

lose basis, nor could many other services which the railways provide, and which are of paramount importance to the country.

And, as has been pointed out on several occasions, the truckers themselves are subsidized by the taxpayers; not directly, as the railways, but indirectly along with other users of the highways. License fees, gasoline taxes and other charges which may be attributed to the use of roads do not cover the full cost of roadways, bridges, city streets, and other necessities that make highway transportation possible. A good portion of the cost of these facilities comes from general tax revenue, and thus constitutes a subsidy.

This is a good thing, for the public service the trucking industry provides more than compensates for these expenditures. But if it is valid that the railways should be deprived of the direct subsidy, it is equally valid that the truckers should be asked to forego their special privileges as users of public thoroughfares. That way, they would both soon be out of business. The logic of this request doesn't appeal to us at all, and we doubt if it will get very far with the House of Commons committee.

Unditchable Dief

Despite all the talk about dissatisfaction with Prime Minister Diefenbaker's party leadership, it is likely that he will get a resounding vote of confidence when the Conservatives hold their annual meeting at Ottawa on January 18-19. This is predicted already by the chairman of the resolutions committee, who describes as "completely unfounded" reports that resolutions calling for a change in leadership had been sent in to the committee.

About 180 resolutions have been received so far—none of them showing any spleen against Honest John. A major one to be introduced will endorse him wholeheartedly as continuing leader. The Liberals, Secreds, and New Democrats, of course, will sniff at this. They are saying, "Just wait and see!"

The Tories blame the Liberals for starting the rumors about John being on the skids, but the other opposition groups have been spreading them, too. They are hinting that Trade Minister Hees has set his cap for the leadership. Now that David Fulton is out of the way, rebuilding Conservative fortunes in British Columbia, they claim that Hees is the coming man.

But Mr. Hees indignantly denies it. He says the caucus of MPs and senators and the Conservative Party are solidly behind the Prime Minister. He is certain that the PM has "absolutely no intention of resigning" and, moreover, that "he'll lead us in the next election and he'll win." This hasn't helped all the rumblings, but it has helped. Meanwhile Mr. Diefenbaker, reclining Jupiter-like above the clouds, and seeing the bolts hurled far below him in the valley, maintains a dignified silence. His time to break it will come when he mounts the rostrum at the big party rally, and speaks his piece. We have an idea that this will be a whale of a performance. If there are any Doubting Thomases in the audience, they'll likely, before he gets through with them, be either converted or heading desperately for the nearest fire escape.

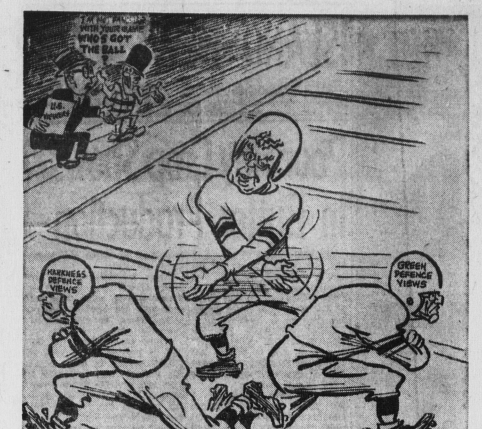
EDITORIAL NOTES

Worth bearing in mind now is the need for keeping those Christmas trees and decorations safe from the fire menace. This is the time to take precautions—not when the trouble starts.

A Poor Argument

The question of subsidies for Canadian railways has been raised by the Canadian Trucking Association in a brief presented to the Commons Railways Committee. The association is seeking to persuade the committee to reject a government bill extending provisions of the Freight Rates Reduction Act, and in doing so has described railway subsidies as "an irrational, frightening waste of public funds."

The truckers' brief will serve a good purpose if it helps to cut down unnecessary expenditure in the way of subsidies; but surely, in denouncing the principle itself, the association is on illogical ground. To bring the point home, one big subsidy the Canadian National Railway receives is for the operation of our car ferry service between this Province and the mainland. It couldn't be operated on a profit and



Rib Syndrome Causes Pain

Dr. Theodore H. Van Dellen says "Eagle Bells" (the chest wall usually is aggravated by breathing, coughing, or movements such as reaching or stretching. This soreness may develop as the result of strains of the muscles of the chest wall due to unaccustomed exercise or a severe coughing spell.)

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Aspirin and heat are helpful in soothing chest wall injuries. A self-heating, strapless, elastic rib halter or belt tend to minimize movements of the chest and promote healing. A wide, light brassiere is helpful when trauma occurs at the level of the breast.

Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.

ASTHMA SHORTS

Mr. W. H. H. Have immunity shots against asthma proved helpful?

Yes, but desensitization shots are not always helpful, especially when the allergen is food, bacteria, or the emotions. They may not be successful when the individual continues to live in a dusty environment or refuses to give up the cat or dog. But, in general, the sooner the injections are started, the less likely complications are to develop.

BAR FUNGUS

H. D. writes: I had a prolonged attack of fungus in both ears, which the doctor succeeded in curing. How can I prevent another bout of this nuisance?

Why not ask the physician who was so successful in treating your condition? He knows what type of fungus was present and should be able to outline a good prophylactic program.

