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Historic Occasion

It is only in retrospect that one sees the true significance of great political events. In this category future historians may place the decision, reached earlier this year by the Premiers of the four Atlantic Provinces, to hold an annual conference at the same time and in the same place as the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council. The first conference of this kind opens in Charlottetown today, and a better choice could not have been made in view of the historic association of this City with the birth of Confederation.

According to contemporary accounts, our citizens were by no means enthused at the prospect at that time. Two years after the Charlottetown Conference the Legislative Council of Prince Edward Island put its objections in the following terms: "Since the year 1831, when Her Majesty was graciously pleased to concede to the people of this Colony the rights and privileges of self-government, Prince Edward Island has made—and is still making—steady advances in population and material prosperity, and its inhabitants are now perfectly satisfied with the free and liberal Constitution under which it is their happiness to live,—the number of those who are willing to incur the risks and dangers inseparable from a Union with the larger and more powerful Provinces of British North America being, in the opinion of this Legislative Council, extremely insignificant and unimportant."

However, we were led in 1873 to enter Confederation and have endeavored ever since to play our part in the tremendous progress the country has made. We would not have it otherwise today; but we are still conscious of disadvantages which the Legislative Council of 1866 foresaw and which have affected us in many ways. The other Atlantic Provinces have suffered as well, though not perhaps to the same extent. That we are by no means unwilling to help ourselves is shown by the activities of the Maritime Boards of Trade which culminated in the launching of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council and in the strong support given this organization by the four Provincial Governments. This joint enterprise has drawn nation-wide attention, but there is still a great deal of work to be done before its benefits will be fully apparent. Its chief success so far has been in creating a new spirit of hope and confidence in these Provinces, and in paving the way for concrete plans for developing all phases of our economy.

The interest taken on the Federal level is evident from the presence here this week of the Hon. George Hees, Minister of Transport, whose department is particularly concerned with some of our most pressing problems. To him and to the visiting Premiers of our sister Provinces, and leaders in industry, business, labour, education and other fields who are in attendance at this week's conference, we extend warmest greetings. It may well be that, in the years to come, another tablet will be placed in our historic Confederation Chamber marking this event as one worthy of commemorating along with that first historic gathering from which the chamber takes its name. We cannot look that far into the future, but we can confidently state that the eyes of all Canada are on this Provincial Capital today, and that what is said and done here could be of vital importance to our economic future.

A New Approach

The Hon. Michael Starr, Federal Minister of Labour, thinks that in recent years a little too much attention has been paid to unemployment insurance during the winter months and not enough to organized efforts to increase job opportunities in the off-season. Acting on this thought he has suggested to Department officials that they start a bit earlier than usual to study the

prospects of added winter employment, so that fewer persons will be obliged to apply for insurance.

It is to be hoped that not only officials of the Department of Labour but interested organizations and individuals in every Province will heed Mr. Starr's advice. Whatever can be done to find jobs for the winter months ought to be done now without waiting for the cold weather to set in. The insurance plan is an excellent thing as far as it goes. It has cushioned many an economic shock and helped thousands of families tide themselves over lean periods. But it is not and was never intended to be a substitute for gainful employment. It would be a great mistake if winter unemployment on a large scale—there will always be some of it—were to be considered inevitable and not particularly regrettable in view of the palliative provided by insurance cheques.

Even if Mr. Starr's new approach does not produce the results at which it is aimed, it is still a highly commendable one, for it is evidence of fresh thinking on the problem. A great deal depends on prompt action on all levels of government and industry.

Bell Ringing, Flag Waving

The Vancouver Sun notes, favorably, that an alderman in Victoria wants the city's bells to ring out a welcome to Her Majesty the Queen the moment she sets foot on Canadian soil on Oct. 12. He thinks, moreover, that it would be fitting if the welcome "could ring out across the land."

It sounds like an excellent idea. This is to be an historic occasion. For the first time a reigning monarch is to come to the Realm of Canada to perform an important royal function. It will probably be a long time before it happens again. It is fitting, therefore, that the event be given a touch of drama and even of national exuberance. The ringing of bells is traditionally associated with welcomes accorded Royalty; and perhaps there is no better way to show our Queen that every loyal Canadian is interested in her visit and proud of the nation's association with the Crown whose dignity and ideals she upholds so well. There are a lot of bells from St. John's to Victoria. Rung in unison they would speak loud and clear of a people's devotion to a gracious sovereign.

