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

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Federal Byelections

Yesterday's federal byelections ran their expected course in three Quebec constituencies, returning the Liberal candidates as had been the rule for many years. In the New Brunswick riding of Restigouche-Madawaska, however, the Conservative standard bearer, Mr. J. C. Van Horne, won out over his Liberal opponent with a substantial lead. As the riding had been Liberal for the past twenty-two years, this was quite a government upset. As noted by the Canadian Press, since 1953 there have been eleven federal byelections, with only one Liberal defeat heretofore, when the Manitoba riding of Selkirk returned a CCF candidate by a substantial margin last November.

With electioneering confined mainly to local issues and candidates' personalities in yesterday's contest, interest was expected to centre on Temiscouata, where the Prime Minister's son, Mr. Jean-Paul St. Laurent, successfully contested the riding against Mr. Berube, Conservative. Temiscouata has elected Liberals for fifty-nine years, and was held for many years by the redoubtable Mr. Pouliot, now in the Senate.

Yesterday's voting, of course, can have little effect on party strength in the Commons, which now stands at 169 Liberals, 52 Progressive Conservatives, 23 CCF members, 15 Social Credit, 4 Independent and two vacant seats. The remaining vacancies are for Toronto-Spadina, where Mr. David Croll was recently named to the Senate, and St. Johns-Iberville-Napierville, whose representative, Postmaster General Cote, died on August 7. A byelection in the Toronto riding has been called for Oct. 24.

The Emperor's Offer

Evangelist Billy Graham, who is now conducting a preaching mission in Toronto—to large and enthusiastic crowds, it is reported—is a man whose views are entitled to respect. He has travelled widely, and his sincerity in matters of religion and morals is above question. However, a statement that he is reported to have made in Toronto will cause a good deal of amazement even among his more ardent admirers. According to Dr. Graham, the Emperor of Japan "offered to order his people to become Christians" a few months after the Japanese surrender in 1945; and General MacArthur refused the offer. This means, in the evangelist's opinion, that "the day of opportunity has gone; we've missed the boat."

It is well known that, once they realized they had been defeated, the Japanese were willing to go to unexpected and unnecessary extremes in order to show the completeness of their unconditional surrender; this, evidently is a special trait of the Oriental character—in war, unrelenting, in defeat, abject. It is, therefore, quite possible, that the Emperor made the astounding offer reported by Dr. Graham; and it is not unreasonable to suppose that the Japanese masses would have carried out the order to the letter. But, the fact that General MacArthur would have nothing to do with it, far from indicating a lack of wisdom, as Dr. Graham seems to imply, is surely one more evidence of his good generalship and statesmanship. It is reasonable to assume that Emperor Hirohito's sudden interest in Christianity was due to one thing and one thing only: his respect for the military ability of General MacArthur, a Christian gentleman. Supposing that the General had "said the word" as the Emperor suggested. What then? To what form of Christianity, among the three or four hundred denominations now in the Western world, would the new converts have been expected to give their allegiance? And, assuming that by some miracle that difficulty had been

satisfactorily overcome, it is not almost certain that with the demand to throw off Western political direction there would have come an equally vociferous demand to replace the new religion with the old? In which case, of course, the last state of Japan would have been worse than the first.

Admittedly, the Christianizing of Japan—if, indeed, it can ever be achieved—is going to be a long and laborious process. But, surely, it is better to have a few thousand Christians, whose conversions resulted from moral and intellectual convictions, than seventy or eighty millions of them who were coerced into Christianity by an Imperial rescript dictated by military defeat.

Welcome To Learning

Few educationists in Canada stand as high and see as far as Dr. Sidney Smith, President of the University of Toronto. He also has the gift of pungent speech. The following excerpt from his address at the present University term is weighted with wisdom and can be pondered profitably by college students everywhere.

