

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew... W. J. Hancox, Publisher... Frank Walker, Editor... Published every week day morning (except Sunday and statutory holidays) at 165 Prince Street, Charlottetown, P.E.I., by Thomson Newspapers Ltd.

PAGE 4 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1966

Time For A Showdown

That a few irresponsible men should be in a position to create the situation which prevailed at the Borden pier yesterday is almost beyond belief. It is plain now that our vital car ferry service should be removed from railway control...

This was urged unavailingly in a resolution unanimously adopted at the special session of the Legislature called in September, 1950, when the last nation-wide rail strike was on and after our ferry service had been tied up for a week.

Unfortunately, we became complacent after the 1950 crisis had passed. We thought it would never occur again. We allowed the railway and the unions to continue to make their own private arrangements in the matter...

The situation was well summed up last Friday by Premier Campbell, when he said at a press conference: "I regard the maintenance of the transportation link between Borden and Cape Tormentine as the prime responsibility of the federal government as set out by the British North America Act under which the federal government is obligated to maintain a continuous transportation link between the Island and the mainland."

What we expect now is that these fine words will be translated into action. We should settle for nothing less; for assuredly, if we do, we shall be inviting more of the kind of chaos that we got at Borden yesterday.

New Transport Bill

As part of the government's legislative plan for settling the rail strike crisis, a bill to regulate the entire field of transportation has been introduced at Ottawa. It revamps existing legislation to allow the railways unprecedented freedom in settling freight rates, abandoning uneconomic branch lines and slashing money-losing passenger services.

It is felt that with control over revenues restored to them, the railways will be in a position to bargain with their unions over current wage rate demands. They will be obliged, however, to protect "captive shippers" from excessive charges. These are shippers who have no economic alternative mode of transport available to them.

The new transport commission will not only administer the new railway law but also take over all federal control of airlines, trucking, shipping and commodity pipe lines. It will replace the existing Board of Transport Commissioners, Air Transport Board and Canadian Maritime Commission.

members of the new 17-member commission

The bill is very sweeping in its provisions, and will have to be given careful and detailed consideration regardless of the strike emergency which has been the occasion of its introduction at this time. It implements most of the major proposals made five years ago by the MacPherson royal commission on transportation; but, as above noted, while it scraps present railway subsidies it does not propose to tamper with the Maritime Freight Rates Act which is of special concern to shippers in this part of the country.

The Swiss Navy

Ever hear of it? Well, we hadn't, or had forgotten about it. But it seems that this completely landlocked little federation at the crossroads of Europe doesn't confine its marine activities to plowing the blue waters of its famous lakes. No, sir. The Swiss navy sails the seven seas. It consists of 31 ships with a total of 267,000 tons, employs nearly 1,000 sailors under the country's red flag emblazoned with a white cross, and it is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

It's not a fighting navy, of course, but a merchant fleet, made up of tramp steamers, coasters, and bulk carriers. And it does not exist as a mere nationalistic gesture. It represents instead a form of insurance policy, first established by the Swiss government in 1941, to provide transport of vital supplies for the nation in time of war.

The original nucleus of eight ships performed its wartime task so well that the maintenance of a merchant navy has become mandatory. Three times since then, noting a fall in tonnage, the government has encouraged the private companies who operate the ships to increase capacity with the help of special subsidies and guarantees. A big advantage for the operators is that they are not obliged to place shipbuilding with Swiss yards. Contracts can be distributed to the keenest bidders, and the newest additions to the fleet were built in a spread of six countries: England, Germany, the Netherlands, Yugoslavia, Poland, and Japan.

One of the oddest contradictions, notes a Geneva correspondent, is that the headquarters of the main Swiss shipping companies is at Basel, which is the principal "port" of Switzerland. Yet Basel's only link with the sea is via the Rhine—and the river is fully navigable only by boat with a shallow draft of barge and river-steamer types. So none of the ships of the Swiss navy has ever tied up in the "home" port, and their main link with headquarters is by radio.