It would not be out of place, either, if flags were hoisted on homes and business places, as they used to be on festive occasions. In recent years—probably because of the one-world concept which for a while was much in public thinking—Canadians have taken a dislike to "flag-waving". It is, of course, a practice that can be overdone. There is a time for it, nevertheless. And what better time than when the Queen of Canada and Head of the Commonwealth is in our midst?

EDITORIAL NOTES

The commander in chief of the Syrian Army says that the United States is trying to acquire Syria for a 49th State. However that may be, one thing is certain: Canada doesn't want it for an 11th Province.

An expert in house remodeling says that most old houses need "new wiring systems, modernized kitchens, storage space, new roofs, new heating systems, new bathrooms and new windows." Why not build a new one and have done with it?

The fact that the few holes which have been sunk on this Island have not produced oil does not, of itself, prove that oil is non-existent. 3,000 holes were sunk in Alberta before oil showed up and 2,000 in the Sahara.

Alfred Krupp, head of the big German industrial firm, was met by noisy demonstrations on his arrival in Montreal. Such discourtesies to foreign visitors are to be deplored. Yet, it cannot be forgotten that the Krupps played a big part in German preparations for two world wars.

Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand, the new President of the U.N. General Assembly, has stated that his first task will be to make sure the meetings begin on time. If he can enforce that unusual ruling, the General Assembly may yet prove its worth by setting a good example to organizations the world over.



STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of contemporary issues of national interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

A REAL VACATION

Sir,—For many years we looked ahead every summer to vacation time to pack our old tramping bag and rush away to some of the largest cities in the U.S.A. or Upper Canada for two weeks and return home tired and broke, more tired than when we left our work for the holidays. This year we changed that plan and spent our holidays at and around home, or around the Island countryside. We rested when and where it suited our taste; we strolled along the highways at leisure watched the birds and drank in their songs, we ate fresh apples right from the trees and drank our fill of old well water.

From the bank of a river we watched the passion of the golden sunset waste and fade and the long fingers of evening creep in as the dew fell. From a farm home we watched the cattle come in for milking and feed and we saw the glorious morning sun rise across the dew-wet field. One afternoon on the western highway a farmer with a team wagon pulled out "Hop on, fellow, if you want a ride." We did and enjoyed it for miles and miles as we just weren't going anywhere, just drinking in nature's glories. For a few days we visited the larger stores in Summerside and the schools, as it's always wonderful to mingle with the children, and talked with strangers and old friends of long ago, many of whom we will no doubt never meet again. One part of our travels we did not enjoy, that was a drive of more than twenty miles with a stranger who forced his big car along at eighty and ninety miles per hour, slowing to seventy in a few places. True we don't want to meet him any more. A lone R.C.M.P. passed us one afternoon no less than three times, and no doubt said to himself "Who is that guy wandering along the highway?" We laughed at our thoughts passed through our mind. At two places we saw the traffic officer flag fellows down for speeding and give them a ticket. That was good. In one place only—and that's not the vendor's—near East Point one day a man said, "You are the fellow who writes for the paper, come on in, my wife wants to meet you." And we dined together and parted with the words "When you are this way anytime be sure to come in."

We visited a little old school district where my mother was a pupil many, many years ago and we met a few of her classmates who are still around despite the fact they have reached the late evening of life. The old school is gone but the countryside is the same. There are some wonderful places in the country where you can eat home-made bread from Island wheat flour and butter made the old-fashioned way with a staff churn; and at one place an old man got out the violin or fiddle to tear off some of the old tunes.

