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Poses Major Problem
It is said that government planners are now at work assessing the feasibility of putting the Economic Council of Canada's new recommendations into effect.

But education is only one of several fields in which the council has called for steeply increased government outlays. Particularly important to this section of the country is its suggested method of eliminating the drag on the national economy created by regional disparities.

According to an Ottawa correspondent of the Financial Times, there is little basic disagreement on the general line taken by the council in its review, but the task of translating it into governmental policy presents problems.

In other words, the government has been caught off base by the council's report; a fact for which there is no legitimate excuse, and is explainable only by reason of its haste in getting vote-catching policies before the people in its ill-fated election campaign last November.

Using Tidal Energy
The prospect of harnessing the ocean tides that spurt into Passamaquoddy bay from the Bay of Fundy has long held the attention of scientists.

Meantime, the Associated Press reports that France has gotten ahead of us in this matter. It has nearly finished building the first tidal power electric generating plant in the world, and is expected to begin supplying part of its power to French homes and industry this year.

solved the problem of using tidal energy to make electricity at a cost far below that from atomic power stations and competitive with conventional generating plants.

The Passamaquoddy project, if ever built, would dwarf the Rance river plant, but on the Rance compactness was a virtue, and construction could profitably be undertaken.

The dam across the estuary measures about 2,400 feet, and the crown will serve as a two-lane highway. The estimated production of 554 million kilowatt hours of electricity represents less than one-half of one per cent of France's current consumption.

With the Rance project near operational stage, French engineers have dreamed up an even more ambitious project. This one would call for a dam about 13.7 miles across the sea at the junction of the Brittany and Cotentin peninsulas and would include the area of the famed Mont St. Michel monastery.

An enthusiastic advocate of the Passamaquoddy scheme in this province was the late Premier J. Walter Jones. He spoke of it on many occasions in the Legislature, and to those who scoffed he predicted that some day it would solve all our power problems in this Atlantic area, and revolutionize our way of life.

Delusions Of Grandeur

Acting Revenue Minister Eric Kierans of Quebec rocked the boat last week by talking tough to Washington and threatening economic reprisals against curtailment of American investment in his province.

Mr. Lesage declined comment after a Quebec cabinet meeting on Tuesday at which the matter was discussed. But yesterday the text of an apologetic letter to the U.S. Commerce Secretary from Mr. Kierans was released, stating he agreed with his leader that he should not have sent his previous letter "as acting Minister of Revenue and that it should have been private and personal."

Another Quebec cabinet member, Health and Welfare Minister Rene Levesque, made a grandstand play by launching a campaign last week to take over the family allowance program within Quebec's borders.

"We are in the family allowance field and we don't contemplate any withdrawal." But neither does it seem that Mr. Levesque intends to back down. He set no deadline for Quebec's takeover in this field, but plainly implied that it was in the offing.

These delusions of grandeur are likely to spell trouble for the crucial federal-provincial dealings which lie ahead. As the Ottawa Journal well says, those who should be most worried are the moderates in Quebec and Ottawa who believe that new federal and provincial agreements are necessary to keep the country united.



THE BUSY SIGNAL
OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

To Halt Senseless Highway Slaughter

One of our youngest and most thoughtful MPs has urged the government to do what it, and its predecessors over the past umpteen years, shamefully neglected to do in the interests of the pleasure, safety, economy and life of every Canadian.

Howard Graftey, MP for Brome-Missisquoi, Quebec, has tabled a motion calling upon the government to set up a committee to study and recommend safety features which should be incorporated in all motor vehicles henceforth put upon our roads.

I believe that every thinking Canadian shares Mr. Graftey's revulsion at the daily massacre on our highways. As I have pointed out, the number of men, women and children killed or wounded in traffic accidents last year exceeded the total population of Regina or Windsor, and matched the total population of the four cities of Galt, Guelph, Port Arthur and Timmins.

I believe that Canadian mothers do not bear children to be auto-fodder on our highways. I believe that road-users resent the risks to which they are needlessly exposed through faults in other cars and through safety deficiencies in their own.

I believe that taxpayers would as soon see their money spent on a government enquiry into safer motor vehicles as on, say, a government enquiry into bilingualism and biculturalism.

I believe that car-owners would like to see the cost of automobile insurance reduced through a diminution of highway damage.

The "wild women" not wild savage, but wild mad - who deplore broadcast programs unduly exhibiting crime and immorality did something about their beliefs. Those Canadian wives and Canadian mothers collected over 100,000 signatures endorsing their "Declaration by Canadian Women".

Many more Canadians feel angry and shamed by our highway toll than feel exercised by broadcast programs; if you would all make your feelings known to He-

ward Graftey, you would greatly assist his worthwhile initiative.

