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Freight Rate Appeal

One important problem, among many, awaiting the Federal Government's attention is what to do about a freight rate increase of 3.6 per cent recommended by the Board of Transport Commissioners.

High freight rates from the Atlantic region to central Canadian markets have always been an impediment to the economic development of these Provinces.

From the start, the Diefenbaker Government has adopted a different policy—one, that is to say, which takes into consideration the economic stresses and strains of the region as well as the Railways' natural desire for bigger revenues.

There can be no question, however, that had we been obliged to carry on with the revenue obtainable from Ottawa last year we would be in a very precarious situation today.

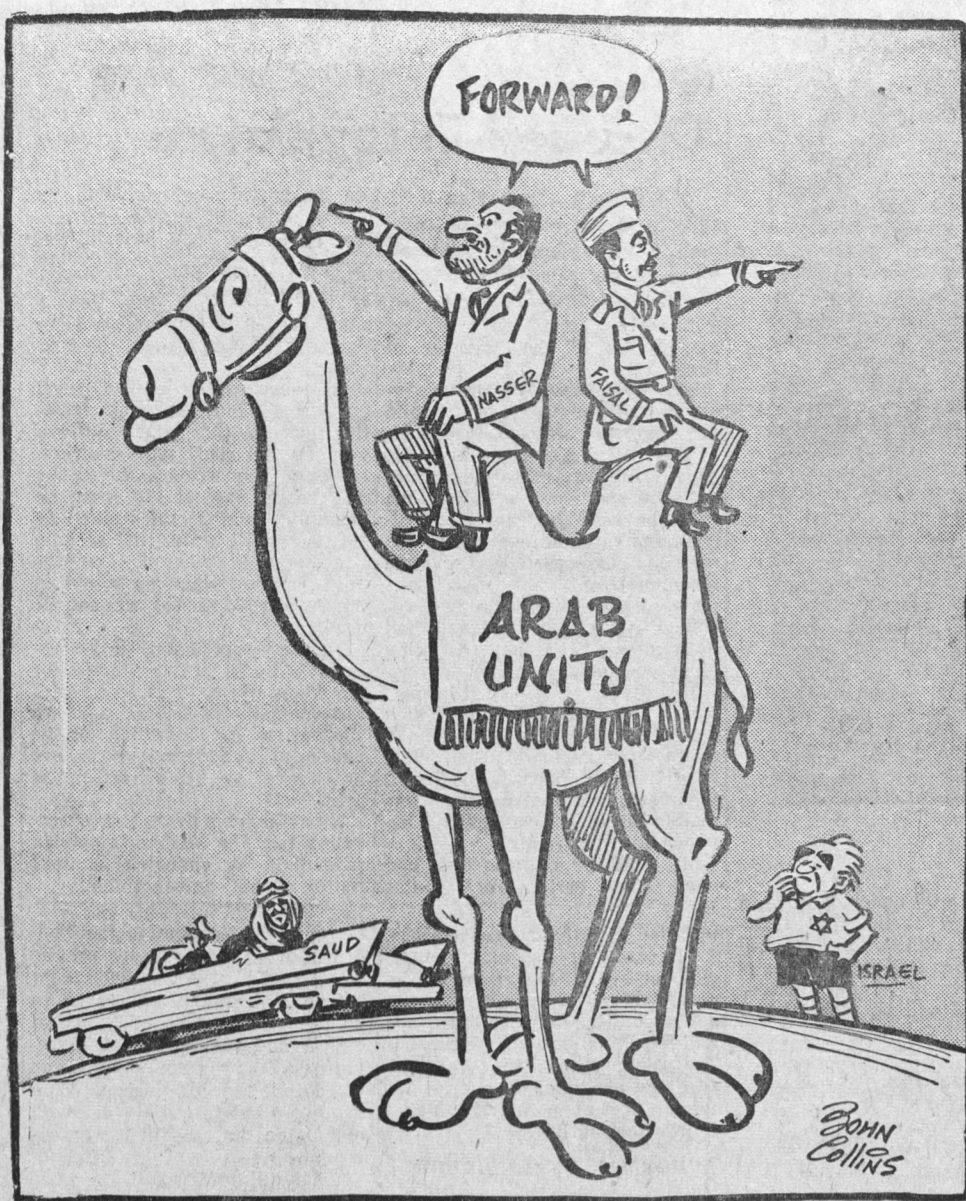
According to American press reports, there is a good deal of public dissatisfaction in the United States over a number of recent rulings handed down by the Supreme Court.

It has always been a mystery why any Supreme Court should be obliged to go into the numerical details when giving judgement.

Would it not be sufficient for the Court simply to deliver judgement (which means the majority ruling), without bothering to say who voted for it and who opposed it?

By a vote of 27 to 17 the Manitoba Legislature recently turned down legislation that would have permitted the sale of colored margarine in the province.

