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

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## Good News From 'Quoddy

In towns and villages around the Passamaquoddy Basin there is much rejoicing these days, for at long last after much annoying delays there is real hope that a survey of the much talked about tidal project will be undertaken, perhaps within a matter of days. Members of the International Joint Commission which has jurisdiction in such matters are actually on the spot. True, they have been there many times before. But on these previous occasions they were simply carrying out routine assignments with not much backing from governmental authorities and with no assurance of money to lend credence to their good intentions. This time things are different. The Commissioners actually are inspecting sites for the proposed dams and power houses, accompanied by the engineer who has been appointed to take charge of the survey. And, more important than anything else, \$3 million has been set aside for the purpose. Nothing is necessary now to start the thing going except specific orders from the American and Canadian Governments; and these are expected to be issued momentarily.

According to General A. G. L. McNaughton, chairman of the Canadian section of the Commission, the survey will be conducted "with no avoidable delays and no lack of energy." This is especially good news to "Down Easters" who, rightly or wrongly, have been a little inclined to blame General McNaughton for the Commission's failure to recommend the development wholeheartedly in the past. They say he has been a bit too fearful about the possible effects of the project on the fisheries. But that as it may, it will all be forgotten in the excitement attending present activities.

The survey itself will take at least three years, perhaps longer, and of course there is no telling how it will come out. In the event of its being favourable to the bigger project, it will still be several years before any power will be made available from the tides. Meanwhile, Maritimers will be watching proceedings with interest, since any large scale power development in any one section of the general region will be of benefit, directly or indirectly, to all other sections.

## Tyro In Debate

The House of Commons should be the place for vigorous debate, but there are well defined limits to the manner in which members may indulge in personalities. Many Conservatives as well as Liberals will feel that Mr. Charles Van Horne, Conservative member for Restigouche-Madawaska, was entirely out of order in some of the comments attributed to him in a Canadian Press report of Tuesday's proceedings. These comments provoked retorts in kind from the government side, all on the subject of the recent New Brunswick election campaign.

Mr. Van Horne is a new member, having taken his seat as the result of a by-election in September, 1955. He is a lawyer, and therefore supposed to know more than the average back-bencher about parliamentary procedure. He should also know that offensive remarks are as much an affront to the dignity of the House as they would be to the Bench at a court session, and that as arguments they are entirely worthless. Mr. Van Horne had a good case against our "lopsided" national economy which is working to the detriment of the Atlantic Provinces, but he ruined it with cheap invectives and made the work of other advocates of our claims more difficult.

His party leaders should take Mr. Van Horne in hand, if that be possible, and teach him to keep his punches above the belt.

## Anti-Senate Sentiment

Opposition leader Drew is not the only Canadian who would like to see the Senate made over into an active and useful institution; "reformed" is the word he used, but it means the same thing. Nor is C.C.F. leader Coldwell the only Canadian who would like to see it abolished. Whether he is justified in saying that the majority of Canadians would back up his demand if they were given the opportunity, it is a fact that there is a good deal of anti-Senate sentiment abroad in the land. Unless something is done to take the Senate out of its present position of lethargy and seeming non-participation in any measure of parliamentary responsibility, it is certain that that sentiment will grow within a few years to the point where nothing that any Government can do will be able to save the institution from the anger of its foes.

For ourselves, we like to think that most Canadians, or at least a great number of Canadians, regret the circumstances which over a period of years have led up to this outcry against the Senate. Constitutionally, it does have a place and an important one in our political system. But, as matters stand, how can the critics be blamed for saying that that place is so deeply hidden in the shadows of partisan politics that it is scarcely noticeable? The very worst thing that Senators can do, if they really want to hold on to their sinecures, is to rail against public sentiment and say it doesn't matter.

## Fitting Tribute

Mr. Harry Truman's visit to England has prompted many warm tributes in the British press. One which he will appreciate particularly, as being couched in his own straightforward language, comes from the London Daily Mirror. The Mirror recalls that when Mr. Truman was "pitchforked into the Presidency of America toward the end of the war," few people gave him any chance of making the grade. But he proved all the critics wrong, dead wrong.

"Sure," adds the editorial, "he was a little man. But he never shirked big decisions. Think of them now. The use of the atom bomb. Marshall aid. The Berlin airlift. Resistance to aggression in Korea.

"And after eight gruelling years as President, Truman knew when to quit and how to quit the political fray. He moved out with his own typical dignity.

"Harry Truman stepped down from power politics as unspoiled a man as when he stepped up. He is still unspoiled. His hat still fits him. "Harry S. Truman is one of the reasons why some of the icicles on the Kremlin have thawed."

