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Flood Of Paper

The Federal Government's printing and stationery bill for 1950-51 will be in the vicinity of \$13 million. In 1938-39 the cost of Ottawa's printing and stationery was about \$2.5 million.

The trouble with a lot of government publications is that they cover, as a rule, events that are no longer news. Seldom do the blue-covered documents contain information that is useful to newspaper editors.

The only way to curb government extravagance and waste in printing and publishing is to compile a list of all official documents, reports and publications. No such list is at present available.

Rhodes Scholarships

Former Rhodes scholars have made their mark in every part of the Commonwealth. They have been selected on the basis of their qualities of leadership rather than pure scholarship.

November 1st is the deadline for applications and successful candidates will proceed to two or possibly three years at Oxford or other recognized university.

It will be interesting to observe whether this change will make any notable difference in the qualities of citizenship of graduates. It would seem that the older favorites, history and law, brought out the capacity for public service.

"We The People Of England"

The editor of the London trade paper "Tailor and Cutter" has delivered what is intended to be a devastating blast against men's clothes as worn in the United States.

The duty of Canada, in this unprovoked attack on a neighbour, is plain. We must with all diligence come to the aid of the American male, and also convince the aggressor that its attack is not backed up by anything like the majority of Englishmen.

It is only necessary to look at English school children, dressed in what amounts to a severely cut uniform until they reach the age of discretion, to realize that no true Briton would ever think of sloppy and colorful clothes as being a sign of immaturity.

It would seem that what at first appears to be national aggression is merely a successor to the protocol of the three tailors of Tooley Street.

Tax-Collectors Can Be Wrong

Since time immemorial the lot of the tax-gatherer has been hard. His function of extracting money from an unwilling public has earned for him a disagreeable reputation. The unpopularity which he "enjoys" can only be ameliorated by the fairness and reasonableness with which he discharges his duties.

Rules presently followed by the Income Tax authorities in Canada, especially in respect of tax appeals, must serve only to increase the unpopularity of the tax-gatherers. Certainly their insistence that, coincident with the launching of an appeal, the full tax claims must be paid without await-

ing the appeal's outcome, is not calculated to impress the public with the Income Tax Division's sense of what is fair and just. People who appeal the rulings of the Income Tax Division usually do so in the conviction that taxes assessed are unduly high, and that the assessing authorities erred in imposing them.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Hospital Bazaar closes tonight.

Tomorrow, the 19th Sunday after Trinity.

The Island welcomes the consular and embassy representatives of France.

This is the end of Fire Prevention Week but the need for remembering its lessons is unabated.

The present slight decline in meat prices is reasonable, but could easily become a new trend if the supply of money in this country continues to outstrip production.

Average weekly pay in Canada in non-farm industries reached its highest point at August 1st. (The Bureau of Statistics). Farmers are not doing so badly either.

Emigrants from here to U. S. A. must now have visas as well as passports. Transients are exempt from the visas—which means vacationists and others of that ilk may spend their dollars there as usual.

Most of us are not much concerned about how many years it is since the last ice age, but we are interested to find out how long it will be before we have a summer like California's winter.

The Little Theatre's change of vehicle from one-act to three-act plays means more complete and satisfactory evenings for their fans, but at the expense of adding, perhaps excessively, to the burden borne by active members.

The P. E. I. Librarians have been making a survey of the historic documents and other relics, etc., in public and private possession, and suggest that a more comprehensive and effective survey could be conducted with the help of the Women's Institutes. No doubt the suggestion will find favour in the ears of the Institutes.