"You have freedom of choice, and by inescapable equations your choices will bring you profit or loss. If you choose to work, you will pass; if you don't, you will fail. If you neglect your work, you will dislike it; if you do it well, you will enjoy it. If you join little cliques, you will be self-satisfied; if you make friends widely, you will be interesting. If you act like a boor, you will be despised; if you act like a human being, you will be respected. If you spurn wisdom, wise people will spurn you; if you seek wisdom, they will seek you. If you adopt a pose of boredom, you will be a bore; if you show vitality, you will be alive. If you spend your free time playing bridge, you will be a good bridge player; if you spend it reading, discussing and thinking of things that matter, you will be an educated person.

"If you have come here for social prestige, you can get what you are after, but you may not like it much when you have got it; you would really have done better to concentrate on debutantes' parties. If you have come here to learn to make money, you can get what you are after, but you run the risk of finding yourself unhappy in your goal; you would really have done better to get into the building trades or the stock market. If you have come here to be a personality kid and win friends and influence people, you might get what you are after, but it would have been quicker and cheaper to take a course in salesmanship.

"If you have come here to learn to serve your fellow-men as a member of one of the learned professions, you are in the right place. If you have come to study the most important ideas that mankind has evolved, you are in the right place. If you have come to penetrate the fascinating mysteries and powers of nature, you are in the right place. If you have come to learn of the cultural and intellectual heritage of the past, so as to stand on the giant's shoulders and see farther, to follow knowledge, like a shining star, beyond the utmost bound of human thought, you are in the right place. You may never get what you are after, but in the trying you will become what you could never otherwise have been, and these next few years that you spend here will be the keystone of the arch of your experience."

EDITORIAL NOTES

As concerning the coming Dominion-Provincial Conference, the Prime Minister is quoted as saying: "We are still trying to make up our minds on what our attitude will be on certain matters." Isn't it a bit late in the day for that?

The reaction to President Eisenhower's illness has confirmed the fact that he is held in high esteem by governments and people all over the world, not excluding those behind the Iron Curtain. It seems a pity that Canadian officials allowed many foreign governments to get in their messages of sympathy more than a day before any word went from Ottawa. Our near-neighbour status, not to mention anything else, would seem to require the Canadian Government to be the very first to show concern over the regrettable news from Denver.

A REALLY CHILLING PROSPECT



OTTAWA REPORT

The Cardboard Curtain

By Patrick Nicholson

OTTAWA — The bacon-buying public is being grossly deceived, Davie Fulton told Parliament earlier this year. Cellophane wrapping paper used by the bacon-packers is printed red so that the misled housewife can be kidded into paying the high price of lean bacon for less valuable lard, suggested the young Conservative M.P. for Kamloops.

The Government accepted Mr. Fulton's sensible proposal. It would not accept his Bill to outlaw this abuse, but it achieved the same result by using the regulatory powers granted by the Food and Drugs Act.

This regulation reads: "The Governor in Council may make regulations respecting the packaging and labelling of any article of food and the design of any such package or label with a view to preventing the public or the purchaser being deceived or misled as to the character, strength, quantity or quality of the article."

The Governor in Council in this case was not sufficiently alert to the interests of the public to initiate action. A prod from Davie Fulton was necessary. The red cellophane wrapping was outlawed.

It was a gentle outlawry though. The bacon-packers who had deceived the public were not compelled to throw away unused red cellophane. They were permitted to continue the outlawed deception until the end of June, by which time, they said, they would have used up their supplies of this gay deceiver.

Their deception may have cost the public some money; but it was not to be allowed to cost them any money through waste of existing stocks of the wrapper.

THE NEW LOOK

The clear cellophane wrapper reappeared; tribute was paid to that old saying about honesty being the best policy, and Davie Fulton's crusade was forgotten.

Now however a new form of deception has taken the place of the red cellophane wrapper. The pig is once more being sold in a poke. In place of the red cellophane, which made fat bacon appear to be lean, the merchants are now using cardboard, which makes fat bacon invisible to the purchaser.

