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Highway Safety Program

At the last session of the Legislature there was general approval of the measures introduced by Hon. W. E. Darby, Attorney General, with a view to tightening up highway traffic enforcement regulations. These measures have now been put into effect, as announced by Mr. Darby last evening. They are aimed at making driving qualifications the basis of issuing licenses, and of educating the public as well as increasing the penalties for traffic violations.

Altogether, the changes represent a highway safety programme far superior to anything this Province has yet attempted. It will require, as Mr. Darby states, the full co-operation of all our citizens. The value of such regulations cannot be measured in dollars and cents, but even from the monetary standpoint alone they may prove to be the most profitable investment our people will have made for a long time.

The Railway Problem

The reasons why Maritime and West-ern areas are being more and more squeezed by freight rate changes and why the pressure is more apt to increase than lessen is clearly shown in the address of Mr. W. A. Mather, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, at the company's 72nd annual meeting.

Asking for more freedom in adjusting freight rates, Mr. Mather made the points that the railways face truck competition while remaining bound by "a pattern of rates designed at a time when competition was a relatively unimportant factor"; that opening new land areas and developing commerce of a young nation were important and the dominant consideration was that products of the farm, forest and mine should move to market at minimum rates; that higher rates could then be charged for carrying high-valued and processed commodities.

The Railway's proposed solution to its own problem is to make primary products pay a larger proportion of transportation costs while reducing the charges for processed goods in competition with highway transport. The President does not say, but it is obviously implied that the reductions would only be effective where competition actually exists.

The prosperity of the Maritime Provinces, however, would be struck a mortal blow if the C. P. R.'s proposals were fully implemented. Our products would be worth so much less at our own door and cost so much more on arrival at market that it would be intolerable. If free trade accompanied the change it would be another story. We could develop our natural markets more fully and forget about trying to ship to Ontario and Quebec. So long, however, as industry enjoys protective tariffs, the Maritimes are entitled to be able to ship to the central Provinces at rates which are competitive with primary producers in those Provinces.

The C. P. R. has a real problem on its hands but it is a problem created by the fostering of industry and should not be solved by further penalizing the primary producer.

Points For Sound Farming

After studying the changing farm picture throughout the world, a group of agricultural economists has outlined a 10-point program for more efficient farming which should be a useful guide to Canadian farmers in 1953. These points are:

- 1. Make the farm an efficient operating unit by careful planning for the best use of land, labor, machinery, cash and credit. 2. Use more lime, fertilizer, good seed and modern methods of efficient production to obtain highest returns per acre and per man. 3. Continue sound management of grasslands to support the growing livestock and poultry industry. Make use of soil, water and labor resources with an eye towards their conservation. 4. Produce meat, milk, eggs and other livestock products needed to feed the growing population. Practise closer culling, improved breeding, better feeding and efficient management to increase production and income per animal and per man. 5. Use approved methods and materials to fight crop and livestock insects, diseases

and parasites, household insects, rodents, weeds and other pests.

6. Give farm woodlots better management and fire protection. Do a better job of marketing the timber crop. Reforest lands best suited to trees.

7. Provide and use more processing and storage facilities for farm products. Study consumer demands and produce and prepare products to meet them. Market products through most efficient channels.

8. Build a good family life with attractive homes having adequate storage space and modern conveniences efficiently used. Keep family healthy and happy by providing opportunities for education, religious training and social life.

9. Train rural youth in improved methods of farming, health, citizenship and leadership.

10. Keep informed on agricultural policies and programs, and actively support local and national farmers' organizations.

Well Merited Award

A modest science worker in the field of agriculture recently received the award of the Professional Institute of Civil Servants' Gold Medal at Ottawa. With that award went signal recognition of the outstanding contribution made by Dr. Cyril Harold Goulden in developing disease-resistant wheat and oats, thereby adding an estimated \$30,000,000 a year to the value of Canada's grain crops.

As officer in charge of the Federal Government's cereal breeding laboratory at Winnipeg, Dr. Goulden supervised the development of the oat varieties Vanguard, Exeter, Ajax and Garry and the wheat varieties, Renown, Regent and Redman. When the new rust disease, Race 15B was first discovered in the eastern United States in 1938 Dr. Goulden and his associates recognized that here once again was a developing threat that could do great damage to agriculture. They concentrated on producing new strains of wheat which would not be destroyed by the latest type of rust. Today they believe they have found that wheat strain is a variety named CT 186. If it is licensed it will be available in seeding quantities in the fall of this year.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In Greenwood, Rhode Island, a man who was refused an insurance policy 21 years ago, because of a heart ailment, celebrated his 96th birthday the other day. It is not altogether surprising that the Senate should be doubtful of the wisdom of compulsory retirement at 65. It would be impractical, however, to give everyone the alternative of retirement or a seat in the Senate.

