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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest link."

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## A Noble Example

This City and Province, as well as St. Joseph's Convent, have lost an outstanding educationist in the passing of the Convent's Superior and Principal, the Reverend Sister of the Resurrection, who was loved and revered by generations of pupils who came under her benign influence both at St. Joseph's and at Notre Dame Academy, where also she served as Superior for some years.

The Reverend Sister was devoted to her religious calling, and this is perhaps why she was so successful as a teacher, and why both institutions made such great advancement under her wise leadership. She had the gift of winning the esteem and affection of her pupils, and of inspiring all with whom she came in contact with her own high ideals and cheery optimism.

The devoted Sisters under her charge, who were privileged to know her most intimately, will feel their bereavement very keenly; but her loss will also be felt by the community at large. Protestant as well as Catholic, for her educational interests transcended sectarian bounds. Although she has passed to her reward, the example of her many years of service in her high calling will remain, to kindle the flame of enthusiasm in others and perpetuate her memory.

## A Fitting Memorial

It was a fine tribute to a distinguished Prince Edward Islander, the Hon. David Laird, which was paid by Mr. Justice Estey, of the Supreme Court of Canada, at New Glasgow yesterday. The memorial, erected by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, serves to perpetuate the memory of one of the builders of Confederation, the founder of The Patriot newspaper and one of the most effective speakers in the Legislature and at Ottawa before his appointment as first Governor of the Northwest Territories.

In a sketch of his career appearing in The Guardian a few years ago, Dr. Frank MacKinnon wrote of Mr. Laird: "As a man he was a great character; as a statesman he had the unique experience of contributing in large measure to the development of both the eastern and western parts of the Dominion. As an Islander and a Canadian he has left such a record of loyal service and devotion to duty as to merit the grateful appreciation of his Province and country."

The permanent memorial unveiled yesterday to his achievements in the place of his birth expresses this appreciation, and will be regarded by all our people as a recognition long overdue.

## Population Trends

A report that has come our way gives some interesting figures concerning population trends in various areas. With a present population of something like 2 1/2 billions, and with an annual increase of about 1 1/2%, approximately 80,000 babies arrive in the world every day. These figures are the highest in history, and they have to be considered in conjunction with another fact that is being stressed by the economists, namely, that, taking one area with another, the supply of available food is diminishing. This seems strange to citizens of countries like Canada and the United States where food surpluses are a perennial problem; it is a fact, nevertheless.

The highest birthrate on a percentage basis is in El Salvador, the figure being 3.37; the lowest is in Austria, 0.14. Ireland is the only country with an annual decrease. Canada's annual increase rate is around 2 1/2%; it will, at that rate, double its population in 26 years. Only 6 countries are ahead of us in this respect; and, interestingly enough, they are all in Latin America. In fact, Latin American leads

in other areas in annual gain of births over deaths, the rate being 2.3%. The lowest area in this category is Central Europe, 0.7. The annual increase in the United States is 1.70; the United Kingdom has the second lowest on the list, 0.30.

When it comes to land space, Canada and Australia share the position of privilege, each having only 3 persons to the square mile. After them come Argentina and Brazil, with 16. The most congested country mentioned in the report is Belgium, with the incredible number of 723 to the square mile. Next in that category is Japan, with 593. The United Kingdom, with 538, comes third. At any given time, more than one-half of the world's population are in a state of under-nourishment.

There may be a number of reasons why immigration to this country is at its lowest level since 1950; but, in view of some of the figures given above, it is difficult to see in the situation anything of which the government can be particularly proud.

## Provincial Flower Show

With Old Home Week over in Charlottetown, interest will centre this week on the Provincial Flower Show which is being held in Summerside on Tuesday and Wednesday under the auspices of the Abegweit Chapter of the I. O. D. E. This is the fourth annual show of its kind and it is expected that there will be a record number of exhibits from various parts of the Province. The show will be opened by Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Agriculture, and an interesting and varied program has been arranged. There will be a special feature in honour of Charlottetown's centennial.

It is our boast that Prince Edward Island is the Garden Province of the Dominion. What more appropriate to any garden than the beautiful flowers which can be cultivated here in profusion? In other Provinces flower shows are among the big events of the summer season, and it is pleasing to note the growing interest taken in the exhibition which is now a regular annual event at Summerside.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

A little while back the Hungarian Government made quite an ado about the "release" from prison of Cardinal Mindszenty. Reports from Vienna, however, claim the Cardinal was merely moved from one "protective" custody to another. At present, these reports say, the aged prelate is being kept at a remote mountain retreat, in complete seclusion, and watched by secret police from the Communist-dominated state.

Provincial elections are due in Turkey this fall, and both opposition parties have declared they will not put candidates in the field, because the ruling party, they say, has prevented balloting under "safe and free conditions." The Democrats (the Government party) are reported to be pretty cheerful about the whole thing.

Speaking of flying saucers and such like innovations, the United States Air Force, which is charged with keeping watch on anything that might threaten the security of the country from the skies, said in a recent statement: "We have never received any authentic information which would show that space craft have landed." The use of the adjective "authentic" seems to leave the controversial question just about where it has been all along.

