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The one outcroppings were first noticed by Klondike gold rushers moving north by this island route in 1898. Only with the market expansion of the current decade has the mine and smelter development cost of \$80,000,000 been justified.

Awkward Situation

The theme of the 1967 Montreal World's Fair is "Man and his World"; but the Globe and Mail suggests that it might be more accurate to refer to that part of this world with which Canada maintains diplomatic relations. Under the rules of the International World Fair Organization, invitations to countries to participate have to be extended through diplomatic channels. Canada does not recognize the Peking Government officially, so no invitation could be sent to it and thus one of Canada's best customers—China—is being excluded.

Canada has been selling Peking quantities of wheat in recent times and China has shown every sign of becoming a regular and substantial customer. The Canadian Government's part of the bargain was a promise of broader credit terms and the provision of easier access into Canada for Chinese goods. The Chinese promised to control the flow of goods that would adversely affect Canadian manufacturers.

A Chinese exhibit at Montreal would be in keeping with Canada's pledge of easier access and would have been a prime opportunity for China to show Canada and the world what she could do. But the rules of world fairs have presented Canada with an exasperating and incongruous situation in this regard. Even if Ottawa's policies should change sufficiently by 1967 to provide fair officials with the necessary diplomatic channels, it would be unreasonable to issue an 11th hour invitation to a country comprising a quarter of the world's people, and expect it to be accepted.

Speaking Of Taxes

Canadian governments are supposed to display unrivaled ingenuity in the forms and variety of their tax assessments, and to be milking us for all they are worth. What Ottawa misses the provincial treasurers grab in the way of sales taxes, liquor taxes, and what-not; and if anything slips through their hands it is claimed by the municipal authorities. That's what we've been led to believe, mistakenly it now seems.

Our tax men themselves take a modest pride in doing as thorough a job on us as their counterparts have done in any country, ancient or modern. It will be a shock to them to learn that they have only scratched the surface, if credence is to be given to a news item we came across the other day.

The item is about a tax levied in the place called Dolceto, in Italy. For 500 years any outsider who married a girl from Dolceto had to pay a tax—a "paedo," the local people call it. For years the tax was five golden ducats. But in late years the tax has been illegal under Italian law, so local officials have reduced it to a single lira and made it "voluntary."

Only one man has refused to pay—a Tuscan whom the community penalized by pounding kettles drums outside his room all night to prevent him from sleeping.

The "paedo" is really a double tax, for in addition to the sum paid to the community the suitor is expected to hand over money to the town's bachelors so that they can ease their sorrow at losing a local beauty with drink and food.

That's the story; and it just goes to show that like sin, taxes are ubiquitous, and can assume as many forms as old Satan himself.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A coast-to-coast survey has given a breakdown of just how much the federal and provincial governments rake in from the sale of spirits. It is estimated that this year \$223,000,000, about seven per cent of the national revenue, will come from liquor sales.

It is disappointing to note that the number of Boy Scouts across Canada fell from 102,000 to 99,000 last year. Against this, however, Wolf Clubs, the kindergarten of the movement, increased 2,700 to 174,000 and all Scout divisions in aggregate rose by a few hundreds to 282,000.



THE HIGH ROAD AND THE LOW

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

A Booster For Worthwhile Memorials

Many years ago I used to enjoy hearing a rich voice booming excitedly and exultantly out of my radio, telling me of the wonders and riches of distant parts of this great country, and of the friendliness and the industry of its people. That was the voice of John Fisher—"Mr. Canada"—the CBC's star broadcaster and Canada's prize booster. Yesterday I sat and listened to that voice once more chanting the praises and the possibilities of Canada. Not through a radio this time, but face-to-face prompted by my questions and answering my own curiosity just for my hearing.

John Fisher is in charge at Canada's largest-ever birthday party, and he was telling me about this plan for the first time. What a break it was for the field of communication or ideas when he moved first to a newspaper in Halifax, then to the CBC all over Canada.

What a break it was for the field of communication or ideas when he moved first to a newspaper in Halifax, then to the CBC all over Canada. He is now more than 11 centuries since Harun al-Rasheed wandered among the faithful, dispensing justice, listening to their grievances and exchanging at the grassroots as we would put it today; yet the world cannot forget his example.

The image of the all-wise ruler who knows every nook and cranny of the government, who in this age of technological specialization can one day decide the early problems of pig-farming and cattle-growing, and disperse his mighty complex chemical factories and pipelines the following day, has a warm appeal to the people everywhere. And there is no one who can better exploit this popular aspiration than John Khrushchev.

In the Western World President John F. Kennedy hardly escaped the White House desk for a fast very fast—drive to Mt. Vesuvius that in Russia they manage these things better.

Here Mr. Khrushchev can safely leave the confines of far Kromka for an extended stay in Egypt during the season of the hot desert winds—no mortar guided by one Mr. Thurston Cook's dragons would have been sent dead in Egypt in May—and advise his Egyptian hosts on high dams, irrigation, subtropical farming, with a dash of how to manufacture Arab nationalism.

Hardly is Mr. Khrushchev in Kromka when he begins to itch again and off he is to Denmark where, like any

PUBLIC FORUM

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REMINDER

Sir—I take no pleasure in writing the following. But as I read the reports in the daily press, I feel constrained to do it. What is tarantism—shudder—words not found in the English dictionary, but they will serve as a brief preface to my remarks. Are the voters in Canada paying their representatives in the House of Commons?

