

After The Election

For an outsider to try to pick much sense or logic out of a French national election is something akin to searching for the proverbial needle in the haystack.

However, if one has the patience to wade through the complexities of last Monday's election results, one can arrive at a few fairly accurate conclusions.

Every big election has some highly-comic twist to it. In this case, it was provided by a young political upstart by the name of Poujade.

National Capital Plan

A survey of the National Capital Plan, published in the current journal of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, provides fresh evidence of the growing interest which Canadians have in the development of the Capital.

the Capital Plan which is applicable to all cities. The Journal notes: "We praise Ottawa for getting things done in town planning. In doing so, we pray that the false god of monumentality that so dominated the Beaux Arts conception of Ottawa in the early plans has been proved to have feet of clay.

Highway Safety

"The urgent need for a nationwide effort to reduce the ever-mounting accident rate" is surely evident to everyone who has studied the figures of Canada's traffic accident toll over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Some of the aims of the program will be to achieve uniformity of legislation, signs and control devices, speed limits and zoning; to review the Criminal Code with respect to motoring offences; to obtain uniformity and acceptance of driver license suspensions by all Provinces;

Because of the scope of the program it may take years to implement every phase of it. But, as Mr. Ash points out, the important thing is that Canada's tragic accident toll is finally receiving the national attention for which it cries out.

EDITORIAL NOTES

From Atlanta, Ga., comes word of the discovery of the world's largest cave, covering a stretch of 32 miles. Wait till Soviet cave hunters hear of that!

The good fortune not to require hospitalization at any time during a long life comes to very few persons. Such, however, is the record of Mrs. William Waddell of Mount Tryon who celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary on New Year's Day.

National Capital Plan

Provincial Department of Agriculture officials are to be commended for urging farm communities to make immigrants, a goodly number of whom came to the Island in 1955, feel at home. It is surprising how quickly these people from other lands and with other traditions adjust themselves to new environments and conditions.



AGAIN THE UNINVITED

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

NAME OBJECTED TO

Sir,—I see appearing in your paper from time to time articles signed by Elric Campbell, Manager of Potato Marketing Board. Now I have no quarrel with the statements, or with Mr. Campbell, but I object to the name being used—Potato Marketing Board. Some years ago the Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture, wisely or unwisely, saw fit to help hatch a bird named the P.E.I. Potato Marketing Board. This bird seemed very delicate at first and it seemed a long while before it learned to fly. But it did learn and that is when the trouble began.

CABINET VACANCIES

The cabinet today consists of 19 ministers. There are three apparent vacancies. The post of parliamentary assistant to a cabinet minister is regarded as a stepping stone to cabinet rank. Three of the 14 places on this doorstep of the government are vacant.

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Parliamentary Preparations

By Patrick Nicholson

OTTAWA: Our capital is preparing for the opening of a new session of Parliament. Outwardly, that means that the walls of the Parliament Building are being repainted, the stonework being steam-cleaned, MPs' offices being scrubbed out, and the huge temporary army of seasonal workers being recruited.

Unseen, the legislative program is being prepared, and the financial estimates are being combed through by the treasury board before submission to Parliament.

One of these vacancies will be filled from Quebec, Ontario Liberals hope that another will be filled from their province.

There are now 59 French-Canadian Liberal members of Parliament from Quebec Province, in addition to those already in the cabinet. Belief here is that none of these will be selected by the prime minister for promotion into his cabinet. His choice will be a person never hitherto active in politics: a serving army officer, Brigadier Allard. As a former commander of the Canadian forces in Korea and a veteran of World War Two, he will provide the war record which the prime minister is looking for in a Quebec minister.

Bells Of St. Clement's

By Graham Lovell, Canadian Press Staff, London

Twice every year St. Clement's pealed the tune known as "Oranges and Lemons." The words were added within the last 300 or 400 years.

The church stands where Fleet Street joins the Strand on the extreme western fringe of the City of London, almost in the centre of Greater London.

The church walls, when reconstructed, will bear the names of the 125,000 British and Commonwealth airmen and airwomen killed or serving under RAF command since the RAF replaced the Royal Flying Corps.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

TREATING SWOLLEN GLANDS

Even the body's bodyguards sometimes are stricken. Swollen glands are an example.

