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

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The Satellites & Freedom

Ever since the so-called "Satellite" countries of Eastern Europe came under the tutelage of Soviet Russia, Western leaders have been hoping against hope that they would somehow manage to reassert their independence and, perhaps, in due time achieve some sort of semblance of free and responsible government.

Limiting Commons Debates

By unanimous report, Mr. Speaker Beaudoin's special committee has proposed major changes in the rules and procedures of the House of Commons.

resent all that can presently be done by consent. In 1947, Mr. Speaker Fauteux presented to the House of Commons a report recommending many changes — none of which was adopted.

During the present session, at Mr. Speaker's request, a sub-committee of four men was struck—Hon. Walter Harris, Liberal; Davie Fulton, Conservative; Stanley Knowles, CCF; and Victor Quelch, Social Credit.

An Envidable Record

The New York Herald Tribune recently carried on its front page a picture-and-story tribute to the "foresight, readiness and action" demonstrated in Canada's polio vaccine program.

The Canadian authorities and scientists had to supply a nation of 15 million, while their American colleagues had a nation of 165 million to protect.

"Please," said Dr. R. E. Defries, head of Connaught, "I don't want any comparisons made between Americans and Canadians. We did everything the Americans did, nothing more."

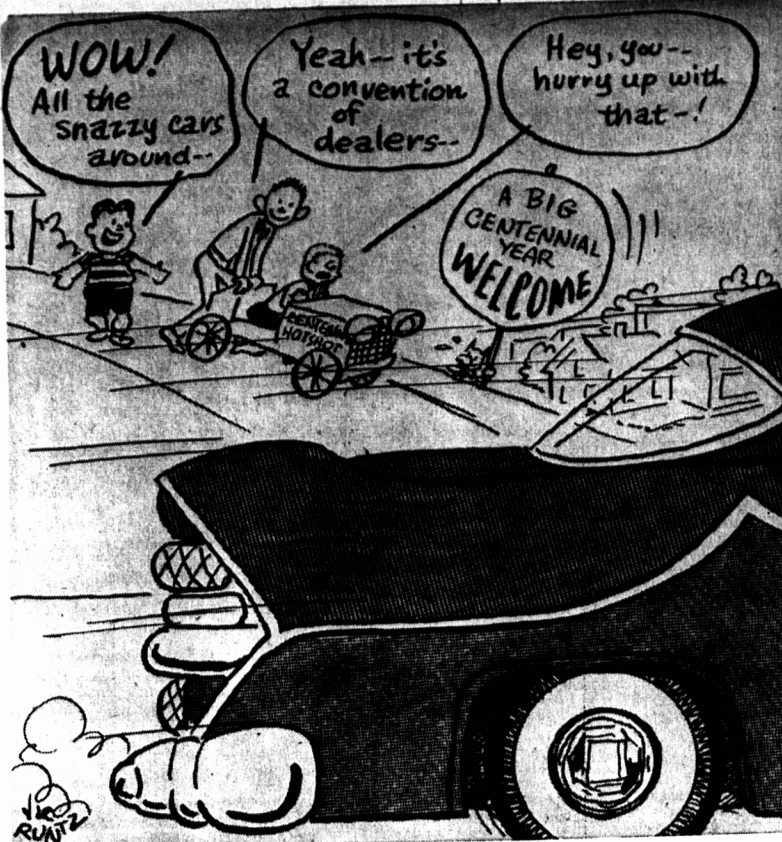
One of these things was that all batches of vaccine were double-tested for safety. These double-tests were carried out by the Government's own virus laboratory in Ottawa.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An organization that is the first of its kind has just been formed in Canada: it is the Australian-Canadian Association.

The RCAF has taken another look at its plans to equip auxiliary squadrons with the CF-100. This major policy change was quietly slipped into his debate speech by Mr. Campney.

Not one of ten drownings reported in Ontario during a recent weekend was unavoidable. Parents left small children on beaches or in the water unattended; non-swimmers—some youngsters, but also adults—drowned in shallow water; inexperienced canoeists and surf-board riders were thrown into the water to perish.



