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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew" "The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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No Time To Let Up

It will come as a disappointment to those interested in the swine breeding industry in this Province that Prince Edward Island will not be represented in the competition this year for the Todd and Brethour Trophies at the Royal Winter Fair.

That increasing dominance in competition was reflected in widespread interest in breeding stock from this Province, so that throughout this country and the United States breeders sought for our Yorkshires as a foundation for their own herds.

A year ago, unfortunately, warnings were being sounded on every hand about the removal of price support at year's end and the dire straits that swine producers would be in when that took place.

There is too much of the "in again, out again" attitude towards swine breeding, helped no doubt by the fact that it is possible to build up herds much more rapidly than is the case with cattle.

Energy And Prosperity

The whole concept of energy, whether as motive power or fuel, has undergone drastic changes within the memory of the greater part of the population. The term "horse power", first used by James Watt in the 18th century, has lost its original significance for a generation to whom a tractor is a more familiar sight than a horse.

Our physical standard of living, points out the Canadian Bank of Commerce commercial letter, is gauged to an increasing extent by the efficiency with which the pulling of a switch or a lever, or the pressing of a push button is translated into the desired amount of heat, light or motive power.

An accompanying chart indicates clearly the close relationship between the total use of energy and the general level of economic activity: the steady rise in the pre-depression years 1926-29, the sharp drop to 1933, the revival to 1937, and the recession of 1938, the steady climb until 1945 when the declining war-time production had not yet been replaced by reconstruction.

The shifting importance of the various components is hardly less remarkable than the increase in the aggregate. At the beginning of the period, 1926, coal and coke was preponderantly the most important

source of energy, 82 per cent, with petroleum (12.3 per cent), natural gas (2 per cent), and water power (3.7 per cent) supplying the balance. By 1952 coal was still the largest single source with just over 45 per cent, but was being rapidly overtaken by petroleum with just under 42 per cent, while water power had risen to 9 per cent and natural gas to just over 4 per cent.

Social Credit Test

The fledgling Social Credit Government of British Columbia will shortly undergo its first trial of strength since it won a general election last June. In Victoria, the provincial capital, on November 24 Mr. Gunderson, the Minister of Finance, will seek a seat in the Legislature.

Premier Bennett, notes the Winnipeg Free Press, has publicly predicted that Mr. Gunderson, his right-hand man, will receive the largest majority ever polled in Victoria. But it is indicated that the C. C. F., the official Opposition in the Legislature, the Liberal and the Conservative Parties intend to make a strong fight to defeat Mr. Gunderson and thus to strike a blow at the Government.

Their difficulties have been greatly increased by the recent abolition of the alternative vote, used in the general election. It was this form of voting which defeated Mr. Gunderson who, on the count of first-choice ballots of Oak Bay, received more than any opponent. As he did not receive a majority of all ballots the second and third choices were counted and a Liberal, Mr. Archie Gibbs, was declared elected.

Mr. Bennett has made sure that this will not happen again by suddenly asking the Legislature to abolish alternative voting and re-establish the old system. This the Legislature has done. With three opponents dividing the anti-Government ballots Mr. Gunderson could thus win in Victoria on a small minority vote and his chances seem good.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The returning members of the 27th Brigade have been Canada's ambassadors to Europe and should now prove a fruitful source of information about conditions and attitudes there.

United States A-bombs in Spain are, it seems, as non-existent as figurative castles in that country. Although it would be easy to point out features of similarity it will certainly be a long time before the two evoke similar reactions.

The convenience of Souris as a base for fishing operations was illustrated by the numerous druggers that sheltered there during a recent storm. Proximity to the fishing grounds, combined with good transportation facilities should practically assure the growth of the already important operations in that port.