Citizenship Day is to be observed in Canada this year on Friday, May 16. The object, as it has been clearly set forth by the Governor General, is by setting apart one day among the others, to give particular thought to what it means to be a citizen of this country.



THE TWO-HUMP CAMEL

OTTAWA REPORT

Economic Reconstruction

By Patrick Nicholson, Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Ottawa: Awakening from its post-election awe on All Fools' Day, Ottawa is now anticipating a period of aggressive reconstruction under the vigorous and newly-strengthened Conservative Government.

All the signs point to the creation of a more truly "Canadian" policy than was followed during the St. Laurent decade.

To the average Canadian, the most important long-term task is to halt inflation. During the St. Laurent decade, that thief in the night slashed 20 cents off the purchasing power of our dollar.

BOSS IN OUR HOUSE

Just as the full employment of the post-war decade was substantially attributable to outside influences, beyond the control of the Canadian government, so the maintenance of peace and prosperity through our tomorrows will be largely dependent upon outside factors.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has given Canadians, a vivid word picture of his view of the Canada of Tomorrow. That will be an independent Canada, not afraid to speak up and act up to protect her own interests. It will

Byrd's Memory Honored

National Geographic Society

The newly dedicated Richard E. Byrd Library at Springfield, Virginia, will preserve for future generations books and mementoes of one of the great explorers of all time.

The family of the late Rear Admiral Byrd has offered the Library a number of Byrd's books and belongings. Already on display is a large photographic portrait presented by the National Geographic Society, which helped support his polar expeditions.

The modest-sized library is located about 12 miles from Washington, in an area wealthy in historic associations. Mount Vernon, home of George Washington, stands a few miles away. Up the Potomac River lies Alexandria where visitors may still see the apothecary shop that prepared medicine for Washington.

Byrd's career as polar explorer began in 1925 when he joined forces with the Donald B. MacMillan Arctic Expedition, supported by the Society. The expedition established a base at Etah, Greenland, 140 miles north of what is now Thule Air Base.

Byrd and his companions explored thousands of square miles over Ellesmere Island. He and Floyd Bennett were the first men to fly over the Greenland Icecap. The following year, on May 1, Byrd and Bennett became the first men ever to fly over the North Pole.

Contact Lenses As Correctives

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. CONTACT lenses, which have become very popular in recent years, sometimes can do more than merely enhance a person's appearance. In some instances, contacts are especially helpful in correcting visual troubles.

Recently it was discovered that some cases of progressive myopia can be arrested by wearing contact lenses. Progressive myopia is a form of nearsightedness which becomes worse from year to year.

RESULTS OF STUDY

A two-year study of 1,400 persons who had steadily increasing myopia showed that none of the cases became worse after the patients were fitted with corneal lenses, a type of contacts. Moreover, some actually showed signs of slight improvement.

Similar results have been reported in surveys conducted in Europe.

NOT VERY NEW

Contact lenses are not new, but they have become popular only in the last few years. As a matter of fact, the idea of contacts was originated by Leonardo da Vinci, according to authorities on glasses and visual troubles. That was way back in 1508.

Of course many improvements have been made since then. And now some 3,000,000 Americans are wearing contacts. This number is a tremendous increase over the 200,000 who were wearing them just eight years ago in 1950.

GREATEST INCREASE

The greatest increase has occurred during the last couple of years. In 1956 alone, the number of persons wearing contact lenses increased 25 per cent.

As might be suspected, women wear about 67 per cent of the contacts. And 60 per cent of these women are between the ages of 15 and 25. Seems as though many girls don't want to wear regular spectacles when they are in the market for a husband. I guess it has something to do with the theory that "Men never make passes at girls who wear glasses"—which, of course, is a lot of nonsense.

MANY REASONS

Different individuals have different reasons for preferring contact lenses. For some, it's simply a matter of appearance. Others who are active in industrial work or in the sports field, appreciate the protection and convenience of contacts.

If you are interested in contact lenses, check with an eye specialist to determine whether they will benefit you before ordering them.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

J.A.B.: Is it possible to cure hemorrhoids without surgery? Answer: In certain cases of hemorrhoids, it is possible to get good results by the injection method of treatment.

HISTORIC MAP

Lake Erie, most southerly of the Great Lakes, was first clearly shown on a map published in Paris in 1650.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A ghost in Devonshire is reported as making a beeping noise from a spookin, no doubt.—Brantford Expositor

Floor walkers are now called floor managers but they will suffer from sore feet just the same.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

World peace is a beautiful damsel in distress. But no shining knight appears to be capable of rescuing her.—Cornwall Standard

In the spring, a young mans fancy, and if you don't believe it, take a look at him in his new outfit.—Kitchener Waterloo Record

The call goes out for bold, imaginative ideas on our space policies. Well, how about sending a rocket full of empty beer, bean and tuna-fish cans up to Mars, just to let anyone who lands there know that our culture arrived first?—Chicago Daily News

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 9, 1933) Henry Detchon, general manager of the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, an institution consisting of 1,300 wholesale houses throughout the Dominion, accompanied by F. G. Clennett, Manager of the Halifax Office, spent last week here completing the organization of the P.E.I. branch with Mr. H. K. S. Hemming as manager.

