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the whole Atlantic section of the
Gordon report. What then does it
offer? Four proposals and a couple
of commissions. The proposals are
for capital assistance through a
somewhat cumbersome Capital Pro-
jects Commission; for increased geo-
logical surveys; for a modification
of the Nova Scotia coal subsidy; for
national purchases extended to Mari-
time producers. The two recommen-
dations for further commissions are
to examine the Maritime Freight
Rates Act and study transportation
and communications problems of the
area (which the Gordon Commission
found itself unable to do); and to
devise a land-use classification pro-
gram.

While pushing forward these ob-
jectives, it is to be hoped that other
equally important ones will not be
forgotten. What are particularly
concerned about in this Province is
our basic agriculture and fishing in-
dustries, and with a power develop-
ment scheme embracing the whole
Maritime area. We expect the At-
lantic Economic Council to be con-
cerned with these problems as well.
The duty of this organization, in
dealing with the Gordon report, is
to point out its inadequacies as well
as its strong points. Otherwise it
may prove a stumbling block rather
than an aid to our further develop-
ment.

Set Fine Example

The death yesterday of Mr. Am-
brose Rodd, of Milton, leaves only
three surviving veterans of the South
African War in this Province. Mr.
Rodd resigned his commission in the
army to transfer to the Transvaal
Contingent when it was proceeding
to South Africa, and served valiantly
in the rugged engagements which
followed. This struggle, at the turn
of the century, seems remote to us
today; but we were very much con-
cerned in its outcome, and this Pro-
vince was well represented in the
Canadian forces which participated.
The monument erected on Queen
Square to the two Island soldiers
who gave their lives in the war has
since served as a memorial to the
achievement of all our South African
veterans. They have held an honored
place among us, and their record
has been an inspiration to thousands
of others from this Province who
have served in subsequent engage-
ments. Mr. Rodd was particularly
well liked and respected, and his
passing will be learned with deep
regret by all who were privileged to
know him.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The optimist of the week: the
101-year-old woman in Pueblo, Colo.,
who applied for hospital insurance
because "from now on it's better not
to take chances, although I have no
thought of getting sick."

It is reported that President
Eisenhower's favorite song is "Indian
Love Call". This has no connection,
however, with his hopes to make
India a strong friend and supporter
of the United States.

A Newfoundland fish dealer is
quoted as saying "the new electrical
cod-drying method will never pro-
duce such a tasty product as that
turned out by the old system of
sun-drying on flakes." He may be
right, too. Certainly, the sun has
had a long experience in curing
foods.

Workers who think up all sorts
of excuses for "taking a day off"
every now and then are not going
to be flattered by the descriptive
term applied to them by an Indus-
trial Relations expert as reported in
Science Service. He calls them
"morons".

It's not unusual for farmers on
back roads to drive their children
to school in the family car. In Dur-
ham County, England, they are get-
ting paid for it; and that's unusual.
The reason is that school officials
have found that system of trans-
portation less costly than a school
bus.

It was a nice gesture on the part
of the Knights of Columbus to have,
as guests of honor at their dance on
Tuesday evening, the linemen of the
Maritime Electric Company. These
men are the unsung heroes in many
a battle with Old Man Winter, and
it is when storms are at their worst
that their work really commences.
This tribute to their services will be
appreciated by the whole community.