ANOTHER GAME IN THE GOLF OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Heavy Run On Political Satire

"Have you heard it yet?" That is the most frequent conversational opening as Ottawa unveils the battles in the past holiday season. Not to catch the reference marks the hearer as a square, while the cool cat not merely knows that "it" is the Kennedy record, but can quote its highlights as readily as his grandfater quoted Shakespeare. "The First Family" is a standard non-playing record in which a 25-year old super club entertainer and TV star named Vaughn Meader impersonates President Kennedy, while other artists play the roles of Christopher Jackie, ebullient Wolping, and a whole cast of "Dignitaries and Visitors and Heads of State and Free Leaders and Relatives and more Relatives."

The record went on sale in U.S.A. mid-November. It was sold out quicker than it takes to say so. It literally hit Ottawa shortly after, and is already a smash success in Britain.

OUT OF THIS WORLD

The rapid rise of the new form of sick humour, which pokes fun at the mighty and

PUBLIC FORUM

As for the "disgusted" growers, I can only state that Mr. Wheatley surely has the unique experience of being the majority of those disgusted, insofar as we are aware of it.

As for the Government giving P.E.I. Frosted Foods Ltd., any other method of getting away from total ignorance of the facts, as we have never asked for nor received a subsidy, and how the Government, on the other hand, is doing for those concerned that we have a very heavy investment in our plant.

I am wondering if Mr. Wheatley remembers our predecessors at Sherwood that we were from the growers' cooperative which started a frozen food plant? The Government has done an excellent job in providing the growers with a method of increasing their income by diversifying their crops without the bother and headaches of disposing of the finished products through the marketing channels. We have had our labour and material procurement policy, it is important to remember that the Government has done an excellent job in providing the growers with a method of increasing their income by diversifying their crops without the bother and headaches of disposing of the finished products through the marketing channels. We have had our labour and material procurement policy, it is important to remember that the Government has done an excellent job in providing the growers with a method of increasing their income by diversifying their crops without the bother and headaches of disposing of the finished products through the marketing channels.

NOTES BY THE WAY

How many of the children who sing "Eagle Bells" (the chest wall usually is aggravated by breathing, coughing, or movements such as reaching or stretching. This soreness may develop as the result of strains of the muscles of the chest wall due to unaccustomed exercise or a severe coughing spell.)

Rhodesian Election

The result of the white man's election in Southern Rhodesia seems to have cleared the mood of sultry uncertainty for Negroes and whites alike.

Both sides know exactly where they stand, now that Sir Charles Mungro, the general Party with its groping, sometimes unconvincing, gestures towards racial equality has been ousted in favour of four conservative groups bent on keeping white control.

The white man's victory in an election campaign to stop Sir Edgar's gradual "slide" into a coalition of multi-racial government, has thus declared they will make no more concessions to the "ungrateful" Negroes. This mood has been predictable since the outbreak of nationalist violence in the fall.

At the same time the whites have satisfied a long-standing urge to assert their wishes more concretely in the United Kingdom and the United Nations—a feeling that has soured into an almost personal resentment in many Rhodesians.

The satisfaction of the Negro nationalists, who boycotted the elections and persuaded thousands of Negro voters to abstain, must appear a paradox. But the answer is they now have an opponent they can understand, a party that fits their belief that the white man is only out for his own kind, with only an axe to grind about the eventual sharing of power. The battle lines are clearly drawn at last.

The Other Abyss

Adlai Stevenson, United States chief delegate to the United Nations, ventures that there has been too much talk already about his position on the Soviet Union in Washington.

Defenders of the Stevenson line have not been lacking, in or out of the U.N. An article in Life magazine now asserts that he was willing to go further than the present talks in war—he not only urged the naval quarantine against offensive weapons but was prepared to support a blockade of Cuba or a total blockade of Cuba if needed.

Our Yesterday's

Government Pond would be cleaned early in 1963, if negotiations under way between the City of Charlottetown and the Provincial Government are successful. It was learned last night. Civic authorities here are pleased that the project would provide many local men with employment and would be used as far as possible to replace direct relief.

A city volunteer fireman told his "buddies" at the Fire Hall last night about how he was chosen by a police officer as a candidate for the job of fire chief. He reached the apparatus before it rolled out to attend a fire on King Street at 8 a.m. Tuesday, and barely made because the fireman were no uniform and the chief was only recently appointed to the force.

TEN YEARS AGO

Harold A. Forsythe, Charlottetown and Kevin McKeown, St. John's, were among the successful candidates who received degrees of Bachelor of Accountant this week.

EX-EDITOR 86

ORLANDO, ON (CP)—Dr. C. Harold Threlkoff, 67, married of the Packer and Times, celebrated his 86th birthday Sunday, Dec. 16. He is active in the newspaper field until his retirement 10 years ago and still retains a lively interest in the news.

The Evening Patriot

in prison, too, it's Christmas

Though much has been written about different Christmas traditions and varying celebrations, not many of us have pondered about Christmas and what it means to men in prison. The coming issue of Weekend Magazine brings you a Christmas story from the Saskatchewan Penitentiary where festivities include a long-awaited visit from home and special privileges.

