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

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Mr. Harris' Visit

Apart entirely from personal and political considerations, it is always a pleasure to welcome to the Province such an important gentleman as the Minister of Finance in the Dominion Government.

Last year's budget was Mr. Harris' first, and it drew sharp criticism from those who expected some traditional growls from the watchdog of the treasury.

The Minister's visit here is under political auspices, but we trust that he will not be too much pestered with party affairs and petitions.

More Scholarships Needed

The scholarship campaign committee of the National Federation of Canadian University Students has presented a brief to Prime Minister St. Laurent and members of his Cabinet outlining a plan for more scholarships to deserving students across Canada.

This campaign deserves the fullest public support. Full exploitation of Canada's resources requires well-trained technical personnel, a great number of University-prepared professional men and a general high level of education among the people.

Statistically this country is falling steadily behind in the development of doctors, engineers, dentists and other professional men needed for adequate service of the existing community.

Only 4 per cent of all those starting grade one graduate from a University. Of those who do not graduate, more than half fall to do so for financial reasons.

to meet the high costs. If we are to prepare for the future of Canada, many more of these people must be given the benefit of higher education.

Present high costs of education are felt most strongly in rural areas away from the great university centres of the country.

Ex-Presidents

A movement is on foot in the United States which, if successful, will give some sort of official status to ex-Presidents and retain their special gifts and the benefit of their experience for the service of the country.

It is felt, however, that it would be well if both of these men, and other ex-Presidents of the future were appointed Senators-at-large. They would represent no particular State, for this would be not in accordance with the constitution.

In this country, where the leader of one of the major parties is almost certain to be either Prime Minister or Leader of the Opposition, the problem of how to use former chief executives usually does not arise.

A remarkable example of the vitality of a modern metropolis is the report from war-ravaged Japan that the population of Tokyo has now passed the 8,000,000 mark.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"After analyzing all available opinion," says an American exchange, "we are prepared to announce that those who are well-informed on the subject of the United States are divided on whether or not Ike will run in just about the same proportion as those of us who don't know anything about it."

Under Maine law it is illegal to take claims under two inches in length. Sea and Shore Fisheries Commissioner Stanley Tupper is of the opinion the regulation should be repealed for two reasons: the green crab, a newcomer from the tropics, eats them anyway; and there are areas where crabs don't grow beyond two inches.

"Having still a recent recollection of the fury and destructiveness of floods," says the Globe and Mail, "the people of the Toronto area and throughout Central Ontario can understand the plight of the Maritime Provinces, where unprecedented flood conditions have done vast damage."

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A Firm Foundation

OTTAWA REPORT

Nation-Wide Health Plan

By Patrick Nicholson

The foundations of a nation-wide health plan may be laid in Ottawa this week. Medical officials of the Dominion and provincial governments have gathered here for the first exploratory conference.

"We hope to make progress towards this objective," Hon. Paul Martin, our Minister of Health, cautiously predicted to me before the meeting convened. "Our talks may not be conclusive. But we will take advantage of this opportunity to study our own and other governments' needs in this field, and perhaps meet again after studying the problems and proposals."

His Health Minister has long dreamed of fulfilling the Liberal Party's thirty-seven year old promise to provide a national health plan. It is a project dear to his warm heart. To launch it would suitably cap his nine years in charge of our health department.

The launching of a comprehensive Canada-wide plan depends, says Mr. Martin upon the participation of a majority of the provinces comprising a majority of the people. British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Newfoundland may be regarded as sure joiners; Ontario almost equally sure. Even the collaboration of our smallest province, Prince Edward Island, would be enough to constitute the necessary majority.

It must be noted, however, that while increased prosperity has swollen some Government revenues, the major revenue gains are still to come. Up to October 31, Mr. Harris had gained \$84 millions from the sales and excise taxes and customs duties. But although this is a record year for corporation profits, the yield from the corporation tax was down \$15 millions.

