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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Newfoundland Trade

The Charlottetown Board of Trade did a praiseworthy thing in inviting Mr. C. P. Reddall, general manager of the P. E. I. Industrial Corporation to address them Wednesday.

At the recent session of the Legislature, Mr. Reddall had to suffer in silence much adverse criticism of his service and personnel, and it is excusable that he should take advantage of the opportunity given him by the Board to hit back at his critics.

Arbor Day

Arbor Day exercises in the schools not so very long ago were a memorable event. The whole school would assemble and put on an elaborate programme of music and recitations and there was always the distinguished visitor to speak at length on the meaning of it all.

The Air Cadets

The third annual Air Cadet Week, extending from May 14 to 21, focuses attention on the magnificent program of aviation and citizenship training provided by the Air Cadet League of Canada.

istence of the Air Cadet League of Canada, a volunteer civilian organization which works closely with the R. C. A. F. in bringing the world of aviation to the eager young Canadian.

While Air Cadets make no commitments regarding future military service, many of them take advantage of their early training by enlisting in the R. C. A. F.

The acknowledged aim of this diverse program is to produce better Canadian citizens. Experience has shown that Air Cadets develop many desirable qualities which pay important dividends in later life.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The buds, the birds, the brides are rejoicing in the improved Spring weather, and pray that it may continue into June.

The expansion now taking place in the Esher Street cold storage plant is all to the good, even if the reason behind it is the margarine-caused surplus of butter.

The enthusiasm of the French ambassador for the Island, its soil, its farms and prospects is as cheering as the wines of France herself.

The business of the C. N. R. is evidently very strongly on the increase here. Perhaps the publicity from the freight rates dispute has something to do with it.

Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, executed this date 1641. He was attainted as a traitor by the Long Parliament, and, in spite of a previous promise of protection, King Charles I assented to his execution.

If statesmen and politicians were to follow the example of Premier Duplessis and allow themselves to be sued as individuals for their political actions, the court business of lawyers would soon be thriving.

Now it is claimed on medical scientific authority that margarine detrimentally affects the eyesight of its patrons to the third generation at least.

The Federal civil service is conducting a nation-wide programme of destroying useless and bulky records. Such a move is certainly necessary but calls for the highest degree of intelligent discrimination.

The controversy over the desirability of "dragners" should soon be resolved by actual experience. Operating out of Souris from about July 15th it will demonstrate the effect on markets, fishermen and seabed, of the new; that is to say new for here, methods.

Mr. George A. Rhuland, designer of the schooner Bluenose has died at his home in Lunenburg. The curious bulbous swelling of the champion schooner's forefoot is generally supposed to have given her the extra speed over any other of her type.

Egg prices on May 5 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 location (Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Charlottetown), year (1950, 1949), and price per dozen.

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.

BIBLICAL EXAMPLE

Sir.— I very much liked that letter in a recent Guardian in which an "Emerald Farm Forum" correspondent says some wholesome things about the gentlemanly attitude of "our Federation officials" in connection with the brief of the organized farmers recently presented to the Provincial Government.

Of course, it goes without saying, that no one, anywhere, should dare to "revile" the primary producers! I feel sure that the term is hardly to be taken literally; because a Government, or a politician, would undoubtedly enjoy (1) a very brief life in the public service under such conditions.

It is this latter thought which was engendered by the above correspondence; because, so far as my reading guides me, the improving status of the agricultural industry in this great and free land is part of a world trend.

Agricultural Products this month, in Stockton, accents this drift to the organization and the increasing stature of the men at work in the world's fields? Of course, membership in the IPAP implies, if I remember correctly, a national organization of the primary producers within each member country.

This, in turn, depends upon certain fundamental freedoms in the respective countries. I imagine not many (if any?) countries within the fear-fed zone of the "iron curtain" will be at that Stockholm conference table—other than as "observers"; Canada, as you know, played a stellar role in the resolution establishing IPAP, at Church House, Westminster, London, in May 1946.

I think that nothing but good can come from this international co-operation among the world's farmers—i.e. two thirds of the entire human family. I would like to see all members, not merely some 20 national groups, in IPAP.

RURAL CANADIAN

The White Collar Worker

Sir.— When Dr. J. R. Mutchmor secretary of the United Church Board of Evangelism and Social Service, recently bemoaned the economic fate of the white collar class, he touched upon one of our greatest problems.

The truth is that all unorganized segments of society, and the middle class in particular, have suffered because organized pressure groups have used their monopoly position to serve their own selfish interests.

Only when it is remembered that the middle class is the dynamic sector of the economy, whose thrift and intelligence have so largely made possible the existing high level of living in Canada, can the evil effects of its impoverishment be fully realized.

But in calling upon the churches of Canada to take cognizance of the economic plight of the white collar worker, Dr. Mutchmor seems to have forgotten the part played by some churches in producing existing conditions. It is, in fact, not going too far to say that the inflation which is so badly squeezing the white collar worker today is a result of government policies very largely inspired by men and women such as Dr. Mutchmor, who chose to believe that through State action income could be redistributed in such a fashion as to make everybody happy.

What Dr. Mutchmor and his earnest and often high-minded collaborators forgot was that by increasing the spending power of

The Poet's Corner

AFTER THE SHOWER

The shower hath past, ere it hath well begun. The enormous clouds are rolling up like steam into the illimitable blue. They gleam in summits of banked snow against the sun.

The old dry beds begin to laugh and run, As if 'twere spring. The trees in the wind's stir Shower down great drops, and every gossamer Glitters a net of diamonds fresh-spun.