So I ask all readers who agree with his aim, to clip this column, attach to it a plain sheet of paper, and collect on that the signatures of themselves and their relations and friends. Then mail those pieces of paper to: Howard Graftey MP, House of Commons, Ottawa. No postage stamp is required on that mail, as on all mail addressed to any MP at the House of Commons while Parliament is in session, or within ten days of a session.

Your signatures would be an endorsement of Mr. Graftey's resolution, which reads in full:

"That in the opinion of this House the Government should, as soon as possible, create a commission or committee to enquire into the manufacturing of safer motor vehicles and that, subsequently, on production of the report of such commission or committee, take immediate steps towards the implementation thereof in order to assure that all scientifically proven safety features are incorporated on vehicles produced or imported for use in Canada and in order to halt the senseless and unnecessary slaughter of thousands of Canadians each year on our highways."

Don't delay! Do it now!

Shellfish Viruses

By Dr. Theodore H. Van Dellen
Our public health service has confirmed a finding that fishermen have known for a long time: Oysters and clams in the breathing and feeding mechanism "drink" many gallons of water daily.

The undigested particles are eliminated approximately 6 hours after entering the shell. Fishermen sometimes "float" the oysters in cleaner water to allow the organism to purge its intestinal tract. The shellfish is cleaner and in better condition for shipment. It is not done very often because it is difficult to find convenient in-shore water.

A team of researchers at the Public Health Service's Gulf Coast Shellfish Sanitation Research center, Dauphin Island, Ala., found that oysters freed themselves of contaminated viruses and bacteria within 12 to 24 hours in purified sea water. The bivalves were placed in contaminated tanks and by the end of three hours had a virus count at least 10 times that found in the surrounding sea water.

This research demonstrates that shellfish can be purified by transplanting them temporarily from polluted into clean water. Some commercial fishermen disinfect the water with chlorine but this has pitfalls because the oyster closes up if the solution is too strong.

Now and then epidemics of food poisoning, including typhoid fever, are traced to oysters and clams obtained from beds at the mouth of contaminated rivers. This is best avoided by obtaining oysters from accredited beds that are sanitary.

Oysters are most active during the warm summer months when they drink large amounts of water and bacteria. When the water gets cold the shell begins to close and they pass into a sort of hibernation.

ULCER VICTIM
H. B. writes: For the last year I have been unable to hold a steady job because of a digestive ulcer. I can work only an average of four days out of seven. Diet and different medicines do no good. Is there any hope of cure?

REPLY
Surgery is the next step if you and your physician are satisfied that diet, alkalis, and other conservative measures have proved useless.

PLUGGED EARS
L. C. M. writes: What, besides wax, causes the ears to become plugged every now and then?

REPLY
Inflammation, eczema, or ringworm of the outer ear canal. A feeling of fullness with slight deafness occurs when the Eustachian tube is blocked. This condition is associated with cold, allergy, or flying at a high altitude.

THE LOWER, THE COLDER
N. M. T. writes: My legs from thighs to knees feel hot but from knees to feet, they are cold. What could do this?

REPLY
When poor circulation exists, the lower leg is colder than the thigh, the feet are colder than the lower leg, and the toes are coldest of all.

NOT UNCOMMON
Mrs. E. writes: Did you ever hear of collapse of a lung resulting from an auto accident?

REPLY
Lung collapse occurs after many types of accidents, including automobile crashes.

Our Yesterdays
(Twenty - Five Years Ago)
The worst storm of the winter battered Atlantic shipping, leaving two United States freighters in distress and delayed scheduled arrivals of five passenger liners.

India's Leadership

By Harold Morrison
Canadian Press Staff Writer
Overburdened with poverty and starvation and threatened with financial bankruptcy, India now faces an unwanted internal struggle for political power at a crucial time in its history.

At the moment the leadership is in the hands of Gulzarilal Nanda, 67-year-old Hindu nationalist who is viewed with suspicion by Pakistani Moslems and who doesn't seem to have many friends in Western capitals. London experts doubt whether this caretaker prime minister has sufficient political influence and ability to ensure his country's stability and unity in the hour of crisis.

Nanda undertook a similar caretaker role when Jawaharlal Nehru died in 1964. He quickly yielded to Lal Bahadur Shastri after the powerful Congress party ended its internal fight with the choice of a compromise candidate.

NANDA HAS BACKERS
Now there seems to be stronger New Delhi opinion that Nanda, as astrophysicist, vegetarian, economist and union leader, should be given the chance to show his ability as permanent leader. This view is based in part on the argument that with the crisis gathering at its doorstep, India cannot afford the luxury of a prolonged leadership struggle.