A member of the Soviet farm delegation that visited Texas remarked on what he called the "shyness" of Texans, and added "they don't brag nearly as much as they could." That will be news to all non-Texans and perhaps even to the Texans themselves who have never bothered to deny the charges of conceit and arrogance which outsiders have laid against them.

Cat-owners — "guardians" is a better word, since no one really owns a cat—have known all along that their pets are superior creatures. Now it's official, with respect to at least one aspect of the claim. Two scientists at the University of Chicago have discovered after a series of tests that cats can hear notes at 60,000 cycles a second, an accomplishment not shared by any other animal—not even man, whose best is 20,000 cycles.



Also Included

## OTTAWA REPORT

### The Senatorial Payroll

By Patrick Nicholson

OTTAWA: Our Senate has been described as "Canada's Oldest Joke", by the Winnipeg Free Press. More accurately but less kindly, the Sarnia Observer recently termed it "Canada's Disgrace".

The method of making the latest appointments to our shoddy, august Upper House of Parliament deserves more careful examination than the spendthrift Canadian taxpayer so far given it. This method shows that the disgrace is not Canada's but the Government's; it shows unmistakably that the oldest joke is a joke on the taxpayer.

The Senate was nearly one-quarter empty throughout the whole of this year's session. From Friday, January 7th until Thursday, July 28th—both days inclusive—the gray line of surviving Senators met in Ottawa to transact the nation's business. The Prime Minister alone had the power to fill the vacancies caused by the death of twenty-three Senators, but the Prime Minister was apparently alone in Canada in not wanting to replace the dead with the quick. Even the Senate itself rejected a Bill introduced by Hon. William Euler which would have made it obligatory for all such vacancies to be filled now and in the future within six months.

On Thursday, 28th July, the Senate was prorogued; its 1955 session was ended, not probably to meet again until January next year. There is no legislative work for Senators to perform until it meets again, so they dispersed to enjoy about five and one half months of holiday with pay.

**TO LATE TO BE SWORN**  
Within a matter of hours of the prorogation of Parliament, the Prime Minister announced that he had appointed new Senators. They can, according to custom, be sworn in as Senators only when Parliament is sitting. They must attend a session of the Upper House in the Senate Chamber, and there and then publicly subscribe to the oath of office.

Their appointment was a few hours too late to permit them to be sworn in during the 1955 session, and five and a half months too early for the next possible opportunity. These new Senators will therefore not be sworn-in Senators until next year; they cannot perform any legislative work until next year; they won't even be allotted private offices in the Parliament Building here until next year.

But they have been paid as from the date of their appointment, 28th July 1955. Every Senator is paid \$10,000 a year. He receives this in the form of a cheque for \$666.66 at the end of each month, plus an additional cheque for \$2,000.00 at the end of December.

At the end of last month, our thirteen new Senators were each sent a cheque for four days pay, from 28th July to 31st inclusive. At the end of each of the remaining five months of the year, they will each receive a cheque for \$666.66. At the end of the year, they will also receive a cheque for the proportion of the \$2,000 allowance applicable to the period from 28th July to 1st December. Say one-hundred-and-fifty-seven times one three-hundred-and-sixty-fifth part of \$2,000, or \$869.27. This makes a total, when added to the similar pay for the days in January next before Parliament reassembles, of \$4,699.11 as a free gift from the taxpayers of Canada to each of the 13 new Senators.

The timing of the appointment was a slap in the face to our Upper House, and a clip in the wallet to our taxpayers. **GOVERNMENT EXTRAVAGANCE**  
To a Government which spends over four billion dollars of the taxpayers' money each year, an additional \$61,083.43 may seem peanuts. But the quite un-

necessary disbursement of this sum is yet further evidence, if any of us are not convinced already, that the Government is imbued with the careless extravagance so eloquently expressed by Clarence Howe's famous catch-line: "What's a million?"

If our government departments would take care of the cents, the dollars would take care of themselves. Finance Minister Harris recently expressed his horror at the height to which taxation has soared in Canada. It will not descend until domestic housekeeping carefulness is applied to our national housekeeping.

I wonder if Mr. St. Laurent, when running his law firm in Quebec City, or Madame St. Laurent, when managing her family household in that city, ever put a new employee on the payroll in July and told him or her that it would not be necessary to begin work until the following January?

**A HEAD START**  
India, thanks to development started under British rule, seems to have had a head start at the beginning of the five-year plan period. China, which can push ahead without the legal obstacles democratic India must face, has set a more ambitious plan.

In one field where China is starting in front, the Reds claim a production of 1,350,000 tons annually in 1952, at the start of their five year plan. They are setting a target of 4,120,000 tons by 1957.

India, when its plan began in 1951, produced 990,000 tons of steel. By 1956 New Delhi hopes to have an output of more than 1,500,000 tons a year. It also expects to have enough steel mills under construction to boost the amount to 6,000,000 tons by 1961.