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TORONTO (CP)—An official of the Ontario department of lands and forests said Wednesday poisonous sewage matter from large industrial cities may destroy the fish industry in Lake Erie.

portant. Mr. Martin believes - most important - towards the ultimate goal of a comprehensive plan available to every Canadian, and most important towards the desirable goal of the best possible health standards for all Canadians.

This step would be the provision of diagnostic and radiological services. A general diagnosis today may require as many as two hundred different tests and checks. No private doctor can afford the equipment necessary for this. But it could and should be provided in community medical centres, says Mr. Martin. And it appears likely that this service, costing a total of \$45,000,000 a year, may be provided - free of cost to the individual - by the federal and provincial governments as a result of this week's Medical Conference here.

Mr. Harris' Happy State

Grant Dexter, Ottawa, in the Winnipeg Free Press

With more than two months of the present fiscal year still to come, it is too early to do much talking about the next federal budget. But the Gross National Product figures recently issued for the third quarter of 1955, together with the continuing high prosperity in this last quarter, have direct budget implications of great interest to every taxpayer.

The unprecedented prosperity of the first nine months of the current fiscal year has already greatly altered the Budget of last April 5. Mr. Harris then expected a budget deficit of \$160 millions. But under the propulsion of expanding production, revenue has been increasing.

In an address at New York on November 2, Mr. Harris modified his deficit figure. The deficit, he said, would be \$110 million instead of \$160 millions. Three weeks later at Toronto, he said that the deficit would be less than \$80 millions. There is every reason to expect this estimate to be revised downwards as the fiscal year proceeds.

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DARWIN, Australia (Reuters)—An Australian launch Tuesday rescued seven starving Indonesians including two children from a frail 20-foot craft drifting near Melville Island, 250 miles from the nearest Indonesian territory.



TRACKS IN THE SNOW Over the silver fields I watch their small tracks go: One journey straight ahead Across the morning snow;

One zigzags, stumbles, falls, Ducks into woods to see What wonders wait therein. Runs out again with glee

And shouts "Look!" to his brother, Who plods determined on. When both are out of sight Some day, when both have gone

Their separate ways, I'll smile, Being their mother, know How each boy journeys life. From watching their tracks in snow.

—Francis Frost

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

HOW TO AVOID ACCIDENTS Between 9,000,000 and 10,000,000 persons will be injured in accidents during the next 12 months. Some 300,000 of them will be permanently disabled and nearly 100,000 others will die.

Home accidents alone will kill more than 25,000 persons. That's equal to the number of annual deaths attributed to nephritis or diabetes.

How can you avoid becoming one of these statistics? Accidents can happen to anyone, but by following a little simple advice and taking a few precautions you can greatly reduce your chances for having an accident.

You've got to be especially careful if you've already had an accident. Statistics show that if you've had one, you're likely to have another. And if you've had a number of small accidents, the next one might be a big one.

EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS Some persons actually look upon accidents as solutions to emotional problems. Injury promptly brings them love and sympathy they may not have been able to win without it.

A primary rule in avoiding accidents is not to do anything when you're tired. Accidents are inclined to occur in the afternoon or evening because that is when you begin to run down a little. You're not as alert as you are in the morning.

Yet, that after-breakfast rush and confusion found in many homes often is responsible for accidents. To solve this problem, get the family up 15 minutes earlier in the morning.

It's probably a good idea to set aside 15 minutes to organize your work and plans for the day. And when the weather is nice, maybe you can take time off to wash the family car so that the man of the house has time to fix that loose stairs or handrail when he comes home.

The proper attitude, however, is important before tackling any job. Don't attempt something when you really don't feel like doing it. But don't let your spouse use this as an everyday excuse.

Simple things like keeping your shoes in good repair may save you from an injury. Runover heels and loose soles increase the possibility of an accident on any surface.

And now many of you have strained your back lifting something from the floor? You'll find it's a lot easier to let your leg muscles do the work. Just keep your back straight, your knees bent and your feet apart.

It's not always so easy to prevent an accident, of course, but you'll have a better chance of avoiding one if you just take your time and remain alert.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mr. L. J.: My grandson was born with a retracted lower jaw bone. Can this be corrected?