Windsor Star

A great many scholars, sociologists, industrialists, trade union leaders and psychologists have taken their turn at examining the society of the future and the various consequences of giving more work to machines and less to humans. Although they may observe from differing viewpoints, most of them accord the highest importance to education as a means of making the transition from an era of rapid change in an advanced society to a new social order. Most specifically, Dean D. A. Smyth felt it must begin from a broad base in which the logic, the common sense, the common language and of modern forms of communication and rationalization were understood.

Sensitivity To Insects

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen  
Insect allergy is a triple threat to the sensitive individual. Some people are sensitive to bites and others to the venom injected during a sting. Insect allergy is the inhalation of insect debris resulting from the death and disintegration of insects.

A microscopic study of atmospheric dust during certain seasons of the year reveals insect scales, hairs, wings, and other body fragments, a sensitivity to this material is followed by a variety of allergic manifestations of the upper respiratory tract. Some react only to the debris from butterflies, whereas others respond to the debris of caddis flies, moths, May flies, or other flying insects.

Dr. Shaffer tells of a report that appeared more than 30 years ago in the Canadian Journal of the Shores of Lake Erie who suffered from respiratory tract symptoms and bronchitis in early August. The cause was traced to May flies and more specifically to the debris of the discarded during the moulting season. Desensitizing injection of the debris has been reported to give relief.

Desensitizing is most helpful but anyone with this allergy should be vaccinated against insect aerosol and laural gosses for emergency treatment. Many physicians also recommend a first aid kit containing all of the instruments and medicines needed to combat the ill effects of insect stings.

Bloodsucking insects as deer flies, mosquitoes, bedbugs, and mites also create large red welts that burn and itch. These are allergic reactions that occur when the insect injects saliva while probing for a blood meal. An antihistamine or a corticosteroid will give prompt relief.

GIVE DISKS

M.B. writes: I have a short upper lip and, on smiling, I show a lot of teeth. Is there any way to stretch the skin between the nose and upper lip, without resorting to plastic surgery?

REPLY

You may have Bell's palsy (facial paralysis) or other type of nerve damage. See your physician.

NECK ARTHRITIS

Mrs. D. writes: Could cervical arthritis cause headaches, dizziness, and pain in the neck?

REPLY

Yes. Dizziness when the head is turned or pressure is applied to the neck. Heat, massage, and traction will relieve not only arthritis but vertigo. For sleeping, place a small pillow under the neck and use a firm mattress.

HAIR AND CHOLESTEROL

C. E. writes: Could a high cholesterol level in the blood cause falling hair in a woman?

REPLY

Not as a rule, unless the elevated level is associated with a sluggish thyroid.

PURITY DAIRY

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Our own rulers, struggling so hard with their perillments and conceptions, oppose, headlong, economics and foreign domestic politics, must feel with a ting of envy, as they watch Mr. Khrushchev's jolly progress across the world, that somehow the Soviet Union must be a country that is more than a government, say, Canada.

However with our rulers firmly convinced to follow their lead in the West at least unless no shortage of both-plus.

NOTES BY THE WAY

At a party novelist Ben Ames Williams was introduced to a fellow guest: "Ben Ames Williams?" he exclaimed. "I never expected to meet you in the West." "Indeed," said Williams, "I'm never without it—Readers Digest."

Some had done something which made her mother feel very angry and in temper. She gave her a hard smack and sent her to bed. Sure, through her tears she said "When it's me it's her temper, and when it's your's it's mine."—Montreal Gazette.

History In A Hurry

By Alan Harvey  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
The problem of Southern Rhodesia is essentially that of an easy-going man who grows up in a green and pleasant land. Nyasaland, which is not a colony but a protectorate, is even going to change.

For generations, the white man has stepped his "sundowner"—the ritual evening refreshment—and looked contentedly forth for intimations of immortality. As long as he ticked coolly on in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and certain still in control, there wasn't much to worry about.

Now, almost overnight as it seems, the black majority is taking over in the northern territories—which are even going so far as to change their names—and the pressure on Southern Rhodesia is growing. History is in a hurry.

For other African territories, whatever it is the tensions of the change has often seemed easier to make. In Kenya, white farmers who once shuddered at the name of Mau Mau, now trust him as they might a faithful hounddog.

Nyasaland, which strains independence next Monday, can claim an undisputed leader in Dr. Hastings Banda. Northern Rhodesia, to be known as Zambia, has Kenneth Kaunda, perhaps one of the great African statesmen.

Southern Rhodesia lacks outstanding men, white or black. On the African side, neither self-made, indolent, seeming Joshua Momo nor intellectually inclined Ndabaningi Sithole command universal confidence.

Prime Minister Ian Smith, leading the white minority, insists a frail hold and does not permit moderate opinion. He draws his strength from the new class of post-war immigrants, who greet African advancement as a threat to their high-ply-ply. Outmost of the continent, from time to time Smith warns Britain that he will see independence unilaterally, but draws back as a rebellious Rhodesia simply cannot "go it alone."

One suggestion, advanced by a man who has played a part in Anglo-Rhodesian negotiations, is that the Commonwealth might well create a "good offices" committee to try to cool tempers in Africa. One obvious member on such a committee, it is suggested, would be Prime Minister Pearson of Canada.

There is still a good deal of optimism in London about this last great colonial problem. As one informant said, the "imfection" of peaceful transition in other African territories may have a healing effect in Southern Rhodesia as well.

The Age Old Story

"This is my comfort in my affliction; for thy word hath quickened me." Psalms 119:50

SWAN SGAIN, A.I.A.

GRANDE PRAIRIE, A.I.A. (C.P.A.)—100-hour speed-up reported model of a trumpeter cup-win—this city's emblem—is to be raised at the north end of the town at a cost of \$800. The city adopted the emblem after a flock of birds nested on a nearby lake.

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