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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

Farcical Debate

There was an unrealistic tone to the Budget debate speeches this week in the Legislature, and for a quite understandable reason.

The Provincial Treasurer estimated an overall deficit of \$1,793,823 for the year ended March 31st, and for this year he has budgeted for an overall deficit of \$2,484,446.

Realistic action is expected of our legislators in a crisis of this kind, the most serious to be faced by any government in this Province since Confederation.

As pointed out yesterday, we have legitimate claims on the Federal Government, stemming from our very lack of population increase, which more than offset the sums now being withheld.

Education Report

Of great interest to all our citizens is the report of the Select Standing Committee on Education, which was presented to the Legislature last evening by the chairman, Mr. Frederic A. Large, Q.C.

The report notes that almost all the briefs submitted dealt at some length with training, qualifications and working conditions of teachers.

Several recommendations are made with respect to teacher training. School trustees and citizens are reminded, however, that no governmental plan for training and licensing of teachers can be effective unless the districts keep the teachers they get.

Act and expresses the view that the free public non-sectarian school system be continued in order to provide equal opportunities for all classes and creeds.

The report also deals with school supervision, administration, transportation of pupils, federal aid, regional high schools and other questions. It urges the House to consider seriously whether or not an adequate portion of existing provincial revenue is being allotted to education, and suggests that taxes for rural school purposes might be levied, collected and spent more effectively than at present, by larger area boards.

The Committee had a gargantuan task in sifting the mass of evidence, views and opinions presented to it. It is surprising that it was able to do so in so short a time, and bring in a report so comprehensive, both in its analysis and recommendations.

A Beloved Physician

Though not a native Prince Edward Islander, the late Dr. P. A. Creelman was so long associated with public health services in this Province, and took such a leading part in the fight against tuberculosis, that his name was a household word throughout the Island.

His death at a comparatively early age comes with a sense of personal loss to many thousands of our citizens, with whom The Guardian joins in extending sincere sympathy to Mrs. Creelman and family.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A dispatch from Brockfield, Ont., says that 90-year-old Joseph Steacy "runs his own farm." Well, that's not particularly surprising. It is very rarely that a man of his age is working as a hired hand.

Experts in such esoteric matters are said to be pondering the relative merits of rock 'n roll and calypso. Meanwhile, irreverent critics of both systems will say there is little to choose between them.

An expert in mathematics says that under a new system of teaching the subject "traditional problem representation will be replaced with objects and symbols that can be visualized or handled; and a grasp of the solution may come ahead of the grasp of the problem."

Revenue agents in Spartanburg, S.C., are considering what to do with a 14-year-old boy who, without a distillery permit, built a two-gallon still so efficient in every respect that it was entered in a scholarship competition.

It isn't likely that Charles Holsley of Akron, Ohio, will ever sit in the seat of judgment. But when he is old he will be able to tell his grandchildren about the time he passed sentence on himself. After having been in jail for eight months awaiting trial on a minor charge he was told by the judge: "Since the courts have not been able to get through to straighten you out, perhaps it would be better if you were to sentence yourself."



WARMING UP

Power For New Brunswick

Fredericton Gleaner

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For four years he has battled. At no time has he received encouragement. At some times the probabilities have seemed so remote, the chances of success so unlikely that his critics have thought he was wasting his time and even his supporters have doubted.

Today he is abundantly justified. Mr. Harris in his budget statement has outlined a plan for building thermal units to provide New Brunswick and Nova Scotia with the power that will be necessary to serve their needs. The thermal units will burn coal and there will be an integration of supply and distribution between the two provinces. This is exactly the plan that has been proposed, explained and promoted by Premier Flemming, over the years.

THE COST QUESTION

The cost at which the power will be supplied to the provinces is of material concern. No doubt the Federal Government will subsidize the cost of Nova Scotian and New Brunswick coal.