A visit to Panmure Island was a wonderful trip. Few people in the City really know the wonderful shore and farms that are down there, and it's one glorious drive all day. The people will tell you, you are off the Island down there. Yes, there are so many wonders to see. How many people in the City have never seen a hen make her nest, or pigs burrow into a straw pile to rest, or watched the cattle come into the barns, everyone to his own stall? How many have seen a farmer scuffling turps with a horse, with no lines to guide, turning into each drill on his own? How many from the city have seen the milk being separated from the cream in the separators and how many have seen soap made at home? Take a vacation in the country some

Hungarian Refugees

Ottawa. Twenty-two unhappy Hungarian refugees are being returned to their native land behind the Iron Curtain next week. This is the first indication that any of those "Freedom Fighters" who escaped from Hungary after their valiant but vain rebellion last fall were not happy in this land of refuge. Immigration officials here have announced that those twenty-two Hungarians will be flown back to Vienna free of charge on a trans-Atlantic airliner chartered by our government which is going to pick up more Hungarian refugees wishing to come to Canada. As the air-liner would otherwise be flying empty to Vienna, this courtesy costs nothing. They will leave Canada on Tuesday, 24th September.

On 9th September, the red "Radio Budapest" announced that the Canadian Government would pay the return journey of now wished to return to their homeland. It quoted as the reason the refugees wish to return the fact that they are having difficulty in getting jobs in Canada. Specifically it mentioned the Hungarian, wanting to leave Canada. Even British immigrants, who don't face the frightful language difficulties which the Hungarians do, have a reputed 3 per cent return rate of dissatisfied settlers.

AND THE PRIME MINISTER While communist sources, thus try to make a propaganda is being aimed at our Prime Minister, even in his inner grounds. A Toronto paper has been criticising Mr. Diefenbaker for nominating himself to act as Foreign Minister as well as Prime Minister. Especially it charged that as a result of his overload of work, he had to weaken our overseas diplomatic staff in India, back to assist him at the United Nations.

NEW "MISTER CANADA" However we now have Mr. Smith as a new "Mister Canada" in the post as Foreign Minister, and he is already representing us at the United Nations. It is a prediction which we can proudly make that Canada will be magnificently represented by our team at the U.N. this session, and by the end of the session that team will have raised our prestige on the international scene to an even higher level. In addition to Mr. Smith, Canada will also be represented by Woodstock's member of parliament, Willie Nesbitt, whose considerable talents will be challenged and whose previous political successes will be rewarded by this appointment. In addition, the Prime Minister himself will make a welcome appearance for a brief while with our delegation, and is likely to deliver what may be the keynote speech of the Assembly's session.

Unique Northern Buildings

By Bruce Levett  
 Canadian Press, Moose Factory, Ont.

Seven hundred miles north of Toronto, where James Bay begins, are two buildings unique in the North. One is described as the oldest building in the province. The other is a self-bailing church, with floor plugs to be pulled in case of a flood. The first is a Hudson's Bay Company forge which sports a card reading:

"The oldest building in Ontario, erected in 1740."  
 The second is St. Thomas's Anglican Church of the Diocese of Moosonee.  
 HISTORIC TOOLS  
 The forge, its west wall propped up by huge timbers, contains the huge leathers bellows used in the manufacture of hardware for the fur-trading ships which once sailed into the bay.  
 Blacksmith tools hammered out more than 200 years ago hang from the smoke-blackened walls, hooked on the square nails made in the forge which now stands cold, choked with ashes.  
 Nearby, in a churchyard neat, with the headboards of 100 years, stands St. Thomas's.  
 Here the hymnals are in the symbol-language of the Cree; the altar cloths are works of art in tanned, beaded moose hide.  
 PLUGS WERE HANDY  
 Canon Sam Iserhoff, himself an Indian and assistant to Bishop Neville Clarke, suffragan Bishop of James Bay, explains about the six-inch-long plugs, painted to match the grey floor, which stick up under the pews.  
 "It was in 1902 during the spring break-up when the ice piled up higher than the roof of the church. The river flooded and the church flooded and we had to bore holes in the floor to let the water run out.  
 "It doesn't happen much any more, but in the old days it used to happen every spring—the ice