Owing to extensive repairs, the city bus service operated by Messrs. Lewis and Farley is being discontinued as from today. The service has been in operation since early December and has been much appreciated by the travelling public.

TEN YEARS AGO

(April 9, 1948) The one hundred or more families now living at Maple Hills will have to begin looking for new quarters before next fall's cold weather starts to frost the window panes, because the area will be closed on September 30, next, according to Premier J. Walter Jones. The reason for closing is that the most of the buildings are in a state of disrepair and that it would cost too much to restore them.

Jackson Dods, C.B.E., of Montreal, Dominion Commissioner of Canada's Boy Scouts, arrived in Charlottetown last night on his first official visit to the province, accompanied by Lt.-Col. George Simmons, M. B. E., Executive Commissioner for Administration

The Age Old Story

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power be lengthened unto God. Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy; for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

Scientists who speak so glibly of space never had to fill up a weekly newspaper when nothing was happening.—Arcadia News Leader

A wise mother takes the offensive and complains about how the neighbor's flower garden is muddying her children's shoes.—Peterborough Examiner

Clean streets, smooth street surfaces, carefully swept sidewalks — without broken curbs — are certainly inviting to visitors, and any business is better publicized if the approaches are attractive.—London Free Press

A California judge says his experience is that the longer a man's hair is, the more of a crook he is likely to be. If this theory spreads, then bald-headed men should have no trouble getting their cheques cashed.—Hamilton Spectator

A Canadian painting slated for display at the Brussels Exhibition portrays an alleged cattle owner with his back turned to the head and horns of a huge loosely-tied bull. Belgian agriculturalists will marvel at Canadian courage in the baryard.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review

An Irishman, spending an enjoyable holiday in Mexico, boarded a train in a small country station. Almost immediately his guide became involved in a terrific verbal battle with the train conductor. The Irishman got tired of the flow of abuse and decided to butt in. "What's the trouble?" he asked his guide. "The trouble, senor," replied the guide, "is that this is yesterday's train. We have tickets only for today's train. But, caramba, today's train is not due until tomorrow."—Irish Digest (Dublin)

MAXIMS

Heredity is an omnibus in which all our ancestors ride, and every now and then one of them puts his head out and embarrasses us.

ON WARPATH

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — The Times of India says Naga tribal rebels are collecting arms and men for a renewed outbreak against government forces. The Nagas, former headhunters, are on the northeastern frontier of

LIFE NOT WORTH LIVING?

Then wake up the liver! You know that sour, sunk, constipated feeling? It may be caused by the liver. If your liver doesn't pour out up to two pints of bile a day your food won't digest properly, and you feel that life's just not worth living. That's when the liver needs mild gentle Carter's Little Liver Pills. These vegetable pills stimulate the flow of liver bile. Soon your digestion starts functioning properly and you feel that happy days are here again! Don't ever stay sunk. Always keep Carter's Little Liver Pills on hand.

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THE POET'S CORNER

SYCAMORES

If there is a tree upon the moon, If the moon knows how to grow a tree, Then men will find out to their pleasure soon, And it may be a sycamore they see. A sycamore is not like other trees. Its boughs exude a kind of creamy light, And many a full moon balances in these Earthy sycamores at dark of night.

But it is dawn now for space travelers. The sun of their adventures soon will rise Imposing in their pallor, sycamores Would be good to stand under in the 'skies, To look up at and maybe see Earth in over oyster-white moon ground.

—Elizabeth Jane Astley in the Christian Science Monitor.

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Meanwhile, I'd like to document this little letter by sending along a pair of very keen paragraphs on this same theme, from the opposite number in the United States, as drawn by one of our U. S. farm contemporaries: No. 1 deals with "The farmers' share" as follows: "He gets 40 cents of the final consumer's food dollar—U.S. Dept. of Agriculture says 39 to 40 cents would be about it for 1953, too. Ten years ago, he it noted, the U.S. farmer got 53 cents of each food dollar", while No. 2 sets out to prove with the stubborn logic of the figures, that "Food Is Big Business", thus: "Consumers spent \$75,000,000,000 on food in 1957. Of this massive total the farmers got \$29,000,000,000—and the balance went for processing, transporting, packaging, wholesaling and retailing: \$46,000,000,000. I am, Sir, etc., READER.

RETIRED POLICEMAN DIES

GLACE BAY, N. S. — (CP) — Funeral services will be held here today (Tuesday) for Arthur George Frost, 67, retired sergeant of the Glace Bay Police Department. He died in hospital in Halifax Saturday.