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Strong Representations

The Hon. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade, reports that the Federal Government has made "strong representations" to the United States Government...

A common complaint of the Conservatives when in opposition was that the St. Laurent Government was not forceful enough in its efforts to persuade the United States to allow a greater volume of Canadian farm and other products to enter the country.

In this particular case, however, President Eisenhower has every right to feel that he has done Canada a favour. The tariff Commission, which had been asked by the President to look into the matter, recommended that the general import quota on rye be reduced from 186,000,000 pounds a year to 95,200,000 pounds...

The ideal arrangement, of course, from the Canadian point of view, would be a removal of all restrictions. But, in the circumstances, the President's decision can scarcely be regarded as unfavourable to Canada.

Federal Liberal Strategy

In the excitement of cabinet-forming at Ottawa, writes Grant Dexter in the Winnipeg Free Press, the first meeting of the Liberal caucus attracted little attention.

According to Mr. Dexter, who is a leading Liberal journalist, the first point agreed upon was that Mr. Diefenbaker has been the most grossly under-estimated politician since Mr. King in the period 1921-30.

There had been a strong tendency to criticize the St. Laurent Government for resigning. Mr. St. Laurent explained this in great detail and carried the caucus unanimously. Some Liberal members recalled the election of 1925 when Mr. King, although lacking a majority, had carried on.

Liberal party. It stood for much lower tariffs than the Liberal party advocated. The Progressive party in 1925 could not support the Conservative party under Mr. Meighen, which advocated high tariff increases — "brick for brick" — with the United States.

Farm Statistics

Figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics show that the farm-occupied area of Canada was only slightly smaller in 1956 than in 1951, but the number of farms declined almost eight per cent in the same five-year period.

The total farm area of Canada, in June 1956, occupied 173,923,691 acres compared with 174,046,654 in 1951 and 173,566,063 acres in 1941.

It should be noted that, for Census purposes, a farm is defined as "a holding on which agriculture operations are carried out...."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Credit Union League can take pride in its achievements of its first twenty years of service. Its contribution to the economic well-being of the Province can be seen in many places.

When Georgi Malenkov was in England last year it was rumoured that he was thinking of seeking political asylum. He is probably wishing now that he had put the thought into action.

Messrs. Molotov, Malenkov, Shepilov and Kaganovich have at least one consolation in their misfortunes: the man who sent them into the wilderness — or worse — will almost certainly meet a similar fate sooner or later.

The Soviet Minister of Culture has informed British officials that he "will do everything necessary to restore the development of contacts between the Soviet Union and Britain and eliminate artificial obstacles in the path of this development."

The British Government has announced that it will ease restrictions on the import of a large number of raw materials from the United States and Canada beginning Aug. 1. Controls will also be removed from certain agricultural products and chemicals used in manufacturing.



Preserving Old Monuments

In a note to his novel, Notre Dame de Paris, Victor Hugo says, "Let us, while waiting for new monuments, preserve the ancient monuments."

The latest despatch from Oslo announces the proposed building of a "specially designed museum" to preserve the memory of a raft with six men aboard that was pushed from the shores of Peru into the Pacific ocean and after nearly four months drifting in an eastward direction landed on a small coral island, Thor Heyerdahl had a theory that, in the dim prehistoric past, during Peruvian carried culture to Polynesian cannibals — on a raft.

Modern science has made the ocean as familiar as a back street to a city dweller or a back field to the farmer or fisherman. Modern science has made it as safe as a mill pond. On its bosom every day of the year hundreds of ships are talking back and forth in the well-known languages of the world.

In Columbus' day the ocean was a bleak waste of water and sky over which hovered a vast loneliness. For the most part his crew were a wild lot who knew little of and cared less for any fine sentiment at sea.

In 1920 it had been heralded in the press and in the chancelleries of peace-loving nations that World War I had been fought to save Democracy. Who then could have foreseen or appraised the events that led to World War II and to the invention of the atomic and hydrogen bombs?

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The Sudan Republic

Only a year and two months old, the Republic of Sudan is the largest self-governing country in Africa. It is as big as the United States east of the Mississippi and almost four times the size of Texas, says the National Geographic Society.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

P.E.I. LOBSTER CATCH

Sir,—A mixture of curiosity and vexation is the cause of this letter. I am curious as to the reason why the preliminary figures of a Fisheries Official regarding the lobster catch and value on Prince Edward Island rated head lines.

My vexation comes from the fact that a gentlemen's agreement with local papers not to publish reports detrimental to local industry, seems of little value. The agreement stemmed from untrue reports, in previous years, of surplus production of Island lobsters, which caused falling prices in all markets, and subsequent losses of thousands of dollars to fishermen and industry.

Much harm has already been done, Mr. Editor. Much should be done immediately to correct the error, and rectify the false impression created. In future, all who get into print should, not only get things put down correctly, but keep in mind when writing on Fisheries that we have four other Atlantic provinces whose production, or lack of it, affects world markets.

The Illustration Station Field Day held yesterday on the farm of John L. Clark, Rustico, was the form of a joint field day with the Holiain Breeders Association. Approximately 45 people were in attendance and enjoyed the interesting and instructive program which was in charge of Mr. R. C. Parent, Supervisor of the Illustration Station.

