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It Could Be Worse

We note, from the weather reports, that we are not exceptional in the kind of treatment we are getting from Jupiter Pluvius this season.

"But westward, look! the land is bright." Too bright, in fact, in some quarters. Prairie crop prospects are reported as "fair to excellent" but rain is badly needed in southwestern Alberta and there are large areas of southeastern Alberta and some parts of southwestern Saskatchewan that are beyond help.

And across the border, some 69 counties in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania have been declared federal disaster areas because of drought.

According to Mark Twain, the weather is "always doing something in New England" that compels the stranger's astonishment. He claimed to have counted, in the spring, "one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours."

It's Still "Mr. Mayor"
A controversy has been going on in Ottawa as to whether Her Worship Mayor Charlotte Whitton should continue to be addressed as "Mr. Mayor."

Whitton points out, in the Latin "Major," or the "greater" or "senior" one, chosen among equals.

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office, and not the person, himself or herself, who is addressed. The "Mayor" is not a person per se, under the Ontario Municipal Act, but defined as "Head of Council" in a city or town.

It would be as proper, Miss Whitton insists, to call her the "headness" of the Council as to call her the "Mayorress," or to refer to her as "Missus Mayor."

Her Worship then proceeds to give a state of precedents for her views, which are as impressive as her weight of learning.

Beginning on Saturday Finland will host for one week to the Communist-sponsored Eighth International Youth Festival.

Finland is a neutral country, and it wants to stay that way. The pressure from Moscow is heavy and continuous, but the Finns have shown a remarkable determination in standing up to it.

As a neutral nation, however, they feel obliged to concede the right of anyone to come to their country, welcome or not.

Public Forum
"NO-GOODERS" AND OTHERS
Sir.—Dr. Simont's letter has, of course, the value of a warning against the progressive erosion of individual rights.

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WHO WEARS THE PANTS HERE?

One of the great ironies in Canada is that there should be so much unemployment when there are jobs to be filled.

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SESSIONS AT BRUSSELS

The trying days have started on Brussels negotiations on Britain's application to join the European Economic Community.

REDS AND RELIGION

Series serious concern has been expressed in Russia and several satellite countries about what is regarded as the Communist attitude of religious life during the past six months.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

There are wagers who believe that a dot is a more complicated as a man because they stand on it. — St. Catherine's Standard.

The performance of "White Horse Inn" was interrupted for 20 minutes by a fire in the stage lights. The audience was invited on stage to see the horse before the mangled controller. — Nord Matin.

Here's an item from an old magazine, quoted by the Ontario Safety League. "If the machine (automobile) ever attains the unlikely speed of 90 miles an hour, it will have to drive itself, for the human brain will be incapable of controlling it." — St. Catherine's Standard.

Chewing gum has become popular among the Japanese in recent years, but among the young and old, chewing gum is still a taboo. — Toronto Star.

White Dwarf Stars
National Geographic Society
White dwarf stars are the bankrupts of the universe. They have squandered their fuel resources and are living on capital.

REPLY
Mid form may exist for days or weeks before being detected. The condition may not be recognized until it is too late.

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It slows down the rate and strengthens each beat.

What They Call Bravery
"Oh, God, please let me be many of us people who are brave in the face of danger."

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