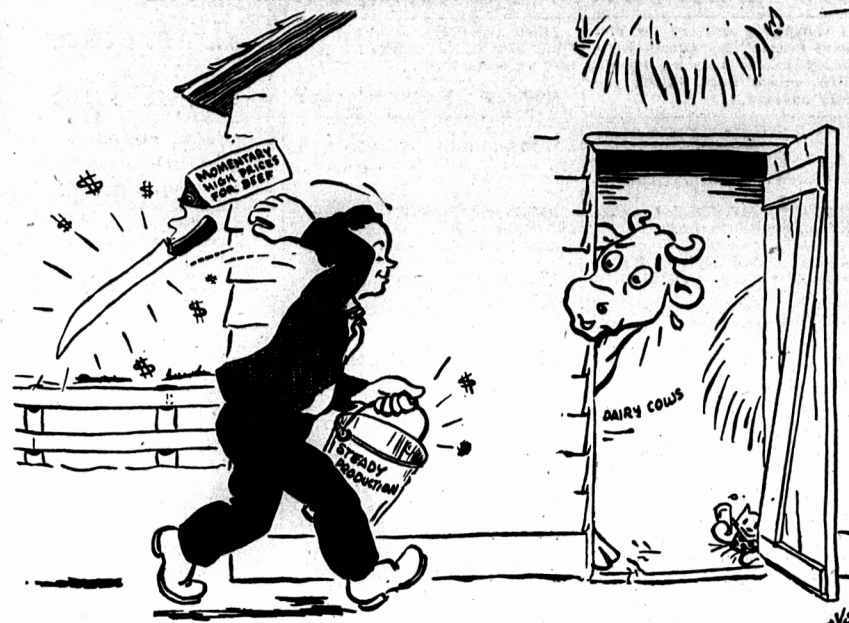
Mr. W. R. Shaw, M.B.E., is being commended for his handling of the potato situation before Federal Agriculture Minister Gardiner. Certainly no one knows the subject better than Mr. Shaw or could handle it more effectively. But Mr. Gardiner has the last word in presenting the case before the Cabinet, and his attitude so far has been non-committal.

Too much importance should not be attached to the statistics relating to the increased production of margarine, and the decrease in the production of butter. The former is largely dependent on earlier weather and market conditions, while the latter can be readily turned out to suit current conditions. For good creamery butter as for good butcher meat, there will always be a steady demand at remunerative prices.

William Penn, English colonizer, born this date 1644. He was the son of Admiral Sir W. Penn, and became a Quaker in 1667. He suffered for his religious independence, and emigrated to America where he founded the present State of Pennsylvania. He was a successful immigration agent and moral force but a poor financier with the result he got into administrative difficulties, and had to mortgage the colony—the equivalent today of floating loans.

Mr. Raymond R. Camp, editor of the Wood, Field and Stream section of the New York Times, has been here shooting, and this is what he tells his readers back home: "When you find a place where the people are hospitable, the accommodations and the food excellent, shooting conditions perfect, and the Hungarian partridge plentiful almost to the point of abundance, you really should keep it a deep secret. But this is one of those secrets that should be shared. The Hun shooting is not a new thing here. A dozen pairs of the birds were introduced about twenty-five years ago, and apparently the climate, cover and food were just what they needed, for they thrived and multiplied."

Let's Not Kill The Cow That Gives The Golden Butter



Old Charlottetown

Legislative Assembly, March 5, 1856: Hon. Mr. Coles, Colonial Secretary, called attention to the necessity which existed of providing another wharf in Charlottetown, where the Hillsborough ferry boat could have a secure and convenient landing. The want of a proper slip at the old Queen's wharf is much felt, and the want of the wharf suffered from accommodation. He thought it impossible to construct a good landing place at this wharf, as the shippings, usually moored there, would be much interfered with. But he considered that the end of Prince Street would be a most eligible site.

Hon. Mr. Montgomery, in approving the suggestion, said complaints were uncessantly made about the want of proper accommodation at the wharf at present used. The interruption between both sides of the Hillsborough had now become very extensive; a large section of the population, living on both sides, were interested in keeping up an intercourse as free from obstruction as possible.

Hon. Mr. Palmer said that Prince Street had the advantage of being directly opposite the ferry on the other side. It had been objected that it was not sufficiently adjacent to the places of business, but the establishment of the landing there would speedily attract business to the locality. The ferry boat plying at Prince Street would have the additional advantage of being free from the delays which arose from vessels tacking and changing their positions near the western wharves. Mr. Reddin's offer, though at first it appeared economical, would on examination be found not to be so. The rent he asked was equal to the interest of \$700 or \$800, and the difference between that and the estimated amount for the new wharf was really not very material when it was considered that the Government would have full control.

