

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dawn
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Fully Justified

The fact that our causeway project will provide for rail as well as vehicular traffic has occasioned some supercilious comment in mainland exchanges. The Toronto Globe and Mail, for example, argues that the railway will "admittedly not serve most Island passengers who already travel by bus."

Certainly this is conceivable. It is conceivable, too, that bus and piggy-back services could replace all the railway lines in Ontario. If indeed railway transportation is headed for an eclipse, a lot of lines will have to be abandoned.

According to vice-president Grayston, the main lines through July and up to now in August have daily been transporting tourists in particularly heavy volume. Revenues in the region for July have shown a 16 per cent increase on the figures for the corresponding month last year.

The Pearson government did a wise thing in refusing to endorse the proposals for "phasing out the railway" in this province by means of a non-rail causeway. Another point in this connection is well made in a recent article in The Atlantic Advocate, in which it stressed that with the fixed crossing the causeway will provide, the bigger the traffic the bigger the profit.

Doesn't Make Sense

It was at Edmonton last week, says a press report, that Prime Minister Pearson was believed to have set the tone for the expected federal election campaign. He stressed "the government's spectacular achievements, charged back against Opposition accusations of weak leadership and spoke in serious but optimistic tones about national unity."

Granting that everything Mr. Pearson said in this connection was gospel truth, it still doesn't provide him with a valid reason for having a fall election. Indeed, it is hard to see how his words could have "set the tone" for anything but a resounding affirmation of his previous assurances that he would not allow the lack of a clear majority to influence him—that his government did not need a majority to carry on effectively, and would not seek one by an election before its normal term of office had expired.

that this divided Parliament has prevented them from carrying out their policies. From a recently released pamphlet, "34 Ways Your Liberal Government Has Made History" since April, 1963, it would seem that the country would be better off if it continued to carry on with the minority government it has. There are those, indeed, who maintain that responsible government works better in practice this way, since it cannot—being a minority—take Parliament for granted but must be on its toes all the time.

These people argue, for example, that if the government had a majority in Parliament there would almost certainly have been no Dorion Report on the Rivard scandal that rocked the country a short time ago. It was the Opposition that insisted on a judicial inquiry into this matter, not the government. Had it commanded a majority in the House, the whole affair would have been swept under the carpet.

Be this as it may, we are intrigued by Mr. Pearson's insistence that things have been going well, that the government has been making progress with its commitments and has ended the session more strongly than it began. Why not carry on, then, with its still unredeemed pledges, into a brighter and still more spectacular future? The government's mandate has nearly three years to run. It makes no sense at all, on the Prime Minister's showing, that it should demand that the people give it a fresh one at this time.

Ain't Science Grand?

Ever heard of the Central Data Processing Service Bureau at Ottawa? This is one of the tangible results of the Glasco Commission and a logical development of the age of the computer which is now about to envelop us. Already, according to an Ottawa correspondent, there are some 30 computers of all ages and sizes in government service, and at the end of this month tenders close for the specifications of the most complex and advanced of them all—designed specifically for CDPSB.

The new electronic brain will be the most up to date in North America and will be able to do 10 to 12 times as much work as any present government computer. This means it will be able to do a million operations a second, and it can be "talked to" from places far remote from its air-conditioned room. In recent demonstrations to deputy ministers, this new type of computer, set up in Phoenix, Arizona, was operated by people at a console in downtown Ottawa.

The new machine will provide the various government departments with what has been called a common memory room, where millions of useful facts and figures needed by many departments would be readily available. At the same time it would help solve the problems of various government research scientists, not now within reach of their older computers.