Spotting Cause Of An Allergy

By Herman N. Sundesen, M.D.  
 Skin tests have some value in determining whether a person is allergic to specific foods, although some doctors argue the point.  
 But since such tests require only a couple of hours, and alternative procedures take several weeks, they are at least worth a try in many cases.  
 TWO METHODS  
 In the event your doctor does not recommend skin tests or if these measures fail to produce the desired results, then there are two ways to determine just what foods may be bothering you.  
 The elimination diet probably is the most widely used method. While there are numerous variations, there are only two basic types.  
 One is a rather strict diet comprising only four or five foods, which generally do not cause allergic reactions. Peas, rice, pears and lamb are examples.  
 The other type of diet is not quite as rigid. In this, you can eat just about anything except those foods which are most likely to cause an allergy, such as eggs, milk, wheat and most cereals.  
 If your customary allergic symptoms do not appear within four days to a week, we can pretty safely assume that they are caused by the foods which have been eliminated from your diet. Then, one by one other foods are added.  
 When an allergic reaction occurs, it is apparent, in most cases, that the most recently added food is the offender.  
 Of course, if the original diets do not relieve the allergy, then we can assume that one or more of these foods are trouble-makers. In that case you'll have to switch to another basic diet and begin gradually adding the foods on your original diet.  
 Generally, doctors recommend that three trials be given to suspected foods, unless the severity of the allergic attack prohibits it.  
 An even more simple method of tracing foods to which you may be allergic is to keep a diary.  
 After each meal jot down everything you have eaten and drunk. Note also the time any allergic symptoms begin. This should give you some idea of what food or beverage is causing the trouble.  
 QUESTION AND ANSWERS  
 D.H.: My voice has been getting deeper. What could cause this?  
 Answer: There may be a thickening or polyp or other type of tumor on one of the vocal cords. It would be well for you to consult an ear, nose and throat specialist about this as soon as possible.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A pastor says that most men are masters in the home. We think he means paymasters.—London Free Press  
 It is only natural that a person who has entered his second childhood is given to saying he never felt younger in his life.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record  
 It takes more than savings campaigns and tight money policies to lick inflation when it really gets underway; but they help. Seven years ago, Government savings were being offered at 2 1/2 per cent interest with no cash-in privileges and they found a ready market. The fact that they would not do so in 1957 is a measure of the inroads inflation has made into the value of money.—Hamilton Spectator

They say you can't tell a man's character from his signature. Maybe so, even if you can't always tell his name.—Calgary Herald  
 Australia reports a new church will be shaped like an igloo. By and by, someone will get back to building churches that look like churches.—Sarnia Canadian Observer  
 Kalanag, noted European entertainer, is due in Montreal soon with his magic show, "Sim Sala Bim." Advance reports say that the high point of the show is reached when he makes a full-sized automobile disappear. Many a Montreal parent may think he knows how it's done, but he'd be wrong. Kalanag does not do the trick with the assistance of a teen-age son.—Montreal Gazette

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**OUR YESTERDAYS**  
 From The Guardian Files  
 TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Sept. 23, 1932)  
 The cream of the exhibits from the local school fairs held throughout the Province this Fall was brought together yesterday in competition at Prince Edward Island's first Central School Fair which is being held on the Exhibition Grounds. A large crowd was on hand to see the keen competition between the respective exhibits since only the first and second place local winners were allowed to compete.  
 A resolution was passed at the annual general meeting of the Charlottetown Canadian Legion deprecating very strongly any endeavor to prevent November 11th being observed as a day set aside for the sole purpose of remembering the War dead, as suggested by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Convention at Halifax which advocated the observance of two minutes' silence only.  
 TEN YEARS AGO (SEPT. 23 1947)  
 The heads of the nine Canadian Tourist Bureaus, representatives of five Dominion Government Departments, high Canadian Railway officials, and distinguished authorities on the tourist industry from the United States will be among those present at the Charlottetown Hotel when Mayor B. Earle Macdonald welcomes to the City delegates to the 15th annual convention of the Canadian Association of Tourist and Publicity Bureaus.  
 A Government meeting will be held today in the Legislature to consider the Packinghouse Workers strike as it affects the farmers of the Province. Describing the situation as serious, Premier J. W. A. Macdonald there were over 3000 overgrown pigs in the province as a result of the strike which as tied up the plant killing facilities.

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