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The Newfoundland Plan

The St. John's Daily News reports that negotiations between the Newfoundland and Federal Governments over the Hospital Insurance Plan have now reached the final stages and are awaiting final approval from Ottawa...

The Newfoundland plan will give free ward hospitalization to everybody; but it will not include medical fees. Those patients who desire private or semi-private accommodation will be able to have it by paying the difference...

Incidentally, Newfoundland has had a Children's Hospitalization Plan in effect for some time. Under the plan, all children 16 years old and under are given virtually complete medical care...

For a Province which—as Premier Smallwood claimed at the Dominion-Provincial Conference last November—is still "a quarter of a century behind the Maritime Provinces" in public services, Newfoundland is doing very well indeed...

Old Age Pensions

Ottawa authorities are said to be disturbed over the inability of the old age pension fund to stay out of the red, the 2 per cent tax on personal and corporation incomes and commodity sales being insufficient to keep it in balance...

At \$40 per month, pension payments ran ahead of contributions at first, with the difference being made up by loans from the treasury. But by 1956, four years after payments started, the gap was closing...

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No. 2 killer with more than 1,600 lives. About one out of four drowning victims was a child under five years of age. Uncovered wells on farms and unguarded swimming areas such as nearby ponds and streams are thought to be largely responsible for drowning accidents in farm life.

In the observance of Farm Safety Week in the United States this year a new approach is to be made in an effort to reach farm residents with a safety message. It is planned to enlist the help of rural clergymen who will be able to deliver a safety message from the pulpits.

The situation in the United States is no different from that in Canada. Very few days pass without a news report on an accident involving a farm family. They fall into the same category as our U.S. cousins—machinery, drownings, firearms and falls. And the major problem is exactly the same—how to get the safety message "across" to farm residents.

The Haggis Haggie

Revenue Minister Nowlan has done his best to clear himself of the foul suspicion that he harbors any designs upon the reputation of Scotland's national dish. It was recently reported that the import of haggis had been banned by Canadian authorities...

On this point Mr. Herridge, CCF member for Kootenay West, asked: "What is the mystery about the haggis over the haggis?" That was a tricky question, and Mr. Nowlan trod warily. He thought the fact that an M.P. of English extraction and a minister of Irish extraction should attempt to discuss haggis was a mystery in itself...

That word "unfortunately" should be noted. Mr. Nowlan—of Irish extraction—is not going to say what goes into a haggis, or that it is suspect as an edible dish in any shape of form so far as his department is concerned. It is just a matter of health regulations—a problem that comes under the Health and Welfare Minister, Mr. Monteith...

We think Mr. Nowlan got out of the difficulty rather neatly. He is known as a sturdy political fighter, always ready to lick his weight in an opponent; but this is one controversy in which he is understandably not anxious to be further involved.

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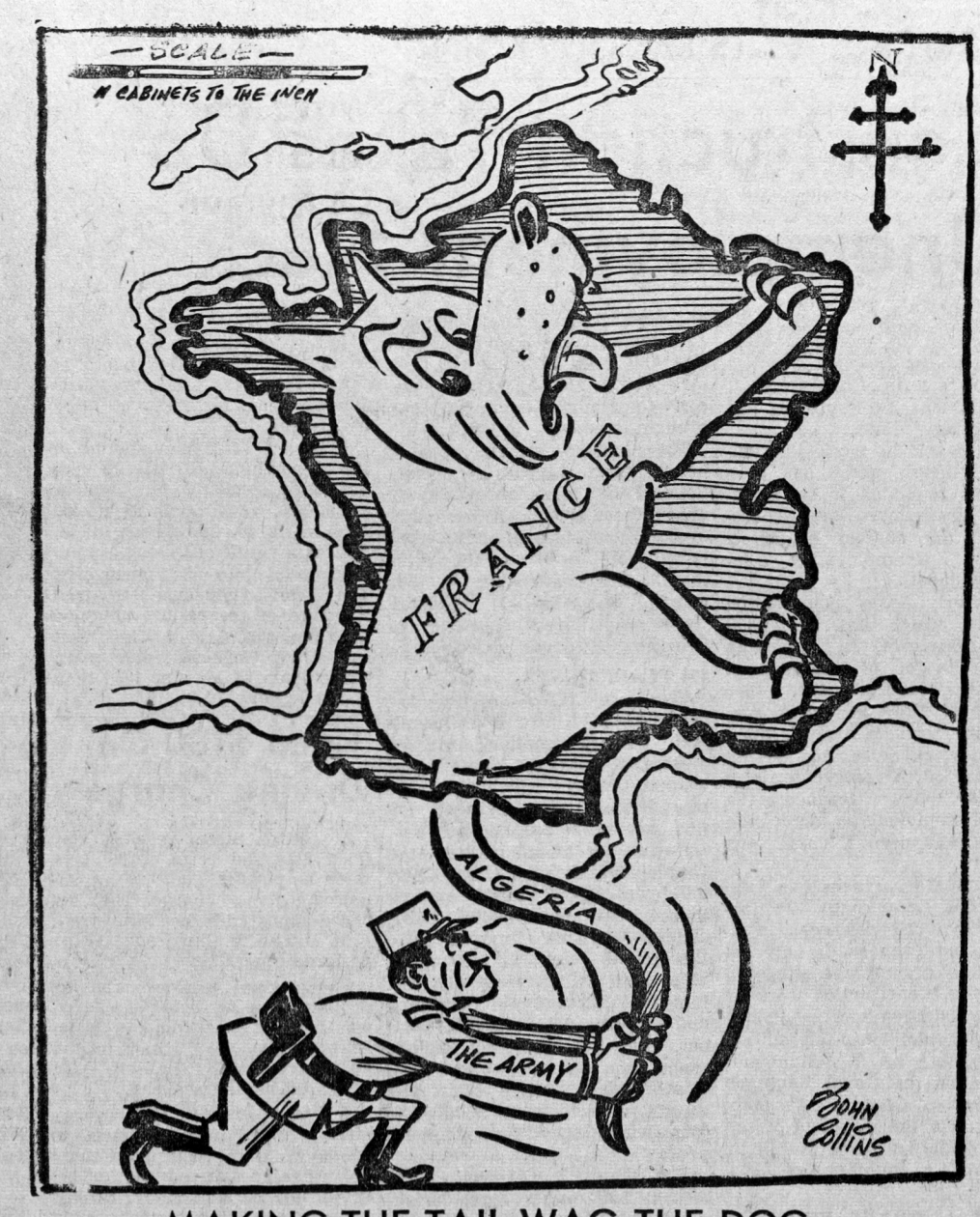
The death of Lionel Shapiro is a distinct loss to Canadian letters. He was a writer of great talent. Another American attempt to put a satellite in orbit has failed. Mr. Khrushchev will probably call the latest 21½ pound sphere a "spoiled orange"...