Indeed, there is open hope in London that Chavan gets the job though at this point there is little more than hope. A lot will depend on the decision of party kingmakers and the will of politicians to avert the threat of complacency and disaster.

CAVAN A POSSIBILITY
Among the others is Defence Minister Chavan, a 59-year-old political veteran who gained popularity through the army's impressive defence during the war with Pakistan last September.

Chavan has demonstrated his ability as an efficient administrator and has gained many friends in London and other Western capitals. He is considered a political moderate who can get along well with both East and West.

What did these two vegetables have that made them top winners? The squash, named Gold Nugget, is a sweet, meaty globe of softball size. Kitchentale cooks will welcome it. The quality of the lettuce is described by its name, Butter King. Big and tender, no doubt, it derives from a strain developed in Israel. Many a salad bowl will be waiting for it.

Now we wonder what future All-American contests will bring. We can think of many improvements that could be made in this nation's vegetables.

For example, there is the problem of the crackly celery which adds one more sound to the clatter and din of restaurants. Could not the garden experts give us a noiseless stalk? String beans have already been made stringless, a real labor-saving improvement.

How about growing them frenched (stir-fried), as they come from the frozen package? Then there is the spinach problem facing so many thousands of the new generation. How about a candy-flavored variety?

We look forward hopefully to the "All-Americans" of the future. Growers who changed the name - rough cucumber to a smooth, sleek number, and who defuzzed the peach can be expected to meet other challenges.

ORDAINED AT 60
TORONTO (CP)—John Murray, a missionary for 30 years, has become a minister at age 60. An accountant, he served with his wife in India after he heard missionaries were needed.

Geraniums In The Window

Ottawa Journal
The human heart has always hungered for color. Pioneers and colonials dug colored ochre from the soil, mixed it with linseed oil and buttermilk, and made yellow and red paint for barns and houses, kitchen floors and stipped ceilings.

Half a century ago housewives were proud of vigorous plants with glossy green leaves and blossoms that offered beauty in the winter. Fields were white with snow and felt leggings hung on a line behind the range.

On lonely farms and ranches, when the long time of cold and deep snow was on the land, geraniums in the windows have been banners that helped keep courage high and satisfied a hunger in the heart.

The Family Doctor

Toronto Telegram
After all the fuss that has been made—deservedly—over medical specialists and researchers, it is good to know that more attention is going to be paid to that versatile and indispensable practitioner, the family doctor.

Two universities, one in the west and one in the east, are beginning post-graduate courses for doctors leading to specialty certificates in general practice.

The general practitioner, rather lamentably neglected lately, will come back into his own. But as a specialist in his own field.

At the University of Alberta and the University of Western Ontario, graduates in medicine will serve the usual internship and then spend two years of selective study. They will work with specialists in hospitals, in office treatments and in home calls. They will work with that special segment of the medical profession that we have relied upon for so long—the family doctor.

In the third year of their post-graduate training, these new specialists of many facets of medicine will serve in a rural hospital for a month. Then they will take over a family doctor's practice for a while so that the host doctor may engage in study.

Tower City For 25,000

West German Features
The super "living tower" designed by West Berlin architect Robert Gabriel, is to be three times as high as the present highest building in the world—the Empire State Building in New York.

The giant will jut 3,750 feet into the sky some 35 miles away from the densely populated area surrounding Frankfurt-Wiesbaden, Mainz. 355 storeys above and 16 storeys beneath the earth are planned.

In 8,000 apartments (100 square yards in size), 25,000 persons will reside. Workshops and offices, schools, churches, kindergartens, hospitals, restaurants and department stores will be included so that the many inhabitants will not notice rain.

REVENGED GOSSIP
The Roman emperor Caracalla massacred citizens of Alexandria in the third century. A.D. for gossiping about his weaknesses.

Several express lifts will stop every 20 floors where the passengers must change to slower elevators. Road and rail traffic near and around the tower will take place underground. Down to a depth of 360 feet. Garages for 4,000 cars will also be located underground. Construction will probably take 10 years. The calculated construction costs of \$625,000,000 are to be gained through shares that will soon go on sale throughout the world.

TRAVEL DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS

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OTTAWA
With expansion of its overseas operations and development program for Canada, the CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TRAVEL BUREAU requires staff to work in the areas of tour development and convention promotions.

Two positions are now open—Tour Promotion Officer and Conventions Promotion Officer. Candidates for both positions should have many years of experience in the hotel, travel, or transportation industry; a good knowledge of Canada's travel industry and a demonstrated ability to develop and promote travel; ability to develop programs with agencies and organizations and meet and address groups. Considerable travel would be expected.

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