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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink." CHARLOTTETOWN, TUESDAY, SEPT. 26, 1950

Big Program At Dundas

An opportunity for an excellent two days' outing is provided by the King's County plowing matches and fair to be held at Dundas on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. These matches have now become an annual event of Province-wide interest.

The directors of the Association and all concerned in the development of this movement are to be warmly commended on the success of their efforts. Matches of this kind were popular here a century ago, and were held in various parts of the Province both in conjunction with annual fairs and as separate features.

Unto The Least Of These

It is, perhaps, an unfounded charge against service clubs that the more they multiply, the more difficult it becomes to find leaders for young people.

Summerside, at any rate, is going ahead famously in training numbers of church school workers with a Leadership School directed by Mr. Whitney Dalrymple, boy's work secretary of the Maritime Religious Education Council.

To expand the work amongst the younger generation it might be a good thing if our service clubs would vie with one another in supplying leaders for Sunday School, Boy Scout, Y. M. C. A. physical fitness and other work amongst youngsters.

A Home Industry

Reference has been made to the success of a Dutch immigrant family in a Nova Scotia community, in producing bulbs and plants on a large scale for the local market. It is pleasing to note that this industry is flourishing successfully nearer home.

Flower culture is one of the most delightful of hobbies, and those engaging in it will welcome the opportunity of obtaining their plants and bulbs locally, and at prices well within the reach of the ordinary homekeeper.

No Secret Hoards

It will come as a surprise to many people to learn that all ten of Canada's banking establishments together hold only about \$17 million more in assets than in liabilities. Total assets of Canadian banks, as shown by returns to the Minister of Finance, amount to \$8,796,471,580.

So far as secret hoards of wealth are concerned, there is nothing secret at all. Gold and other coin held by the banks is roughly only \$16 million, and notes of the Bank of Canada, the sort of stuff everyone carries in his pocketbook, about \$200 million.

Where do the banks get the money to make these loans to government, to industry and business firms, and to individuals? Mostly from their own depositors, which include all three levels of

government, all sorts of business and industry, and hundreds of thousands of ordinary citizens. These deposits, which are all repayable to the depositors on demand, make up almost all the banks' liabilities.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Metius, the inventor of the telescope died this date 1635.

Now it is Summerside's turn to hold carnival.

Under the new law of U. S. passed by Congress over the Veto of President Truman, Communists must make themselves known as such and be registered.

Women were included in jury lists filed recently in Sydney. This is not likely to be done on the Island because the Jury Act specifies male persons which even the Interpretation Act's injunction, that words importing the masculine gender also import the feminine, is not likely to overcome.

The 10th anniversary convention of the Canadian Congress of Labour at Winnipeg witnesses a vast improvement in the condition of labour in this country. That improvement, however, has followed in the wake of industrial expansion which is its necessary prelude.

The business outlook in the Maritimes is optimistic, according to various reports. It is to the advantage of every group, farmers, fishermen, labour and businessmen, to see to it that our promised economic development is fulfilled in largest measure.

Mr. G. B. Shaw and Mr. G. A. Hughes are in the same boat physically, and marvels at that. Both are ninety-four years of age, both broke their legs in accidents, both were operated upon, and both are up and around—though the former has not yet resumed the full use of his repaired limb.

Quebec and Prince Edward Island delegates at the constitutional conference are reported to have asked that the Provinces should be consulted on the appointment of some of the judges of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Detention in Oakland, Calif., of a man who claims to know the real story of the murder of Sir Harry Oakes in Nassau seven years ago has revived speculation in the Bahamas as to the real motive behind the crime.

Lafcadio Hearn, who died on 26 September, 1904, was the son of an Irishman and a Greek woman. As a correspondent of a New Orleans newspaper, he spent two years in the West Indies, then proceeded to Japan, where he found his natural home.

Senator Pirie, Grand Falls, a leading potato exporter, has done a great and much appreciated service to potato growers and exporters by his exposure of the rottenness of the propaganda carried on by a certain section of Maine's potato interests against P. E. I., N. B. and N. S. importations.



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 COTTON MEMORIAL NURSERY

Sir, — At a time when there is so much to justifiably condemn, it is a pleasure to express in words of praise my great appreciation of the service being rendered by the Cotton Memorial Nursery.