Burning the coal in Maritime power furnaces will remove this load from the Federal Treasury, and some of the benefit will, no doubt, be passed on to the provinces in a reduction of power costs. Similarly, the cost of financing the development will be much less for the Federal Government than for the provinces, and this saving, again, will be reflected in the cost of power.

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which occupied a base on Commonwealth Bay, on the mainland, for two successive winters, in 1929-31 Mawson led a second expedition which at several points took formal possession of new discoveries for the Crown.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sudenes, M.D.

THREE TYPES OF MYOPIA. While we generally say a person is nearsighted and let it go at that, there actually are three broad varieties of myopia, or nearsightedness.

The ordinary, or most frequent type, attacks eyes that are otherwise normal. Generally, this type of visual difficulty occurs in children between the ages of eight and 16 who are very fond of reading. We suspect that heredity has something to do with it.

USUALLY STABILIZES. Although it might become worse as the child grows in size, it usually becomes fairly stabilized by the time adulthood is reached. A more dangerous type of nearsightedness is termed progressive myopia. Almost always this type strikes a sickly child, whether he likes to read or not.

Its advance is rapid and is accompanied by a destructive process which might terminate in blindness. Fortunately, few persons suffer from it.

MIDDLE AGE. The third type begins with middle age. While many victims seem to be in perfect health, it usually attacks those with poor general health or unhealthy eyes.

Sometimes, we believe, it results from certain blood disorders. Nearsightedness occurs in some persons because their eyeballs are too long from front to back. In such cases the light rays from objects any distance away come to a focus in front of the retina.

Other victims have similar focusing difficulties because the lenses of their eyes bend the light rays too sharply.

No matter what the cause of the trouble, all victims of myopia require glasses which will bend the light rays so that they focus on the retina, and produce clear, sharp images.

Let me emphasize that only a vision specialist should prescribe glasses. If you need glasses, you need the advice of an expert to obtain the best vision possible.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(April 4, 1932)

The first session of the 42nd general assembly of the Provincial Legislature prorogued Saturday at 1 p.m. Fine spring weather and the customary military display marked the prorogation.

Yesterday's snowstorm did not cause any great delay in the train service. Although they were slowed up to some extent they were running close to schedule.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Tranquillizer pills are being tried out on aggressive dogs. A new day may be drawing for postmen and delivery men.—Edmonton Journal

The old days were nicer. Back in the home town, everybody took life easy except the women.—Brandon Sun

An Italian law student whose car injured a pedestrian was on the shaken by the accident that he entered a monastery. If Ontario offenders were similarly disposed, the problem of accommodation would become acute.—Toronto Telegram

The army announces that it has commissioned the first chiropractor for its medical corps — just when we thought the "new" army was trying to get soldiers off their feet and carry them to battle in planes, helicopters, jeeps and personnel carriers.—Milwaukee Journal

It would seem quite astounding — almost past belief — to hear that in any country a commodity is taxed 94 per cent on the ordinary retail price, 117 per cent of the retail price less taxes, and 192 per cent of the manufacturer's selling price. Yet these are the actual rates of taxes upon a commodity sold in Canada — cigarettes.—Montreal Gazette

at 6.55 after dealy enroute.

TEN YEARS AGO

(April 4, 1947) A Government bill having the effect of reducing the three County Court Judges of the province to two, and of empowering the Attorney General to designate their circuits, was discussed in the Legislature Thursday and was left in committee by the promoter, Mr. Morley Bell, Summerside, for further consideration of the members.

The Government ice-breaker Saurel will escort the steamship B. O. Borjesson into Georgetown Harbour on Sunday, it was learned last night. Recent winds have blown ice into the Strait and it is expected that the Saurel will accompany the ship from the Strait of Canso to Georgetown.

Advertisement for Eastern Securities Company Ltd. featuring 'CANADIAN Thrift PLAN' and 'FOR FINANCIAL SECURITY'.

Large advertisement for SHAMA'S WEEK-END FOOD SPECIALS, listing various meats, frozen foods, and groceries with prices.