Answer: Usually, a child with a retracted lower jaw bone can have an operation performed to correct this deformity when he reaches four to six years of age.

Our Yesterdays

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 23, 1931)

Mayor Prowse, after receiving a petition signed by about three hundred citizens, replied that he could see no reason for calling a public meeting on civic affairs. However, he said, if those who are dissatisfied wish to take the initiative, I shall be glad to make the Market Hall available, and to attend myself along with my council.

Ottawa decided not to send a Dominion representative to England along with the Maritime delegation, appointed to meet with the British Government to urge the removal of the post-war embargo. The decision of the Dominion Government, is that the matter has been fully represented by the Canadian High Commissioner to London.

The recent heavy thaws have caused anguish to hundreds of small trout during the past few days. When streams overflowed the fish ventured into the newly formed lakes, and were trapped in the hollows when the water subsided.

TEN YEARS AGO

(January 23, 1946) President Truman today sent a 25,000 word message to Congress declaring American peace policy, at the same time he emphasized that the United States would not "sacrifice its ideals or its vital interest, whenever difficulties arise among international nations."

The annual financial report of the Summerside Town Council showed a surplus of \$3,582 for the past year. At the same meeting approval was given for the installation of the dial phone system.

Federal Labour Department figures indicate there are only about one hundred Canadian workers involved in strike action at the present date. At the same time United States pay is now at a high for strikes. But the department noted that organized labour in various parts of the country will soon be putting forward new wage demands.

Norway's fisheries produced 1,435,000 tons of fish in 1955 with an estimated value of \$90,000,000.

STOP THAT COUGH WITH MATHIEU'S COUGH SYRUP

One of the peculiarities of Canadian life is that you get a different view of everything when you look at it from Ottawa.—Edmonton Journal

A motor car mogul predicts that there will be "Six million cars on Canadian roads 10 years hence." Except that at the current rate of destruction three million of them will be in the ditches! T.D.F.—Ottawa Citizen

Our vote for news least likely to cause sorrow, worry and loss of sleep around the world is the report from Panama that Juan Peron has run out of money.—Edmonton Journal

In Canada, as in the United States we are almost regarding as a calamity the accumulation of food-stuffs which the traditional business organizations cannot find ways to dispose of, while three-quarters of humanity are hungry. In fact, however, this over-abundance should be considered as what it is: a gift of Providence and the glory of the labor and ingenuity of mankind. For example, it is to be remarked that the surplus of foods created in the United States is not the result of an increase in land under cultivation, but of a multiplication of harvests through the improvement in cultivation methods. Since 1920 the area under cultivation has remained stationary. In five years only, from 1930 to 1935 harvests of 28 agricultural products have grown by 60 per cent, in spite of the restrictions imposed on lands under cultivation.—L'Action Catholique, Quebec

Fashion expert says too many men wear clothes that don't do enough for their appearance. And in some cases they do too much.—Oshawa Times-Gazette

The main objection to water fluoridation is based on the theory that because fluorides are poisonous, therefore they are wrong. This is the anti-vaccination theory dressed up in another form. Iodine is a poison, the cause of many ailments. Yet iodine, properly used, is an age-old household germicide and preventive of infection. It is also useful—added to water or food such as salt—in correcting certain dietary deficiencies that affect some types of goitre. Most minerals like vitamins, play a valued part in nutrition and often are added to daily diets for that reason.—Moose Jaw Times-Herald

The problem of Canada's butter surplus is serious enough in any case. But a great part of that problem has been the increased sales of margarine in most parts of Canada. This point has been made by Roy C. Marler, president of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture. Contrary to what might be thought, he says, Canadian dairy producers have not been boosting their butter production knowing that the Government would take it off their hands and pay for it. Canada's butter production declined from 370 million pounds in 1946 to 334 million pounds in 1954, a reduction of 36 million pounds. "This reduction," he says, "proves that 30 cents has not been a price incentive, nor has it been a factor in causing the butter surplus."—Montreal Gazette

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