

A New Authority

The sweeping changes in the Federal cabinet and top ranks of the civil service mark the creation of a new authority in Canada and a change in powers comparable to an important constitutional amendment.

The other changes and appointments, while numerous, do not compare in importance with those of the seaway. It is satisfactory, however, to note that the rumored appointment of the Hon. Douglas Abbott to the post of Chief Justice did not materialize.

The extensive changes lead inevitably to the question of Prime Minister St. Laurent's future successor. The Prime Minister himself disclaims any immediate plans for retirement and makes no mention of a possible successor.

Good News In The Balkans

The Balkans, long regarded as the powder-keg of Europe, now appear to be cast in the somewhat unfamiliar role of a bastion of peace. Partly responsible for the merging of differences and distrust so long characteristic of the Balkan countries, to be sure, is the ominous proximity of the Soviet Union.

Canada, in common with the other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, cannot but regard the new Balkan military alliance as a source of satisfaction. For it serves at one and the same time the useful purpose of strengthening the bastion of Mediterranean defences against the Russian threat without doing violence in any way to the principles of NATO.

Greece and Turkey are, of course, full-fledged members of NATO. Yugoslavia's adherence to Communism, as distinct from Soviet imperialism would, nevertheless, have caused serious embarrassment had Marshal Tito sought formal association with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

If Marshal Tito has manifest realism in entering upon the new military alliance, King Paul and the Greek Government have manifest an even more commendable spirit of forgiveness. For the part played by the Yugoslavs in the civil war in Greece was one which could not fail to leave deep and ugly scars on Yugoslav-Greek relations.

Parliamentary Reform

The Winnipeg Free Press complains that in one respect the Parliamentary session recently ended has been a complete failure. Nothing at all was done towards reforming the procedure in the House of Commons.

The business of the nation as a whole meantime went at a snail's pace, until Parliament began to rush through it in long and ill-tempered sittings during the last few weeks, when the sense of pressure and the desire to be away from Ottawa prevented adequate discussion.

The fault, adds the Free Press, lies partly with the rules of the House, which do not impose enough discipline on speakers, and partly with Ministers, who are either unwilling or unable to organize a steady flow of government business before procedure has been crowded out in the final rush of business.

Hymenoptera And Houses

A report from Wellington gives some information regarding the reading habits of New Zealanders. Last year the Government Printing Office published a book called "A Catalogue of the Hymenoptera of Australia and Adjacent Areas"; in twelve months it managed to dispose of one copy.

At first glance this would appear to indicate a materialistic trend. Certainly, there is nothing more solid or more practical in the world of matter than a house. It can be seen, touched, lived in, and, under favourable conditions, made into a home.

It is, of course, possible that the New Zealand preference has economic significance as well. With a place he can call his own, a man can go after four-winged insects almost any time, provided he has talent and energy for that sort of thing.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 3rd Sunday after Trinity, 4th after Pentecost.

Dog Days begin (end Aug. 15).

In one respect the new Federal Cabinet is precisely like the old. Prince Edward Island's representation in it is nil.

For want of a nail a C.N.R. motor truck has a horseshoe protruding from its windshield. In Charlottetown yesterday a horse cast a shoe, and cast it right at the truck driver who was saved, however, by the safety glass.

The president of DOSCO describes the St. Lawrence seaway as a challenge to the Atlantic Provinces and that is exactly what it is. There are many aspects from which the seaway must be regarded as a disadvantage to this part of the country but it is up to Maritimes to discover and exploit its advantages.

"Our main job is dealing with the preservation of soil fertility in Prince Edward Island." So Mr. R. C. Parent, superintendent of the Charlottetown Experimental Station told a group of farmers attending an illustration station field day. That, indeed, is the main job of every Islander for if we fail in all other jobs become meaningless.

The Salvation Army Jubilee was held this date 1894. William Booth had resigned as a minister of the Methodist New Connection to be general superintendent of the Christian Revival Association, later, after other changes in name, to be the Salvation Army. It is said that an enthusiastic sign painter printed "general" so large that "superintendent" had to be squeezed in and that the military ranks and name eventually resulted.



Still Waiting For A Light

The Poet's Corner

Down the country lane come straggling Belay and Jim and shaggy Spot. The air is sweet with wild strawberries. The lazy sun is low and hot.

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I.

From the Correspondence of William Pitt, Earl of Clatham, ed. by the executors of the second Earl, London 1838, (Vol. 1, pp 384-5): "Lieutenant Leslie to Brigadier General Wolfe, Louisbourg, October 30, 1758."

