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Farm Credit

It is pleasing to note that at the Federal-Provincial Agricultural Conference the Hon. Eugene Cullen stressed the importance of improved transportation facilities and extension of farm credit.

As far as farm credit is concerned, it is doubtful whether the Federal plan now in operation can be improved to the extent that it would meet the needs of young farmers who are just starting out in the business.

What is needed, obviously, is some sort of program that would be helpful to young men who are eager to take up farming but who just cannot lay their hands on the necessary capital.

The present plan is good as far as it goes, but it goes only a short distance. A Provincial farm credit system, assisted by Federal funds, would be the ideal arrangement.

In any event, something will have to be done Provincially—with or without Federal assistance—to help our young farmers get started, unless we are prepared to see the present condition of vacant and inefficiently run farms worsen, to the detriment of the Provincial economy.

Misuse Of Words

The American Gerontological Society (an organization that deals with the medical problems of old age) which recently met in Philadelphia was told that the elimination of cancer, heart disease and hardening of the arteries "could easily constitute a major disaster."

The outgoing President of the Society, Dr. A. I. Lansing, said that neither governments nor private organizations are studying the financial and other implications that would result if and when these diseases are brought under control.

It probably is true that as the diseases which Dr. Lansing mentioned are brought under control—perhaps within a few years—there will be new economic problems resulting from the expected lengthening of life.

Far from being a "disaster," it will be a great blessing to mankind. The problems will be insignificant and trivial by comparison; and a way will be found to cope with them.

Out Of The Stone Age

One of the fastest growing towns in the world is Godthaab, the Capital of Greenland. It has a population of around 2,000, which makes it probably the smallest capital.

A new port is planned. The Danish Government, which exercises sovereignty over Greenland, recently contracted with a British firm for

construction of port facilities on an island in Godthaab Ford as a transhipment base for iron ore from Quebec.

The oldest settlement in Greenland, Godthaab was founded in 1731 by a much-beloved missionary, Hans Egede. A steeped church and a statue of Egede, dressed in ruff and gown, and gazing readily seaward, are modern Godthaab's chief landmarks.

Godthaab came into prominence during World War Two when it became a base for allied submarines, planes, radio and radar installations. Since then the town has made the transition from the stone age to the modern era.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is not very comforting to farmers to be told that the only way they can look forward to reasonable prices for their products is by producing less. No doubt, if they didn't produce anything, the prices would be very high.

There is no reason in the world why one acre of good land should be kept unproductive. The question is not one of surpluses, but of distribution. That is the problem which the Canadian Government and all other Western Governments will have to tackle in earnest sooner or later—and the sooner the better.

Alcoholism is a problem almost everywhere. But in Communist countries authorities have an advantage over non-Communist countries in their efforts to combat it. They can always call it a "remnant of the bourgeois life," as a Czechoslovakia paper did recently.

The Dominion Coal Company has decided not to reopen the Springhill mines. Notwithstanding the importance of mining to the town's economy, it was the only possible decision. It is now up to the Federal and Nova Scotia Governments, DOSCO and APEC to make concerted efforts to find a suitable industrial replacement.

A professor of social ethics says that "more and more people are being driven to drink by the strain of modern living." Yes, and a good many people get drunk just because they like the taste of it. The "strain of modern living" gets blamed for a lot of things for which it is not responsible.

In Chicago scientists are "milking" ants for a type of venom that has been found useful in destroying germs. The ant in question is the "fire-ant", a comparative newcomer to the United States. It does extensive damage to crops; but perhaps it will justify its existence, after all.

A slight spark of hope comes from the Geneva talks on ending nuclear tests. The United States and Russia are reported to be moving "towards a compromise" on how to work out an agreement. Unless their Governments and representatives have lost their reason, they will find some way to patch up their differences before allowing nuclear explosions to poison the world.