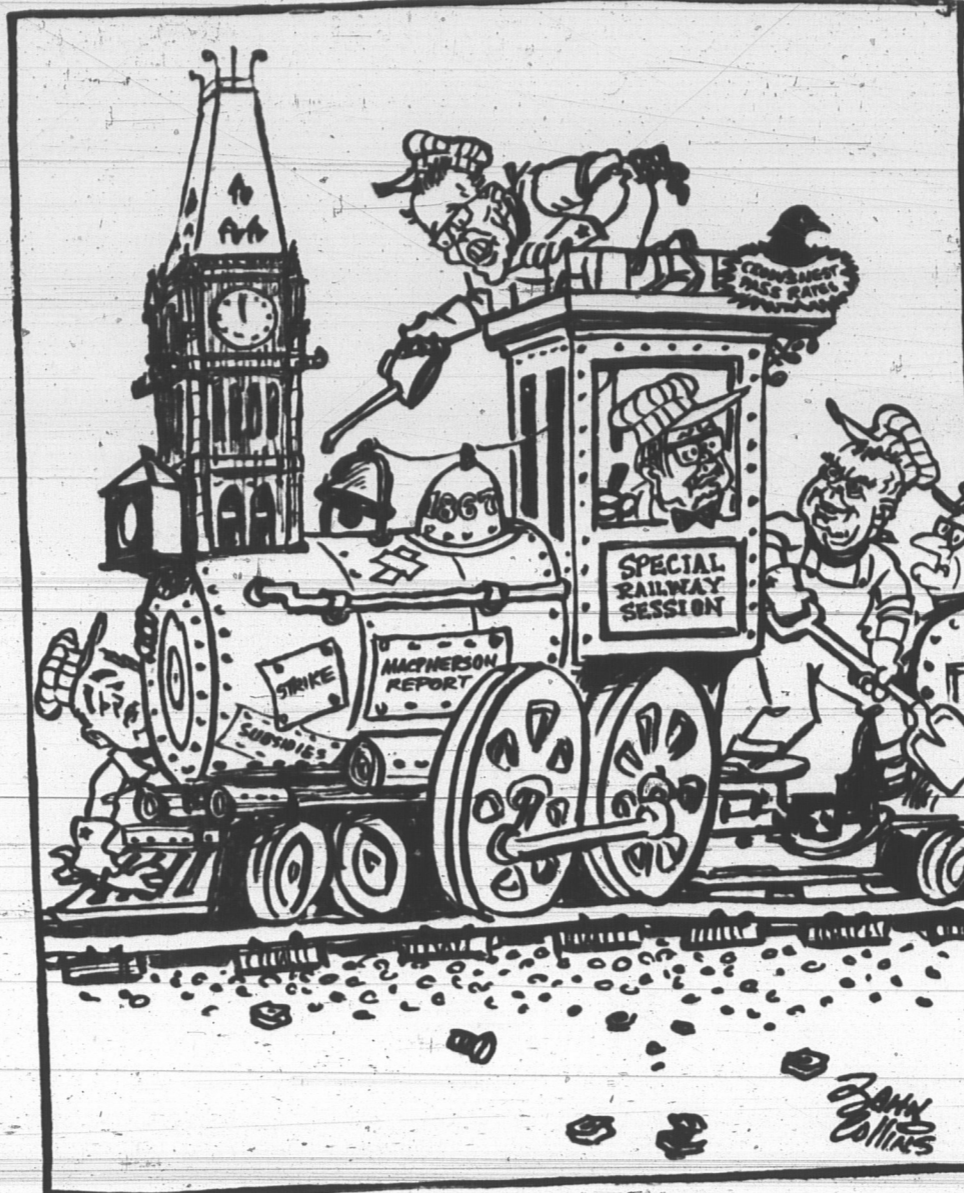
A good illustration of the old adage that where there's a will there's a way.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Calgary Herald notes that U.S. air force and submarine services will hereafter be alerted to emergencies by the sultry voice of a woman coming over their radio systems. It appears that a few well chosen words from a woman have been found by psychologists to get faster action than gongs or wailing sirens.

Automation continues to encompass more and more the operations of the agricultural industry. Now from West Germany comes word of an automated harvester having been developed by German technicians for use in the vegetable fields. It is a completely automated machine which, it is claimed, can do the work of some fifty farm workers.

Prime Minister Pearson will be expected to stay at his post in Ottawa until the present rail crisis is resolved. Then, if there is time, he can pack his bags for the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference which opens in London on Sept. 6, and which also is predicted to reach crisis proportions over the Rhodesian situation. African ire is likely to boil up over the failure of British sanctions to bring the white Rhodesian government to heel, and it is likely that the meeting will seethe with charges and counter charges.