Behind the cardboard curtain, cheap lard can and does still masquerade as costly lean bacon. No sooner has the government regulation against one form of deception gone into effect, but up comes another equally deceptive. The trick of the cardboard curtain is that this wrapper is folded over in such a way that the entire back of the package is opaque cardboard, while the fold likewise obscures two-thirds - yes, I measured a typical package - of the front. The whole is then wrapped in transparent white cellophane, and sealed.

Errors Of Adolf

(Edmonton Journal)

Adolf Hitler has been "missing, believed dead" for 10 years now, but interesting bits of information about him still come to light. The latest disclosure is that he was probably history's greatest tax-dodger.

According to a former U. S. occupation officer in Germany, official records indicate that by the end of 1934 Hitler owed \$150,000 in back taxes. These were quietly cancelled by a secret and probably illegal decree. From that time on, the Führer simply ignored the tax-collector and enjoyed his official salary, and his enormous royalties, from the compulsory sale of Mein Kampf.

UNIQUE TO MEAT-PACKERS

Women who would not dream of

COSTLY REPAIR JOB

LONDON (Reuters) — A naval expert forecast Tuesday that it will take 20 years and up to £355,000 to repair the ravages of wood-boring beetles in England's most famous warship, Lord Nelson's 190-year-old Victory. The expert, Frank Carr, director of the National Maritime Museum, is one of a committee set up last week to advise the Royal Navy on how to preserve the old flagship, now a tourist attraction at Portsmouth harbor.

The Shock At Washington

By Dan Whithead, Associated Press

A man's heart beat stutters momentarily and a whole political world is shaken to its foundations. That is what happened when President Eisenhower suffered a heart attack in the early morning hours Saturday at Denver.

First there was the shock of the news hitting the capital, with all its implications. But even in the outpouring of sympathy and prayers for the president's recovery, there was the realization that nothing in politics was the same as it had been before those fateful hours between midnight and dawn two days ago.

There was the reluctant acceptance and by Republicans of the probability most of them had refused to admit before—that Eisenhower will not be the Republican presidential candidate next year.

BREAK FOR DEMOCRATS

And there was the recognition by the Democrats that fate, even in an unwelcome manner, had placed them suddenly in a far stronger position to challenge the Republicans for control of the White House in the 1956 general election.

Politics being what they are, both sides must now look at the coming campaign from radically altered points of view. And this much at least is apparent: The Democrats no longer can count on Eisenhower as a candidate. Neither are they in a position to urge him to run again even if the president should recover completely from this attack. To do so would put the Republican chiefs in the awkward position of asking Eisenhower to undertake a strenuous campaign which conceivably might place more strain on his heart than it could stand.

Up to this point, the Republican chiefs have made all their campaign plans on the assumption Eisenhower would run. Now these plans must be recast. And there is the likelihood the convention which was to have nominated Eisen-

Atomizing Beetles

(Winnipeg Tribune)

The head of the British delegation at the Geneva atoms-for-peace conference, Sir John Cockcroft, mentioned one possible peacetime use for atomic radiation that may mean death to the death-watch beetle.

This is the insect that threatens so many of Britain's ancient buildings and relics, Nelson's flagship, the Victory, is perhaps one of the best-known British historic treasures that is menaced by the pest. Sir John Cockcroft suggested that atomic radiation may be used to protect the timbers in the Victory as well as the aged timbers in such structures as Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's and other historic buildings. Laboratory tests have shown that low dosages of atomic radiation make death-watch beetle eggs infertile. This is true also of the eggs of other insects that bore into old timbers.

It would be rather strange, but gratifying, if radiation, the deadly fruit of the atomic age, were to save the Victory and other monuments from the past from destruction.

BONN (Reuters)—Three British airmen were killed Saturday when their jet plane crashed and burned near Herzberg, West Germany, German police reports said. The police said the plane, taking part in the British autumn manoeuvres exercise Full House, exploded as it hit the ground.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

INFECTIONS ARE RISKY

An infection in a diabetic is dangerous. No matter how minor it may seem, it should be treated as an emergency since an infection tends to create a dangerous cycle. High blood sugar favors infection and infection reduces the effectiveness of insulin.