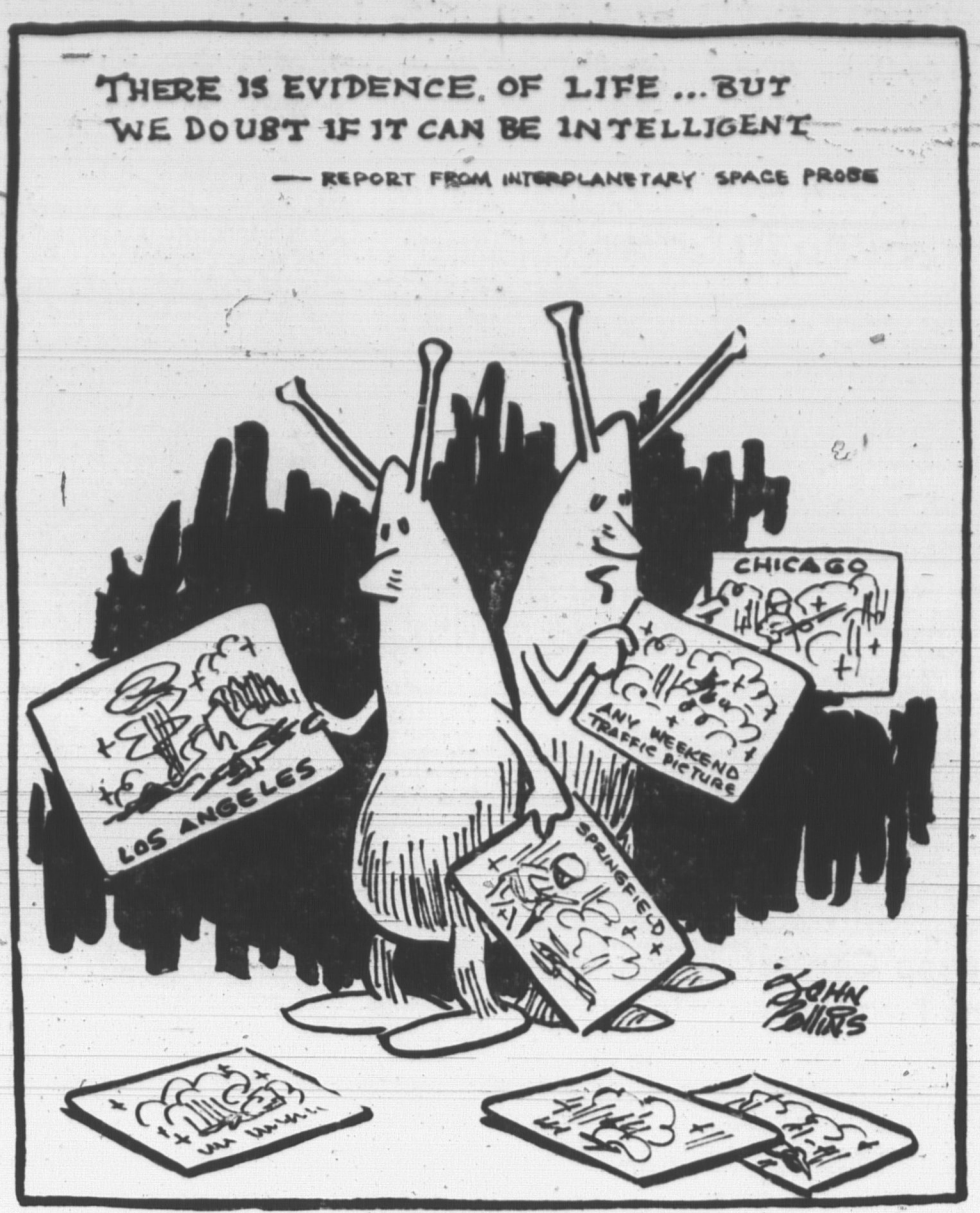
National revenue officials note with enthusiasm that the use of the computer in the U.S. has "improved the memory of the taxpayers immeasurably," since the word is out that the machine never forgets and cross-checking on the taxpayer's past and present status is becoming easier every year. With the arrival of the new computer at CDPSB the stage will be set for a centralized storage of personnel files, financial and accounting records, file contents and library accession lists, as well as their retrieving and updating.

The programmers, however, must devise a common language for the computers—the figures and letters which, fed into the maws of the machine, cause it to search its tapes, calculate, compare, test and then in a fraction of a second produce, miles away, the answers, printed on a card. These are the skilled men who are being sought everywhere by government and industry as automation spreads, and who will form a new elite in our expanding bureaucracy.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Our world will be a safer and healthier place when we can admit that every time we make an atomic bomb, we corrupt the morals of a host of innocent neutrons below the age of consent."—W. H. Auden in the New York Times.

Canada's action in discriminating against advertising placed in "foreign-owned" periodicals is continuing to draw disapproval wherever the principle of the freedom of the press is cherished. The Inter-American Press Association has joined the Commonwealth Press Union and the International Press Institute in condemning the Canadian measure.



