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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Federation Of Agriculture

Tonight farmers will gather in school houses throughout the Province to take directly in their own hands for a short time the affairs of the Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture.

In the matter of potato growers' licenses, a largely representative meeting of farmers has already endorsed the Federation's stand on the matter of financing the Potato Marketing Board by a system of licenses, including licenses for the primary producer.

The agenda of the meetings includes other matters of interest to the farmers but it is not, of course, exclusive. Members may bring up any matter within the field of interest of the Federation and if enough of them take a stand on a matter it will become the policy of the Federation.

The meetings tonight, in short, decide for one year what the Federation shall be and what it will attempt to do.

Education's Role

In a recent commencement day address Mr. John Diefenbaker, M.P., made a strong defense of the importance of the humanities in the university curriculum and of the duty of the graduate to bring a trained mind to the appraisal and service of public affairs.

"Both these functions are essential if education in today's bewildered age is to reach its full promise. The purpose of studying the humanities is not simply to give oneself a fund of inner riches which life's rough passages can never erode.

"Mr. Diefenbaker, one of the most active members of Parliament, was able by his own example as well as by his actual admonition to remind his audience that public life has its consolations as well as its trials. The ultimate guarantee of civic freedom, as he made plain, is the alert interest in public affairs taken by citizens who are ready to resist the oldest conspiracy known to man—the conspiracy of the second-rate against the first-rate."

Farm Marketing Prospects

Canada's farm marketing prospects are discussed optimistically in a full-length article by Mr. H. G. L. Strange in the current issue of the Financial Post. The writer concludes that while the gross production of total foodstuffs in Canada is now almost at its maximum, because much more arable land does not exist, on the other hand the demand for agricultural products will steadily increase, resulting in a steady rise in open market prices which should bring greater and greater prosperity to those who are fortunate enough to own Canadian farms and be able to work them.

The United States and Canada are cited as the most noteworthy instances where there are more than sufficient non-agricultural industries available to give employment to all the people who care to leave farms. Today American and Canadian agriculture requires the work of about 18 per cent only of their population in the U. S. and 22 per cent in Canada. It takes about 2 1/2 acres per person to supply the needs for food of people who live on a level comparable to these countries.

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Britain's vast amount of industries and manufacturers making goods for export. Canada, however, has no less than 8 acres per person, and can grow crops on about 5 1/2 acres per person which she does not need herself and so can offer for export. Very little increase in population, however, will soon make Canada self-consuming in all agricultural products with the single exception of wheat. The writer calculates that Canada produces, on the average, each year enough wheat to supply flour and bread for no less than 80 million people. After our own population of 14 million has been supplied, we must find a foreign market of no less than 66 million people to buy our wheat.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Charlottetown welcomes the visiting training ship, H.M.C.S. Brockville. The rapid expansion of the Royal Canadian Navy in case of emergency depends upon these reservists who largely comprise the officers and ship's company.

However criminal it may have been for a Montrealeur to hold up a branch bank at Ile Perrot, it was no disgrace to be routed by a female cashier armed with a broom. Many a man before him has blenched at the prospect of such an onslaught.

A pre-election session of Parliament opens Thursday and no doubt the various parties will strive to out-do one another in the matter of glowing promises. Whether the Canadian people can afford to make all the beautiful presents to themselves will probably be ignored.

It is no surprise that the prize winner in a crowd shooting competition should easily shoot his daily bag limit of geese. If others would follow the example of the youthful Kensington marksman they would find that shooting geese is a sport calling for a high degree of craft and marksmanship as well as being a community service.

The seemingly purposeless fighting in Korea certainly calls for an effort of explanation to the soldiers who are bearing the brunt of it. At simplest it is necessary to keep the aggressors out of South Korea while having available the greatest possible area south of the Manchurian border in which United Nations aircraft may operate.

The increasing number of fractures resulting from elbows protruding from car windows has made an American military doctor suggest that car windows should be too high or too low to lean the elbow on comfortably. Sideswiping by trucks is the principal cause of this type of injury, he indicated. It is impractical to look for such a change, however, until mechanical signals for turning and stopping are more generally accepted.

The winning of the coveted Brethour trophy at the Royal Winter Fair by Mr. Andrew Bain, of French River, was no isolated achievement, as most of the other top awards for prime quality bacon fell to other Island exhibitors. Our Dairy Calf Club also distinguished itself, as did Mr. Edison Mutch with his champion Jersey bull. Prize winning at the Royal pays big publicity dividends, and this year our Island exhibitors are indeed to be congratulated on the showing made.

