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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Cash Farm Incomes

It is noteworthy that while farmers in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, the Prairie Provinces, Quebec and British Columbia had their cash incomes pared slightly in the first quarter of 1950, Prince Edward Island and Ontario farmers were more fortunate, their respective returns in the same period having registered an uptrend over the corresponding three months of 1949.

The declines recorded in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were almost identical, representing a drop in the former case from \$9,645,000 to \$9,521,000, and in the latter from \$7,574,000 to \$7,447,000. The rise in Prince Edward Island farm income was slightly above the amount of the declines in the other two Maritime Provinces, having jumped from \$4,538,000 in the 1949 period to \$4,667,000 in the comparable months of this year, or a gain of \$129,000. Our sole partner in the beneficial uptrend, Ontario, registered a betterment of \$7,627,000 as its gross cash income reached \$171,579,000 as against \$163,592,000 in the comparative months of 1949.

Among the dwindling income returns in the five other Provinces, the farmers of Alberta sustained the heaviest loss, the total there dropping by \$6,872,000 from \$76,857,000 in 1949 to \$69,985,000 in the first quarter of 1950. Next in line came Saskatchewan, where the income drop reached \$3,580,000 this year from \$45,437,000 in the 1949 period. Manitoba recorded a loss of \$2,943,000, the 1950 total being \$22,794,000 as compared with \$25,737,000 in the preceding year.

Then the Quebec farmers sustained a combined income decline of \$2,323,000, having receded from \$65,077,000 in 1949 to \$62,754,000 in the first quarter of the present year. British Columbia's loss was much smaller than any other of the Western Provinces, revealing a shading of only \$132,000 from the 1949 figure of \$17,114,000 to \$16,982,000 this year to March 31.

The overall cash income from sale of farm products in Canada was \$407,586,000, or two per cent below the first-quarter estimate of \$415,941,000 for 1949, but was six per cent higher than the \$383,359,000 for the first three months of 1948.

Canadian Soil At 10,000 Feet

From early times the common law has recognized birth aboard a British ship as conferring British nationality on the child so born. The same doctrine applies to Canadian ships by virtue of the Citizenship Act which came into force in 1947 and continued in this respect the provisions of the common law and of earlier British legislation adopted by this country. Until now, however, there has been no provision for the nationality of a child born in an aircraft. If the plane happens to be over national territory then birth takes place in that country, although there may be some difficulty in determining the exact location at the relevant time. There is the further problem of passage over the high seas outside all national boundaries.

This unsatisfactory situation is to be remedied by an amendment to the Citizenship Act introduced in the Senate by Senator G. K. Hugesson (L.-Quebec) on Monday. Under the new provision anyone born in a Canadian plane can automatically claim Canadian citizenship, putting aircraft on the same footing in this respect as a ship of Canadian registry.

Considering the relatively brief duration of flights it is not anticipated that the provision will be extensively used but the need for it has already been demonstrated by the wife of an American soldier who bore a child in a British trans-Atlantic plane

Millions In Travelling Bills

When the travelling expenses of the Federal Government are analysed according to departments some idea is obtained where, and by whom the money goes. Government travelling expenses were about \$18,300,000 in the fiscal year ended March 31 last. Mr. John Diefenbaker was informed in the Commons. In a tabled reply from various departments, Mr. Diefenbaker also was told that living expenses and allowances totalled around \$1,893,000. Heaviest expenditure was made in the department of national defence, whose \$8,803,000 for travelling included the movement of troops, reserve army units and the like. The agriculture department spent \$2,309,000, with the transport department using \$1,019,000 on travelling expenses and \$1,091,000 on living allowances. These were the only departments more than the \$1,000,000 mark.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The decision of the Federal Government to take a census of the incurables and disabled would indicate they had a national health policy in view.

The Canadian Senate is becoming quite a voice in the dying days of the session. But notwithstanding it gets practically nowhere with such a huge Government majority to overcome.

Junior and senior school closings today and tomorrow will undoubtedly bring joy to many a youngster, although for most of them there is not the relief of having passed the now old-fashioned "final exams."

The Summerside branch of the Legion is well advised to watch closely for improper appointments of non-service men. They should be careful, however, that the candidate objected to has not also seen war service.

The report is that summer hotels are doing an excellent business and that reservations are difficult to obtain. The overnight cabins are still fairly readily available, their guests being presumably less inclined to make reservations far in advance.

There are not many ways of defeating the tax collector but a Montreal firm has discovered one. Stock dividends are declared to be income in the Income Tax Act, but the Income Tax Appeal Board has decided that as the Act does not define a stock dividend it is not subject to tax.

Senator Lambert's (L.-Ontario) proposal that the Provinces be given a measure of direct contact with the Senate is an excellent one. It should be unnecessary for Provincial Governments to maintain other representatives in Ottawa when one of the principal functions of the Upper House was to provide just such a link.