The Provincial Musical Festival is drawing to a triumphant close. Today and tomorrow many of the top performers will be heard. It is to be hoped that they will all be before the public on other occasions before returning again at next year's Festival.

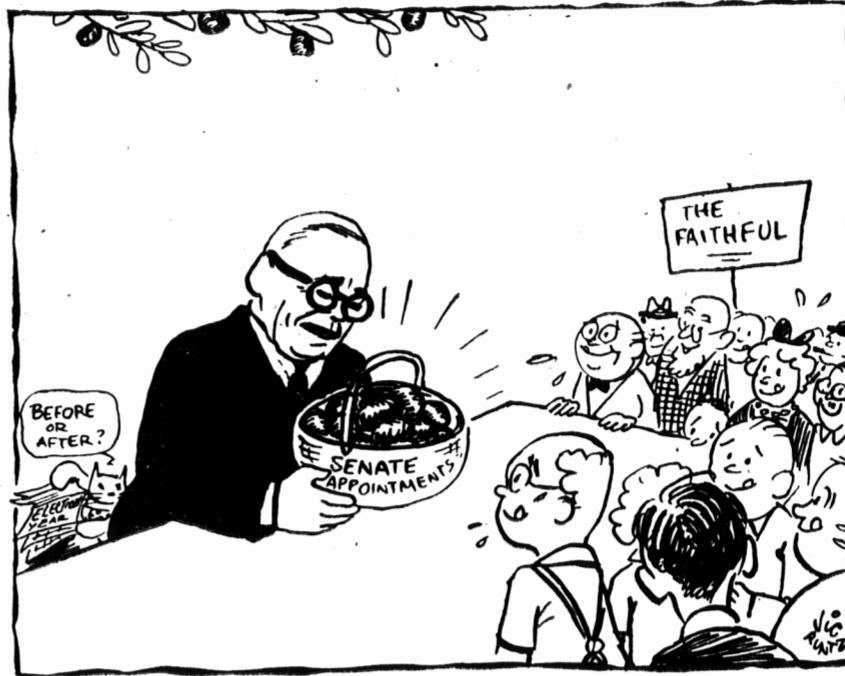
The amending of the Unemployment Insurance Act to continue benefits to unemployed persons who become ill will be generally welcomed. It may not be quite logical but it is certainly humane not to cut off benefits when illness is added to the hardship of unemployment.

Before the war eastern Germany was the food-producing part of the Reich while the industrialized western part consumed more food than it produced. This made the early post-war years difficult for American-British-French occupational authorities, but it is interesting to note that West Germany has recently approved of sending more than \$11,000,000 in food to the Soviet occupation zone.

Gustave Flaubert, French novelist, died this date 1880. His first novel, "Madame Bovary" caused a sensation and is regarded as the true inspiration of all modern realistic fiction. Flaubert's preference, however, was for romanticism. By temperament shy and morose, he wrote with great intensity, labouring over every word and never satisfied with what he had written. He loathed everything mediocre, and his hatred of the bourgeois amounted almost to monomania.

After a century of Hawaiian agitation and congressional obstruction the United States is now hovering on the brink of admitting Hawaii as the 49th state of the Union. Its elevation to statehood will represent a notable decision in American history. It will be the first time the Union has spread outside the limits of continental America and the first time that a predominantly non-white community, with only a fifth of its population of American stock, has been incorporated within the Union on a basis of complete equality.

Basketful Of Plums



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.

VOLUNTARY TOTAL ABSTINENCE

Sir—This pledge has been taken recently by hundreds of thousands across Canada because it has come home to them that the time has come to take such a stand. Conditions are such that a new sense of responsibility has been forced upon them that they are not so then the whole fabric of Christianity falls in pieces, and there is no such thing as the brotherhood of man. He who denies this is denying the most fundamental law that governs human life, and resorts to the laws that govern the jungle life.

People are coming to feel that their whole attitude toward drink must be governed by this law. The majority are beginning to ask anew: "What affect will my drinking have upon my neighbour? What effect will my example have upon my family?" I am acquainted with a small village where eleven families are seriously disturbed by drink and the simple example set by the father. We are our children's keeper, keeper of those whom God has committed to our care.