THE TRAIN CREW

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

All The Signs Of A Political Debacle

The increasingly tarnished glamour of the Pearson Government has finally disappeared beneath a wave of public disgust, the death-blow being its eight months of apathy in the face of a threatened railway strike.

With what enthusiasm the defeat of the Diefenbaker Government was hailed on 5th February 1963! With what high hopes the Pearson Government was sworn into office on 22nd April that same year! What applause and goodwill greeted the new prime minister's promise of "Six Days of Decision..."

Of course there have been un-profound decisions. There was the Pearson Pennant, born after the longest parliamentary delivery of any conception remembered on Parliament Hill; mis-handling wasted more than ten working weeks of Parliament's time. Now we have the 1966 Pearson Pattern, which Parliament had no opportunity to combat, setting the disastrous formula of 30 per cent wage increases.

Returning MPs of all parties bring back the same story: Liberal support right across Canada has plummeted. Pearson was given goodwill and a good chance, the repeated incompetence of the New Frontier of Kennedy-aping intellectuals amateurs around him has disgusted the public.

The Maritimes still smart from Walter Gordon's recommendation that Maritimers should take a one-way ticket out of their native provinces; the Liberals now count less support there than ever before. The Prairies are still prospering from the Alvin Hamilton program of wheat sales; but the Liberals, say the farmers, have forgotten the Prairies. "Tory Toronto" swung away from Diefenbaker Conservatism to Pearson Liberalism, but now...

Our Yesterdays

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 31, 1941) The Royal Air Force swept over northern France and the low countries after pounding industrial targets at Duisburg, Germany. Sources of machine shops across Canada, hitherto maintained for the private use of industrial concerns, are being tied into Canada's industrial war program under a plan formulated by the Wartime Bureau of Technical Personnel in the Department of Labor. TEN YEARS AGO (August 31, 1956) Mr. Douglas McGowan, Monaghan, was re-elected president of the Third Kings Progressive Conservative Association. Davison Biggar of Charlottetown announced he will attempt to swim Northumberland Strait.

Canada's only melting pot rates Pearson's economic policies as disastrous, and divides its support between the Conservatives and the New Democrats. Quebec is reeling in bankruptcy and frustration after the Pearson-Lesage years; the present Liberal leadership will never again attract an electoral majority there.

To date Pearson's minority neck has been saved in Parliament by the support of Bob Thompson and his small band of Social Credit MPs—not because they supported Liberal policies, but from the statesmanlike motive that they considered Canada should be saved from a 6th election. But now Bob Thompson must face realism: he can continue to give substance to the Liberal Cabinet's boast "we've got them under our thumb", or he can stand up and be counted as a critic of the present administration, which is foreign to everything Social Crediters vote for. If Bob Thompson keeps Pearson in power any longer, he will destroy himself and his party; if he helps to bring down the Liberal Government, he may yet recapture much of the waning Social Credit support.

Modern art may be understood in the years to come. But for hosts of present day people, the paintings and sculpture carry no meaning. They look at it and they cannot understand. The subject has been brought to a head in Boston, where a \$25,000 mural in the lobby of a new federal building is causing controversy. Most persons who viewed the 190 square feet abstract painting thought it was supposed to be of the death scene when the late President Kennedy was assassinated. Not so, says the artist. It is an elegy which is an expression of grief for someone dead, like a requiem mass.

Guns In Canada

The desire to possess weapons is not nearly so passionate among Americans. The individual in this country has no constitutional right to possess and carry arms as he has in the United States. Nevertheless, Toronto's police chief, James Mackey, estimated recently that there were 77,000 pistols and revolvers registered in Toronto. There must be thousands of hand weapons that are not registered pistols and revolvers brought back as trophies by men who served in the forces; weapons bought obscurely, and, of course, the permanent armory of the criminal classes which naturally is not registered. Outside this field are the sports guns. They are easy enough in buy, providing one is over 14 years of age. An old army 303 can be adapted into a "deer rifle" easily enough and sold as a sports gun.