## EDITORIAL NOTES

Squid are reported plentiful in Newfoundland. That will be a worthwhile aid to Premier Smallwood in the coming election. For some years now, the valuable fish have been tardy in arriving at their summer haunts.

Not a day passes but White House officials say that President Eisenhower has not talked politics with anybody. That should be pretty well understood by now—unless, of course, the repetitions are a case of "protesting too much".

The horse population of the United States is dwindling rapidly. Even so, at last count there were more than 3 millions of them in all categories. In 1940 they numbered more than 10 million. The cattle population, however, is 50% above the 1940 figures.

A Montreal judge has placed two itinerant girls, ordered to return to their New Brunswick homes, in charge of a Salvation Army officer "just to be sure they don't get sidetracked". Another testimonial to the Army's good work.

When President Tito of Yugoslavia was in Moscow he was quoted as saying "we are now a part of the Soviet family." He claims now that he was misquoted; what he actually said was "we and the Russians are part of the same family". If there is any difference between the two sentences, it would take more time and patience than the average person has at his disposal to find it.



NO LESSON TODAY

## OTTAWA REPORT

### At Your Service

By Patrick Nicholson

OTTAWA: If you think the government is doing a good job, write and tell your M.P. so. Even better, write and tell the Prime Minister too. But if you think the government is doing a poor job, write and tell your criticism to your M.P. Even better, write and tell the Prime Minister and any other prominent M.P. so too.

The Canada Post Office is at your service, free of charge, to enable you to keep in contact with your elected Parliament here in Ottawa. You can mail a letter or package without a postage stamp to any Senator or M.P. here, and the Post Office will deliver it free of cost. This service matches the franking privilege through which any Senator or M.P. can send mail free or cost to any address in Canada.

This is the only way, between elections, that we the voters can make our wishes known to Parliament. Isolated suggestions or plaudits or complaints are disregarded. But a tidal wave of letters from many electors, bombarding many M.P.s causes a real flutter of talk and consideration here. And that tidal wave is sufficiently insistent, you can be sure that the "voice of the people" is discussed in the secrecy of party caucuses. Then in due course it is reflected upon the floor of the House of Commons.

PARLIAMENT NEEDS YOU  
What you and your friends and neighbours write to your own and to other M.P.s today is noticed in the form of new policy or new criticism in the House next week or next month.

I asked the postmaster at the Parliamentary Post Office, right here on the ground floor of the Parliament Building, about this franking privilege.

Any letter addressed to any Senator or any member of the House of Commons is carried free of charge by the Post Office, he told me. The only qualification, he added, is that such a letter must be addressed to the receiver at "Parliament Building, Ottawa, Ontario."

No stamp is needed. Similarly, I asked the Postmaster about a letter from the Parliament Building to any point in Canada can just initial it, instead of stamping it, and the Post Office delivers it free of charge.

This privilege is in force from ten days before the opening of each Parliament until ten days after the close of the session.

FIRST CLASS MAIL ONLY  
I asked the Postmaster if this free mailing privilege applies to letters only. He informed me that it covers any letter or package sent by first class mail.

M.P.s use this privilege extensively for writing to their constituents and for sending them circulars or copies of their speeches reprinted from Hansard. Quite an appreciable mail, though smaller than the outward mail, comes in to M.P.s. Some of these incoming

DUKE STUNTS OVER CROWD-LIKES FISHMONGERS  
LONDON (AP)—Harry S. Truman had lunch Wednesday with the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers, one of London's ancient guilds. Asked by reporters why he accepted this invitation, the former president of the United States said: "I don't particularly like fish, but I do particularly like fishmongers."

ALASKA GROWING  
The population of Alaska has nearly tripled in 16 years, from 72,524 in 1940 to more than 208,000 in 1956.

letters are unnecessarily stamped, no doubt by persons who are unaware that they could send such letter without the expense of stamping them.

The biggest private mail addressed to any private M.P. comes to John Diefenbaker. Prince Albert's persistent member is bombarded by requests and suggestions from all over Canada. These are written not only by his own constituents, but by others who think that John Diefenbaker is a more effective person to write to than their own member.

So, whatever you think of our government, sit down and write your opinion... to the Prime Minister, to George Drew, to your own M.P. or to any other prominent M.P.

And remember, no stamp.



THE LYNX  
Beneath the moon, out in the glade  
The lynx moves in the latticed shade  
On silken feet along the hill  
Swift-flowing as the mountain rill:  
The golden starlight of his eyes  
Flickering like fireflies.  
The arrows of his tufted ears  
Pierce the silence as he hears.  
He scents the deer-mice in their nest;  
The partridge on the mountain crest;  
And shadow-weaves among the grasses—  
Only the wind knows when he passes.  
—Elise Wilkins in the  
New York Herald Tribune.