The happy flowers put on a spritlier grace, Star-flower and smilacina creamy-hued, And little spires of honey-scent and light.

And that small, dainty violet, pure and white, That holds by magic in its twisted face The heart of all the perfumes of the wood.

— Archibald Lampman

Periodical Patch Up



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

MR. TILLEY'S VISIT

S. L. Tilley, Esq., a member of the Provincial Parliament of New Brunswick, and Most Worthy Patriarch of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance, having come over to this Island on a visit, was invited by the members of the order here to meet them in the Temperance Hall on Monday evening last, and such of the public who choose to attend, in order to give some information respecting the progress of the Maine Liquor Law in New Brunswick.

There was, we are happy to record, a numerous and highly respectable meeting, who were greatly pleased at the appearance of Mr. Tilley amongst them, and not less gratified by the prospects of ultimate success, which were held forth by the able and zealous head of the organization.

"Had any of the unbelieving been at the impromptu supper, they would have been fully convinced that there is no want of 'fun, frolic and glee' among the volarities of the 'cup that cheers, but not inebriates.' It was well for them that the symposium was under their own roof tree, for the bursts of genuine laughter, and the rounds of Kenfish fire that were repeatedly given, would have induced a suspicion that something more invigorating than tea, or cold water, must have called forth such hilarious noises.

"Although the evening was got up in an unavoidable haste, the 'spread' was a good and substantial one, and did our worthy friend and brother, Mr. John Boyver, great credit. No one contributed more to the hilarity of the evening than did the honoured guest himself; and we can not sufficiently admire the feeling of universal brotherhood which prompted the National Division composed, as it chiefly is, of delegates from the United States, to select a brother from the British Colonies to be its temporary head."

—Hazard's Gazette, Sept. 20, 1854

Mind Meddlers

Just a year ago the Montreal Gazette focussed attention, editorially and in a series of special articles, on the fact that the public of Montreal and other parts of Canada was being preyed upon (as in the United States) by an increasing number of quack "consultants" purporting to be qualified psychiatrists or psychologists.

Trained and reputable practitioners in these fields pointed out, through articles, the permanent damage and disturbance that could be inflicted by the operations of incompetent charlatans. "A few weeks later" (says the Gazette) a first move was made by a recognized professional body to give the public guidance in avoiding the unreliable, unqualified solicitations of so-called "personal counsellors," "mental healers" and other self-proclaimed stabilizers of emotional disturbance.

At its national convention the Canadian Psychological Association authorized measures to give endorsement to properly trained and dependable psychologists, and to educate the public to distinguish between them and the swindlers exploiting misguided public confidence.

"A further step to extend the effort of the national body has now been taken by the Province of Quebec Psychological Association. At its recent annual meeting in Montreal, members authorized creation of a professional ethics committee to investigate, with appropriate action where necessary, cases of persons offering psychological services with dubious or non-existent qualifications.

"It may be hoped that the efforts of this committee will prove effective in checking the depredations of 'mind meddlers,' and will gain support from both constituted authority and the public."

LIQUID GOLD

Exports of Alberta's refined oil products increased by 224 per cent between January 1946 and January 1950.

MACHINE AGE

Nearly 75 per cent of the food sold in Canada today, by value, is manufactured, canned or processed.

U. S. ANTHEM

The Star-Spangled Banner was designated the National Anthem of the United States by Act of Congress in 1931.

Notes By The Way

The recent investigation by the Windsor Police Commission has not done anything to clear the air of suspicions regarding conditions there. Charges have been made that gambling rings, driven from Detroit, have set up business in Windsor. Premier Frost is determined not to tolerate such action and declares that Ontario will not be allowed to become the base of operations of lawless U. S. elements. — London Free Press.

Men in the big cities East have been given a preview of what fashion experts expect them to add to their wardrobes. The shows have included such items as Scottish paid dinner jackets and bright red shorts for "walking around." One woman expert has been quoted as being quite firm about more color for men. "Our men will have to get used to it whether they like it or not," she said. Male judges were less hopeful. They feared it "might take time." Chicago News-Writer suggests that perhaps the panel had uneasy memories of the dingy brown bathrobe and refused to abandon. Or, of the husband who expects an array of gaily colored shirts and then buys another white one. — Van-over News-Writer.

There is something so aching in the story of one of the world travelers who has returned from Uganda—a and a brilliant suggestion to lots of Lachelors in Western Canada's lonely places. This voyageur found an aged Briton living all on his own in the African hills, cultivating fruit and wheat. He had quite a decent home for "machines" as well as fellow-bachelors, a labor-saving device we often have hoped for. He found a stream running away down the hillside and directed its flow right through his dining room. So he simplifies washing up. All he does with the dirty dishes is to bend down from the table, dip the pots, pans and crockery into the water and leave them to drain. But Uganda is a long way off to us! — From Brandon Sun.

In Winston Churchill's memories of the Second World War appear a fascinating and instructive account of an episode which took place in 1941, when Russia was anxious for Great Britain to declare war on Finland. In a peremptory note to the British Prime Minister Stalin accused Churchill of impeding Russian confidence in British intentions. He added that the previous correspondence had leaked to the American press and suggested that his had been done to "demonstrate the lack of unity between the USSR and Great Britain." Mr. Churchill did what none of our diplomats seem to have thought of. He made no reply at all to Stalin's "chilling and evasive" message. The silence Mr. Churchill reports, was expressive. Ten days later the Soviet ambassador in London called on Foreign Minister Anthony Eden to deliver what amounted to an apology for his recent message. — Saturday Evening Post.

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