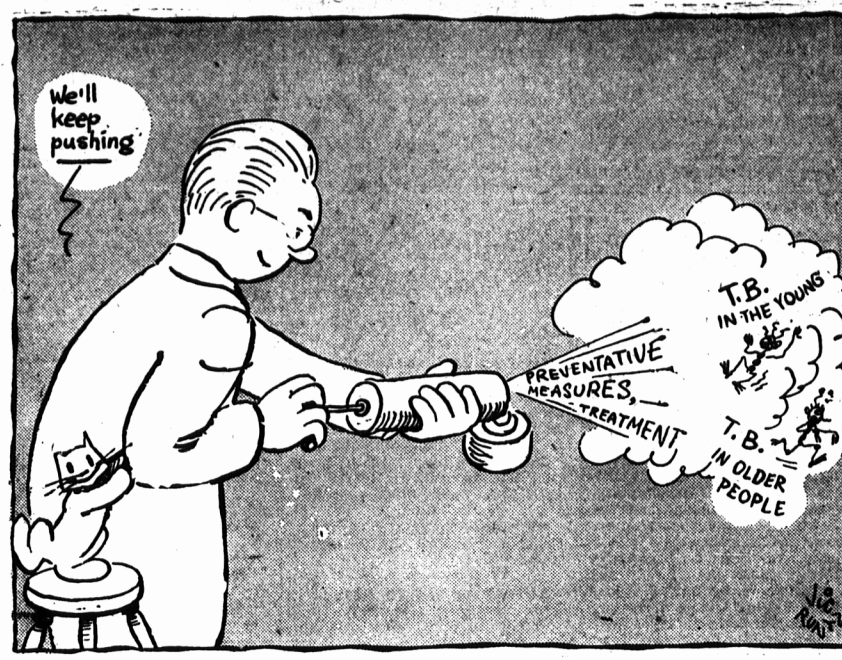
No longer will Red terrorists be safe when they retreat from Malaya into Thailand. That country has proclaimed a state of emergency along her border and has given British Malayan forces the right to pursue the fleeing terrorists across the line.

Martin Luther, German reformer and translator of the Bible, was born this date 1483. He has been called the "Founder of Protestant Civilisation." He took holy orders and was a notable teacher and writer. On Oct. 31, 1517 he nailed his famous ninety-five propositions to his church door at Wittenburgh Castle but it was not until 1520 that he broke completely with the Pope.

Senator Joseph McCarthy is propounding a curious view of the relations between countries when he complains of Canada's refusal to make Igor Gouzenko give testimony before a representative of his Congressional Committee. It would be interesting to know his reaction to a request by a Canadian court for his own extradition to testify on what he has learned about Communists in Canada, assuming that he was not inclined to comply.

Exhibits at the Royal Winter Fair this year will put emphasis on the sheep industry in Canada by showing the many ways in which lamb can be used as a meat course and pointing out the "seven wonders of wool." These seven wonders are named as flame resistance, insulation quality, ease of handling, durability and toughness, absorbency, dye affinity and wrinkle resistance. A representative of the consumer section of the Department of Agriculture marketing service at Ottawa is to be in attendance at the fair to answer questions, and supply recipe folders on the use of lamb dishes as prepared for the table.

Bug On The Run



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.

"IN REMEMBRANCE"

Sir, Remembrance Day this year will mark the 35th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended World War I. In each succeeding year since 1918, Canadians have paused at 11 A.M. on November 11th, to remember those of more than 100,000 men who died in Two World Wars and the Korean war as well.

In the intervening years numerous monuments have been erected throughout this Dominion to the memory of our heroic dead. On this Memorial Day not only is the Remembrance Day services attended by thousands of people of all walks of life, all apparently devout, all commemorating the men who lost their lives in the wars, but, at 11 o'clock on Remembrance morning as if by common consent throughout the entire Nation, in transportation activities, in industrial enterprises, in the shops, on the streets, everywhere, the cessation of hostilities, Remembrance Day sounds very well and implies all that we wish to remember and perpetuate, we know that it commemorates the occasion of hostilities. We cannot drive Remembrance from our minds if we would.

The years may pass and pass they do, steadily and all too quietly, but the fleeting time must dim the recollections of those inspiring chapters written into the history of our Dominion nor the memory of those gallant men. What more sacred duty is there than Remembrance, solemnly and sincerely expressed of those immortal heroes whose sacrifice ensured for all of us our freedom and independence of our glorious country.

Therefore, the wearing of the poppies and the laying of wreaths at Cenotaphs across the Nation on Remembrance Day recalls their spirit and gives new inspiration for service to their country, they served so heroically and it is most surely of comfort and encouragement to those presently serving to know that devotion and sacrifice are not lightly forgotten by the citizens of this Dominion.

So we, within the silence of Remembrance Day will offer tribute of indebtedness and praise to them whom we owe so much and pledge ourselves to safeguard and not to lose what they have won.

If Remembrance is to be sacred at all then it must be personal and on this Remembrance Day as the last stroke peels from the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill on this November 11th, I shall be happy to place a wreath at the base of the National War Memorial here in Ottawa in remembrance of the young men from my native Province, Prince Edward Island who so gallantly and willingly made the supreme sacrifice and who brought honor and glory to their Province and Country.