BIG TIME OPERATOR

England's Lake District

Into the northwest corner of
England, close to the Scottish
border, nature has squeezed
a profusion of mountains and
lakes offering some of the most
admired scenery in the world.
This is the Lake District, the
Poet's Corner of England, where
Wordsworth, Southey, Coleridge,
Ruskin, and other literary figures
lived and wrote.
A long-time favorite of hiker
and motorist, the Lake District is
about to become more accessible
to vacationists through a heli-
copter service from London.
Although only about 35 miles
square, the area has 180 mount-
ains and 64 lakes, 15 of them large.
It has the most rainfall, the highest
mountain, and the largest lake in
England.
Springing up from green valleys
of pastureland marked off with old
stone walls, the mountains catch
water-laden winds from the Irish
sea, cooling them and bringing
down rain—as much as 150 inches
a year in one particularly wet sec-
tion of the District.
Sparkling down the slopes in
streams and falls, the water brings
hands of light and motion to the
scene as it makes its way to the
lakes.
The "mountains and vales and
waters all imbued with beauty,"
as Robert Southey wrote, draw
travelers from all over the world.
They drew William Wordsworth
in 1799, as he sought refuge from
what he considered the ugliness
of an industrialized and revolu-
tionary world.
There he wrote much of the po-
etry that made him famous, and
there he is buried, with his wife
and sister.
LINK WITH WASHINGTON
Two American presidents are
associated with the area. In St.
Martin's Church in Windermere
are blazoned the Washington fam-
ily arms, placed there by an
ancestor of George Washington.
Woodrow Wilson visited the Lake
District several times. There are
persons still living who can re-
member him tramping and bicy-
cling around the countryside.
Now a National Park, the Dis-
trict is not uninhabited, as are
many of those in the United States.
For generations the land has been
farmed, and cottages and farm
buildings form a part of its visual
charm. The British are working to
prevent motor encroachments
such as power lines and billboards.
All is not quiet and peaceful,
however. Descendants of the shep-
herds Wordsworth knew find
time for the "scramble"—a motor-
cycle race up mountain paths that
offer scant footing for a goat.
And on Lake Ullswater, near
where Wordsworth "wandered
lonely as a cloud" and came upon
" a crowd, a host of golden
daffodils. . . fluttering and dancing
in the breeze." Donald Campbell
gunned his jet-powered speed-
boat to a record of more than
hundred times God's good luck
to give such a seed for a present."
I say, and that night I take one
home.
My wife will not turn the
elephant out of his house, but in-
stead gazes and gazes into the seed
where the elephant lies. In the
morning she takes it to school and
asks the children, aged seven, if
they have ever seen an elephant in
a seed.
One has. He is the boy who has
seen everything and been every-
where and he is to be found in
every class of small boys aged
seven. What was it like, the teacher
asks, this elephant you saw in
a seed? "The seed has to be pretty
big," says the small boy.
"to hold an elephant."
Along with all the rest he gath-
ers round as teacher raises the
plug. The heads bend low over the
seed, and every child's eyes
gleam with excitement. From hand
to hand the seed is passed with
tender care and love and joy and
shining innocence.
The elephant, living warmly in
a good seed, carved by a poor man
from a chip, not for money but
from the human urge to create,
speaks the same thing to every
one, to innocent and cynic, to the
"formed and knowing" as to the un-
"formed and ignorant."
But what does it say, the eleph-
ant in a seed? This is the magic
of it. No one knows, no one cares;
no one thinks about it. Everyone
simply looks and smiles and is de-
lighted.

Elephant In A Seed

R. R. in The Winnipeg Free Press

This week in Winnipeg I bought
a magic seed which made a child
of every adult who saw it,
and made of every child a dweller
in a world where waves might
suckle children, rabbits might talk,
and elephants can live in seeds.
The seed came by Treasure Van
from India where, for weeks, or
perhaps even months, it was
labeled over lovingly by simple
craftsmen whose minds are stock-
ed with tales but whose eyes
have never read a page.
It is the seed of the manchadi
tree, which grows in Travancore
as the redwood in California.
It is a small seed, richly red. The
people who live thereabouts gather
it, dry it, and hollow it out.
Then, because they are poor men
and cannot afford to buy much that
they cannot eat or wear, they
gather the chips of ivory which
fall from the work-tables of their
wealthier brothers. By some pro-
cess of eye and hand that is in-
credible to one whose hands have
never fashioned art, and whose
eyes look only on the work of
others, they carve from these chips
the finest of elephants, one to in-
habit each seed.
ACROSS THE SEA
They send them across the sea
to us from India, and we buy them
for ten cents. It is possible to dis-
cover that the elephants are as
large as four pinheads; but this is
not the point. It is possible to work
out, perhaps, how much of the ten
cents goes to the craftsman, and
having worked it out, to become
angry about it; but this is not the
spirit.
One simply opens the door of the
elephant's house, turns it upside
down, and allows the animal to
drop into the warm and protective
palm of one's great hand. One
bends close over the hand; the eye
can just make out four legs, a
trunk, a tail, eyes and ears and a
shape.
As one gazes at the kind of ani-
mals nestled in the life-line which
draws its course across the human
hand, the magic of the seed begins
to work its miracle.
Other heads bend close over the
hand, marvelling; in every head,
eyes weary from work and sorrow
and life brighten at sight of the
little animal lying beside its pro-
tective seed; for a moment cyni-
cism evaporates and there is in-
nocence again.
FOR A PRESENT
I say, "In India it is said that
it is ten times God's good luck to
own such a thing," and they ask
"Is it a present?" "It is one