Merchants Of Splendour

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of current events by persons of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of contributors.

THE VICTORIA CAUSEWAY

Sir,—The election is over, the smoke of battle has rolled away, and I hope by now we have all got back to normalcy.

Such a causeway at Victoria would not only provide a suitable roadway, but it would also turn the Westmoreland River into a lake, suitable for boating, bathing and fishing.

A report is in circulation that certain individuals in Victoria are advocating repairs to the old bridge. This would be a mistake and can only emanate from selfish interests rather than a desire for the future welfare of the community.

SATURDAY CLOSING

Sir,—The fact that Dominion Day falls on Friday this year, has led me to offer a suggestion to all the business houses and merchants of this city.

As Saturday is a half holiday anyway, would it not be well for business houses to remain closed on Saturday morning, thus enabling our citizens to enjoy a short holiday, and in those three days some might even have an enjoyable trip, which could not be realized if they are required to work on Saturday morning.

Since this is our Centennial Year, I believe this would be a worthy gesture on the part of the business men of our city, and would, I know, be more than appreciated by those who graciously attend to our whims and fancies day after day.

Eagerly hoping that this suggestion receives favourable consideration.

I am, Sir, etc. G. J. MATHESON

The Boswell Papers

(New York Herald Tribune) It was back in 1927 that the late Lt. Col. Ralph Heyward Isham succeeded with James Boswell's heirs where others had failed.

He followed this up with more Boswell in 1929 out of a Malahide croquet box, and then in 1931 came to the discovery of still more Boswell manuscripts in the

OTTAWA REPORT

Headed For Record Year

By Patrick Nicholson

The Minister of Trade has announced that the value of goods and services produced in Canada in the first three months of this year was nearly 5 per cent above last year's achievement.

The average personal income in 1954, across Canada, was \$1,212. A little of this was saved; the balance was deducted in direct taxes; the balance was spent on goods and services. Our total buying power is perhaps even higher through the machinery of instalment purchases.

The average expenditure of goods and services was \$1,045 per Canadian — man, woman and child. Total taxes collected directly and indirectly by the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments amounted to an average of \$461 per Canadian.

Rust-Resistant Wheat

By Walter Gray Canadian Press, Winnipeg

A series of tests this winter may provide Canadian farmers with a new strain of wheat resistant to all known forms of rust.

Dr. Peterson, officer in charge of the federal agriculture department's cereal breeding laboratory at the University of Manitoba, said in an interview the series of "critical" tests will be completed in a few days.

Subject of the milling and quality tests will be the kernels of wheat plants produced by crossing the quality wheats with the highly rust-resistant strain, Kenya 119, first brought to this country for breeding purposes from Kenya, East Africa, in 1948.

Although Kenya Farmer's rust-resistant features are excellent, its growing, milling and baking qualities are not up to Canadian standards. Hence the cross-breeding.

"Kenya farmer has much more promise than what we have produced before," said Dr. Peterson, whose department was responsible for the introduction of such disease-resistant wheats as Renown, Coronation, Regent, Redman and Selkirk.

Dr. Peterson said the first series of crosses with Kenya Farmer began in 1951 in the field and laboratory greenhouses.

This was perhaps the greatest find of all; the papers included Boswell's correspondence with practically everybody of any consequence.

This Boswell accumulation was in turn transferred to Yale University, where it will engage the scholars for many a year to come as they deliver new and fascinating findings to the vast Boswellian community.

But in spite of this, Canadians generally could afford to spend more than in any of those three previous years on their homes, their food, their health and their recreation (smoking and drinking only).

That figure of total tax collections — \$461 per Canadian — is a fact that should be noted. It is the Senate's last week by the Crerar or watchdog committee's report on Government Expenditures. This Committee is without doubt the highlight of the Senate's year; its chairman, Senator Thomas Crerar.

As a former Liberal cabinet minister, he knows how a government could and should operate. And the tender of his committee's report is that the government is spending too much of the taxpayers' money.

The Age Old Story

O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep. A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

There was no satisfactory method of retaining the dust on the plants. It was washed off by the first rain.

It became apparent that the most practical and economical method of rust control would be by the production of resistant varieties of grain.