I am, Sir, etc., GERALD P. MURTAGH, Ottawa, Ont.

Old Charlottetown

STURDY CENTENARIAN "There lives at present at Valleyfield a Mrs. MacLeod, who has passed her 103rd year. Last September she was reaping with a reaping hook, and in October digging potatoes. Her mental faculties are as good as ever; her eyesight is almost unimpaired, and her hearing is excellent. Last September, while out in the field with her grandchildren, over a quarter of a mile from the road, they, to test her eyesight, asked who passed along the road. She immediately told them. She has 54 grandchildren, and between 40

Notes By The Way

One fire department not far removed from Peterborough has the reputation of never having put out a fire.—Peterborough Examiner.

Over in Liverpool, England, a cheque drawn in what looks like goon language or gobbledegook has been honored by a bank, the proceeds being credited to the local gas board. The cheque was made out to "NWGBLGGHRRHBSL". The accountant of the gas board deduced that the cryptogram consisted of a collection of the initial letters of North West Gas Board, Liverpool Group, Group Headquarters, Radiant House, Bold Street, Liverpool One.—Halifax Chronicle Herald.

A few Sundays ago, the congregation of St. Columba church, Inverness, Scotland, were in the middle of a hymn and were startled when the minister suddenly banged his fist on the pulpit and told them to stop singing. The congregation faltered into silence; the organ and the choir stopped. Then the minister, the Rev. Robert Menzies, D.D., looked at the choir and congregation and said: "Surely you don't call that praise!" He told them to put some life into their singing. A hymn, he pointed out, is not a sheet of words to be repeated to a background of organ music. "You must live the words," he said. The congregation started to sing again. What a difference! It seemed as if twice as many people were singing as before. It really sounded like a hymn of praise.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

On Saturday evening we heard of another episode showing why mothers grow grey. The rascal this time was an ambitious little girl. Her suspicions aroused by the strange quietness downstairs where the children were at play, the mother descended and went to the kitchen. There she found her suspicions were well founded. Her young daughter was "baking a cake". She had a top burner of the stove turned on, and upon the burner was a large saucepan. On the bottom of the saucepan the girl had spread a layer of soap flakes. On top of the flakes she had broken a dozen eggs. Stuck end-wise in the mess were three little cucumbers which were the "candles" the young cook explained.—Fort William Times-Journal.

The Age Old Story

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy. . . . Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer MAROONED ON BOUGHTEN ISLAND

As I mentioned in the first chapter of this tale, the first two or three hours of the vigil were occupied chiefly in divers complaints on the part of B and sundry admonitions on the part of A. Meanwhile, C, contented with a matter-of-fact appraisal of the situation, "It could be better and it could be worse," he said "and we must make the best of it."

With the aid of a flashlight which threatened to go dark at any moment he discovered a small creak of wood and a wick of the cottage had left behind on a shelf. It did not provide adequate illumination and the smoke it sent out was not particularly fragrant, but the fact that it glowed for a few minutes was of real importance.

When you are forced by circumstances to go back to primitive things you are apt to realize a closer affinity with your ancestors, and that is good. One of the three remarked that there is something about a dim light that inspires thought. This led one of the others to recall that Hillaire Belloc, the distinguished essayist who died only recently, always wrote by candle-light. Neither of these observations had the effect of making a dark room light, but each contributed a little bit of spiritual illumination which was helpful.

By 10 o'clock the situation had been fairly well examined. A's bias towards optimism, B's pseudo-complaining, and C's pragmatic busy-ness had, by a sort of compelling necessity, come together in an issuance of resignation if not of grace. Lying on a spring with no mattress would hardly be considered as luxury by any standards. However, it is better than lying on the floor and comfort, like a lot of other things in this life, is a relative term. And there is some consolation in the knowledge that sleep does not wait upon luxury. It is as democratic an institution as any that has yet been devised.

Understandably enough, the "talk of the night" began with various references to sleep which is one of the things that science has not yet been able to define in wholly material terms. Among them was De Cervantes' eulogy: "Now blessings light on him who first invented sleep. It covers a man all over, thoughts and all, like a cloak. It is meat for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, heat for the cold, and cold for the hot."

And, of course, King Henry Fourth's pathetic lament: "O sleep, O gentle sleep, Nature's soft nurse, how have I frightened thee, that dost make me unweary of my wearies! Thou that no more will weigh my eyelids down,

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