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

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Government And Charities

The danger to a private charitable organization of too great Government assistance was stressed by Health and Welfare Minister Matheson at the recent annual meeting of the P. E. I. Tuberculosis League.

The Government has only the taxpayer's money to spend and it is not to be wondered at if officials and members should expect to know just how the money is to be expended and exercise some control over the spending of it.

There is always the further difficulty of getting a sufficient number of enthusiastic volunteer workers to continue along with Government employees. This should not, properly, be a problem and in some cases is not, but it will be some time before any large section of the public will be happy about working for nothing alongside a paid Government official.

Oh, Spring!

Spring came to the City yesterday and shoppers thronged the streets in large numbers to take advantage of the Spring sales now in progress in many of the stores.

One citizen reckoned with the report of a snowfall out West that "it just couldn't last"; but no matter. To Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen it was a welcome change.

Here and there, there was evidence that the City was putting on its summer appearance. Grounds and street-sides were being raked and swept and the blots which give the reputation of being untidy and unkempt were being erased.

In the uptown shopping district it was just like mid-summer with police directing the steady flow of traffic and the shopping crowds, with purchases under their arms, weaving to and fro to their next place of destination.

According to the weather man today will be a repeat of yesterday and another opportunity for thrifty-minded citizens to enjoy shopping in real Spring-like weather.

To Honor Dead of Dieppe

Canadian soldiers killed at Dieppe, or who later died of wounds received in the historic assault on the channel port, are to be honored by a commemorative plaque to be erected in the Cathedral there.

Together with other monuments already erected, the plaque will serve to keep alive the memory of men who, for eight terrible hours on August 19, 1942, fought one of the bloodiest and costliest battles of the war.

There was no indication as to when the new memorial would be erected. That it has been proposed was revealed recently when Army Headquarters, Ottawa, was asked for a nominal roll of those who died in the raid for inclusion on the plaque.

U. S. Poultry Support Off

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced, unexpectedly, that for the first time in nine years there will be no support for 1950 crops of turkeys and chicken.

The Department never had to buy chickens to hold prices at support prices at support levels in the past. However, because of record-high peacetime marketings, only government buying kept prices of last year's turkey crop from sagging below the 31 cents a pound support level.

Effect of the withdrawal of supports on chicken prices is problematical. Most fresh chicken consumers are eating now are "broilers", which never were supported. Because of a quirk in the farm law, supports were limited to "farm chickens."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Premier Jones must enjoy being badgered about the Trans-Canada Highway route. His refusal to divulge the details, even after the agreement has been signed, is the best way of keeping public curiosity inflamed.

The directions to the United States forces in Germany to draft plans for requirements for a period of five years, should prove a stabilizing factor in the affairs of Europe and of the world.

The support price for butter is down by about five cents but if this should be a good summer for pasture, the dairyman will not be unduly disturbed by the drop. If it is not a good pasture year, the price should remain above the minimum anyway.

A recent decision of a California court upsetting a discriminatory State law as being in conflict with the U. N. charter, has no application in this country. In the United States a treaty with a foreign government is the over-riding law of the land.

Signora Luise Tetravzini died this date 1940. A native of Florence, she married Signor Bazelli, was educated at Liceo Musicale, Florence, under Signor Cecherini. She first appeared at the Teatro Verdi, Florence in 1895 and at Covent Garden in 1907, later touring in South America and Russia.