Hon. Mr. Wightman said he had heard that Mr. Peake had offered a site between Mr. Tremain's wharf and the old Steam Mill, which he considered a very suitable place. If it were not accepted he would vote in favour of Great George Street. A wharf at the end of Prince Street would be very much exposed; nothing could withstand the run of ice in the spring of the year. It would, moreover, involve the necessity of building 50 or 100 feet more than would be required at Great George Street, and they should consider whether they would give \$1,400 or \$1,500 for a work liable to be carried away at any moment. Mr. Cooper was in favour of accepting the offer of a ferry slip on the sheltered western side of Mr. Reddin's wharf. He considered \$1,500 too low an estimate for the cost of the Prince Street wharf. Mr. Yeo did not see why they should refuse Mr. Reddin's offer; he considered its acceptance would be a benefit to the country generally. They could give it up if it was found to be a losing affair. Meanwhile they could be building a substantial wharf, perhaps of stone. Hon. Mr. Longworth admitted the liberality of Mr. Reddin's proposal, but deemed it inadvisable to engrat public upon private property. He was in favour of Prince Street, although some of his con-

The Busy Cow

(Globe and Mail) That cow resting in the back pasture must live the life of Riley—nothing to do and all day to do it in. Come the cold weather, and into a stall she goes to have her feed brought to her. The milking chore she placidly leaves to someone else. People who work forty to forty-four hours a week might envy such a life of luxurious idleness. Evidently the question bothered scientists in New Zealand's Agriculture Department. They studied 2,000 cow-days to find out how Bossie put in her time so as not to feel bored. She works practically a forty-nine hour week grazing, a process which causes her to walk between twelve and thirteen miles. She spends another fifty-five hours or so chewing the cud, at the

The Age-Old Story

Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out. rate of fifty bites a minute. That leaves only sixty-six hours to loaf and sleep. Besides, she has a seven-day week. Who wouldn't be a cow? By these tokens, who would?

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The Poet's Corner

SONNET We whisper, we have found the place Of silence and the endless halls of sleep. Of that which breathes alone throughout the deep The end and the beginning; and the face Between the level brows of whose blind eyes Lie plenary contentment, full surcease Of violence, and the passionless long peace Wherein we lose our human lullabies. Look up and tell the immeasurable height Between the vault of the world and your dear head; That's death, my little sister, and the night Which was our Mother beckons us to bed. Where large oblivion in her house is laid For us tired children, now our games are played. —Hilaire Belloc.

Notes By The Way — Marriage is a serious business affecting not only the participants but the whole community. There was some argument to support the Ontario Marriage Act of 1950 which made it possible for those who had no religious beliefs to have a ceremony performed by a judge or magistrate. Obviously it was mockery to invoke religious rites on behalf of those to whom they meant nothing. But it was surely the hope of those responsible for the act that there should be some ceremony in connection with even a civil marriage, and that the responsibility of the participants to one another, their children, and the community should be emphasized. — London Free Press.

Known hazards, a motorist can be on his guard against. But the course and the intention of the carefree cyclist is nothing to bet on, impossible to guess at. Too often it is a source of disaster against which the most cautious driver is not proof. The skittering child on the bike has all the joyous swoop of a bird but none of the bird's traffic savvy. He has a cat's agility and a cat's innocent belief in his nine lives. But "child" is a term loosely used because the teen-ager and even grown-ups show a wondrous disregard for their own safety. At times they even have an edge on the younger cyclist in this respect. — Regina Leader-Post.

Grammar is more than a system of rules for the use of the English language; it is a mental discipline which leads toward clarity of thought. If a man understands the use of a language, he is not likely to slip into the vague and foolish writing which is so common, and so infuriating, today. The question which is always at the back of his mind is not "How am I saying it?" but "What am I saying?" And his ear becomes sensitive not only to grammatical niceties, but to niceties of reason and expression. The sensitive ear — the output of a sensitive intellect and a sensitive conscience — is too rare in Canada today. Those who have it have acquired it, in all likelihood, at home. Our educational system not merely neglects it, but is hostile towards it. And for that the directors and heads of that system must bear the blame. — Peterborough Examiner.

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