This law at the base of brotherhood put into effect would destroy that dangerous practice of social drinking. A young man who never tasted liquor is watching. He wants to be sociable. He dislikes to be called queer, but there is elder so-and-so drinking and so this young man, against his conscience, is urged to drink. A whole matter, he could say: "No thank you, I have taken a pledge against drink." It will take a good deal of courage to take that stand among friends, but the young man who has the courage and good sense, and who will be admired and respected. Here is what one sensible girl said: "There is something to that boy who can take a stand like that." I know a young minister who refused wine after a baptismal service, and it changed the attitude of the house toward drink.

35 per cent of Canadians do not use beverage alcohol. The majority of church people do not use it. Glamorous and false advertising is endeavouring, by all means, to induce young people to drink. Now is the time for young people to show their courage and good sense, and take their stand. The example will help others. A pledge card can be had at any church service. I am, Sir, etc. W. I. GREEN

The Poet's Corner

LIKE A MOUNTAIN You cannot see a mountain while you climb. You note each tree you pass, you mark the stone. You step you loe upon, the ferns full-grown. Curled in delight throughout the summer-time, The berry-bearing bushes in their prime, The moss, the lichens centuries have sown and know and make your own. You miss the range, the peak, the whole sublime. A man is like a mountain — he needs space And time to set him off; too close will mirror but the features of his face. If you would see the inner lights that blaze From his two eyes, his stature and his scope, View them through Galileo's telescope. —Fanny DeGroot Hastings.

The Cathedral of St. Lucius at Coire, in Switzerland was begun in 1172.

Notes By The Way

The fact is that if all motorists were to cope with such a manner as to be ready to cope with all the foolish, fathead stunts a minority of drivers seem capable of pulling, traffic would move at a uniform rate of two miles an hour—Winnipeg Tribune.

About two hundred thousand farmers filed returns in Canada in each of the years 1949 and 1950. Only one return out of four filed was taxable. Thus it will be seen that the majority of farmers who are filing do not consider themselves taxable but continue filling to protect themselves and to fill themselves in a position to take advantage of the special provisions as may be required. —Farmer's Advocate.

A co-operative organization of young Norwegians, who work a few hours each week on building their own homes, has now completed 271 dwellings. After contributing an agreed number of hours of work, members acquire title to their new homes. The Association employs its own architect, owns its own heavy machinery and arranges credit for its members. With improved methods of pre-fabrication of some units, the co-operative expects to produce as many as 1000 new homes annually. —(Niagara Falls Review).

The Second World War has not cluttered up municipal parks and squares with captured enemy armament or similar souvenirs, as did the First World War. But it is leaving more lasting relics in some places, especially close to the fighting front, as in Brim, Ashford, England, entered this postwar period with two cement pill-boxes considered surplus to its peacetime needs. But when the time came to remove them, and the housing ministry offered to pay the cost of demolition, town officials demurred. The pair of pill-boxes will be retained, one as an air-raid shelter, the other as a store-room. There is something symbolically modern about this gesture in conservation. It suggests two things: The need for a place to crawl into in emergencies, and the growing demand for storage space. As man's hazards increase, his propensity to save and store records and articles grows with them. Ashford was lucky to have some idle pill-boxes handy. —(Windsor Star).

One of the outstanding Finnish traits is cleanliness and health culture, which go together, and their chief means is the "sauna." This is the Finnish steam bath, the simple principle of which is the opening of the bodily pores and thorough cleaning through perspiration. Mr. Ernest Lemaire, for many years private secretary to Sir Wilfred Laurier, used to tell us how he had to spend a great deal of time and ingenuity in keeping from Sir Wilfred requests sent to him for money so that the "old man" with little idea of the state of his bank account, might not become impoverished. Mr. St. Laurent, we may be sure, knows the same problem. We have had one or two wealthy prime ministers, and we had in one instance a prime minister who was endowed generously by private friends and was thus enabled to pursue his career without financial embarrassment. But, under our system of government, we cannot safely make the prime ministership an exclusive prerogative of men of wealth, nor safely make the holder of the office dependent upon the benefactions of private individuals. We could, of course—The Journal thinks that, with proper safeguards, it could and should be done—provide pensions for prime ministers; acknowledge the right principle that any man who served the state as prime minister, perhaps at considerable financial sacrifice to himself, should not be left upon his retirement, whether because of age, illness, or the electoral decree of the public, to possible hard circumstances of fate. We have not got such a pension plan, and are not likely to have it for some time, and so The Journal believes that our next Parliament should set up a competent commit-

Old Charlottetown

MARKET HOUSE MOVED "It being determined that the new Colonial Building should be erected upon the site recently occupied by the Charlottetown Market House—exactly in the center of Queen's Square—it, of course, became necessary that the Market should be transferred to another position. The necessary preliminaries for effecting this object completed accordingly, the building was yesterday raised from its foundations, and moved a distance of about 40 feet, by means of a couple of launchways, and a powerful capstan and purchase. It is, we understand, to be placed about midway between its late site and the Court House; but we much doubt whether this arrangement will contribute materially to the appearance of the Square." —Colonial Herald, Nov. 26, 1842

The Age Old Story

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven.