This reasoning was confirmed between 1936 and 1950 when Canada had no rust problem.

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Swirling through the air the spores finally drop on grain fields and attach themselves to the young, tender shoots. Once attached, each spore produces a germ tube which moves along the plant to the nearest air hole then slides inside. The germ tube then produces a mass of fine threads which work through the plant, devouring the chlorophyll.

The threads finally break through the brittle skin of the plant and appear on the surface as fine, powdery rust. The process takes about 10 days.

The new rust spores are then picked up by the wind and blown along to the next field and the same process is repeated.

Chemistry has been tried in the fight against rust. Experiments following the establishment of the cereal laboratories here in 1925 showed that cereal rusts could be effectively controlled by sulphur dust applied by ground dusters or from aircraft.

Medically Speaking.

Herman N. Sandesen, M.D.

A LIST OF ANTIDOTES FOR HOUSEHOLD POISONS

Summer means bugs, and plenty of them; bugs mean insecticides and poisonous powders in just about every home; and these mean potential danger to your children.

On High Shelf

The greatest danger to youngsters, however, are the insecticides which are just left lying about. It's most important, of course, that such poisons be kept on a high shelf or in a locked cabinet out of the reach of inquisitive little hands.

If you can't reach him, you'll have to give your youngster an antidote. If you don't know what he has swallowed, give him milk mixed with the white of an egg, milk and flour, or baking soda and water.

Arsenic—Give a mixture of two tablespoons of powdered burnt toast, one spoon of milk of magnesia and four spoons of strong tea.

DDT—Give two tablespoons of epsom salt in two glasses of water. Then give lots of strong tea or hot coffee.

Phosphorus—Four ounces of hydrogen peroxide. One tablespoon of sodium bicarb in a quart of warm water. Then give four ounces of mineral oil. Do not give animal or vegetable oil. Keep all oils and fats out of the diet for several days.

Sodium Fluoride—Give two tablespoons of milk of magnesia. Then give him a glass of milk.

Strychnine—Give the same mixture as the one used to combat arsenic.

In each case you must also induce vomiting.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

F. B.: What might be the cause of a severe burning sensation in the throat? I never smoke nor drink.

Answer: The burning sensation in your throat may be due to inflammation resulting from infection in the throat itself or to a chronic sinus infection. An examination by a throat specialist would determine the exact cause of the difficulty so that proper treatment could be prescribed.

The Poet's Corner

THE SILENCE

A song between two silences Life sings, A melody 'twixt night and patient night. He strums his lute against the fading light. To gild the shadow that the gloaming brings, And Love is but a plucking of the strings, A throbb of music staying music's flight.

A little note that hardly shall requite Thine outstretched hand that mars Life's lute—playings.

Yet, when the last faint echo of that note Has stirred the cypress-leaves at eventide, When night has stilled forever Life's white throat, And his gold lute lies shattered by his side, We two shall follow through a world remote, The silence whereinto Love's music died.

—Archibald McLeish.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

City council found out just how absurd some of their bylaws have become when they discovered that under Section 11, Bylaw No. 359 it was illegal to ride a tricycle on the sidewalk.

Nobody suggests that Marshal Bulganin is another Stalin; there is doubt, in fact, that he is any more the ruler of Russia than President Coty is the master of France.

The case of Jack Fleck, a previously unknown professional golfer from Davenport, Iowa, may be cited as a warning to those who expect to be called on to fulfill their duty.

Author Hugh MacLennan had a bit of sound advice for members of the graduating class at a

Canadian University recently. His words were: "keep learning." In his remarks he pointed to one of the dangers that confronts a young man or woman who graduates from an institution of higher learning.

The other day, to the astonishment of all — no least that of the victor, no doubt — Fleck defeated the great Ben Hogan in a dramatic playoff and became the 1955 winner of the U.S. Open golf championship. He then proceeded from a playoff to a playoff. No doubt he was quite happy to put into such a position, yet the new champion may have reflected that he would have clapped a few caveats on those promises of long ago had he suspected that they were going to have some meaning after all.—Ottawa Citizen

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