DIET IS IMPORTANT

It's extremely important that you diabetics maintain good personal hygiene and proper diets. Lack of cleanliness and the adding of too much weight as the result of poor diet control often leads to infections and disaster.

Infections probably are most apt to begin in the respiratory and digestive tracts and on the skin, especially around the toes. The latter sometimes lead to amputation of a leg.

Every diabetic should learn to guard against infection and impaired circulation. Poor circulation causes damage to the tissues. Excess sugar in the blood gives bacteria an excellent chance to grow in the blood, organs and subcutaneous tissues.

Therefore, diabetics must abide by the following rules:

- Don't walk around in your bare feet.
- Don't wear circular garters.
- Don't use hot water bottles on your feet.
- Don't pick, cut or use sharp instruments on corns.
- Don't use commercial corn remedies.
- Don't use strong iodine solutions or by-products.
- Don't bathe in very hot water.
- Don't wear poorly fitted shoes or arch supports.
- Don't use tight bandages.
- Don't use adhesive tape or bandages on your skin.
- Don't sit with your legs crossed over your knees.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. T. R.: What are the symptoms of fungus of the tongue and is there a cure for it?

Answer: Various types of fungi may affect the tongue. The symptoms would depend upon the severity of the infection and the type. There may be some burning of the tongue as well as some pain. In most instances, these infections can be cleared up by the use of antiseptic preparations.

A physician should be consulted concerning the condition.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The executive of an aviation and precision parts industry has come up with a fascinating theory that man someday may be able to disintegrate and transmit electronically his entire body through the air and arrive reassembled and intact at a destination thousands of miles away almost at the same time he left his point of origin. Our executive visualizes a man dropping \$1 into something resembling a phone booth in Los Angeles and then, before the coins have ceased jingling, walking out of another booth in New York City. — Los Angeles Times

Not everyone who says, "Why don't you write a book?" is going to read it and an even smaller percentage are going to lay down their coins of the realm to acquire it. Some people will accept your book if you present it to them, neatly autographed. If they do not live close by, you'll have to pay postage as well, so that the profits, if not near the diminishing amount at the outset, will not take long to reach that state and condition. Worse still, some who do acquire it even without the outlay of a penny, will read it and conclude they don't like the book. — Kincairdine News

Do you suffer from flat feet? Are you pigeon-toed? If the answer is yes to either of these questions you may have spent the first four months of your life sleeping on your stomach. At least that's the advice and warning of Dr. Joseph H. Kite, orthopedic surgeon who addressed the annual congress of the United States and Canadian sections of the International College of Surgeons in Philadelphia. Infants who sleep on their abdomens, with their legs in a frog or spread-eagle position during the first four months after birth, may develop these characteristics, he said. The assistant clinical professor of orthopedic surgery at Emory University said babies should sleep in various positions, preferably on the side. The pigeon-toed deformity results from the knee-chest sleeping posture with the knee turned in, he contended, and the flat feet come from the same posture with the feet spread out. — Saint John Telegraph-Journal

As a self-appointed gadfly Professor A.R.M. Lower of Queen's University has been annoying Canadians for some time with critical remarks about their character. His stinging assaults have usually been greeted with silence though whether this is the result of Canadians' lofty disdain or their "inferiorly complex" we cannot say. . . . Out of "national pride"—not "touchy vanity"—we are moved to remark that many Canadians at this point are beginning to find the professor's views decidedly unimpressive, uncreative and uninteresting. His "national creative consciousness" sounds like a Freudian invention in gobbledygook. We don't know what he means by the phrase and we doubt if he does himself. For all Professor Lower knows Canadians may be quite capable of getting along to their own satisfaction without such amonstrosity. — Edmonton Journal

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