owner desires.

Contrivances of this sort would make the game fisherman a professional killer. If we are going to allow that then we might better forget all about sportsmanship. We should herd all game, deer, moose, partridge and duck as well as trout and bass, through regular abattoirs where they could be efficiently and humanely slaughtered.

I am, Sir, etc., WINDSOR CAMPBELL, Long River, Feb. 27th.

UNION ROAD PIONEER

Sir.—I read with much interest in your columns happenings of pioneer days by F. H. MacArthur and in your issue of Feb. 22nd, he refers to the first person interred in the Union Road cemetery as Mrs. C. Abbott, which correctly should be Mrs. Thomas Abbott.

I am, Sir, etc., C. B. HARDY, Cemetery Steward Union Road (Queens)

HARVESTING A FOX

QUIRINDI, Australia — (CP) — Farmer M. T. Ford was harvesting a badly flattened crop of wheat recently when he noticed something wrong with the picking-up apparatus of his machine. Stopping the machine he found a fully grown fox in the drum. It had been hiding under the wheat and had been picked up with it.

INDIAN HEALTH PLAN

CALCUTTA — (CP) — The All-India Institute of Hygiene here may soon have a maternity and child welfare department which will "develop into an international centre for training medical practitioners, health visitors and social workers." The plan is estimated to cost more than \$1,000,000.

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