The Criminal Code, which is stringent enough in laying down the law on the possession, sale and transfer of pistols and revolvers, excludes shotguns and hunting rifles. In the hands of a mentally deranged person, a criminal or a child, these weapons can be extremely dangerous. The Criminal Code should be amended to include them. If in a city the size of Toronto other than as members of shooting clubs, possessors of weapons have to satisfy the authorities that they need them for their occupation or profession or to protect their lives or property. The police should try the "weapon amnesty" method. Allowing anyone with no questions asked to turn in unregistered weapons. The fewer weapons of any kind there are among a civilian population the better. Canada is not a lawless country. There is no need, thank heaven,

will destroy himself and his party; if he helps to bring down the Liberal Government, he may yet recapture much of the waning Social Credit support. This is the way the polls are talking on Parliament Hill, after their brief and cut-short summer holiday among the roots of the grass. But there is one omen which may carry even more conviction than this impressive chorus. The Liberals always get defeated when an economic disaster is approaching. They got licked in 1950; they got licked in 1957. The high prices of Canadian products, the Pearson inflation, the loss of overseas markets, and the imminent high unemployment—which will all stem from the Pearson Pattern—indicate the approach of the worst recession Canada has known since c. 1930—our 100th birthday present and the historical precedents suggest that the Liberals are once again on the verge of a political debacle.

Shown are heavy black shapes—that to the ordinary viewer could be anything. Thousands who have seen it confess they are not able to figure out what the painting is or means. Creators of modern art flash indignation when critics condemn their work. Some cover up the unreality they portray on canvas by emphasizing that their design in the paintings tells the story. To practical people who know little about art, most of the shapeless work being put on display is something that will make future generations believe that some artists in the 20th century suddenly went barmy.

Puzzle Of Modern Art

Fort William Times - Journal

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. The Guardian is unable to enter into any correspondence regarding letters submitted.

CBC-TV COVERAGE Sir, After watching the CBC coverage of the railway strike across Canada on television on Friday, a few things came to my mind. I noticed, and am wondering if other people did, that only places such as Montreal, Winnipeg, British Columbia and a few others were mentioned. If we were to have CBC coverage the Maritimes, P.E.I. in particular, which is the only province on the emergency list as the result of this strike, would have been mentioned also. After all, are we Islanders not interested in the Maritimes? Surely now all Islanders will do all in their power to see that we get TV coverage, so that we may know what is going on at home. I have been informed, by a reliable source, that TV have had their newsmen with their cameras on the Island since Thursday, interviewing union people and the general public. These pictures will be shown on TV, but the Island which is supposed to be so badly affected by this strike will not see and hear the feelings of people in general. Is this not proof enough for Islanders that we should have this TV transmitter in Amherst so that in future we will get full Maritime coverage. I am, Sir, etc., INTERESTED CITIZEN Borden, P.E.I.

Calsified Lung Areas

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen When a tuberculous lesion in the chest heals, it is replaced by calcium. This hard, stonelike material is easy to see under the X-rays and remains ever after as tell-tale evidence of having had the disease. A positive tuberculin test also denotes that the infection was present at one time. The initial attack may have been so slight as to produce no symptoms; in others, it masqueraded as a cold or a severe attack of bronchitis. These two procedures have been used for several decades in the diagnosis of tuberculosis. Several years ago this concept of calcified areas in the lung was upset when it was discovered that not every one of these individuals had a positive tuberculin test. In one study of 2,577 only 18.3 per cent were tuberculin positive. But this was only part of the story.

When a skin test was done for the fungus disease, histoplasmosis, 82.5 per cent were positive. Moreover, prior to this study, histoplasmosis was considered a rare and a fatal disease. It is now the consensus that in the past only the serious cases came to the attention of the medical profession. The causative fungus invades not only the lungs but the bones, spleen, liver, blood, and digestive system. In fact, few organs are exempt. Those with the acute form of the disease develop an irregular fever, enlargement of the glands, shortness of breath, malaise, and persistent cough; now and then chest pain is noted. In some, ulcers and red papules appear on the skin, lips, tongue, tonsils, and back of the throat. When the fungus settles in the stomach or intestines, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal distention, and diarrhea ensue. The liver and spleen enlarge. In a few, the condition spreads throughout the body and causes a serious form of the disorder.

Histoplasmosis is confused so frequently with pulmonary tuberculosis that tests are done for both conditions in most sanatoriums. We also have an excellent remedy in Amphotericin B. START OF MENOPAUSE A reader writes: How can a woman of 45 tell when she is in the menopause without consulting a physician? REPLY Menopause means pause in menstruation. All women suspect the condition when their age is reached and there is a lessening of menstruation. Not everyone develops hot flashes or becomes nervous and irritable.

