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

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Railway Improvements

At long last, the new diesel locomotives for the Island division are beginning to arrive, and from all indications we may expect to see the line completely dieselized within the next few months.

It is also reassuring to note that the reefer car situation at present is well under control. The supply, representing a considerable increase over previous years, is now sufficient for all purposes although it is difficult to estimate what may happen within the next few weeks.

Shippers for the most part are highly appreciative of the efforts made by the local railway officials in grappling with the reefer car problem. It was a particularly difficult problem to meet this year, and it is well that our requirements in this respect were brought to the attention of Parliament when the temporary shortage threatened to become acute.

Party Organization

The Progressive Conservative Party is not losing much time in starting reorganization, a convention for this purpose opening at Ottawa on the 17th inst. They seem to be going about the objective very cautiously, certainly without any flourish of trumpets.

It is as simple as learning the A. B. C.'s to discover what is, and has been, wrong with the party—lack of organization. For too long practically nothing has been done between elections, and then when parliament dissolved, shovelfuls of money were sent to party stalwarts with which to buy votes, and the mails choked with party literature which usually found its way into the wastepaper baskets.

Jury Trials

According to a recent press report, a Quebec lawyer, Dr. Rosario Fontain, charges that jury trials are out of date and "citizens don't want to be jurymen anyway."

There is, of course, a certain amount of truth in these charges. Most people do find jury duty a nuisance and eagerly grasp at any excuse for avoiding it. That, however, reflects discredit on the lack of civic virtues rather than on the usefulness of the jury system.

the necessarily technical view of a judge.

In addition, there is a great field in which the ultimate decision depends upon the "reasonableness" of some kind of behavior. In such cases the rules are of little assistance and a group chosen more or less at random from the county have a decided advantage over one man more or less removed from the current of the daily life of farm and market place.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It would seem that marbles are not a really reliable sign of Spring after all. They had already made an appearance before the great storm.

The weather of the past week has been far from pleasant but the widespread havoc amongst vessels of the smaller sort reduces a landsman's inconvenience to proper perspective.

A city of civies. There are 33,000 civil servants in Ottawa and their average salary is \$2,369.40, Treasury Board officials announce. They said this represented the nearest approximate figures of the number of Government employees. This means an annual payroll of \$78,177,000.

The cost of a pension of \$40 a month at 65 without a means test was given by the Hon. Paul Martin as \$421,008,000. The figure is perhaps more frightening than it need be. A great many such pensioners would pay a substantial amount back to the Government in the form of Income Tax.

The prospect of a seven million bushel potato shipping season is certainly most encouraging for this Province. Prices are not what they might be but the striking efforts of the C. N. R. in providing additional rolling stock has enabled shippers here to take advantage of markets as offered.

Mr. David A. Croll, M.P. (L-Spadina) gave the House of Commons an excellent history of divorce laws in this country. He seems to have erred, however, in saying that the law of England as of 1870 was introduced in Prince Edward Island as well as five other Provinces. Our Court of Divorce and the law it administers date from 1835, a time at which England granted divorces only by private act of parliament, much as Ottawa does today.

First bookstore on McGill University campus will be opened next session at 3480 University street to sell textbooks and students' essential supplies and to develop gradually a trade book business, it is announced by Dr. F. Cyril James, principal and vice-chancellor. Mr. Ray Verrey, B.A., manager of State Teachers' College bookstore in New York for some years, has been appointed manager. University administrators hope to see the store open well in advance of the 1950-51 session.

It is dangerous not to put a stamp on one's cheque as a tenant in Toronto found the other day. A Mrs. Catto lived in a house for twelve years, but on January 1 it was purchased by Dr. Martha who wanted possession but could not under the Rent Control Act. Mrs. Catto sent her cheque for the January rent, but neglected to put a stamp on it. Judge Frank McDonagh issued an order for possession, because the bank refused to cash the unstamped cheque.

Her Majesty the Queen will launch Britain's latest aircraft carrier, H. M. S. "Ark Royal" at Birkenhead on Wednesday, May 3. The new aircraft carrier, which has been built in the Cammell Laird yards, will be the fourth Royal Naval vessel to bear the name "Ark Royal". She succeeds the gallant and ever-to-be-remembered "Ark Royal" of the Second World War, which the Germans repeatedly claimed to have sunk before she was ultimately torpedoed in the Mediterranean in 1941. The first "Ark Royal" was a tiny ship which played a conspicuously valiant part in the Battle of the Armada.

Following other Legislatures. It was Ottawa set the pace. The Manitoba Legislature has approved pay boosts for its 57 members. The Legislature, after more than three hours of hot debate, decided to raise members' indemnities to \$2,500 from \$2,000. In addition, ministers' incomes are to be raised to \$8,500 from \$7,288 while the Premier will receive \$10,500 compared with \$9,050. The totals for ministers and the Premier include indemnities. The anti-Coalition group headed by George C. Renouf (OC—Swan River) opposed the measures. S. E. Burch (LP—Beautiful Plains) was the only Government supporter to record his opposition. No cabinet minister spoke for or against. Duff Roblin (O-Ind-PC—Winnipeg South) said he felt that \$2,000 was quite enough for the eight weeks members spent at the Legislature every year.