In another key basic industry, India started with an output of 3,290,000 tons of cement annually, compared to 2,860,000 tons for Communist China. India's target is a 5,306,000 ton output, while China hopes to reach 6,000,000 tons.

**ELECTRICITY PLANS**  
In electricity, India plans to boost its potential—2,700,000 kilowatts at the start of the plan—by 50 per cent. China plans to double its original capacity of 1,450,000 kilowatts.

India mined 32,307,000 tons of coal in 1951 and figures its output will increase to about 36 millions in 1956. China, starting from an annual production of 63,530,000 tons, has set its sights on 113,000,000 tons.

With many more persons to feed, China must produce much more grain than India. However, Indian achievements in agriculture seem to be brighter than China's. The Communists are hoping for an increase from about 160,000,000 tons annually to 193 millions. India charted an

**The Age Old Story**  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thine diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies

## Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.  
**SOME WAYS TO RELIEVE A HOT WEATHER TROUBLE**

With everyone perspiring more freely these hot summer days, you've got to be especially careful about underarm odor. Millions of dollars have been spent, and many millions more have been netted in profit, on special preparations claiming to halt the offensive odor. Some of them work pretty well. But there are other precautions you can take to guard yourself against offending.

First of all, you must understand that it isn't the perspiration itself which creates the odor. Tests have shown that fresh sterile sweat from the apocrine glands, which are particularly numerous in the armpits, has remained odorless for as long as two weeks.

It's the bacterial growth in apocrine sweat which creates the odor. Thus, to eliminate the odor, you must eliminate the bacteria on your skin.

Tests have proved that certain antibiotics such as tyrothralin and chemicals such as hexachlorophene, for example, reduce the number of bacteria on the skin for a considerable length of time. Preparations containing aluminum chloride also halt odor. X-ray therapy usually helps, too.

Bacteria causing the odor find a protective refuge in the hair under the arm. Since it is virtually impossible to sterilize this hair, your deodorant will remain effective longer and provide more complete protection if the hair is removed.

### CHANGE FREQUENTLY

Your clothes also act as a haven for the bacteria by absorbing the underwear should be changed and washed frequently and outer clothing should be laundered or dry cleaned. Of course it's also important to bathe frequently.

Simple remedies for curbing excessive sweating are lotions such as 5 per cent tannic acid, or 5 per cent zinc sulfate, in 70 per cent alcohol. Wipe the skin dry and dab on the lotion several times a day.

An application of 25 per cent aluminum chloride in water, once every three days, is much stronger and remains effective longer. Since it is quite acid, don't use any soap before applying it. And don't let your clothing become wet with this strong solution. However, some people cannot tolerate it at all.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**H.S.A.:** Could you tell me what could be done for liver trouble? **Answer:** It is not possible to suggest the proper treatment for you as there are different types of liver disorders. Your physician would be best qualified to make such suggestions as he would be thoroughly familiar with the exact liver condition present.

### DUCHESS DIES

**LONDON (Reuters)**—Lady Millicent Fanny St. Clair-Erskine, duchess of Sutherland and mother of the present duke, died while holidaying in Biarritz. It was announced Saturday. She was 86. The duchess directed a front-line Red Cross ambulance in France during the First World War. She was awarded the French Croix de Guerre. She was the author of a number of books.

### FIELD MARSHAL INJURED

**DARLINGTON, England (AP)**—Field Marshal Lord Ironside, 75, and his wife were injured Saturday when their automobile collided with another car and overturned. Lord Ironside, chief of the imperial general staff at the outbreak of the Second World War, was cut and bruised. Lady Ironside suffered a broken leg. Both were taken to hospital.

### WILL RELEASE YANKS

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Russia has notified the United States that three Americans held in the Soviet Union including two soldiers missing for seven years will be released, the state department announced Saturday.

## NOTES BY THE WAY

Recent comment about the coming Canadian visit of the Princess Royal (Princess Mary), has mentioned her "striking resemblance" to her niece, Queen Elizabeth II. The resemblance, however is no more than what we are accustomed to see in a family likeness among close relatives. The Princess Royal, a sister of the late King George VI, is too many years older than the Queen for there to be a striking resemblance between them. The Queen's aunt more accurately can be said to bear a striking resemblance to her mother the late Queen Mary. —Sydney Post-Record.

England's Brigade of Guards is the embodiment of parade-ground perfection, in their scarlet tunics and bearskin hats, but in wartime they are chosen for the toughest front-line fighting jobs and have years of almost every great British campaign in the past 300 years. —Evening-Tribune.

The way things are going in the United States the day may come when the men will remain at home to look after the household chores while their wives take over more of the earning of the family income. Dr. Henry David, secretary of the National Manpower Council, told a regional conference that female employment has increased 125 per cent during the same period. Last year women held 20,000,000 of the nation's 64,000,000 jobs. —Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

### DATES WAY BACK

The history of the Royal Marines dates back to 1664 when soldiers were placed aboard warships during the threat of a Dutch invasion.

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