## Navy's Heraldic Badge

Canadian Press, Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP)—The heraldic badge lives on in the Royal Canadian Navy.

The small medallion, almost unnoticeable on the after-canopy, is one of the last links between today's warships and the history and tradition of fighting ships of past centuries.

All Canadian navy ships, like those of other Commonwealth navies, carry badges. Their story goes back more than 500 years.

FAMILY TRADEMARKS  
In the wars of medieval England, seagoing knights wore over their suits of armor loose-fitting coats bearing the heraldic marks of their noble houses. These family "trademarks" were also painted on their shields and on the standards they carried into battle.

The Crownsnest, monthly RCN publication, says that before the First World War there was little or no official control over the kind of badge a ship might wear.

"In some of his majesty's ships there was much head-scratching and probably a little recourse to inspirational tonics when badges were to be designed," it adds.

When choice of ships' badges began to decline into ribaldry, the admiralty put its foot down and decided to put the matter on an official basis.

RIBALDRY REMAINED  
Ribaldry wasn't entirely eliminated in the Canadian navy during the Second World War, though.

The Crownsnest recalls that one sturdy little corvette displayed a badge that was the pride of her ship's company but rather startling for women visitors. On the corvette's gun shield was drawn a large playing card, the queen of hearts, a fair young thing in short skirts falling stern first into a puddle of water. The ship's name? Wetaskiwin.

The destroyer St. Laurent, known to sailors as the Sally Rand, had a picture of that lovely working girl knocking down German and Japanese dive bombers with her fan.

INOFFENSIVE BADGES  
In 1945, when plans were being made for the post-war Canadian fleet, the naval staff decide that those ships remaining in service should carry badges reasonable enough to display in foreign waters and inoffensive on a Christmas card to the local bushy.

Grace and dignity now, says the Crownsnest, but not without a struggle. The task of producing the initial designs was entrusted to Lt.-Cmdr. Alan B. Beddoe, now retired, an expert in the field of heraldic design. One of his best-

known works is the illuminated manuscript Book of Remembrance in the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill.

HISTORICAL THEME  
Cmdr. Beddoe produced dozens of badges. Many have their theme in English or French history but the Canadian touch has never been lost sight of.

OUR YESTERDAYS  
From The Guardian Files  
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 28, 1931)  
Mr. W.C. McDonald of St. John, N.B., arrived in Summerside on Tuesday to take over the position as manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, which was vacated by the late A.T. Begg.

The badge of the new St. Laurent, for instance, shows a white whale symbolic of the St. Lawrence River and, superimposed on it, a grid. The third-century St. Lawrence was roasted alive on a grid and is said to have taunted his persecutors with the words: "I am roasted on this side; turn me over and eat."

From the final drawings, patterns are made in aluminum from which copies of the badge are cast in bronze for the ship and her boats.

The choice of mottoes is left up to the captains of the individual ships.

The Crownsnest says it is hardly likely that Daisy Mae, Mickey Mouse, Pluto, Donald Duck and other cartoon characters will ever again decorate Canadian navy ships.

PERSONS HAVING OCCASION TO TRAVEL TO CHARLOTTETOWN, VIA ROCKY POINT ARE HAVING A STRENUOUS TIME IN MAKING THE PASSAGE AS THE FAIRVIEW IS STILL IN DOCK AT PICTOU AND THE TWO SMALL BOATS OPERATING IN HER ABSENCE ARE INADEQUATE.

Monsieur Rene Thibault, chief of the information service of the French Embassy at Ottawa, arrived in the City yesterday evening and will remain here until Monday.

A luncheon was given yesterday at the Charlottetown Hotel by Monsieur Paul Lorien, French Consul-General to Canada, in honor of the crew members of the French corvette, Lobelia now in port.

BURPHAM, England (AP)—The Duke of Edinburgh stunted in his helicopter Wednesday and shocked a staid welcoming committee. The duke flew to this quiet town to open a playing field. Before putting his craft down he banked it along the 1,000 flag-waving crowd.

## Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

### ANGINA PATIENT CAN MINIMIZE ATTACKS

The older you get, the more careful you've got to be. Many diseases and ailments seem to prey upon the middle-aged and the elderly.

Angina, for example, generally attacks men over the age of 40 and women over the age of 55. Angina is a spasmodic choking or suffocating pain usually described by victims as burning, aching or queering. Some experience the feeling of oppression or a weight in the chest without any actual pain.

Frequently, it may seem as though there is gas on your stomach but attempts at belching do not bring relief.