The Passing Scene

By Observer

QUESTIONS FOR LADY WONDER

I am thinking seriously of journeying to Richmond, Virginia, to see and talk with Lady Wonder for the benefit of those who have been too busy to keep up with all the latest news I should say that Lady Wonder is not a member of the distaff side of the nobility. In fact she isn't a lady at all, and not even a woman, but a horse, and a rare kind of horse, however. One that talks and answers questions. The ability to talk would not in itself make her unique in the horse world, for almost any of the species can do that in a sort of a way. It is the accurate way in which she is reputed to answer almost any question put to her that really places her in a class by herself, and that is why I feel I should seek a personal interview. There are any number of perplexing questions I should like to have answered but, of course, I realize that Lady Wonder is a busy horse these days and that the time she is able to give to any one person must be extremely limited. With this in mind I have mused over a memorandum of the more pressing questions, and this I will take with me if and when I set out for Richmond. The questions follow in order of urgency: (1) Where on P. E. I. can I buy a nice chunk of good, red, plate beef (corned)? Once upon a time this delicacy graced every dining room table in the province at least once a week. Now, so far as I have been able to ascertain, it is extinct. In my rounds of grocery stores from the north to East Point several shopkeepers told me they had never heard of it. Others, much older men, said they remembered the name but could not recall what it looked like. One man looked at me as if he considered my taste to be unforgoingly plebeian. He did not say so in as many words but I could tell that he was extremely suspicious of any man who would express a liking for such a crude dish. Still another thought I was joking. When I assured him I was never more serious in my life he gave me a pitying glance and asked me if I had had the flu. In spite of all this unhappy experience I still think there is some place on this Island where red plate beef can be bought and I am trusting to Lady Wonder to put me on the right track. Should she shake her mane and say nothing I shall fear for the cultural future of P. E. I. Good succulent foods are essential to creative ability, and what more succulent food is there than the one I have mentioned here? (2) What fly, if any, is likely to attract the big trout at Whitlock's? This question has been bothering me for more than two years. During that period at least a hundred fishermen have told me: "tee to deal with the prime minister's salary and make recommendations respecting it."

"There's no trouble in getting big ones at Whitlock's if you only hit on the right fly!" Well, I have tried every one in the book including some that ought not to be there at all. Up to this moment, by actual count, I have experimented with 148 flies and, so far, I have hooked one fish big enough to satisfy the critical faculty of the game warden. (3) What Party is going to win the Canadian election which, according to Mr. St. Laurent, is to be held before the snow flies? This information will be invaluable to those who, like myself, are anxious to be on the winning side. Personally, the possibility of my being out of step with the popular trend is causing me a lot of worry, and lately I haven't been sleeping too well on account of it. Almost any horse could tell how the Island will go so I won't mention that part of it to Lady Wonder. She would probably consider it picaresque anyway, just as Ottawa apparently does. (4) Who is to be the new P. E. I. Senator? Just as soon as the answer to this one is out of the horse's mouth I will wire the Prime Minister who seems to be waiting for just such a hint. I will also, as a matter of courtesy, get in touch with Premier Jones, although there is no clear evidence that he is personally interested in the appointment. My own view in the matter is that almost anything is more important than a senatorship. Just the same, it is just as well to have it settled. And it will be if Lady Wonder does not treat it as something unworthy of her genius. (5) What is the correct pronunciation of the name of the new ruler of Russia? The New York Times, that erudite member of the Fourth Estate, says it is Mal-yen-koof, with accents on the penultimate syllable. There was a time when this edict would have settled the question once for all. Nowadays, however, it seems that no journalistic authority, however mighty, is accepted without question. This may be another sign of our developing democratic instincts. Evident commentators have been no help in the vexing problem. Each man gives his own version and there is not one chance in a thousand that anyone has hit on the right pronunciation. If Lady Wonder is half as wise as she is reputed to be she will have no trouble with this one. It's a wonder to me that somebody hasn't thought of this simple expedient long before this. (6) Is Mr. Dye coming to the Island this year? To anyone who might be puzzled as to why I put this last question in I can only say: "You evidently don't know Mr. Dye!"

The Swedish Island of Gotland has about 100 parish churches built before 1350 AD, still in use.

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