

Water Fluoridation

The Water Commissioners have decided to hold a plebiscite on the question of fluoridation of the Charlottetown water supply.

The Water Commissioners claim to have heard arguments against as well as for the project, but they do not say from whom.

This is not, unfortunately, a political issue which can easily be determined by a democratic counting of heads.

Now that there is to be a plebiscite, we urge that all our citizens consider the matter very seriously.

We feel that with a fully informed vote there will be no question as to the outcome. The danger is that information and prejudice may carry the day.

No Restrictions

The British Government has rejected a parliamentary motion—made, incidentally, by a Conservative member—to restrict immigration of coloured people from Commonwealth countries.

There are now, it is reported, about 200,000 coloured persons in Britain, attracted mainly by better employment opportunities and social welfare measures.

tain promises to become if the present trend continues, does bring peculiar social problems; and there is no use arguing that it ought not to do so.

Prime Minister Macmillan, we may be sure, is not unaware of the social risks of an open-door policy.

Tourist Attractions

At the recent Federal-Provincial tourist conference it was suggested that films dealing with Canada "concentrate too heavily on outdoor subjects."

There may be something to be said for this view; since, of course, not all tourists are interested in the same things.

It is true that there are many fine historic sites which could do with a little more publicity.

EDITORIAL NOTES

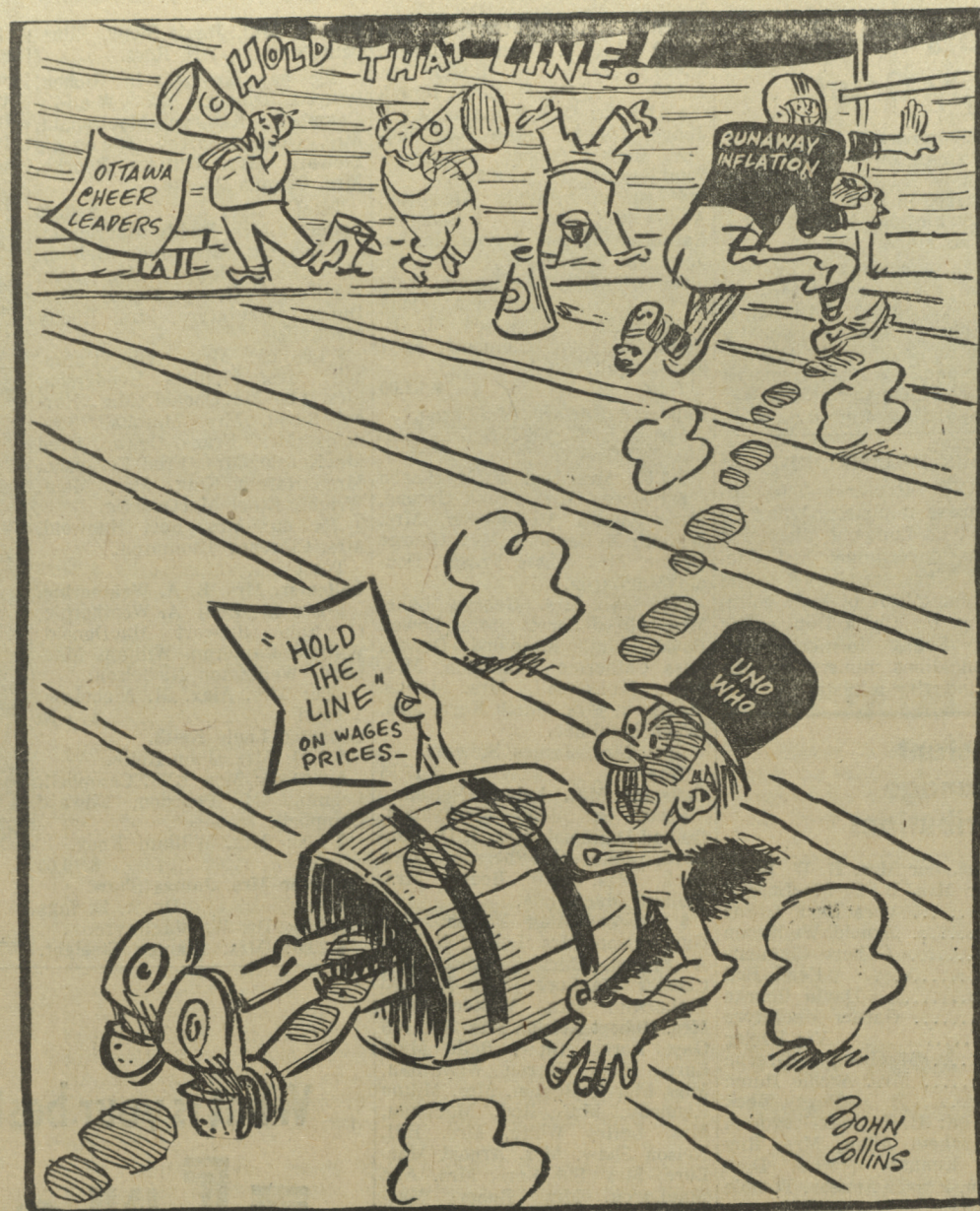
It seems that almost everybody wants Daylight Saving Time, except the farmers. The latter, however, have considerable influence in the Legislature.