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.

FERTILIZER PRICES

Sir,—Please permit me to correct "Still Enraged," Monague, who in his letter in your Public Forum of April 5th stated that fertilizer is \$400 per ton cheaper than last year. My information on this subject is as follows: All mixed fertilizer, \$100 per ton cheaper. Ammonium Nitrate, 33 p.c. \$600 dearer. Sul. of Ammonia, 20 p.c. \$500 dearer. Super - Granular 20 p.c. 40 cents dearer. Muriate of Potash 60 p.c. \$500 dearer. I am, Sir, etc., Mount Stewart, P.E.I.

BRIGHTON BRIDGE ECONOMIES

Sir,—In your issue of April 11th "Motorist" made clear what folly it would be if the bridge across the North River were placed at either recent Grove or Lewis' Point instead of Brighton, by drawing attention to the fact that the extra distance would cost many merchants, produce dealers and truck owners at least an additional \$50 per year travelling expenses. And by accepting the argument of the opponents of the Brighton site that to build it there would cost half a million dollars more, one-half of which would be borne by the Dominion, leaving \$250,000 to be paid by this Province. "Motorist" has shown that by subtracting the cost of building the extra miles of highway the extra cost would only be \$15,000 for twenty years.

However, because he did not make any estimate of the total cost to the public by travelling the extra distance to and from Charlottetown if the bridge is not placed at the Brighton site, I will hereby do so.

Supposing an average of only 500 vehicles use the bridge for the return trip daily, (which would be a very conservative estimate), that would be 1000 crossings, 5000 miles, at 5 cents per mile would be \$250,000 per day, or \$250,000 in 1000 days, which is less than three years.

Therefore, taking as a basis for this calculation the conservative estimate of only 500 vehicles making a return journey by the bridge daily, if it is not built at the Brighton site it will cost the public in extra "travelling cost" at least as much in less than three years as the extra cost to the Province to build it at this site.

Furthermore, with the likely increase of motor traffic while this bridge will be used, it is quite probable that in one year the additional average travelling cost would equal the additional cost of building to this Province.

With these glaring facts, surely the government will not blunder and build the bridge at any of the other proposed sites, instead of at the Brighton location.

I am, Sir, etc., "WEST RIVER"

C.C.F. AND COMMUNISM

Sir,—A very prominent man in Charlottetown is reported in The Guardian of March 1st as distinguishing three steps in totalitarian evolution in this country: 1st, C. C. F.; 2nd, Socialism; 3rd, Communism. These evolutionists are always confused. Not in the far distant past he called the C.C.F. "Communism."

When G. K. Chesterton was disputing with the evolutionists who said that men came from monkeys because they resembled one another, he said the thing to consider was not their points of likeness but their points of difference. Not how like man is to the brutes, but how unlike he is to the monstrous scale of his divergence. That a monkey has hands is far less interesting to the philosopher than that having hands he does next to nothing with them; does not play cribbage or play the violin; does not carve stone or carve mutton.

Thus, when our opponents wish to identify us with Communism, they choose to forget the colossal points of difference. The sorrowful fact about Communist parties everywhere is, they act just like Communists. They come to power by force and by bloody revolution, — by deceit, blackmail and violence. The C. C. F. comes to power in the most democratic and Christian manner — not even by bribery of liquor or money on election day.

The Communists do not hold free elections. Neither do our old line parties when they use pressure — alcoholic or financial. How consistent some of our opponents are may be judged by the following quotation: "I am for reform, and reform means government intervention, it means government control and regulation, it means the end of 'laissez-faire.'" Sounds like Woodsworth or Coldwell! The voice is the voice of Mr. King — his speeches and doctrines applauded and espoused by Liberals in P.E.I. and across Canada.

When it comes to calling the C.C.F. names Hon. Wilfred Arsenault must feel that he has a special talent for names.

The Senatorial hope springs eternal in the political breast. It seems that the consuming desire of all our political servants is this: When the infirmities of old age come upon them, they must spend their declining years in the Red Chamber. With eyes forever focused on the Bench, the Government House, or the Senate, is

The Blueprints Call For A Sound Cornerstone



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

DELINQUENT HUSBANDS

Legislative Council, Monday, March 9, 1946:

Excerpt from discussion in committee on a bill making it compulsory on persons, in certain cases, to support their indigent relatives:

His Honour the President said there was no necessity of extending the operation of the measure beyond the relation of husband and wife. He had never known a single instance in this Island in which parents in a state of destitution had been denied assistance by their children who were in circumstances to relieve them; whilst of husbands abandoning their wives and families, and leaving them utterly destitute, he had known many.