From the time that he obtained his first class teacher's license at Prince of Wales College at the age of seventeen, the late Dr. H. H. Shaw devoted himself to education, and this Province is the better for his faithful service over a long period of years. On his retirement as Chief Superintendent of Education in 1945 he was singularly honoured by the Legislature and by the members of the various government departments, who spoke for all our citizens in paying tribute to his career.



THE ICE MAN COMETH

OTTAWA REPORT

Liberal Council Meeting

By Patrick Nicholson

The Advisory Council of the National Liberal Federation is meeting here for three days this week. The chief task facing the 250-member Council is "to prepare Liberal Party organisations for the next federal election"—likely to be held in the early part of 1952.

Perhaps that speaker meant in effect that the Liberals, who long had attempted with considerable success to occupy the middle as well as both sides of the political road under Mackenzie King, can now find very little space for manoeuvre against a government which offers something for everybody, from free enterprise to the welfare state, from increased opportunity for business to compete

in the fields monopolised hitherto by Crown Corporations to the higher Old Age Pension.

This is the cheerful backdrop, against which the Liberal high command is meeting this week. The ideas? In conference at Orillia recently, the Ontario Young Liberals heard the assertion that the Dieffenbacher Conservatives stand today on the political ground hitherto occupied by the Liberal Party.

Liberal Federation President Duncan MacTavish wishes to resign; he is likely to be succeeded by ex-Transport Minister George Marler on the new basis of a whole-time paid president. And leader Pearson will report his unceasing efforts on the stump right across Canada, to rekindle enthusiasm for Liberalism among the voters.

The Battle Of The Inch

New York Times

The recent semi-official agreement between the United States, Britain and Canada on the standardization of the inch at 2.54 centimeters may have come as a surprise to those who thought that the inch was a measurement as fixed and immutable as the laws of the Medes and the Persians.

These map systems include some 150,000 triangulation and traverse points, each of which would have to be changed by several feet should the British standard be adopted. By mutual consent, the special problems of the Coast and Geodetic Survey were recognized, and it will continue to use the old-style inch. Most other official bodies of the United States Government, however, will switch over to the new standard, as the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics has already done for use in altimetry and airspeed computations and in defining the standard atmosphere.

With the inch set officially at 2.54 centimeters, the problem has shifted to the definition of the standard meter. Experience has shown that even bars of platinum-iridium kept hermetically sealed at constant temperature are not changeless. The process of atomic disintegration changes them slightly, decade by decade. But the scientists of the world are busily working on an atomic standard for length measurement. By 1960, according to experts at the Bureau of Standards, international agreement will be reached on a specific atomic

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(Nov. 17, 1933)

Notwithstanding the cold night and frozen roads some 700 enthusiastic tug-of-war fans assembled at Bedouk Rink on Wednesday night to see the finals of the Storr-Morrison trophies. In the senior competition, North Bedouk won two straight pulls from St. Eleasers. In the junior finals North Bedouk won the best two out of three pulls from Freetown to capture the trophy.

TEN YEARS AGO

(Nov. 17, 1948)

The first Government chartered plane to take a full passenger load of farmer and their wives from this province to the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto left the Charlottetown airport this morning. The passengers are scheduled to arrive at Toronto on the Maritime Central Airways at noon today, and after spending a day and a half there, will leave on Thursday for the return flight.

THE NEW STANDARD

But the proposal to adopt the British inch ran into opposition. Although it was backed by the Army, Navy, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and the National Bureau of Standards and the Coast and Geodetic Survey pointed out that the change-over would present it with formidable problems. For the past fifty years the Survey has been establishing plane coordinate map systems for each of the forty-eight states.

Adjusting To New Dentures

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. CALL THEM false teeth, artificial dentures or anything you want, but sooner or later most of you will wind up wearing them. For those of you who might be planning on equipping yourselves with them in the near future, I have a few words of advice.

TAKE TIME You must understand that there is a period of considerable adjustment following the insertion of such dentures which takes time. And your state of mind will either assist or hamper this adjustment.

Nevertheless these adjustments in the dentures will be necessary before you achieve a real degree of comfort. Checkups are required after the denture is placed in the mouth. Changes in the mouth tissues also make examinations advisable from time to time.

