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The Late Mr. Wright

When Hon. Horace Wright retired from the Government and Legislature in 1949 to become chairman of the newly established Workmen's Compensation Board, the Liberal Party lost one of its strongest champions, and the House a veteran parliamentarian of the old school.

Mr. Wright was a man of untiring energy, a diligent student of public affairs, and an able champion of the causes he espoused.

Change Around

The multiple exchange of duties amongst Provincial officials occasioned by the illness of Mr. Horace Wright who passed away yesterday, means a certain amount of lost efficiency.

The temporary appointees gain by acquiring further qualifications which may mean future advancement and, more important, the Government service gains by having available experienced officials who may be utilized in posts which must be filled because of change of policy or otherwise.

Although Ottawa has deliberately made a practice of shifting personnel between Departments, it is unlikely that anything but the needs of the moment influenced the present shuffle.

Rates Case Deferred

While welcoming the decision of the Transport Board to defer hearings in the Equalization of Rates case until March 5, the Winnipeg Free Press expresses surprise that the Board did not make it weeks ago.

The reasons why this case should be deferred, says our Winnipeg contemporary, were presented to the Federal government at Ottawa in December and were stated again publicly by several of the Provincial Governments a week or two ago.

The reasons against holding hearings at the present time have been stated publicly on numerous occasions. Since the Equalization case was ordered, the Turgeon Royal Commission on Transportation has carried out a full dress inquiry into many phases of railway operations.

recommendations not only in the particular field of equalization but with respect to the make-up and functions of the Transport Board itself.

The Transport Board, belatedly, has seen the force of this argument and enlarged its hearings until March 5. It did not do so, however, until the three Prairie Provinces intimated, through their counsel, that if the Board persisted in its course, these Provinces would boycott the hearings.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Feast of St. Vincent.

One trouble follows another for the police here to clear up—first an old man's death then a baby's.

The Provincial Department of Public Works has lost a faithful and competent official in the death of Mr. Roy MacBeth, who was widely known and esteemed throughout the Province.

It's an ill wind that blows no good. The relatively slow rate of potato shipments at least has enabled the railway to supply the necessary cars when demanded.

Probably never previously have so many roads been in such good shape in an Island winter. Farmers have been making full use of their opportunity to truck even over back-field wood roads.

Evidently Premier Jones is setting the Provincial House in order preliminary to his going up higher. He has made good selections so far as promotions and rearrangement of duties are concerned.

The United States delegate to the U.N. in referring to that august body as a scared rabbit was certainly over-stating his case, but the picture of terrified immobility should serve as a highly effective stimulus to action in self-preservation.

The seed grain survey of the Provincial Department of Agriculture reveals a shocking condition in this branch of agriculture. Now that the worst is known, however, measures to correct the situation can, and must, be taken and backed up by every grower.

The selection of Mr. R. R. Hurst for the presidency of the P. E. I. Agricultural Council is well-deserved and in the best interests of the organization. Mr. Hurst is a disciplined thinker, worker and investigator, and for many years has been spreading the gospel of scientific research in his profession.

Women's auxiliaries to the three branches of the nation's armed forces may be in uniform again sooner than one thinks. The government has given the subject favorable consideration, and is on the verge of announcing that the gentler sex will step again into the role it filled so well in the late fracas.

Family allowances figures indicate that the number of children from birth to sixteen years has increased from 33,384 in December 1949 to 34,195 last year, a jump of almost eight hundred in twelve months. If a substantial number can be induced to remain in the Province and build up its fisheries, agricultural and industrial potential this Island will prosper as never before.

Louis XVI of France beheaded this date 1793. He started his reign well by encouraging reforms, but was later influenced by his wife Marie Antoinette to enter upon a campaign of extravagance, both personally, in his court and in his ministry.

Today marks the fiftieth anniversary of the death of the beloved Queen Victoria, whose long reign of over sixty-four years saw, among other things, the Dominion of Canada grow from a group of scattered colonies to a strong confederation under the British flag.



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'S POEMS

Sir, — I enjoy the many parts of your paper, but especially those about Larry Gorman's songs. My late husband used to sing the one you published in your issue of Jan. 16, but it was slightly different. He learned it from his uncle who had spent many winters in the Maine lumber woods.