Premier Pflimlin will go down in history as the one French Government leader who resigned before his time came to be fired by the Assembly. No doubt, General de Gaulle will give him suitable reward. In one of his platitudes-ridden speeches for which he is noted, President Eisenhower made this statement: "The question is going to be not one of surmounting our problems but one of rising to our opportunities"...

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An extensive study of farm accidents in the United States has been made since the first Farm Safety Week was observed fifteen years ago. Machinery, drowning, firearms and falls were found to cause three out of every four accidental farm deaths. Machinery, most deadly of the four, took nearly 4,000 lives from 1949 to 1953...

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MAKING THE TAIL WAG THE DOG

OTTAWA REPORT

Housing Program Criticised

By Patrick Nicholson, Special Correspondent for The Guardian. OTTAWA: "My Government will continue to promote a vigorous program of house building," promised Governor General Massey in his speech from the throne when opening the new Parliament this month. This was the first item of new legislation to receive the attention of Parliament. During the debate, the small Opposition swamped the massed ranks of the Government with a flood of largely justified criticism of our national home-building program...

THE ACADIANS OF P.E.I.

De Pensens' Memorial

By J. Henri Blanchard, LL.D. (Continued from yesterday) In 1731 de Pensens went to France, and on March 5, 1732, he presented a memorial to the government which gives a very good account of the situation of the colony of Isle Saint-Jean at that time. This memorial states that Port Lajolie and the Northeast River (Hillsboro) were the most considerable areas in which the land was being cultivated. "Twenty-eight inhabitants are settled there and several of them sow as much as 10 or 12 barrels of grain, and the poorest of these inhabitants are self-supporting..."

Panic Fears About De Gaulle

By Alan Harvey, Canadian Press Staff Writer. Panic fears that Gen. Charles de Gaulle's assumption of power in France might be the beginning of the end for the Western military alliance seem based on flimsy evidence. Some experienced observers are less pessimistic. They agree that de Gaulle has made bleak statements about NATO in the past and they concede he is an exponent of prickly nationalism, but they feel France needs NATO as much as NATO needs France...

The Age Old Story

If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him alone. The Liberal Government was asleep at the switch to permit these abuses to grow up while it was in office but obviously not in power. The Conservative Government is allowing its "advisers" to sleep, instead of informing itself of these abuses which they must know should be corrected.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) (May 30, 1933) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO The schooner "H. H. Macintosh" Halifax, 128 tons, Captain William H. Collins of Newfoundland, went ashore on the east end of St. Peter's Island early Sunday morning. They left Port Charlottetown to load a cargo of potatoes for Newfoundland. A dense fog arose shutting out all visibility and the ship struck a reef some distance from the island. She immediately filled with water allowing the men only time to collect their belongings before abandoning ship. One unit from this province

A Word About Dental Problem

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. WITH OUR modern dental techniques and equipment no body has to worry much any more about having a tooth pulled. However, even the "smoothest" extraction, pain, swelling and hemorrhaging sometimes develop after a patient gets home. What can you do about such dental emergencies? WHAT NOT TO DO Well, first of all, don't invite bleeding. Don't rinse your mouth too violently and don't suck too thoroughly when you spit.

