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Important Hearings

The Diefenbaker Government has made good on its promise to launch a full inquiry into railway transportation problems.

The Maritimes have a big stake in this issue, for they have been unfairly discriminated against in the horizontal rate boosts which the Board of Transport Commissioners has imposed from time to time.

Considering the nature of the inquiry, this is a very limited time. No doubt it could be extended; but it would be well for provincial governments to get their cases promptly prepared for presentation and discussion.

This is an opportunity we have been waiting for, and it would be inexcusable if we did not utilize it to the fullest extent in obtaining a more equitable freight rate structure for our shippers and all concerned.

A Neglected Study

It is surprising, in view of the progress made in so many other directions, that so little has been achieved in the way of basic economic farm research in Canada.

Three main reasons were given for this condition: (1) There is no general agreement as to what constitutes a minimum acceptable standard of living; (2) Full information with respect to non-farm income—that is, income obtained from work off the farm—is not available;

In the end, it was decided to take the figures of the 1956 Census of Agriculture, which show that 20 per cent of all farms in Canada are non-commercial farms with an estimated potential gross annual value in production of crops and livestock, including farm products consumed in the home, of less than \$1,200.

This is not a problem that has grown up overnight, but is as old as farming itself. As one speaker, Senator Bois, pointed out, it is met (with by archaeologists in records dating long before the Christian era.

were made during the Middle Ages, and during the Renaissance period, and are still being attempted, today in most countries. It is a world problem, accentuated from time to time by crises resulting from many causes, political, social and economic, or simply from a rapid development of industrial and technological sciences which spurs industrial expansion and often interferes with the progress of agriculture.

"There are," said Senator Bois, "other values besides material values. Down through the years a certain mode of life was developed in the civilization of older countries, and even in our own country, but this mode of life has disappeared, much to the regret of most sociologists. One sure fact is that in the Maritime Provinces and the province of Quebec, as well as in the older districts of Ontario, one can still find people who have contributed, or whose parents have contributed, in no small measure to the progress of our country. Those persons are, or were, natives of districts where farm revenues were never very high. It seems that we should revise our opinion and appreciation of this class."

This is very true. And since not even the Senate of Canada can obtain much concrete information about the problem, it is high time that we devoted our scientific research facilities to this end.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Congratulations to the Sudbury (Ontario) Daily Star on its fine edition commemorating the newspaper's 50th anniversary.

There has been general approval of the Federal Government's donation of \$50,000 to the New Brunswick Fishermen's Disaster Fund. This is the largest single gift yet made to this most deserving appeal, and brings the total to date up to more than \$230,000.

