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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

CHARLOTTETOWN, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23, 1952

New Community Centre

The clergy and members of the Holy Redeemer Parish in this city are to be warmly congratulated upon their magnificent new Community Centre on Stewart Street, which is to be formally opened this evening.

A few years ago such an ambitious undertaking would have seemed impossible of achievement, and the increasing cost of building material since the war presented a further serious obstacle.

Although descriptions of the new Centre have appeared in the press, no account can do it full justice. It is to be hoped therefore that all our citizens will take advantage of the invitation to attend the opening formalities this evening, and inspect its facilities for themselves.

Charles Kingsley, English clergyman and novelist, died this date 1875. Christian Socialist, Imperialist and Charterist sympathiser, his vigorous views were not backed by an equally vigorous intellect.

Community Planning

At the Regional conference of the Community Planning Association of Canada, held in Charlottetown last September, it was decided to form a Prince Edward Island division, and a meeting for this purpose is being held tomorrow evening in the Vocational School.

Briefly, the purpose of the Association is to foster public understanding of, and participation in, community planning in Canada. Each Province has its own problems in this respect, and by working in co-ordination with the municipal and provincial governments a great deal can be done by a central organization in promoting improvements.

Life Too Short

Turning down nomination for mayor, a resident in a neighbouring Province gave his view that "Life is too short for any man to serve on the town council and become a target for abuse."

It is an attitude, however, which bodes ill for the body politic for it is essential that the best men available should be willing to give their time and efforts to the common good. Politics cannot be made easy but we can and should honour those who sacrifice that privacy which they would otherwise enjoy, to exchange it for the pressure of public life.

Those who do give their services may reflect that it is not length of years that is important but what they do with them.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A strong demand has set in for Island disease-free chicks, due to the outbreak of disease in poultry stock in Nova Scotia and elsewhere.

Farmers and farming have had a good innings at Montreal this last week-end, a convention organized by the Federation of Agriculture consisting of some 400,000 members from all over Canada.

Sapphire furs are now "the thing" for ladies' wear, following the lead of Princess Elizabeth, who is taking her Canadian outfit with her on her visit, with the Duke, to Australia.

Voting in 14 degrees below zero, and with a 25 mile zero wind blowing must have been something of a never-to-be-forgotten experience of Manitoba electors on Monday. And no change in the political strife of the elected, a 50-50.

Bradford, Ontario, could not afford both a curling rink and an addition of a celery storage room to the local cold storage plant. There must be some Scotch influence in the community for they solved the problem by making the same plant do for both, in their respective seasons.

The ten 60,000-ton super-carriers envisioned by United States Secretary Kimball make ships now afloat seem insignificant. The actual building of them, however, at the rate of one a year, depends upon their fitting in with expansion plans of the other services.

Some biographical collection! Professor W. K. Hancock, Director of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, London, has been appointed to write the Life of General Smuts. It is estimated that the formation of the archives will cost \$30,000, half of which has already been contributed by friends of the Smuts family in South Africa.

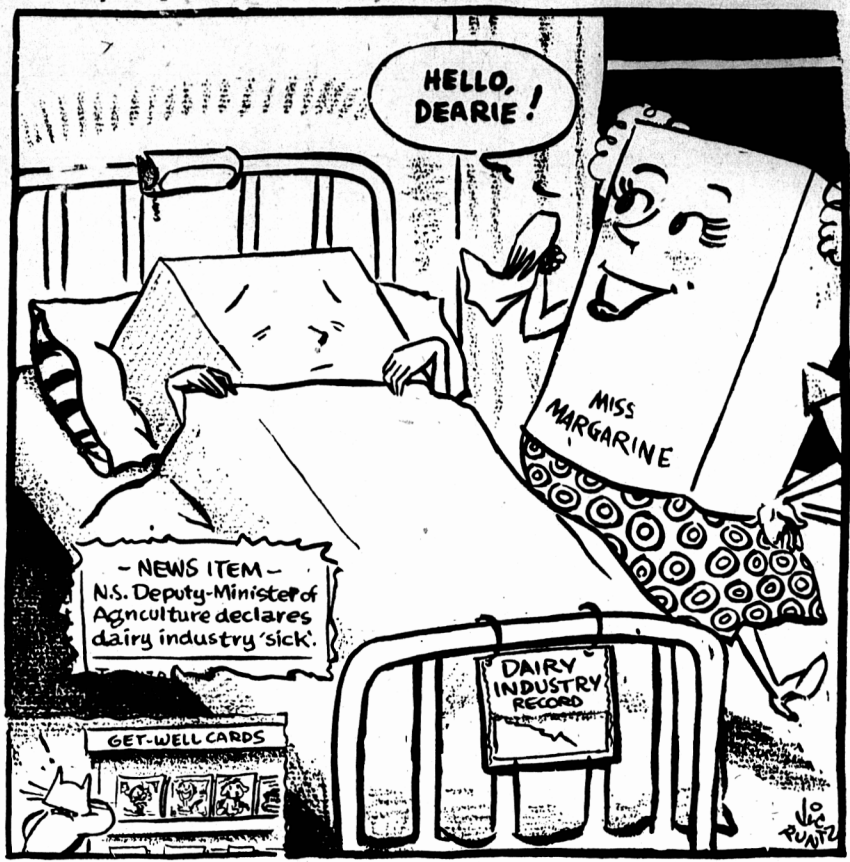
Most dangerous of all forms of consumer greed is the constant demand of big urban populations, with the highest standard of living in history, that food prices must be pushed down, although the steady increase in the population of the world is being accompanied by a failure to obtain an equal increase in the production of food, and, in many cases, there is an actual decrease.