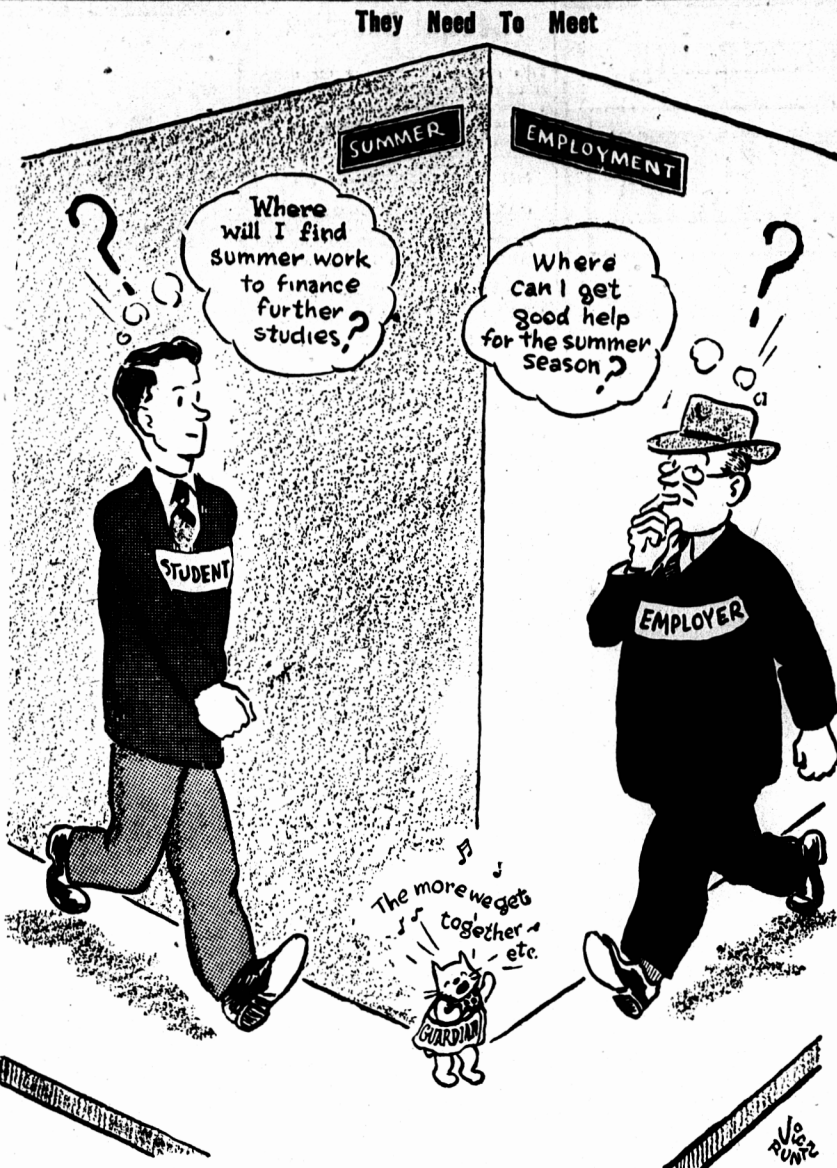
Today in Ottawa will open an international conference to consider changes in the regulations for loading of ships. Vast changes have come about in the techniques of ship construction since the publication of "Our Seamen" in 1872 by Samuel Plimsoll, M.P., led to the passing of the Merchant Shipping Act (1876).

Complete details of the new Trans-Canada Highway to be constructed in Ontario are given in the Ottawa papers, showing precisely where existing roads are being traversed, and where new sections are to be built. The public can follow the route mile by mile, and to aid them in doing so the Ontario Government has released the official map which was submitted when the agreement was signed, and which is being given wide publicity.

It is impossible to estimate the splendid work which has and is being accomplished by the P. E. I. Tuberculosis League. This voluntary organization has helped raise the health standard of our people and its far reaching achievements are a credit to its leaders. The report of the retiring president, Mr. Earl Taylor at Wednesday's 14th annual meeting gave some idea of the progress made the past several years.

Capital investment in Canada is likely to reach an all-time high this year, according to a prediction made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. More money will be invested in Canadian industry and both public and private developments in 1950 than in any previous year, and the Bureau estimates that capital investment of this nature will amount to no less than \$3,587,000,000.

Electricity from windmills easier than from tides. Sir W. Beach Thomas writing in The Spectator remarks: "While we are wrestling with 'the winds of windy March' that blow down the catkins, it is some satisfaction to hear that at long last a serious attempt is being made to use the power of the winds which is yet more freely wasted than the tides whose uselessness made Edison weep."



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.

LARRY GORMAN & FAMILY

Sir, - In a recent column of Pioneer Days in P.E.I. the writer quoted parts of a song by Larry Gorman and said he believed the author was a resident of Kings County. A patient in the Sanatorium makes a correction and states that Larry Gorman resided in Glengarry, a few miles from Bloomfield Station.

Here Larry Gorman, along with several brothers and sisters, grew up and attended the little school which was located on the site on which the Tyne Valley United Church now stands. They got what education they could in those early days of scant opportunities in the field of education; but they were a clever, gifted family, full of ready wit and well liked by all their neighbors.

As they grew to manhood, one by one they left the old home to seek their fortunes abroad. Thomas became an editor of the Ottawa Gazette. Two other brothers took up journalism; one was editor of a paper in Montreal, the other edited a paper in Toronto. The youngest brother went to California, and in all probability made good as did his brothers. James, the eldest brother, remained on the home-stead for a number of years after the death of his parents, where he with his family moved to the west-ern part of the Island. The sisters married and made homes for themselves in different parts of the Island. One was the wife of the late William Brown of Port Hill.

The mother of this splendid family was highly regarded by all who knew her - a kind motherly soul who was ready at all times to give a helping hand when needed. Many times she had to perform the duties of a mid-wife, where doctors were few and far between. She lived to a good old age - a centenarian; but even at that great age her mind was keen and alert and she could relate in a clear and vivid manner happenings of her young days, particularly an account of the Miramichi fire, when she, a young girl of fourteen, along with the other unfortunate residents of the place had to rush out into the water, waist deep to save themselves from being burned.

And now we come to the subject of this sketch, "Larry Gorman". He had a wonderful gift for composing songs, and any event or happening in the community was made the subject of his witty verse. He never failed to be a guest at all the parties, dances, frolics and such which made up the social life of those early days. It was "On with the dance, let joy be unconfined", and then a pause, when some one would be called on for a song - usually Larry would be sitting back, not seeming to be unduly interested in the proceedings, but at the conclusion of the party he would sing his song describing every thing and every

The Poet's Corner

THE UNCOURAGEOUS VIOLET

If God had given man the power To warn the blade and warn the flower, "Death is the guerdon of all that live" And they refrained - would they forgive?