To halt bleeding once it has begun, rinse your mouth with a warm saline solution (mix one-half teaspoonful of salt in a glass of warm water). Then fold a 2-in. by 2-in. sterile gauze pad (a moistened teabag will do) into a small hard mass and place it over the site of the extraction. Bite on it with firm pressure for about 10 or 15 minutes. This should stop the bleeding. If it doesn't, don't rinse your mouth and don't spit excessively for at least 24 hours. GET ADVICE If it doesn't, I suggest you contact your dentist or your physician. They might advise retaining a hydrogen peroxide solution about the bleeding socket followed by compression. Or maybe they will use iodoform gauze saturated with epinephrine. There are a number of things they can do.

PUBLIC FORUM

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ALASKA

Sir,—Two or three years ago I was both interested and amused by an announcement in The Guardian of a debate that took place in St. Dunstan's University on the following question: "Resolved that Canada should procure Alaska from the United States in exchange for the Maritime Provinces."

The report of this debate would likely appear more amusing than seriously offensive to the average Canadian reader. Maritimeers included, and was not, we may well judge, intended to be taken too seriously by practical Canadian statesmen of the present day. But before dismissing the debate with a smile, some Maritimeers like myself might be tempted to modify the foregoing resolution by substituting in lieu of the Maritime Provinces, a portion of Southern Ontario, including "Toronto and the Good" and the famous Niagara fruits district. But shades of Queenston Heights and Lundy's Lane! Some good United Empire Loyalists of Ontario might seriously object to this proposition, quite as strenuously as Maritimeers are likely to object to the original one.

Nevertheless, I may say that, personally, I never gaze at the map of Canada without feeling that it is a consummation greatly to be desired that Alaska should be part of this country. For with Alaska added to it, our fair Dominion would then extend, not as formerly described in the old school song, "From Cape Race to Nootka Sound," but rather from the extreme eastern point of North America to the extreme Western point of it, fifty miles more or less from the extreme eastern point of Asia.

Canada then would afford geographically, the connecting link between East and West that Kipling said, somewhat rashly, could never meet. It would then on account of its geographical situation, its vast natural resources and the high standard of its social and political institutions, bid fair to be the leading nation among the nations of the world—the United States of America not excepted. Canadian statesmen, especially, should in this case stand pre-eminent among the statesmen of the world, and if any of your readers are inclined to consider this estimate of the coming Canadian statesmen, as well as the present ones, altogether too extravagant, let them reflect but for a moment that our Canadian statesmen for well over a century have been trained in the greatest and best political school that the world has ever seen, that is to say, the British Empire that gradually evolved into the British Commonwealth of Nations—a Commonwealth, indeed, that would seem to foreshadow the poet's prophetic Federation of the World.

There then a gleam of hope for Canadians that the United States may in the not too distant future cede Alaska to Canada? One great outstanding fact would seem to point that way, namely, the doctrine of self-determination;—a doctrine that was propounded by the late President Wilson during the first World War and that has been insisted upon by the United States ever since in connection with the colonies of the British Empire. Is it not possible that some day in the not too distant future the people of Alaska, on account of

will go into training at the military camp at Aldershot this summer. No. 2 Company Division of Signallers, under command of Major F. B. Conrad, M.M., will go under canvas. The camp will last until July 16. (May 30, 1948) A stone cairn and tablet to commemorate the work of Lucy Maud Montgomery, author of "Anne of Green Gables," will be erected near the famous Green Gables house at Cavendish, it was decided at a meeting of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board yesterday. Choice of the precise site of the cairn and construction of the monument itself is expected to be carried out this summer.

Local bakers are protesting against the practice of mainland bakers shipping 20-ounce loaves of bread to the Province at a cost of one cent a loaf less than the 24-ounce loaves sold to stores in this province by local bakers. Some of the local bakers state that some retailers charge the same for both loaves and the consumer is under the impression he is getting the same size loaf.

NOTES BY THE WAY

From Robert McCleave, Conservative MP for Halifax, comes the suggestion that the four Atlantic Provinces be termed "Atlantica." How about revising the old classical term "Atlantica"?—Ottawa Journal. To the casual observer, the clothesline on Monday morning doesn't give much information as to whether the family is raising boys or girls—so many blue jeans and boys' shirts.—Niagara Falls Review. doctor. It's caused by local inflammation of the alveolar bone. Post-extraction swelling usually is caused by injury to the soft tissues. It is seldom accompanied by pain or tenderness. SEDATIVES HELP Usually you can reduce the swelling by applying an ice bag for half an hour every hour until the area returns to its normal size. It's probably a good idea to consult your doctor, since he can prescribe phenobarbital or other sedatives to keep you calm.

One more word about tooth extraction. If you have congenital heart disease or have had, rheumatic fever, tell your physician and dentist. They probably will administer penicillin both before and after the extraction to prevent bacterial inflammation of the heart. QUESTION AND ANSWER P. R.: Are sebaceous cysts dangerous, and do you think they should be removed? Answer: Sebaceous cysts are seldom dangerous. However, it's usually best to have them removed surgically.

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