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MAXIMS

The mind of man may be compared to a musical instrument with a certain range of notes, beyond which in both directions we have an infinitude of silence.

Allergy Or Just Fantasy?

Your mind can do some strange things. I have often advised those of you with asthma and certain other allergies to avoid domestic quarrels and other emotional disturbances whenever possible.

Perhaps it is the illness of a child, loss of a job or some grave domestic difficulty. Quite often a disturbance, strong enough to produce an allergic reaction, is unconsciously associated with feeling of guilt, resentment or remorse.

Not only do such situations bring the familiar wheezing and coughing of an asthmatic they frequently produce nasal congestion and redness as well.

Some individuals are allergic to milk; many more simply think they are.

In some instances, skin tests indicate a patient may be allergic to milk. Then, after knowingly drinking the liquid, this person reacts accordingly, with nausea and abdominal discomfort.

I recall one case in particular, that of a middle-aged woman. During an experiment, when she was given water and advised that it was milk, she promptly showed all her previous symptoms. Yet when given milk and told it was water, she developed no symptoms at all.

Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files (July 8, 1932) Mr. Le Roy Dyal of New York City, expressed himself last evening as being confident of improved potato marketing conditions this fall, basing his belief on observation made during the recent weeks while on a trip through Eastern Canada and the United States, in which he covered the entire area from Virginia to Prince Edward Island.

TEN YEARS AGO (July 8, 1947) Royal Canadian Mounted Police from Summerside yesterday were searching a wooded area at Margate, ten miles from Summerside for a "flying saucer" reported to have landed there. They were unsuccessful in their search. Reports indicated the brightly lighted object was flying from northwest to southeast and disappeared over a small hill.

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South. The more highly developed area, from which the country is governed, is inhabited by some 8,000, 000 Moslem Arabs, most clinging closely to the green banks of the Nile surrounded by desert.

The Sudan is oriented toward the Arab east and the Negroid south. It is a member of both the United Nations and the Arab League. In world affairs pro-Western, Sudan believes it has been hurt by the stoppage of the Suez Canal more than any other nation. Its cotton crop, a vital export, has been unable to move to European markets.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Nothing makes the average male want to get ahead as much as being in a traffic jam.—Toronto Star

We never trust a man who boasts of being the boss at home, because he would lie about other things too.—Brandon Sun

You can always tell the fellow who doesn't know how to balance the driving part of a vacation against the resting part. He's the one who comes back with only his one who comes back with only his left forearm sunburned.—Winnipeg Free Press

An historical note dug up by some enterprising scholar tells us that Julius Caesar had to ban the parking of chariots in the marketplace of Rome. The item is likely to be held by parking authorities as positive proof of their contention that parking is one of the oldest unsolved problems of urban life.—Edmonton Journal

The Supreme Court of Canada, has ruled Metropolitan Toronto can't fluoridate its water supplies. And just because Forest Hill Village, a junior member of the Metropolitan Area, objects. If that is an example of the workings of a metropolitan system of municipal government then it is a very good reason to be wary about accepting any such system. Because, in this respect at least, one small part of the metropolitan area can impose its veto on the entire area.—Windsor Star

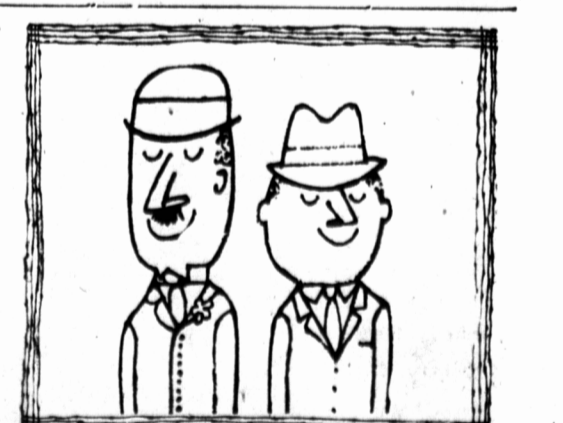
Of course the pioneer woman had it tough in many ways... she didn't have to spend a lot of her time in antique stores.—Hinton Spectator

Of course juvenile delinquency is nothing new. Consider the historic instance of Tom, Tom the Piper's Son. But in those far-off days nobody understood that Tom was really compensating for a feeling of rejection, and so "Tom was best."—Peterborough Examiner

A people which loses the habit of saving loses its stake in its own future. A people which relies on the state to look after its needs, loses not only its stake in the future, but it also commits the big swindle which is forcing others to take the responsibility of looking after them. Once that becomes common practice the moral fibre disappears along with the economic sinews.—Financial Times

Consider the neighbor's elm tree. In fall it showers down a million leaves upon your lawn. In spring it sheds ten million seeds upon your walks and roofs and gutters. The poet approaches his neighbor's elm with rhapsodies in his heart and sonnets in his soul. But to dispose of its pesky leaves and seeds, one really needs a more practical approach. The symbols of this noble tree, are not properly the spreading branch or the shade-dappled lawn. They are, alas, the rake, the shovel and the overhanging broom.—Minneapolis Tribune

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