ACROBATIC DANCING Mrs. R. writes: Is it safe for a six-year-old girl to take lessons in acrobatic dancing? Someone told me my little girl would suffer later in life if I permit her to do such exercises. REPLY This old idea should be refuted once and for all. Barring accidents, no harm will come from acrobatic dancing. GREAT CANCER AND CIGARETTES Mrs. V. writes: Can smoking cause cancer of the breast? REPLY The cause of cancer of the breast is not known but it is doubtful if smoking plays a role.

No Dozing, Sir

Library users everywhere may well be concerned about the action of the County Council of West Suffolk, England. The council has approved an ordinance making it an offense to go to sleep while reading in a library. If convicted, the dozing reader may be charged a fine up to £5 (\$14). In adopting this by-law, the county board was no doubt trying to act in the interest of culture, but some liberty-loving Britons have raised their voices in protest. We commend their spirit. This savage legislation spoils the work of learned writers who have spent sleepless vigils writing books to send their readers to sleep. "I writes an irate staff reporter of the Times. His surveyors librarians turned up a number of persons who shared his view. "A sleeping reader is less of a menace to the books than a waking one," commented the librarian of Cambridge University. "The modern reader regards the stuff in a great library as being there solely for his use and not for 'snobbery.' (You could hear him adding his task and shaking his head as he gave some of his book-centered colleagues this little thrust.) At the great Bodleian Library officials said they deal with these offenders gently. "We wouldn't like it if they were snooring," said a staff member with understandable moderation. We agree that first offenders should be treated kindly, perhaps with a poke, and a rebuke. The next move could be to insist that persistent dozers switch to lighter literature. Or perhaps the answer would be a dozing room for those who find the library so delightfully relaxing.

Oh, That Crystal Ball

Hamilton Spectator Some weeks ago Premier Joey Smallwood of Newfoundland said he would retire from politics. He forgot to say when, however. It would be dangerous for anyone to risk their reputation by hazarding a guess as to the island premier's intentions, but nevertheless, something did happen the other day that must have made many a Smallwood watcher sit up and take nourishment. What happened was the announcement from Mr. Smallwood himself that his minister of labor had resigned and that his successor was Clyde Wells, a 28-year-old lawyer. Mr. Wells will be a candidate in the provincial election of Sept. 8 which will of course return the Smallwood government to office with another juicy majority. Now, 28 is pretty young as politics goes (even though Alber-



GREAT, isn't it? ... Wait 'till you see what ELSE you can make with DORIC! FREE RECIPE BOOK. New ideas with Doric Malt Extract! Choose from 38 tested recipes in the Doric Recipe Book. Add flavor to your meats, soups, casseroles and your favorite beverages. Clip this ad and mail with your name and address to: L.L. BIRD, 1900, 1600, 1700, 1800 St. Montreal, P.Q. Doric Hop Flavoured MALT EXTRACT. DARK • LIGHT • EXTRA LIGHT. Buy a tin at your grocer's to-day.

ALL NEW—This time see your child in exciting BLACK AND WHITE plus breathtaking LIVING COLOR taken with our EXCLUSIVE Piggy Back Camera!!!!

GREAT NEWS MOTHERS! Thurs. - Fri. - Sat. Sept. 1 - 2 - 3 get a beautiful 5"x7" picture of your child only 79¢ BLACK AND WHITE ONLY. LITTLE DARLINS PIN-UPS Exclusive at ZELLER'S. Bring all the children under 12—1 5x7 only 79¢ each taken singly or 1 5x7 Group only \$1.00 per child. You'll see the cutest expressions and professional poses captured by our friendly lady photographer. Select from finished pictures, NOT PROOFS! Extra finished 8x10, 5x7s and wallet size will be shown at unbelievably low prices for your approval. Example: Wallet size less than 65¢ each in groups of 4 same pose. WE GUARANTEE INDIVIDUAL SATISFACTION — BRING A FRIEND — Thurs. 10 - 6 P.M. - Sat. 10 - 7:30 P.M. 10 - 5:30; lunch hour 1 to 2 each day. ZELLER'S RETAILERS TO THRIFTY CANADIANS