INFECTED GLANDS

But when your youngster has an infection in his nose, ears, mouth or throat, these glands may become infected themselves in their attempt to halt the spread of infection.

Your doctor often will advise treating the swollen glands with an ice bag or cloths soaked in cold water and wrung almost dry. These applications should relieve the pain and help keep the swelling down.

Usually, they are placed on the neck for about 30 minutes at a time, every three or four hours. Apply them when the child is awake, but don't disturb his sleep simply for this cold treatment.

After a couple of days, your doctor may advise switching to hot cloths. He may also give the youngster penicillin and sulfonamides, and maybe recommend X-ray treatments.

Tuberculosis sometimes causes the glands to swell. The condition may also be due to glandular fever or diseases of the blood or blood-forming organs.

So, you see, it is important to consult your doctor right away.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

L.Y.: What is scycosis of the scalp and is there a cure for this condition?

Answer: This condition refers to inflammation of the hair follicles or roots.

It is possible that you have a condition known as seborrhea of the scalp. On the other hand, it may be that the infection is due to some staphylococcus germ.

Treatment will depend upon the cause of the condition. It is possible that some of the antibiotic preparations may be of value.

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The Age Old Story

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Alfred the Great in the 10th century, restored by William the Conqueror in the 11th, partially destroyed by the Great Fire of London in 1666 and rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren two years later. The RAF restoration will follow Wren's original design.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

In the Evening Sun was an odd little story, humorously intended, about the dairy farmer who had a 22-hour power failure. He hadn't milked a cow by hand in 15 years, and there were 56 cows that had to be taken care of. It took the farmer, a hired man, a neighbor and his father-in-law four back-breaking hours to get the job done. —Baltimore Sun.

Increased enrolment at the Nova Scotia Normal College in Truro inspires hope that the province's teacher shortage may be ended within the lifetime of those now living. The college has 328 students this year, 100 more than in 1954. Minister of Education R. M. Fielding cannot say, however, that the end of the shortage is yet in sight. Despite the increase in the enrolment the supply of teachers is still insufficient to staff the 100 new classrooms opened annually in Nova Scotia. —Sydney Post-Record.

The new hospital ship—the 8,000-ton Gill Eannes—is the evidence of the enlightened care that Portugal has for the 5,000 men of the Portuguese trans-Atlantic fishing fleet. The gleaming white motor ship has the appointments of the modern hospital—two operating rooms, the latest therapeutic appliances, two infirmary wards and a 74-bed general ward. In sending the ship to Portugal, the Canadian Government has the heartfelt support of the business life of Sydney Harbour's Northside and Southside. —Sydney Post-Record.

New Zealand women protested when told that Auckland, a city of nearly 400,000 had only six women on its jury roll, although any woman between 25 and 60 was eligible to serve. They had not realized that the roll was not on the roll automatically. Two weeks later only one more woman had applied to get on the roll, although they now know they can be on the jury roll if they please. It seems to have amused some New Zealand males that a few women in 1954, enough to take the trouble to volunteer to get on the roll, but one may wonder how many men would apply if they did not get on the roll automatically. —Sydney Post-Record.

The theory that (an airline) stewardess must be decorative— which seems to be at the root of the over-thirty objection—is an adolescent fallacy. While competence is not necessarily the monopoly of those maturer years, qualifications other than magazine-cover attractiveness are as essential in an airline hostess as they are in other occupations in which service to the public is the main aim. The type of jaded businessman who regards a sense of his lost youth when he is waited upon by a formally courteous young air stewardess in her trim uniform, is a minority even in his own class, and is an infinitesimal part of the total passengers travelling by air. The majority of air travellers place courteous and efficient service before "eyeworthiness." This, of course, not to suggest that a woman is less attractive to the eye when she has passed thirty; indeed, the contrary can be, and often is the case. —Hamilton Spectator.

How far down can drills bite into the earth's surface before striking oil? No one has the final answer to that question but a record was established in Louisiana recently at 21,487 feet. That is just a fraction more than four miles and five feet deeper than the previous record made in Kern County, California, two years ago. If you can visualize a four-mile stretch of railway track you will have a pretty good idea of the amount of drill pipe which had to be linked section by section as the drill progressed down through the earth. The site is in Louisiana marshland some forty-five miles below New Orleans on the Mississippi. —Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

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