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Addition To The Family



The Poet's Corner

BLOWS THE WIND TODAY

Blows the wind today, and the sun and the rain are flying, Blows the wind on the moors today and now, Where about the graves of the martyrs the whaups are crying, My heart remembers how!

Grey recumbent tombs of the dead in desert places, Standing stones on the vacant wine-red moor, Hills of sheep, and the homes of the silent vanished races, And winds austere and pure;

Be it granted to me to behold you again in dying, Hills of home! and to hear again the call; Hear about the graves of the martyrs the peewees crying, And hear no more at all.

-R. L. Stevenson.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.) EXHIBITION BUILDINGS

"In the report submitted to the Legislature at the late session by the Commissioners for managing the Provincial Exhibition, as well as in that of Mr. Longworth, the Special Commissioner representing the Government at the St. John Exhibition, attention is called to the great want of permanent exhibition grounds and buildings in this Province, where live stock could be properly sheltered and fed, and carriages, sleighs, machinery and farm implements of all kinds placed under cover. As situated at present, we are dependent upon the courtesy of the Department of Militia for the use of the Drill Shed in which are shown textile fabrics, butter, cheese, vegetables, etc., while our live stock, wagons, sleighs and agricultural machinery requiring a large amount of room, may be found perhaps in another part of the town. There is also the great inconvenience arising from the want of proper shelter, food and water for the cattle, as well as from the rush consequent upon the Exhibition being necessarily confined to one day in a building too small for the purpose.

"Had we permanent grounds and buildings, there is no reason why the Exhibition should not remain open for at least one week. The beauty and fertility of our Island, the high character of our stock, and the varied productions of our farmers are inducements which could not fail in attracting large numbers of visitors from the rest of Canada and the United States, where the fame of the 'Garden of the Gulf' is by no means unknown. Another result would doubtless be a large increase in the number of exhibits of all classes, and possibly a fairer and more careful inspection by the judges, who are now too much hurried to give proper attention to this important work."

The Age-Old Story Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

WESTON, England.—(CP)—Orphans and other children under the care of the East Suffolk council in future will receive birthday gifts at public expense. In the past staff members of the homes bought the gifts themselves.

Notes By The Way

We wonder if the ladies meaning that mylons don't last long ever think of grandma who knitted stockings to last a year, or two years with darning.—Ottawa Journal.

After 25 years as a poultry dealer, a North Carolina man has learned he's allergic to chickens. Doubtless that left him so surprised any one could have knocked him over with a feather.—Windsor Star.

The concept that helicopters require wings to glide to the ground in the event of engine failure is completely erroneous. The rotor itself acts as a wing, and permits the helicopter to glide in what is called autorotation—the principle used in the auto-gyro. In effect, the helicopter becomes an autogyro when power fails. The helicopter fuselage is the maple seed that sinks slowly to the ground and not the plummeting acorn.—From a letter by Canadian Aircraft Co.

Successful merchants of an earlier era didn't use a lot of catchwords and fancy phrases to dress up an ordinary service as something extra, done out of sheer love for all mankind. He won custom and retained it by giving good, courteous service, not by emoting all over the place about what a fine fellow he was. We could do with a little more of that kind of public relations nowadays — and that goes for governments as well as business.—Victoria Colonist.

From the sporting angle it is to be said that the man who can get within range and bring down a crow is proving his skill in much more generous proportion than he who shoots a partridge often standing on the ground at short range. The crow is wily, alert and difficult to follow. Often he can be seen only on the wing so that bringing him down in flight becomes a genuine accomplishment in marksmanship.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

It costs money to afford the luxury of a colony. It costs money to add another province, as we are finding out from the Newfoundland experience. Newfoundland's entry into Canada may have been the finger of manifest destiny; affiliation of Bermuda with Canada is neither destined nor manifest. The Ottawa Journal says that Canada has an "inescapable moral obligation" towards the British West Indies colonies. We feel no such obligation, moral, immoral; and suggest that if there were one Canada might justifiably make it her business to escape it.—Peterborough Examiner.