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(January 31, 1932)
The news from the fur auctions
has commenced to circulate
through telegraphic and cable ad-
vices to shippers in this province.
Far from being in line with the
actual present have been very
different and show a general de-
cline in prices.
Only good since her launching
has the Rocky Point ferry exceed-
ed the record for late travel set
this winter. In 1932 she ran
only January 24, this year she
stopped January 22, only two days
behind. Since Friday the crossing
has been made with an iceboat.

TEN YEARS AGO
(January 31, 1927)
The Matthews, Walls Co. of
Guelph, Ont., has decided to

Medically Speaking
DIABETICS CAN LEAD FAIRLY NORMAL LIVES
Thirsty all the time, even in this cold weather? I mean are you really thirsty? Do you gulp lots of water, milk and soft drinks between meals?
If you do, let me urge you to see your doctor. While there may be nothing seriously wrong, you may be a victim of diabetes without even being aware of it. NEEDN'T BE FATAL
Diabetes no longer need be a fatal disease—if you get medical help early enough. With insulin and prescribed diets, the majority of diabetics can, and do, live to a ripe old age.
A diabetic does not necessarily have to lead the life of an invalid. With proper treatment, he can probably live a normal or near normal life.
OTHER SYMPTOMS
Unquenchable thirst is not always a symptom of diabetes, nor is it the only symptom. Be especially alert if your thirst is accompanied by a loss of weight despite an increased appetite, weakness, pains in the legs, a dry skin and a general feeling of nervousness and irritability.
Frequent urination sometimes is a symptom, particularly if the urine causes great discomfort.
If you have frequent boils or ulcers on your feet, be sure to have your doctor check you for diabetes whether or not any of the other symptoms are present.
Sometimes the only complaint a patient will have as the condition progresses is loss of pep and uncontrolled drowsiness.
CHILDREN AND ADULTS
Who gets diabetes? Both children and adults can be victims. But middle age who have been hearty eaters for years and, generally, they are overweight. Since diabetes tends to run in families, any of you whose parents suffered from the disease may be more vulnerable.
A word of caution—let me urge you not to overeat. Be especially careful to avoid eating too much starchy and sweet foods. Get a lot of fruit and green and yellow vegetables. Also, have a physical checkup at least once a year.
QUESTION AND ANSWER
S.G.: I have dark spots in the corner of my eyes. What causes this? I wear glasses.
Answer: The dark spots in the corner of your eye might be due to a variety of causes. They might come from irritation from the glasses, from some skin infection or possibly from some circulatory disturbance.
An examination is needed to determine the cause.
ANCIENT CHURCH
Trinity Church at Stratford-upon-Avon, Shakespeare's home, dates from the 13th century.

HOW TO PACK for PARCEL POST
1. Don't use flimsy shoe boxes—use corrugated cardboard cartons.
2. Use strong wrapping paper and tie with strong cord.
3. Print name and address clearly, completely and correctly on front of parcel IN INK.
4. Put your own name and address in the front upper left corner, and inside parcel.
5. Don't guess about weight—have your Post Office weigh parcels.
FOLLOW THESE 5 SUGGESTIONS AND HELP SPEED YOUR MAIL! CANADA POST OFFICE

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