Would daffodil the spring desert Because her golden ballet-skirt, Poised on a slim green-stockinged toe With the first pirouette, must go?

Would primrose lay aside her yellow Competition with her fellow? Would violet refuse to be Blue in spring's lapis-lazuli?

Would crocus timidly disclaim Her silver heart of candle flame? Would ragged-robin fail to make Her universal red mistake?

And if the smallest flower or weed Demands her bright specific need, And tenses death behind her stem, Are we too proud to learn from them?

Are we afraid to tell the sage (Who warns us) that the heritage Of certain death, which does not fret, The uncourageous violet,

We will accept and being heirs To his disorderly affairs, Will teach him that a gentleman Will spend his credit while he can? -Humbert Wolfe.

body who had a part in the evening's amusement. Sometimes there was a "bite" to his poetry and at such times his talent was more feared than admired.

These stories have been related by members of the last generation and snapshots of Larry's poetry which were heard in early life are still remembered. One in particular stuck in my memory as it described the lament of a young man who started life by keeping a bachelor's hall - I only remember parts of this little ditty -

"Come ladies all, both short, fat and tall And upon me you'll surely take pity For Bachelor's Hall is no place at all And the same - I'll explain in my ditty.

"I have a fine farm, and a house and a barn And a rich patch for raising tomatoes I spare no expense in building a fence To keep the pigs from the potatoes.

"The best of all yet is my new chamber set My bird cages and my canaries, A bowl and a jug and a fine thunder mug With flowers and stripes on the edges."

There were several more verses which I have forgotten but all turned out well for the bachelor. He became a successful farmer. Was twice married and had nineteen children. Larry left the Island and made his home in Ellsworth, Maine, and I presume he still continued to write poetry as was proven by his selections in "King Spruce". I am, Sir, etc. E. G. E. A Tyne Valley Resident.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

"BRING A PUNcheon"

"We would suggest, in the event of a fire again breaking out, to all persons who are possessed of a horse, truck and an empty puncheon, to fill the puncheon at the nearest pump to their residence, and immediately proceed to the scene of the destruction; as, in the event of the pumps in the vicinity of the fire 'sucking' (as occurred on Monday night at the fire in Mrs. Marchand's tenement on Dorchester Street) a long line has to be formed to the shore, and by the time a full bucket, on starting, reaches the engine, two thirds of it is split; whereas a puncheon could be drawn alongside the engine, and not a bucket of water would be lost in the transfer." -The Islander, Aug. 28, 1946.

Books Received

"Structure And Aims Of Canadian Education"-J. G. Althouse (W. J. Gage & Co. Ltd., Toronto, 77 pp. \$1.25) consists of the first series of lectures delivered at the University of Saskatchewan in April, 1949, inaugurating "The Quance Lectures in Canadian Education." Dr. Althouse is the Chief Director of Education for Ontario and his lectures provide a much needed authoritative review of Canadian public education.

"Canada And The United Nations, 1949"-The King's Printer, Ottawa, 320pp. .50 is the fourth in a series of reports on Canadian participation in the activities of the United Nations and its specialized agencies. It has been written as much for the student or specialist as for the general reader and treatment is analytical rather than merely factual. For those, and they should include all, who are interested in Canada's position on international questions this publication should prove decidedly enlightening.

FILMING PAKISTAN

KARACHI, Pakistan -(CP)- A director-cameraman from the March of Time, United States documentary film producer, is here making a film on Pakistan.

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Notes By The Way -

A Victoria dispatch quotes butchers in the capital city as saying that, presently, hamburger will be a dollar a pound. That will put hamburger in the position of cavalier. Instead of buying it by the pound, people may be expected to order it by the ounce. -Vancouver Province.

Compensation payments for war damage in Britain are now approaching some \$3 billion. The latest figures issued by the War Damage Commission show that during the past year another \$310 million have been paid for repairs and reconstruction. Compensation still averages \$3 million a week. This average is expected to continue for some time. -UK Information Offices.

Many workers remain efficient at 65 and after as is evidenced by the 2,800,000 men and women of this age group who are now employed. They produce about \$10,000,000,000 worth of goods a year, and if they had been laid off at 65 the cost to the country would have been about that much. In many instances company retirements at 65 have proved unhappy and harmful to the worker personally. They also increase the cost of government pensions. -Christian Science Monitor.

Who doesn't remember the end of the twenties when farmers could have sold their wheat on the open market at around \$1.50 but held on for \$2, only to see the wheat market slip slowly down to a mere \$2.20, lowest point on the Chicago exchange since 1942. Now we don't know what the cost is of producing a 50-pound bag of onions, but we rather imagine that \$5.06 would leave a pretty profit. -Leithbridge Herald.

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