AS OTHERS SEE US

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Nation-Wide Program On Drug Reactions

"The advent of the so-called miracle drugs has enabled our health professions literally to bring about cures which only a few years ago would have been regarded as nothing short of miraculous. This advance in drugs is one of the greatest and most beneficial elements of modern civilization."

DOCTORS ASKED TO HELP
The head of the Food and Drug Directorate, Dr. Ross Chapman, and his officials have now completed the organization of a Canada-wide program to report adverse drug reactions.

Passed On To The Farmers

Back in 1932, when the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, now the New Democratic Party, was born, the socialist midwives were convinced that a lasting marriage between the farmers and organized labor would lay the foundation for a Canadian socialist state.

The Silver Lining

A New York Times writer recently conducted a modest research project on the consequences of the relative failure of the New York World's Fair. One of them conceivably could be of advantage to Expo '67.

Our Yesterdays

OUR YESTERDAYS
(FROM THE GUARDIAN FILES)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(August 31, 1940)
Berliners, who hitherto considered the war in the air as something remote, are making the acquaintance of their air raid shelters in earnest now but find peculiar problems arising from the Nazi way of life involved.

Loans Get "Friendlier"

While there seems to be little limit to the ingenuity of Canadian finance companies in suggesting reasons for securing "friendly loans", it appears, even so, that their Japanese counterparts are proving even more imaginative. In Tokyo, for instance, there is in operation what is described as a "cash ambulance", which distributes emergency care to patrons of night clubs who find themselves in sudden need of funds.

Provides MP Retreat

By Farmer Tisington
Special Correspondent, Ottawa

Canada's parallel to famed Chequers Court in Britain is a six bedroom white clapboard home in Quebec's Gatineau Hills some 30 minutes' drive from parliament hill.

The Edwards and Herridge families sold the property to the National Capital Commission in 1951 for \$232,000, but members of both families retain the right to use the amenities of the lake. Until it became the summer home of the P.M., the National Capital Commission rented out the home at \$1,000 a season.

As an official of the Food and Drug Directorate said to me, the basic source of information about adverse drug reactions must be our medical profession; so the more they all cooperate in Canada's portion of what is becoming an international exchange of medical information, the more their own patients and indeed all sufferers will benefit by this unprecedented worldwide attack on illness.

MORE DOWN UNDER

The population of Australia increased by 227,987 in 1964 to a total of 11,250,708.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The second day of a diet isn't too hard, because by that time you're off it.—London Evening News.
When a man who hadn't been able to get his psychiatrist to diagnose his case received later a monthly bill for \$500, he said: "I know what he thinks—he thinks I'm crazy."—Guelph Mercury.
From Burnaby, B.C., comes word that a woman who was shot in the jaw with a .22-calibre revolver slug last April has married the man who faces trial for her assault. In the words of the poet, ain't love grand?—Hamilton Spectator.

Our Peacekeeping Role

By Dave McIntosh
Canadian Press Staff Writer

There appears to be growing disenchantment with and outside the government with Canada's self-appointed peacekeeping role.

External Affairs Minister Martin said Wednesday, however, that Canada will pursue the subject of more effective peacekeeping measures at the United Nations General Assembly this fall.

OLD DRIVE LACKING

"We are no longer looked upon as a fresh young force," he said at the third annual Banff conference on world development.

UN TROUBLES

The coolness to peacekeeping is probably due, at least in part, to the inability of Canada and some of its friends to swing the UN generally to the view that peacekeeping costs must be a collective responsibility of all UN members.

Woolworth's Patent Medicine Specials advertisement. Features a large 'Specials' graphic and a photograph of a pharmacy counter. Text includes: 'Woolworth's Patent Medicine Specials', 'Genuine Phillips 12 oz. Milk of Magnesia 63c', 'PERTUSSIN 5 3/4 oz. Btl. 82c', 'Genuine - 100 Tablets BAYER ASPRIN 62c', 'Extract of Cod Liver Compound 15 oz. Btl. \$1.57', 'Wampole \$1.57', 'Queen Street', 'For Fast Relief for Coughs caused by Colds', 'Reg. 3.08 Now Only \$1.71', 'Skin Cream - Reg. 1.25 value 6 oz. Jar', 'Noxzema 92c', 'Charlottetown'.