Even during the first several days you have your new teeth in getting used to them you will be able to use them more and more effectively.

Another thing I want you to remember is that speech difficulties will be overcome quickly. Time will solve the problem. One way of speeding speech improvement is to read aloud in front of a mirror.

PROPER FOODS You need tissue-building foods rich in proteins, minerals and vitamins essential for repairing the dental ridges.

For a short time after you first get your new teeth, I suggest that you eat small morsels of soft food. Soon your mouth tissues will be in condition to withstand more solid foods.

W. A. G.: What is acute cellulitis and what causes it? Are there any known cures for it? Answer: Acute cellulitis is an inflammation of the tissues. Quite often, when the skin is involved, it also includes the deeper layers. This condition is generally attributed to infectious conditions.

Antibiotics have proven helpful in the treatment of acute cellulitis.

MAXIMS

If you tell me your opinions, I will tell you what you believe in. I have plenty of doubts of my own.

VISITS FLEET

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — The U.S. 7th Fleet, which guards Formosa against Communist attack, was host Friday to Chiang Kai-shek. The 72-year-old Chinese Nationalist leader flew out to the 62,000-ton carrier Midway by helicopter for a four-hour visit.

wave length, most likely the so-called orange line of the element Krypton 86. When that happens, the inch should be pretty well nailed down, at least for the foreseeable future.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A "sea serpent" seen off the South African coast has wonderful possibilities as a tourist attraction. Fishermen said it looked like a giant lion sitting on its haunches and it glared at them before submerging. To match this British Columbia will need a sea serpent playing a tin whistle.—Ottawa Journal

Sometimes we doubt if the missing link is really missing.—Brandon Sun

The Poet's Corner

END OF AUTUMN Time is abroad. At his extreme command What spring was given autumn is returning. There is a barren beauty in the land That offers up its vestiges for burning. So many leaves have fallen in a day The few remaining will be falling faster For time, who wishes even these away. Has whistled up the wind that owns him master Now in the golden shadow of the leaf will affirm the season and the year. Mark the hill's contour and the rock's relief. The essential tree the branches black and bare— In these not unfamiliar forms to find The strict and linear landscape of the mind. Emily Oles In The New York Times

For many years Canadians have listened with a smug ear to the reports of declining physical fitness in the United States. In actual fact it appears that the only difference in the fitness picture of Canadian and American youngsters is that the latter picture is better documented. At least they know what their situation is.—Red Deer Advocate.

The Premier of Manitoba on Tuesday told the Opposition "put up or shut up." It is extraordinary how soon, after they get into office, politicians forget about the virtues of talk, of debate, of criticism, which they preach (entirely correctly) from the other side of the Legislature.—Winnipeg Free Press

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SOURIS—at the Canadian Legion Hall, November 24th, 25th, 26th, and to noon 27th. Office hours—8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Service at this centre will be provided for persons served by Souris, Elmira, East Baltic, Armadale, Bear River, Dundas Centre, St. Peter's and Annandale Post Offices.

MONTAGUE—at the Canadian Legion Hall, November 25th, 26th, 27th, and to noon 28th. Office hours—8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Service at this centre will be provided for persons served by the Montague, Georgetown, Cardigan, and St. Mary's Road Post Offices.

MURRAY RIVER—at the Public Hall, December 1st and 2nd. Office hours—8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Service at this centre will be provided for persons served by the Murray River, Murray Harbour, Wood Islands North and Abney Post Offices.

NORTH RUSTICO—at the Stella Maris Parish Hall, December 3rd, 4th, and to noon 5th. Office hours—8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Service at this centre will be provided for persons served by the Rustico, North Rustico, New Glasgow, Green Gables and Stanley Bridge Post Offices.

Persons in the above areas are advised to make use of this temporary service, rather than travelling to the Local Office in Charlottetown, and to bring their insurance books when filing claims.

Additional information can be obtained from the NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT OFFICE of the UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION Charlottetown, P. E. I.