ACADIAN DEPORTATION

"An account from my Lord Rollo, on the 14th instant, says the inhabitants of St. John's Island were embarking very slowly, and he was afraid many on the remote part of the Island would not come in this year; and that several sloops and schooners, two of which were armed, were on the north side of the Island, taking off the inhabitants and their effects."

"The Governor applied to the Admiral for a small vessel; but jealous lest I should aspire to be flag by my achievements by water, the Kennington was ordered on that service, to reap the laurels I had hoped for. However, for want of provision, she did not sail till the 20th, and will come too late to do any thing. Last night another account came from Lord Rollo, fifteen hundred inhabitants were embarked; but there was a whole parish whose inhabitants could not put off this season, being far removed from the port where the transports were. The fort was finished, and Lord Rollo was to embark for this place last Saturday. No mention was made of a stop being put to the vessels taking off the northern inhabitants to Canada; so I imagine it goes on successfully, as there is nothing to stop them. I believe there is a great bustle, and little work done at that Island."

"I have received no orders for my removal as yet; but, if I can persuade General Whitmore to let me, I propose taking the first opportunity to go to the continent, and join whatever part of the army is in action."

"Your most obliged, and very obedient humble servant."

"MATHEW LESLIE"

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NOTES BY THE WAY

You can't take it with you, and even if you stash it away and try to keep it here, inflation gnaws away at it. —Kitchener - Waterloo Record.

Every part of North America has something to offer the summer vacationist, but unfortunately for the tourist business, not enough to keep people who live there from going someplace else. —Port Arthur News - Chronicle.

Sometimes we wish deep thinkers would stop asking civilization how stupid it can get as it only stimulates civilization to go ahead and try to find out. —Hamilton Spectator.

Mr. Molotov is now making friendly gestures towards Mr. Eden, but here, in its entirety, is the entry under Eden in the brand-new three-volume Encyclopaedia Britannica, only the first volume of which has yet appeared.

Harvard astronomers have advanced the theory that the planet Venus is entirely covered with water — all ocean. In looking through telescopes they found evidence to support their thesis. The theory, at any rate, is in harmony with the planet having long ago been named after the Greek goddess of love whose adherents were the most beautiful of mortals.

As Children Hear It (Manchester Guardian) It is reported that the Bishop of Huron has inaugurated a "Society for the Prevention of Gabbling the Lord's Prayer." He defined gabbling as "to rattle off without meaning."

Observations made by the Ontario department of lands and forests some years ago that tent caterpillars reach a peak in ten-year cycles are not according to fact in Northern Ontario. There is an annual infestation of the pest, following the most serious outbreak in Northern Ontario in 1937, and the caterpillars are particularly bad in the Kirkland Lake area this year.

It has been the personal misfortune of Mr. Anthony Eden to preside over forlorn hopes and lost causes. Not for him the laurel wreath of diplomatic triumph, but instead, the consolation prize for regular attendance and trying hard.

Coastal Shipping (Sydney Post-Record) A Royal Commission will inquire into Canada's coastal shipping trade, and investigate particularly whether coastal shipping should be restricted to Canadian vessels as a means of encouraging Canada's shipping and shipbuilding industries.

When Ed Furgol was 12 years old he fell off parallel bars and damaged his left elbow. The injury never healed properly and the youngster had to accept fate's decree that he was limited for life. All the doctor could do was to suggest he should take up golf to strengthen his arm.

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The Passing Scene

There are times when a cartoon can express a point of view or interpret a situation or convey a message more ably and more effectively than any other medium and provide a little amusement at the same time.

One is from the London (England) Daily Express. It shows a door. On one side, and reaching for the door knob, is President Eisenhower; he is carrying a large Union Jack with a small Stars and Stripes in one corner.

Just what the peculiar position of the flags is intended to indicate is not clear; as in the case of many cartoons, that detail is left to the reader's imagination.

The words are of special significance. Obviously, if both men were to attempt to carry out the suggestion literally, they would meet only in passing and be no closer together at the end than they were at the beginning.

It will not be known for some time — it may never be known — just how much compromise emerged at the Churchill-Eisenhower meeting, but from the newspaper reports it can be assumed that there was at least a little of it on both sides.

Fear of "losing face" has never been a very strong force in British diplomacy. The most successful Foreign Ministers have been men who knew the art of "compromising gracefully."

heavier competition from ships coming up from the Atlantic. They want the Great Lakes to be a closed instead of a free sea. These are matters for experts to study. What matters most is that the flow of trade not be restricted.

There would be no question in reference to the commission of restricting traffic between Canadian ports and those outside the country.

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