Mr. Robert L. Cotton deserves thanks from all, not only those who use the nursery, but everyone travelling the Island, for many of the beautiful blossoms, green infant shrubs and lusty baby trees on the Island came from the Cotton Nursery to give pleasure and satisfaction to all seeing them.

Many people have kindly spoken of the new beauty of the York United Church Manse and extended me praise. May I say that the grounds would not have been landscaped nor the flower garden so lovely with blossoms if the Cotton Nursery had not been in existence making available to all at little expense an abundance of trees, shrubs and bulbs.

May I say also that I feel the work is in good hands. Mr. Robert Snaelle has always been courteous and helpful, willing to counsel on planting problems and be of service whenever possible.

CRAPAUD INCORPORATED

Sir, — Not willingly but under compulsion we have again been impelled to take up our pen in the interest of right and justice.

One of the first acts of the three commissioners appointed by the Government to administer the affairs of Crapaud under the Village Service Act was to believe in direct violation of this Act. They took it upon themselves in an arbitrary manner to cancel the taxes on farm lands here, buildings only being assessed for taxation purposes.

The Act is very clear on this point, it states: "The commissioners shall authorize the levying and collecting of a rate or rates of 25 per cent on the dollar as shown on the then current assessment roll of the municipality etc."

It is common knowledge that all farm lands are included in the municipal roll for taxation purposes. While it is true that parts of some farm lands here do lie outside the prescribed area, it is also true that much of this land is inside.

In protest against this unjust action of the commissioners, (one of whom is a large and prosperous farmer), in relieving these farmers of a large portion of their taxes at the expense of the poorer people of Crapaud, we returned our tax bill for correction. In doing this we expected the commissioners to come forward and offer some justification for their action.

We hope the farmers here will not get peeved thinking we have a knife into them. We have no such thing. We would take precisely the same stand if the commissioners in direct violation of the Act had

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.) PROPOSED LOCAL BANK

"We understand that Captain Sleigh, the owner of the new line of steamers from New York to Quebec, has completed arrangements for opening a Bank in Prince Edward Island, designated 'The Bank of Charlottetown.' The capital is limited to \$400,000, and it is intended to aid the agricultural and commercial classes of that fine Island, by advancing upon produce, the fisheries, and unexceptionable paper.

"Exchanges will be granted on Halifax, Boston, New York, Quebec and other important cities, as well as upon London, while for the convenience of all, small letters of credit in sums of \$1, \$2 and \$3 will be given upon the agents.

"Simon Draper, Esq., the eminent banker and capitalist of New York, is the agent and chief manager of the business connected with the Bank in the United States. Messrs. W. Elliot and Co. of the British Consulate, Boston, are agents for that city, while in the Island, gentlemen of standing will form a board of directors, of which Captain Sleigh is president.

"In the application for a charter provision is made for the circulating of notes of a small denomination, which will prove a great convenience.

"As the Bank is a private one, amply secured with large resources, no stock will be offered for disposal. On the whole, P. E. Island has great cause for congratulation, in having a proprietor who is not only a large land owner, but a gentleman possessing such influence, energy and commercial enterprise, as must prove most beneficial to that flourishing Colony."

Quoted in The Islander of July 16, 1852, from 'The British North American.'

In a subsequent issue the Islander reported: "A splendid dinner was, on Monday, May 28th, given to Captain Sleigh by a number of gentlemen of the town and country. There were 103 persons present. The table was laid, in two wings, in the chamber appropriated to the sittings of the House of Assembly, the use of which was surrendered for the occasion. The spacious gallery was filled with the elite of our beauty, rank and fashion. It is needless to state that the dinner was composed of the best viands the Island could produce, and that no expense was spared in the selection of wines and other luxuries to grace the festive board. The chair was ably filled by the Hon. Charles Hensley, supported by the Hon-

halved the taxes of the carpenters, or the day labourers or any other class at the expense of the rest of the people of Crapaud.

Since this incorporation scheme has been thrust upon the people of Crapaud, we would like to see the affairs of this place conducted justly and not according to some whim or fancy of any trinity of government appointees.

"Thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just And he but naked though wrapped up in steel Whose conscience with injustice is corrupted." I am, Sir, etc., J. D. LORD

The Poet's Corner

MAN The fingers of a fan Are not so frail as man; The green embossed leaf Than man is no more brief His life is not so loud As the passing of a cloud; His death is quieter Than harebells when they tute The years that have no form And substance are as warm, And space has hardly less Supreme an emptiness. And yet man being frail Does on himself prevail. Can bring the world to naught. As being brief he still Bends to his fleeting will All time and makes of it The shadow of his wit. Soundless in life and death Although he vanishes. The echo of a song Makes all the stars a gong Cold, void, and yet the girl Darkness is hot with him, And space is but a span Of the long love of man. —Humbert Wolfe

The Age-Old Story

For ye were sometimes darkness, But now are ye light in the Lord; Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth); proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is... Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might

Captain Swabey, on the right wing, and Hon. J. M. Holl on the left. The guests were Captain Sleigh, Major Norton, Consul for the United States, Doctor McKenzie, of the Garrison, Captain Kearney and Mr. Palmer, of the 'Albatross.'

ATHENS, Greece, Sept. 25 — (Reuters) — An earthquake shook the Ghilerpetra district of South-eastern Crete today, injuring four persons and damaging 400 homes. No deaths were reported.

TIRANA, Albania, Sept. 25 — (Reuters) — Zaim Banouchi, said to be a member of the Yugoslav secret police, today was sentenced to death for spying and sabotage on behalf of Yugoslavia. Five others were sentenced to penal detention for periods from six to 15 years.

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Notes By The Way

An army of fearsome marine invaders is pouring into the North Sea from the Sargasso Sea. One of them—a 34-foot octopus, caught by Swedish fishermen—is said to be the largest netted in such northern latitudes since 1850. Oceanographers at the Charlottetown marine life station agree that the "invasion" is no doubt due to the current abundance of herring in these waters, luring the eight-armed terrors from warmer waters.—Aftonbladet, Stockholm.

When it comes to turning a phrase, our own Leonard W. Brockington certainly has a way with him. Consider this from his speech on Monday night to the Canadian and American Bar Associations in Washington: "Let us who realize that the hammer has broken the peace see that it is the sickle that reaps the whirlwind." —Ottawa Journal.

A few years ago it was considered an asset to have stout firemen. The firemen could then adequately defend their laurels in the annual tug-of-war which used to be featured in civic gala days. The heavy fireman was also a good man to have around when the steam engine needed a little more coal on when strong men were needed to help the fire department horse to its feet after it had slipped on icy streets. Fat policemen were never considered much of an asset, unless it was to defeat the visiting firemen in the weight-lifting contests. —Sudbury Star.

Cats were worshipped in ancient Egypt. Dick Whittington's cat earned a noble place in history or legend—by making his master rich and famous. Then there was Puss in Boots who was also very helpful to his master, the Marquis of Carabas, in the fairy tale. And there is Superkat amiable friend of mice and dogs and little children and canaries. These famous felines are cited in support of Arthur Little of Hollywood, who has founded a society "Cats, Unlimited," to line up cat-lovers against an anti-cat defamatory campaign which he claims Hollywood moviemakers have started. The movies are charged with picturing cats as villains and mice as cute. Little fears a generation of children will grow up hating cats, with the result that America will be overwhelmed by a sea of rats and mice." —Vancouver Sun.

About ten years ago Mrs. Mabel Wagnalls Jones, daughter of one of the founders of the Funk and Wagnalls publishing company, died in the village of Lithopolis, Ohio. It is surprising how frequently the manner in which a motorist sounds his horn is indicative of his own character. A drive on any heavily traveled highway will reveal this to anyone with a keen ear and power of observation. There are many persons, like the lady who was anxious to purchase a horn that sneered, who manage to convey the impression of their superiority over the rest of mankind by the manner in which they signal to pass, or warn a pedestrian. With them, the signal is an assumption of right. Then there is the arrogant driver whose fierce, loud blast is a command and whose ear-splitting racket is terrifying even to an experienced driver. The humorist is evident by his manner of doing his best to imitate the closing notes of a jazz band, while the timid diffident individual "toots" squealingly and with a certain deference which seems inherent in his horn. The appearance of the car is frequently no criterion. Witness the musical notes, expressive of lightness and cheer, which are frequently attached to the largest and most impressive appearing automobiles. On the contrary, a battered vehicle, with little more appearance than a decadent ash receptacle, may have a particularly fierce and obnoxious noise. There is probably a moral to this but like most morals it is all the better for being submerged in the matter because, in all likelihood, nothing can be done about it in any case. —Guelph Mercury.

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