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It's Wonderful

The most delightful and surprising news to come out of July, which didn't include even one day to least about so far as weather was concerned, was released recently by E. J. Kipping, superintendent of the Prince Edward Island National Park.

Despite the rain, the bloom, and the cold, the National Park enjoyed a "normal" (and healthy) increase in activity last month, over the same month in 1961.

It tourist activities can surge ahead in this province in face of such adverse weather as prevailed last month, nothing can stop 'em.

True enough, some of the private tourist resorts suffered slumps as a result of that weather, but the general showing, with the National Park setting the pace — it's wonderful.

"Playing Politics"

Apparently, according to Mr. Real Caouette, deputy national leader of the Social Credit party, he and his supporters in the next Parliament are going to have their own political row without paying any attention to what the other Opposition members may wish them to do.

"If the Liberals," says Mr. Caouette, "come with a non-confidence motion that is only playing politics, we will not support it. But if they come with a non-confidence motion on tight-money, we will fight that tight-money policy with all our strength."

Here speaks the true Social Creditor, for his party, ever since the days of Aherbacht, has been known as the party with the "funny-money" policy.

However, it is interesting to hear Mr. Caouette condemning Mr. Diefenbaker and his government for a policy which the Prime Minister, in the 1957 campaign, accused the Liberals of following.

But Mr. Pearson, if he really wants an early election, can probably have it. All he need do now, is, as soon as Parliament meets, to call for a vote of non-confidence based on the government's austerity program.

The New Democrats would only hurt their prospects in the next election by refusing to go along with the vote of non-confidence, for they, too, have been constantly saying that only government incompetence has been responsible for the present "austerity." And Mr. Caouette, though not the leader of the Social Credit party, would not likely have made the statement he is credited with making did it not have Mr. Thompson's approval.

It looks, therefore, as though we could have an early dissolution of the next Parliament, and another election.

Whether or not such an election would improve the political fortunes of either the government or the present Liberal Opposition is an other question.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Talk about the meeting of extremes. It was Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight championship boxer, who presented the award symbolizing the tiddlywinks world championship to the victorious British team.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics notes a significant increase in the number of visitors to Canada from the United States and other countries. Conservative papers are pointing out that it was on May 2 that Finance Minister Fleming announced the Canadian dollar was now worth 92 1/2 American cents.

An agency of the United Nations reveals that there are in the world today 200 million persons past 60. From 1950 to 1960 the number increased by 4,500,000 a year, or 2.5 per cent, while the world's population grew by 42 million a year, or 1.6 per cent. In the United States, Canada and Europe, 60s of every seven persons is past 60; in the Soviet Union it's one in 11; in Latin America one in 16; in Asia and Africa, fewer than one in 20. Yet, according to the U.N. report, "efficiency and responsibility often reach a peak past 60."

That's a nice way to be told about it. It would be hard to imagine a tastier invitation to Canada, or more specifically, to the Island.



GIVE A MAN A HORSE HE CAN RIDE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Malformation And Thalidomide

The almost world-wide tragedy of infants deformed by the drug thalidomide has focused attention on an old medical myth.

Malformation is often medicinally inexplicable, but it occurs regularly at rare intervals — perhaps once in 100,000 births, a medical authority here tells me.

This is not by means the only malformation being reported among the estimated 8,000 cases already noted in Britain, U.S., West Germany, Holland, Japan, Brazil and elsewhere in the world in Canada.

It was greeted as a wonder drug when first created eight years ago in Germany by the pharmaceutical Cheminor.

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Chemical Is Aid In Skin Condition

Dr. H. Theodore R. Van Dellen... VITRIOLIC use sunbathing in which there is a spitz-like or white skin pigment. Only one or two white patches are usually present...

A chemical remedy (p-aminobenzoic acid) was introduced 10 years ago with results that have been of no value for some victims of vitiligo. Others develop a new pigment in the skin after the product is stopped.

This method of getting a quick tan is utilized also by persons who burn easily and is recommended when the risk of using a chemical of this type is justified.

The poisons must be used according to directions. They sensitize the skin to ultraviolet rays and usually are taken internally as well as topically.

BEANS ARE SAFE... J.W. writes: A while ago I read that if a person takes beans several times a day, blood poisoning will develop in time.

REPLY... This is not true and demonstrates how rumors get started and garbled.

APPENDICITIS... Mrs. D.H. writes: I have a very dangerous appendixitis, following pinworms. I have no appendixitis after I got pinworms and my two daughters who have had pinworms had to have appendix removed.

REPLY... Dogs do well on one meal a day; humans, on at least two.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Always drive as if your children are in the other car... In the American Soviet maneuvering over bomb tests, we can't expect the country to be two small boys, battered but determined, slugging it out on the ground.

Washington, a wag once said: "A city populated by great men — and the women they married when they were young." — Saturday Star.

Radio Television France received a request for certain musical programs from Radio Peking to air on the Chinese station set the French network a gift of three records entitled "Les Chansons de la Capitale."

Grammarians who feel that the importance of punctuation is unappreciated may take note of the following: The news that the lack of a hyphen...

Meaning Of The Highway

The Trans-Canada Highway most difficult sections are a real complete. It is now possible to drive from the Atlantic coast to coast on the Trans-Canada Highway, or on other adequate roads, without having to make a detour through the United States.

Trans-Canada Highway itself is completed. (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO AUGUST 1, 1937

THE auxiliary fleet "Atia" from Extona sailed into Charlottetown harbor yesterday under command of Captain A.L. Walter, and carrying a crew of 14 youths. The voyage across the Atlantic from Madeira Island to Florida was made entirely under sail and took 45 days.

THE completion of this task is another victory for Canadians in their battle against their greatest enemy — space. Canada's area is vast and its population small. And that population, far from being evenly distributed, is bunched together in a few regions.

A beautiful August day contributed to the success of the third annual boat race at Alberton. South yesterday afternoon. More than a thousand people assembled for the event. In the evening a dance was held in the Legion Hall at Alberton.

THE success of the 500 was presented by the Maritime League of the Canadian Legion to Mayor Henry Weir, who has only one year to go as Mayor's Rink Fund. This money was raised by the sponsorship of a circus earlier this summer.



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A Situation Viewed Calmly

Cape Breton Post

The alleged Communist infiltration of recognizably respectable Canadian organizations, disclosed by an ex-styled former undercover RCMP agent, is the story that would cause a furor in the United States.

Supposing there are elements of truth or half-truth in the allegations, they are not surprising. We have known for years about the spy Communist methods, practices and machinations, are aware of them, can detect them, and are not alarmed.

Communism, as expressed in the attempt of a foreign power to use Canadian citizens as cat's paws for its devious purposes, is an alien to the prevailing thought in this country as almost anything you could name.

Speaking about the role of government and the wage-price control, Prime Minister Maclean has said: "The government's responsibility is to bring forward the public — employers and employees — a new method of income with production."

This is an observation which all members of parliament would do well to take to heart, preferably before Canadian goods price the nation's products out of world markets.

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