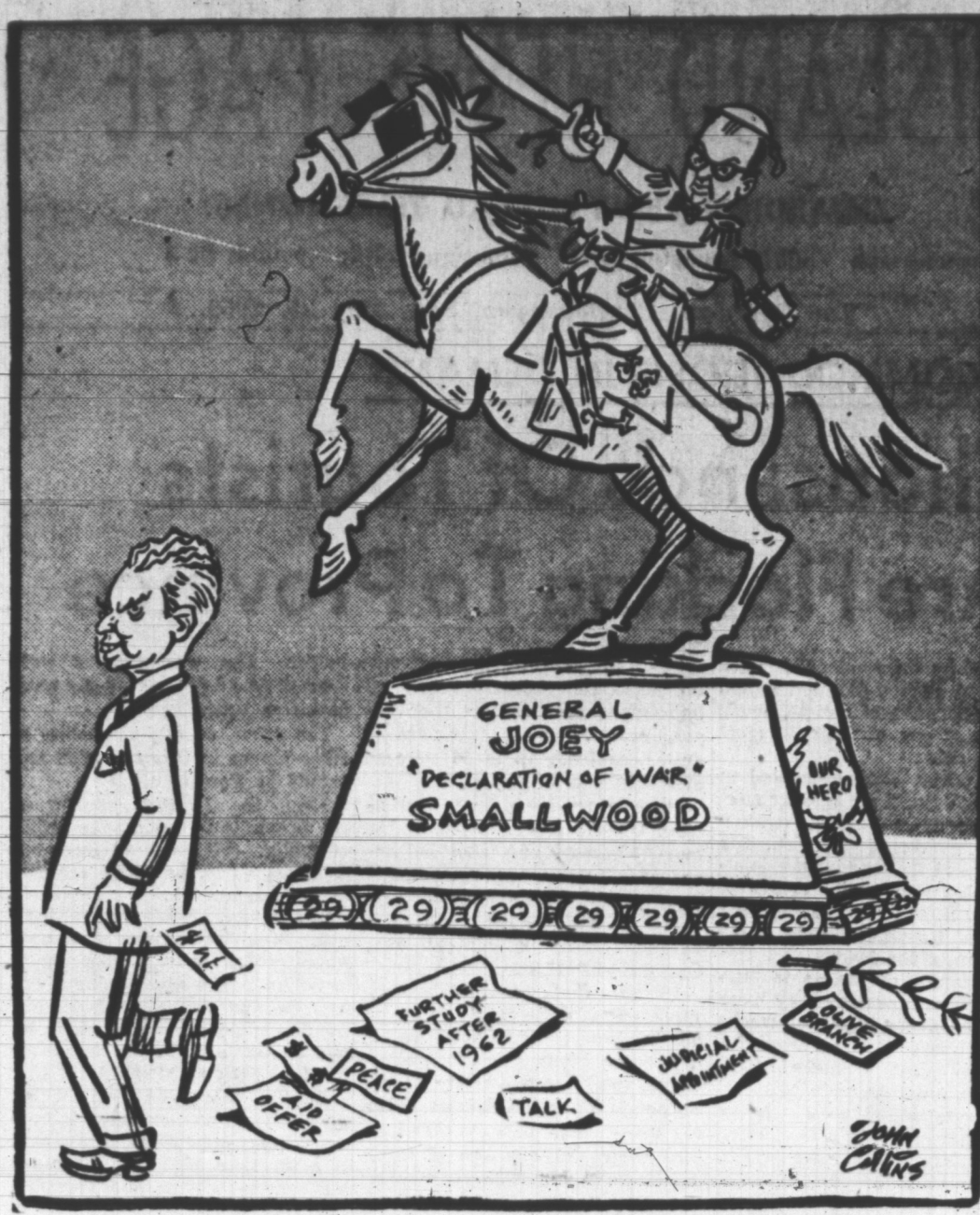
"Worst in living memory" is the official description by the Newfoundland and Government of forest fires which already have ravaged 200 square miles of Southern Labrador.

There is no question, says the Ottawa Journal, about the validity of laws passed by Parliament before it was prorogued on a Sunday morning. The Royal Assent was given before midnight, at 11.45 Saturday.

We take this from the Winnipeg Free Press, which keeps a jaundiced political eye on such matters: "In British Columbia an ambitious lawyer's surest path to the high courts apparently is through his partnership with a cabinet minister in Ottawa. A few months ago Mr. Howard Green's partner was appointed to the provincial Supreme Court. Now Mr. Fulton has elevated his partner, Mr. David Verchere, of Kamloops, to that bench."

Dixie now is regarded as those American states which lie below the Mason-Dixon line; but originally "Dixie's land" was the name given a farm on Manhattan island by Negro slaves, says the Columbia encyclopedia. Later, the slaves were sent to Charleston by their master, Johan Dixie, owner of the farm. The name somehow caught on as an identification of the south, and was in general use that way when Daniel Emmett wrote his famous song, "Dixie."

The reluctance of Newfoundlanders to take jobs away from home for protracted periods has been the subject of comment by Premier Smallwood. He is concerned about the fact that outsiders must be brought into the province to work at Labrador iron because too few Newfoundlanders will sign up for any length of time. It is a form of voluntary exile for them to go to Knob Lake or Wabush, and not even high wages can lure them there in adequate numbers.