Prince Edward Islanders and citizens of other Atlantic Provinces, too, wish Dr. L. W. Shaw success and continued good health as he takes up new duties with the Canadian Education Association in Toronto.

A report from Washington, D. C. states that eelgrass, which almost entirely disappeared from the United States' Eastern seaboard some years ago, is coming back.

A political party, it seems, should never give up hope of being elected, despite a long series of defeats. In Uruguay's recent election the Blancos Party was elected for the first time since 1865.

The National Geographic Society reports that the ancestry of the common dog can be traced back 50 million years to a small, tree-climbing creature called Miacis.



A GAME WHERE BOTH SIDES LOSE

OTTAWA REPORT

First Severe Test

By Patrick Nicholson

The Conservative Government faces its first severe test at the polls next Monday, when polling will take place in two by-elections at Toronto-Trinity and at Springfield, Manitoba.

Both these seats have been Liberal strongholds in the past, with the prevailing sentiment so far to the left extreme of Liberalism that they tottered on the brink of switching to the C.C.F. And this in fact is what happened in Springfield last year.

In next week's by-elections, we will see whether speakers here will be able to give weight to local issues raised against the government.

It had been hoped that the new government would trim the high cost of certain of the government's losing operations, such as the Canadian National Railways and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Lloyd Outlines Policy

By Joseph MacSweeney Canadian Press Staff Writer

Britain has emerged as the most articulate Western advocate of the idea that Premier Khrushchev's Berlin proposals should be used as a springboard for broad negotiations with Russia.

Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd seized the initiative last week when he outlined the British government's thinking to the House of Commons. His speech is certain to have an important bearing on NATO discussions beginning in Paris next week.

What Lloyd says, in effect, is that it is useless to consider Berlin as an isolated problem—that it cannot be separated from the broader questions of Germany as a whole, European security and armament control.

While standing fast in rejecting Khrushchev's proposal for making Berlin a demilitarized "free city," Lloyd offers Russia and its satellites a formula of security against any possible revival of German militarism.

PUBLIC FORUM

TRIBUTE TO LATE HON. MR. LEPAGE

Sir—I have learned with deep regret the death of a former colleague in the Legislature and Government of Prince Edward Island, in the person of the Honourable Bradford W. LePage.

The late Mr. LePage was well known in business circles, and played a prominent part in the public life of the Province for many years. After gaining valuable experience in the Saunders and Lea Governments, as well as during a period in the Opposition, he was runner-up for the leadership of the Liberal Government on the death of Premier Lea in January 1946.

For the next four years I enjoyed his unswerving devotion to the public interest as a member of the Legislative Assembly and as President of the Executive Council. He was especially active in the cause of temperance and in all measures which were for the benefit of the farmers and fishermen.

When he was later appointed Lieutenant-Governor, he represented His Majesty in the Province with competence and dignity.

THANE A. CAMPBELL, Chief Justice (The above tribute was received yesterday by mail from Ottawa.—Ed.G.)

Sizing Up The Jury

It's odd what a difference a few months can make. When the Royal Commission on Energy headed by Mr. Henry Borden turned in its first report a few days ago, CCF Party stalwarts studied the report with mounting excitement, then burst into spontaneous applause.

They liked the report, in particular, they liked the blunt fashion in which the Commission referred to the questionable way in which Trans-Canada Pipeline promoters were allowed to build up substantial fortunes, via low-cost stock options, even after public funds had been rushed to the aid of the project at a time when it threatened to disintegrate.

The report of the Borden Commission, commented CCF leader M.J. Coldwell in a special statement issued to mark the occasion, "is a complete vindication of the CCF stand. We had said that the capital gains realized by the pipeline promoters were a national scandal. The Royal Commission has reiterated the facts that the CCF had exposed both in the House of Commons and in the country, and it strongly criticized some of the promoters."

The CCF, of course, had had no monopoly on public revelations with respect to the generous opportunities to amass huge profits extended to pipeline promoters. The Conservatives had, during the great pipeline controversy, competed vigorously with the CCF in this field. But it's understandable that Mr. Coldwell would tend to take a generous view of the activities of his own party in this particular sphere.

Food Allergy Hard To Check

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. THE HAY FEVER season is long past, but for some persons allergies remain.

Wind-blown pollen, of course, isn't the only irritant. And many victims of asthma, eczema, etc., continue to suffer long after the first frost.

Food allergy, for example, can produce violent reactions at any time of the year. And eggs, too, are among the offenders.

Simply frying an egg in the same home may produce an acute attack of asthma or eczema in an allergic child or an adult.

Some few persons are extremely allergic to eggs, and the mere touching of the shell will produce a severe reaction.