Saint John, N. B., is ready to meet tourist competition in any respect. The enterprising New Brunsvickers have not only unearthed records of an ancient Indian sea serpent, but have produced a rather terrifying picture of the creature to convince doubters. The name of the attraction is "Ug-Wug" which is supposed to mean "good friend", or something of the sort.

Guseppi Mazzini, Italian patriot, Genoese family; was a dreamer, not an organizer, but participated in underground conspiracies until his death; he opposed the action of Garibaldi and Cavour; and likewise refused to acknowledge monarchy by becoming a member of the Italian Parliament. He spent a great part of his time in exile in Switzerland and Great Britain.

Honour to whom honour is due. An unusual civic reception took place at Ripon, England, the other day. A reception by the Mayor and townfolk to Freebooter, the horse that won the Grand National and which trained in that ancient Yorkshire town. Freebooter was paraded around the market square, ridden by his jockey, while the crowds cheered and its owner, its trainer and the Mayor looked admiringly down from the Town Hall balcony.

Income tax arrears as of March 15 last, the latest date to which collection statistics are available, amounted to \$912,417 for Prince Edward Island, according to returns tabled in Parliament. Of this amount, \$295,108 was in arrears for less than one year, \$615,584 for from one to five years, and \$1,725 for over five years. Total arrears for all Canada as of March 15 amounted to \$81,905,143, the largest amounts being in Ontario and Quebec, for which the figures respectively are \$31,590,932 and \$21,214,662.

Egg prices on June 16 this year and previous years. The prices quoted below are for Grade A Large. At Montreal and Toronto the prices are those at which graded shipments are selling to wholesalers. At other points quotations are prices to shippers for ungraded eggs.

Table with columns for Province, 1950, 1949, 1948. Rows include Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Charlottetown, Weight of Live and Dressed Poultry at Registered Stations week ending June 3, May 27, May 20.

In The Good Old Summertime



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.

SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENT
Sir.—In the Guardian Forum of June 20th there was a letter signed "Fairplay" which would leave the impression that no one on the City Council recognized or appreciated the excellent services rendered this City by Mrs. Gordon MacDonald as member of the School Board and also as president of the School Improvement League.

THE ART EXHIBIT
Sir.—Nothing can be denied in the review of the P. E. I. Art Exhibit given in Wednesday's paper, but I think something can be added. And that is a grain of tolerance and understanding.

Reduction Shown In Working Force
(Bank of Commerce Review)
Later school-leaving ages, family bonuses, more widespread pension retirement plans and increased government old age pensions have contributed to a reduction in Canada's working population so that although the average age of the people is increasing, the age bracket of those who must provide for the needs of the community is constantly narrowing.

Geographic shifts are now more frequent but on a smaller scale than they were during the first quarter of the century. There were fairly large scale migrations in connection with the opening of the West and other natural resources. Labor has, however, gained mobility in other directions. It is estimated that from a quarter to a third of the population moves from the locality of birth.

Military Chaplains

(Toronto Telegram)
Should chaplains enter the army as captains or corporals? The question has been raised in the House of Commons, where it has been suggested that chaplains should be non-commissioned officers, as in the French army, and not commissioned officers, as in the Canadian and British armies.

Old Charlottetown
(And P. E. I.)
CIRCULATING LIBRARY
"A prospectus appears in the last Gazette for the establishment of a Subscription Library in this Town, under the proprietorship of Mr. George T. Hazard, who has recently returned from Britain, where we are informed he has made the necessary arrangements to conduct such an establishment effectively.

The Poet's Corner

THE TENT OF NOON
Behold, now, where the pageant of high June
Halls in the glowing noon:
The trailing shadows rest on plain and hill;
The bannered hosts are still,
While over forest crown and mountain head
The azure tent is spread.

Old Charlottetown

As has been pointed out by Defence Minister Claxton, it is not necessary for a man to be paraded if he wishes to speak with a chaplain—except on formal occasions. It is not required that a man shall be paraded if he wishes to speak with a captain or lieutenant. The other statements suggest that there should be a difference between the status of a clergyman in the army and that of a clergyman in civilian life.

The Poet's Corner

It is the hour, when Nature's caravan,
That bears the pilgrim Man
Across the desert of uncharted time
To his far hope sublime,
Rests in the green oasis of the year.

The Age-Old Story

Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive, and let thy widows trust on Me.
NEW YORK, June 21 (AP)—Fog shrouded New York City today, snarling airline operations and hampering traffic in the busy harbor.

Notes By The Way

"What will the government do next?" demands a critic. Well, it's anybody's guess if they are really going to continue with the policy of doing the things they previously assured us they couldn't do. —Puncr.
The Ontario judge who objects to lawyers in his tribunal wearing light, cool clothing under their gowns, should have a heavy wig and a fur-trimmed mantle to remind him that there is reason in all things — even court etiquette. — Hamilton Spectator.

Another fine example of what has every appearance of being costly provincial government bungling has come to light with the acknowledgement that the government-owned Guarantee and Fidelity Co. has been refused licences to operate in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. Last year, with much secrecy, the government secured a controlling interest in the Guarantee and Fidelity Co. at a high price of around \$260,000.

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