Hon. Mr. Brecken agreed. It had been a common practice with some husbands to abandon their wives and children during the winter, throwing them upon public charity for support. It was within his knowledge that a certain man, when earning \$7 10s. a month, had done so, applying in no way whatever any part of his wages for his family's support. This instance and others occurred at the time Lady Mary Fitzroy was the patroness of the Ladies Benevolent Society, and the fact coming to her knowledge, she, in order to check the progress of the evil, adopted the plan of publishing the names of such wives as, owing to the desertion of their husbands, were obliged to apply to that society for relief; and the plan was found to be a good one, for the exposure roused the pride of the husbands, and in some measure, brought them back to a sense of their duty.

Hon. Capt. Swabey said their honours ought to recollect that this was the time when such a measure ought to be prepared; for the Public Asylum was on the point of being opened, and it was to be feared that too many would be found anxious to remove from themselves the burthen of maintaining those who were naturally and justly dependent upon them for support, and would look to the Asylum as affording them an opportunity to do so.

Hon. Mr. Hensley said the bill had originated in an evil palpably existing, and its provisions ought to be confined to the remedying of that evil, which was the desertion of wives by their husbands, and the abandonment of them and their children to the relief to be derived from public charity. With regard to other possible cases of unnatural neglect of impotent and indigent individuals by their natural relatives, he thought they ought to deal with them as ancient lawgivers dealt with homicide, in providing no punishment for the crime, under the supposition of the impossibility of its occurrence.

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Notes By The Way —

Will Durant, the philosopher was robbed of \$264,000 in bonds. Now he can practise philosophy instead of preaching it—London Free Press.

We do not for a moment expect that temperance folk who are prohibition-minded will agree with the Alberta Governments announcement of a broadening out of the Alberta Liquor Control Act to allow longer hours for beer parlors and for sale of liquor in clubs which maintain a certain standard for their membership. But we will say that the Government, after long experience with a problem which has presented difficult social aspects throughout time, is taking a realistic view. — Lethbridge Herald.

In the 18th century a Scottish grocer, James Keller of Dundee, heard that a stormbound Spanish ship had taken refuge in the port. Its cargo of sugar and oranges was going cheap. Never one to miss a bargain James went out to buy. He took the oranges and sugar home to his wife, who had a family reputation for her quince jelly. She concocted a new preserve which she tried on her family and friends. They liked it. James then tried the marmalade on his customers. They liked it so well that James gave up being a grocer and became a marmalade manufacturer. In 1779 he set up a company which, to this day continues to manufacture marmalade, much of it finding its way to breakfast tables in Canada. — UK Information Office.

For long, the Scots have been accused of deliberately manufacturing the "cheap" jokes about Scots for their advertising value, that is "free" advertising. They have been singularly successful in their efforts and therefore, no surprise should be felt to discover that Scots the world over are about to engage in their most gigantic effort to get advertising at the expense of "others". The scheme, and scheme it is, is to get the governments of all the world to issue postage stamps commemorating the bicentenary of the observance of the birthday of Robbie Burns. — Timmins Press.

A plan to control Saint John's pigeon population has been offered to the city authorities by the Animal Rescue League. Several "pigeon sanctuaries" would be built about the community and three out of every four eggs would be collected and destroyed. In effect, this would be a compromise between those citizens who want to see the disorderly pigeons chased out of town for good and the group who believe that pigeons are our trusting feathered friends and should be fed, not persecuted. — Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

It cannot be denied that English-speaking citizens of our country are not being faced with the necessity of learning a secondary language, as is the case for French-speaking citizens. Their language is that of the larger majority and, especially, of those who exercise control over industry and commerce. Still the friends of good understanding that were to be found among the English-speaking majority have been quick to realize that it was in their interest to learn the language of the minority, not only from the point of view of their material interests, but also from that of their cultural interests, especially where their children were concerned. That is the reason why important English-speaking industrial and commercial establishments have sought French-speaking department heads and have had published their expensive catalogues in the French language. Such a move on their part has assumed proportions that go very far to show that the improvement of relations between English-speaking and French-speaking citizens is not just progress of a momentary nature but his fair to become permanent. — Le Haut Parleur, St. Hyacinthe, Que.

The Poet's Corner

WEEP NOT TODAY

Weep not today; why should this sadness be? Learn in present fears To o'ermaster those tears That unhindered conquer thee.

Think on thy past valour, thy future praise; Up, sad heart, nor faint In ungracious complaint Or a prayer for better days.

Daily thy life shortens, thy gravey dark pore; Draweth surely nigh. When good-night is good-bye, For the sleeping shall not cease.

Fight, to be found fighting; not far away. Deem not strange thy doom: Like this sorrow, 'twixt come, And the day will be today.

—Robert Bridges

The Age-Old Story

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. The entrance of Thy words giveth light, it giveth understanding unto the simple.

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