Even baby susceptible Milk and wheat also might produce allergic reactions in allergic persons. Even a nursing baby is not immune.

Traces of food substances which the nursing mother eats may be found in the breast milk. And an allergy to one of these substances might cause an attack for the nursing baby.

Food allergy is a serious problem, especially since skin tests aren't always a reliable way of finding the offending food.

On the other hand, this type of allergy often is blamed for troubles with which it has no connection whatever.

Seemingly allergic reactions sometimes are reported among children after eating certain foods. Yet, medically, we are unable to prove that an allergy exists in many of these cases.

Then we do a bit of checking and find the real reason for the reaction was that the parents unwittingly caused it by forcing the food upon the child.

Eating should be a happy experience. It should bring pleasure both to youngsters and adults. However, if you consistently admonish your child to "Eat this because it is good for you," or give him the idea that you are willing to feed him certain foods to get him to eat them, then you may be heading for trouble.

The youngster tends to reject these foods and builds up an emotional case against them.

If your youngster really is allergic, chances are he inherited it from you. So, for goodness sake, try not to build up an artificial allergy in him, too.

QUESTION AND ANSWER E. K.: Should a person with a calcium deposit avoid eating certain foods?

ANSWER: There is usually no definite relationship between diet and calcium deposits.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Dec. 10, 1932) The teachers of Alberton area were reorganized last evening with Miss Hilda Gillis, B.A., Inspector, acting as chairman.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A school principal says it's not right for parents to do their children's homework for them. What makes him think we could?—London Free Press

You don't hear much these days about the old-fashioned family doctor—or the old-fashioned family for that matter.—Sherbrooke Record

Boys and girls are said to be taller and heavier than they used to be when mother and dad were their age. The reasons for this are summed up this way: Today we know more about the principles of nutrition, a wider variety of food is available, living standards are better and the debilitating child diseases have decreased sharply.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record

Research workers at the University of Toronto have studied 30,000 cases of neurosis, and have emerged with the interesting conclusion that heeey-jeebies is an ailment which tends to afflict people of modest intelligence; as the I. Q. rises, emotional maladjustment goes down. Intelligence is not dangerous; on the contrary, it is healthy.—Peterborough Examiner

In Tulsa, Oklahoma, after the election, a check of the ballot-boxes included one vote for the governor of Arkansas, one for the recent presidential assistant Sherman Adams and one hand sandwich. The sandwich may have been just another vote for Orval Faubus.—Montreal Gazette

"Babyhood is the right time to introduce democracy," says Mrs. Victoria Wilkinson, president of Parent Education Associates. We are happy to be able to report that not all of Mrs. Wilkinson's remarks match this one in absurdity. There are even some which make sense.—Bellefonte Intelligencer

with potatoes for Carolina. This will have been the second trip of the vessel in six weeks carrying cargo both ways.

Mrs. P.J. Kennedy was elected president of the Kensington Music Club at the annual meeting held recently. Other officers include vice-president, Mrs. Robert Humphrey; treasurer, Mrs. Fred Parker and secretary, Mrs. James Pendergast.

The little boy in London, Ont., who picked Santa's pocket while reciting his Christmas wish must have been reading Oliver Twist.—Ottawa Journal

"Nothing is more degrading, more humiliating, more completely contrary to one's whole conception of a man than to see him in a plastic apron."—Viscountess Levisham

Why is a Siamese cat so popular? What is the great attraction? It does not lie in their looks but in their nature. They are possessive, loving, jealous, acquisitive, and quite certain that they must be wherever their masters are. They are demanding and ruthless in this desire for company—one is simply not allowed to be lonely.—BBC Broadcast

We hear the army has perfected a thing that can transmit 3,000 words a minute. No statement from the wife of the inventor has been forthcoming. However, since women talk at the rate of 150 words a minute, with gusts up to 175, you can appreciate that this new gadget could even hold its place in a bridge club.—Cincinnati Enquirer

We have the dubious honor of living in one of the best-fed and wealthiest countries on this globe. It figures about the reading of books collected in Europe, North America and the British Commonwealth are to be trusted, we read fewer books per capita than any other civilized land, with the exception of the U.S.A.—Peterborough Examiner

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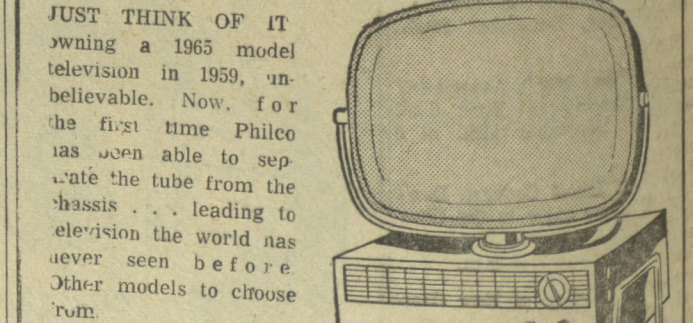
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