Maybe the pain will branch out to your jaws, teeth, neck, back and even your arms. Seldom will it last for more than five minutes. And during the attack you might well feel like you are facing death.

Cold might bring on an attack, as might overeating, too much exercise and an upsetting emotional experience. The elderly generally develop attacks during the night right after going to bed or while asleep.

Your physician probably will prescribe plenty of rest and use of nitroglycerin tablets to alleviate future attacks.

Follow his instructions implicitly, for nitroglycerin can be dangerous if improperly used. Generally, it should be taken at the first indication of an attack.

Your doctor probably will advise a second tablet if the pain is not relieved within eight minutes. But don't take any more on your own. If two tablets don't check the pain, summon your doctor right away.

### FUTURE ATTACKS

There are also things you can do to help guard against future attacks. If you develop angina after a hot bath, restrict your bathing to tepid water.

If your attacks begin after walking, be satisfied with short, slow jaunts in the future.

Sometimes attacks follow eating. If this is your case, try frequent small feedings instead of one or two large meals.

Smoking might be a contributing factor. If you've had several attacks, it might be a good idea to give it up for a while to see how things go.

### QUESTION AND ANSWER

A.S.: What would cause persistent vomiting in an infant boy 5 months old?

Answer: There are many causes for this difficulty. It may be due to a feeding problem or a formula incompatibility.

There is a disease, known as pyloric stenosis, in which the opening from the stomach to the intestines is closed, which may rarely cause persistent vomiting.

It would be well for your infant to be thoroughly examined by your physician immediately.

### The Age Old Story

lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

### DIAL FORECASTS

The London post office has opened a service which gives the weather forecasts to all who dial WEA 2211.

## NOTES BY THE WAY

Too many people discover that the faster you travel the sooner old age catches up with you.—Toronto Star

A lady we know who operates a reducing salon says she has just about doubled business by narrowing the front door.—Winnipeg Tribune

Nothing takes the steam out of a citizen's enthusiasm for strict enforcement of traffic laws quite so thoroughly as getting a ticket.—"Amillon Spectator"

Moscow has "reformed the West German Government that any Germans still in Russia are free to go home. How much this amounts to depends on whether the Russians tell the same thing to the Germans in Russia as we'll do to the ones safe in Bonn.—Detroit Free Press

Some 260 Yorkshire coal miners in England have pulled one and two-day token strikes in protest against shifts which, they say, end an hour too late to allow a satisfactory evening's court-ing. In this dispute we are firmly on the side of the down-trodden (and frustrated) working man.—Vancouver Province

A truck driver, who liked to slip into a police uniform and hawl out motorists who double-parked, was caught in the act in New York by a real cop. Instead of being thanked for his co-operation, he was arrested on a charge of impersonating a police officer. The suggestion that the city should hire him has been rejected. The idea seems to be that a man who would impersonate a constable is likely to impermate anyone.—Sydney Post-Record

Walk a sunlit meadow in June and you can feel the climax of the year's most popular month. Grass waves run gently when a soft breeze sweeps over the countryside; bumblebees drone leisurely along; honey bees are on the wing and uncouth insects make faint pulsing music that one can hear if he sits for a time on the ground and lets his ear become tuned to the everlasting melody of life. Bobwhites toss their calls to white clouds grazing across a blue overhead meadow; song sparrows sound their three-note introductions to brief carols. Redwings call from the slough while overhead a big hawk circles on motionless wings.—Ottawa Journal

It's a sound principle to let the office seek the man. But a lot of hopeful politicians see 'o it that the public is familiar with their phone numbers.—Chatham News

After the latest parliamentary squabble in Japan, 12 members were carried out on stretchers. So why should we worry about a little world warfare at Ottawa.—Oshawa Times-Gazette

A woman will put on a golf dress when she can't play golf and wear a bathing suit when she can't swim, but when she dons a wedding dress she means business.—St. Catharines Standard

Condensation from New Book: Grizzly Bears At The Back Door

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Farm of Robert Woodside and Son, O'Leary, June 29, 2:00 p.m. sharp. Speakers: Hon. Eugene Cullen, C. S. Scranton, R. B. MacLaren.

Farm of William E. Johnstone and Son, Long River, July 3, 2:00 p.m. sharp. Speakers: R. C. Parent, Dr. G. C. Fisher, C. S. Scranton, R. B. MacLaren.

A tour will be made of the station fields and fertilized pastures, meadows, grain and potato crops will be observed. The experimental work active on Illustration Stations will be reviewed and discussed by W. N. Black.

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W. N. BLACK, Agronomist, Illustration Stations, Prince Edward Island.

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