The Moslems of Singapore have persuaded the censor to ban the movie of "David and Bathsheba". The Moslems pointed out that their teachers describe the prophet David as "a man just and upright, endowed with all the virtues."

The funeral takes place at Montague today of one of the best known farmers and curlers in the Maritimes, namely, Mr. Fred G. MacIntyre. He was thoroughly trained from his youth in the theory and practice of agriculture, and his farm was for long a show place in King's County.

Rev. Arthur R. Kirk, of Biggs, California, has been declared by the Liars' Club, of Burlington, Wis., the World's Champion Liar. Here is what he wrote as his contribution: "A man living west of town tried to raise watermelons this summer. He had very bad luck. The soil was too rich. The watermelon vines grew so fast that they wore the watermelons out, dragging them along on the ground. One of the boys from town went out one night to swipe a melon. He got the melon all right, but the vines were growing so fast that warm night that the boy had to be taken to the hospital. Before he could break the melon off the vine, it had dragged him half a mile and he was in bad shape."

No Sympathy Expected From This Quarter



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.

ALBERTON MEDICAL SERVICE

Sir—I would appreciate space in your valuable paper to voice my views on the attitude of our Provincial Medical Association in regard to the medical service in Alberton and vicinity. This matter has been gone over before but the present emergency in this area is not going to be easily forgotten by the people here, as it is left with a doctor, Dr. Shea has been out a doctor. Dr. Shea has been out a doctor. Dr. Shea has been out a doctor.

WHAT KIND OF CHRISTIANS IN KOREA?

Sir—I would not like it to go abroad, unchecked, that members of the Church in Korea are "fair weather" Christians, or, in other words, that missions in Korea have been a failure. Christianity in Korea had made such progress before the Japanese took over in 1910 that Dr. John R. Nott declared that Korea bids fair to become the world's first Christian nation.

THE P. M.'S APPRECIATION

Sr.—Mail volume in the recent Christmas rush once again set up a new record, and so also I might say did the weather. Both these factors imposed a particularly severe strain upon the facilities of the Postal Service of Canada, despite the preparations made to handle the extra anticipated load.

Fat Politicians

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The Age-Old Story

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

TO BEN JONSON

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Economic Review & Outlook

Monthly Review of The Bank of Nova Scotia

Present prospects for the new year are for a high average level of economic activity, says the current Review of The Bank of Nova Scotia. And the possibility of a renewal of serious inflationary pressures later in the year certainly cannot be overlooked.

The contrast in the business atmosphere is even more striking. A year ago it was ruled by inflation—the expectation of higher prices and strong markets and by the fear of shortages. Today, there is no uniformity of opinion about the outlook. Some people are impressed by the slackness in demand for certain products and by the size of inventories in a number of lines and look forward into 1952 with misgiving.

The Review goes on to give several reasons for the radical change in the business atmosphere. The first, and probably most important, is the natural reaction from the remarkable and intense spurge of buying that followed the outbreak of war in Korea.

The second reason for the change in the economic atmosphere is of course the deliberate measures taken to curb inflation, including the policies of monetary and credit restraint, the increases in taxation, and the introduction of deferred depreciation. These measures have on the whole been quite effective, though their influence in the decline which has occurred in the demand for durable consumer goods is often exaggerated.

A third and more fundamental reason for the change in business attitudes is the fact that many of the deferred demands accumulated during the war and early postwar years have been met. After the spurge of buying in the autumn and winter of 1950-51, it is highly questionable whether any important backlog of demand for such things as automobiles and household equipment still remained and

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Professional cards for Dr. John E. Sterns (Veterinary Surgeon), Allison M. Gillis (Barrister, Solicitor), Dr. A. L. MacIsaac (Dentist), Chas. R. McQuaid (Barrister, Solicitor), J. A. Carruthers R.O. (Optometrist), Matheson, Peake & Nicholson (Barristers), J. S. Taylor (Optometrist), H. R. Doane and Company (Chartered Accountants), and McDonald, Currie & Co. (Chartered Accountants).