RURAL READER

Morell, P. E. I. (Enclosure) Come all you young fellows of Prince Edward Island, Come listen to me and I'll tell you the truth;

EGG PRICES

Sir,—Listening to a broadcast on Tuesday, Jan. 16, I noticed the paying price to the farmer in Charlottetown for Grade A large eggs was 35 cents. The retail price to the consumer was 55. Why such a price spread?

On Saturday night, Jan. 13, I received a price list from a wholesale egg concern in Charlottetown which was issued on Jan. 12 paying the Egg Stations on the Island the following prices, delivered Charlottetown by express or highway transport:

Grade A Large 40c Grade A Medium 38c Grade A Pullet 34c Grade B's 34c Grade C's 24c

I am enclosing the price list for your confirmation. It would seem the egg concerns must have a profit of 5 cents per dozen, and the retailers in Charlottetown another 10, or vice versa.

If the Egg Grading Station could make such a profit it would be a good paying proposition, or the farmers. Now let us take the other end of it.

The express from the west, Tignish to O'Leary, is around 77 cents per hundred, — 1-2 cents per dozen. New shock costs 50 cents per case not made up; cost of nails and making cases will bring them to 2 cents per dozen. Trays, \$2.00 or \$2.75 delivered to your station, another cent per dozen.

Making a total of 4-1-2 cents per dozen. This is to come off of the 40 cents, leaving a net price of 35-1-2 cents to the Egg Station. Then the Egg Station operator must pay heating charges, also wages to an egg grader, and at this time of year when eggs are scarce, it costs 3 times as much to operate as in peak production. He should have then 1 cent clear profit on the eggs anyway. In all fairness it would be impossible for him to pay any more than 35 cents per dozen to the producer but

Old Charlottetown

QUEEN VICTORIA'S DEATH

On this date fifty years ago, the momentous news was received of the death of Queen Victoria. On the following morning, January 23, 1901, a largely attended public meeting was held in the Legislative Chamber of the Provincial Building in Charlottetown, called by Premier Farquharson to discuss the steps to be taken in order fittingly to commemorate Her Majesty's demise.

Soviet Schizophrenia

Moscow newspapers have been waxing enthusiastically over the Russian government's decision to complete the Volga-Don canal in 1951 two years ahead of plan. They have good reason to be proud. Russia's efforts in opening up new industries have been as remarkable since the war as they were before it.

MOSTLY FOREIGN

United States exports and imports carried in American flag ships were less than 30 per cent of the total in 1950.

many stations work on 5 cents spread from the delivered price in Charlottetown; that is if the price is 40c, they pay 35c.

This is not fair competition and it should be investigated and the prices at the other end brought in line at the producing end of it.

I am, Sir, etc. REG'D. STATION P.2. Bloomfield Station.

The Poet's Corner

TO QUEEN VICTORIA

Her court was pure; her life serene; God gave her peace; her land reposed; A thousand claims to reverence closed In her as Mother, Wife, and Queen;

The Age-Old Story

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

COMPLETE VISUAL REFRACTION and ANALYSIS

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Notes By The Way

Since the western hemisphere has become the more powerful one the general tendency has been for all events and attitudes to be interpreted in its terms. What the West cannot understand about the other half of the world has been libelous mystical and obscure.

Trees, it seems, are sacrificed in Vancouver for any reason or no reason; to make a bus zone or a parking place; to give easier access to a gas station; because they interfere with trolley wires or telephone wires; because their roots interfere with drains or heavy sidewalks; or merely because somebody does not like them.

In spite of all the evidence of the best naturalists to the contrary we insist on believing that upon Candlemas Day, which falls on or about the second of February, the groundhog comes out of his winter habitation underground, observes the state of the weather, governs himself accordingly, and upon what he does the nature of the weather for the succeeding two months or so largely, if not entirely, depends.

William Miller, who flourished more than a century ago in Massachusetts proclaimed, on the basis of his interpretation of Old Testament prophecies, that the world would end on October 22, 1844.

Morell, P. E. I. (Enclosure) Come all you young fellows of Prince Edward Island, Come listen to me and I'll tell you the truth;

It's true, my dear boys, I've made lots of money, But the curse of all bushmen fell on me also;

You talk of your laws! By the mother of Moses, I've seen better laws 'mong the heathen Chinese,

Where a man takes a drink and in silence reposes, Beneath the cool shade of a mulberry tree.

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