WON'T COME OFF HIS HIGH HORSE

Committee Work Interesting

(Patrick Nicholson is on vacation. His guest columnist today is MRS. JEAN CASSELMAN, Conservative M.P. for Grenville-Dundas.) I have spent many hours in the Galleries of the House of Commons during and since the R.B. Bennett days so there was nothing particularly fascinating to me in its procedure when I entered the House as the representative for Grenville-Dundas, having won a byelection there last September.

Next to me and of the greatest interest are the various Committees. Here is done the preparatory work. A Chairman demands that rules be followed, but the atmosphere is informal. Literally "round table" conferences, the air soon thickens with cigarette smoke. Ideas are exchanged rapidly, often too rapidly for diplomatic wording, but there is generally a feeling of accomplishment. This may be partly my impression as an enthusiastic new member, and partly that Committees have been unusually vigorous this Session. There is none of the covering up, protectionist attitude which quite naturally developed at the end of the long Liberal regime. Tory M.P.'s can still criticize what was set up before March 1957. Obviously this is irritating to the Liberals and somewhat disconcerting. As Her Majesty's Opposition, it is now their duty to do the criticizing.

Spain Moving Slowly

After nearly four decades of iron-clad dictatorship, Spain is finally moving slowly away from economic primitivism toward a challenging world of market pressures and outside competition.

In the popular image, Spain is a country of toreros and cradle characters created by Ernest Hemingway. The reality is depressingly different. Economically, Spain is the most backward country of Europe; politically, it is throttled by an ice-cold, impassive dictator, who rules through fear.

Now this stultic, suffering, tragic country, with its bitter memories of a bloody revolution, has joined the organization for European economic co-operation. In return for what will probably be an extremely gradual liberalization of its trading methods, Spain will receive £36,000,000 credit, three-quarters payable now and the rest Feb. 2, 1960, if certain conditions are met.

Thus Spain moves to end years of economic isolation and fossilization. The tantalizing question is whether this may lead ultimately to easier political conditions. Livingston Merchant, U.S. assistant secretary of state, has said he would like to see Spain join NATO. Such a move is unlikely to find immediate favor in all NATO countries, though some critics say that Portugal, a founder member of NATO, is not much better off than Spain as far as democratic regimes are concerned.

Whatever Spain's future in NATO, the Western bloc certainly is that Spain's first faltering steps away from its self-contained economic cradle will eventually produce political maturity. Except for five years of tenuous democracy from 1931 to 1936, Spain has known nothing except war or dictatorship under General Primo de Rivera from 1923 to 1931 and under Generalissimo Francisco Franco from 1939 to the present time. MANY ENEMIES Franco is detested by many of his subjects. Spaniards know him as a block of ice, a snowman. He says that his rule is a "personal mandate" and ignores criticism. Opponents are "anti-Spanish." Church and army are his main allies. Opposition to Franco, though

One Of World's Worst Cripplers

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. ONE OF the world's oldest and most vicious cripplers of adults and children, —tha's cerebral palsy.

Each 55 minutes another American is stricken with this cruelcrippler. Every year about 10,000 babies are born with cerebral palsy.

Right now 600,000 Americans have cerebral palsy, some 200,000 of them children.

Cerebral palsy is a general term for a group of disorders caused by injury to certain cells in the brain. This affects motor co-ordination in one or more parts of the body.

Such an injury may occur at birth or at any time of life. Cerebral palsy may be associated with impairment of hearing, sight, reasoning power and other subtle differences.

Generally, the first indication of cerebral palsy is the slow development of an infant's co-ordination and muscular control. Sometimes it may take an afflicted child years to take his first step. And it may be years before he is able to say his first word.

Fortunately, most of the cerebral palsy victims can be helped to varying degrees. Persistent training, under skillful hands, enables most victims to gain a considerable measure of muscular control and co-ordination.

Treatment however usually is costly. And parents will do well to follow the advice of their doctors on how much time, effort and money should be spent on attempting to rehabilitate palsied children.