Some hard words have been said about the U. S. State Department and its handling of affairs in the Middle East, but chalk it up with a solid plus score for its organization of the unique airlift that took thousands of Moslem pilgrims from Beirut to Mecca. To those who know little of the Moslem religion, it is hard to realize the importance of this pilgrimage to Mecca. Every true Moslem is required to make it once before he dies, and at a certain time of the year. Many of those whom the U. S. airmen whisked on a magic carpet to their goal were old men, who had been saving all their lives for this trip. To fail in this Mecca pilgrimage is a cardinal sin to the Moslems.—Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

You may have noticed a recent news item which concerned the killing of a goat near Victoria. The animal was found with its throat slit on Hillowen, some 200 yards from the barn where it had been housed. Many who were shocked by this apparently meaningless outrage may be satisfied by the routine announcement that Saanich police are investigating. But students of crime and dark ritual may stir with premonitions of deeper lurking evils. Hillowen does not mark only the Christian festival of All Saints Day. It is also the Vigil of Saman, when the wicked souls are called together by the Lord of Death. And centuries before St. Augustine trod Britain's ancient roads Druids on this very night slaughtered animals to placate the gods. Do the Saanich police know this?—Vancouver Sun.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer

EFFECTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Results of another survey have reached me. This one was conducted by Columbia University which during its long and honoured history has investigated practically everything in the field of human relations. The basic question of their latest inquiry was "What happens to College graduates?" About ten thousand graduates were interviewed in the course of the survey. I have made a brief digest of some of the findings.

Economically, college graduates are apparently better off than those who finished their formal education in High School. At least, they earn, on the average, considerably more money. Perhaps one reason for this is that they lose less time from their work through sickness. Anyway, the report shows that men for man and woman for woman graduates have fewer serious sicknesses and diseases. No suggestion was made as to why this is so.

We have been told for some time now that colleges, especially the State supported institutions, are not on the whole favourable to religion. And there is no doubt that many a young man, while walking on the college campus, has wandered away from his childhood religious impressions.

It came as a bit of a surprise to me that, according to this survey, college graduates attend Church more often than other people. Of course, people go to Church for all sorts of reasons, and in fact of the habit may not always indicate a strong robust faith. But usually, I fancy, there is some connection between the two. So perhaps a college is not such a bad place after all.

Of the various professions which absorb graduates, that of medicine is the most attractive from a financial standpoint. At any rate, that is where the best steady incomes come from. The least attractive is the ministry. Something over 50% of the doctors interviewed earn more than \$7000.00 a year. The same proportion of the clergy get less than \$2500.

A common opinion among lawyers is that most of them are money grabbers and that their fees are limited, only by what the traffic will bear. This survey gives no evidence to such an unkind view. On the whole they are far below the doctors in monetary rewards and some of them are only about enough to keep them out of the court of bankruptcy.

But, before any of my readers fall into tears over the sad plight of the poor lawyers, I hasten to inform them that some legal lights are among the highest paid people in the world, or so the report shows. On balance, therefore, lawyers are not too badly off.

Politicians, too, have come in for a lot of censure on account of their alleged avarice. Much of this censure is clearly unjustified. The survey found it extremely difficult to make a comprehensive financial report on this group because many politicians, including some of the more distinguished ones, have never been to college. But among those who have the income figures are not particularly impressive. In fact, they would almost indicate that the average politician is only ahead of the proverbial chook mouse in financial affluence. About the only thing that saves the situation for many of them is their ability to look prosperous.

For some time I had been half persuaded to offer my services to the electorate. After reading this report I am of the opinion that I should be much better off as a sam.

The best field for graduates, in the sense that they can always be reasonably sure of being well placed, appears to be Engineering in its various branches. This comes as no surprise in view of the technological emphasis in present day commerce and industry.

Speaking of commerce, the report shows that a college education is not at all necessary to success in business. The most mediocre student is just as well off in this respect as I find this a bit puzzling. I should imagine that a good grounding in the liberal arts would be just as useful in a grocery or hardware as anywhere.

But what's the use of arguing with a Columbia survey? It would be no more profitable than tilting at windmills, fighting against the gods, and so forth.

The section of the report dealing with the political bias of graduates has, it seems to me, interesting sociological significance. Those earning less than \$4000. a year are more often than not classified as Democratic, Liberal, Socialist, etc. Those whose take home pay comes to more than that are usually in the opposite political camp. In the States they would be called Republican. In Canada they would rejoice in being known as Conservatives. At least that is the deduction made by this report.

Needless to say, there are many exceptions to this general rule. There are many highly paid people who swear by Liberal political philosophy just as there are many poverty stricken Conservatives. A survey cannot be expected to quote any but average figures.

Finally, if a young American new his mind all made up to get ahead in one or other of the professions, Harvard and Yale in that order. For a Columbia report this is startling indeed. It shows, if it shows anything at all, that the researchers were not overwhelmed with pride in Columbia. At least, their pride was not enough to permit any dishonest handling of facts and figures. Any day now I shall expect to read that a committee of Dalhousie has recommended attendance at Toronto.

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