Although as yet we have no cure for cerebral palsy, scientists at leading universities and institutions throughout the nation, are seeking a way to stop it. Some day they are going to find the answer.

Mrs. G.W. The doctor has diagnosed my brother's condition as periarthritis, but no one seems to know much about this disease.

Could you tell me if it is hereditary; is asthma connected with it and is pneumonia in any way responsible for it?

Answer: —Periarthritis means inflammation of the tissues around a joint rather than the joint itself. It is one type of "rheumatism" and is ordinarily not hereditary nor related to asthma.

It is possible to develop periarthritis following pneumonia or almost any other infection.

FROM YESTERDAYS (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 25, 1934)

His Excellency Bishop J.A. O'Sullivan and a large number of clergymen from Prince Edward Island were present to participate in the religious services which commemorated the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Magdalen Islands celebrated at Havre Aubert on Tuesday.

A delightful moonlight cruise was enjoyed last evening by nearly 300 persons who took advantage of the Harland excursion sponsored by the Holy Redeemer Tennis Club and partook in a four hour program of singing and dancing while sailing over the moonlit waters of the harbour and Straits.

TEN YEARS AGO (July 25, 1949) It has been announced by the

side-walks are often a home without walls. The streets are crowded with bicycles, pedicabs, horse-drawn victorias, streetcars, buses, cars, taxicabs; and, typically, rubber-tired carts pulled by camels.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Many a man's good fortune is due to the will-power of a deceased relative.—Irish Digest

Men should be more patient with women. Having to put up with being a woman is hard on the discipline.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review

A woman in Sydney, Australia, won a divorce after testifying that her husband preferred to sleep on the lawn. A grass widow, as it were.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

Asked what he thought of Field Marshal Montgomery's memoirs, whose sales have already exceeded \$500,000, Winston Churchill replied, "The field-marshal acted in the best tradition of the British army—he sold his life early."—L'Express, Paris

In recent years, Russia and Turkey have reported citizens hale and hearty when more than 150 years old, but Pakistan puts both in the shade by the account of Awwal Kahn who is 180 and has been drawing a pension from the East India Company for 125 years.—Hamilton Spectator

A herd of goats in Oregon is reported to be remarkably accurate in predicting the weather. We had thought that the only kind of weather information one could obtain from a goat was the direction the wind was blowing.—Edmonton Journal

A man in critical condition in a Kingston hospital, result of a "joke" on the part of a "friend" who got him in the stomach with a 22-calibre rifle. Incidents like these make us wonder whether it might be a good idea to make it a criminal offence to point a rifle, shotgun or pistol lay anybody—loaded or unloaded.—Ottawa Journal

Because Nova Scotia failed to make provision for the licensing of non-resident anglers this year when the federal fisheries department recently surrendered this right to the province, visiting sportsmen can fish free in that province during 1959. Last year the federal fisheries department sold 1,700 non-resident licences to fishermen at \$5 each for a total of \$8,500.—Saint John Telegraph-Journal

Canadian Bank of Commerce that Mr. W.R. Gilbert, Manager of the Montague, Prince Edward Island Branch, has been appointed assistant inspector of Maritime and Newfoundland branches with headquarters at Halifax.

Ten-year-old Freddy Burke was taken to hospital with a broken leg after he was knocked from his bicycle by a car on the corner of Spring Park Road and Douglas Street last evening. The young lad, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Burke, 65 Union Street, was struck when the car turned the corner onto Douglas Street.

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The pond below that winter eoded to ice And say by day aspiring hockey goals, Could blossom like a garden when the stars Twinkled at hand-clasped children on their skates.

Now, it would seem the silence lasts too long, Nothing of youth is here, no laughter heard, Only the soft wind's sigh, a strawing leaf, The chirp of a contented mother bird.

But see the words chafed whitely on a wall, "Freddy loves Mary," "Letty dots on Paul," —Ruby Friedman in Regina Leader-Post.

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