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A Bad Blunder

By withdrawing a controversial tax item in his budget of a week ago and announcing the move while the stock markets were still open for the day, Finance Minister Gordon has put himself in an unenviable position, and the Pearson Government along with him. How on earth could he be so "stupid"? his opponents are asking.

Even a rank amateur should know that one reason for presenting the budget at a night sitting is that when stock markets open the next day the public will be on an equal footing in trading shares. There was a wild scramble on the stock exchanges within minutes affer Mr. Gordon's announcement. Now the Government is faced with opposition demands for an investigation of the possibility of advance "leaks", and the Prime Minister has reportedly agreed to consider such an inquiry.

Coming on top of the criticisms occasioned by Mr. Gordon's employment of outside consultants in preparing his budget, this leaves the minister very much on the defensive. And there will be few tears shed over his predicament by the Conservatives, whose alleged financial bungling was the chief target of his election campaign sharpshooting. As the chief financial adviser of the Liberals, he was supposed to know all the answers when it came to turning out a smack-up budget that would serve as a model of its kind and make for confidence and stability in the investment world—things, Mr. Gordon said, that were notoriously lacking under his Conservative predecessors.

Well, Shakespeare had a name for the kind of ailment the minister appears to be suffering from. He called it "vaulting ambition, which o'erleaps itself and falls on the other side." Mr. Gordon may be able to survive this fall politically, though even that seems doubtful. One thing sure is that he will never be allowed to forget it.

A Century Of Service

The celebration here on Saturday of the centenary of St. Joseph's Convent is an event of more than ordinary importance, not only to those directly concerned but to all our citizens throughout the Province. No one can measure the full value of the education which successive generations of children have received at the hands of the devoted Sisters of this institution, but many of our older citizens bear testimony to its worth.

As noted in a historical sketch appearing recently in The Guardian, the first crowded Convent classroom of a century ago soon outgrew its surroundings. In 1864 the people of St. Andrew's parish offered their old church to Bishop MacIntyre and their assistance in transporting it to Charlottetown. This was done with much labor and difficulty, and it was an achievement in which the whole community appears to have participated.

The old church building was triumphantly drawn through the streets of Charlottetown and placed on its present foundation. Renovations were then made by voluntary carpenters. The entire upper storey retained its original size and for many years served as St Andrew's Hall, while the lower portion was divided into classrooms. On Sept. 7, 1864, the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame moved with their west-end pupils, now 120 children, into what has ever since been called St. Joseph's Convent.

The years have brought further changes, in accord with the needs of the times. But, as noted in the historical sketch, the aims and ideals of St. Joseph's have ever remained the same. These ideals are based on the firm conviction that the imparting of knowledge to children and youth is a noble endeavor—a true culture—for it develops every power of the heart and mind. This heritage was folded in the future of that crowded classroom of 1863, with its 92 primary pupils and their pioneer teachers.

It is a story of dedicated service, of brave endeavor and true achievement. And it is a continuing story, bringing—on this occasion particularly—the lessons of the past to bear on the problems of the future, and the inspiration of the past to light the way to still more ambitious undertakings. That is what centenaries are for! The Guardian joins with St. Joseph's many friends at home and abroad is extending, at this time, its warmest felicitations and best wishes for progress in the years ahead.

Danger Signals

This far there has been little information out of Ottawa on the government's exact plans for the proposed Economic Council. There has been informed speculation that while labor, management, small business, farmers and so on will be asked to nominate representatives, the top men on the Council will be on a full-time basis and be served by a research staff. It is reported, too, that the Council's form is being shaped by a group of economists, accountants and assorted experts who advised the Liberals during the past two election campaigns.

A word of warning about all this has been sounded by W. Earle McLaughlin, president of the Royal Bank. "Planning once begun tends to feed upon itself," he said. "The dislocations which inevitably occur become the excuse for further plans on an ever more grandiose scale."

Mr. McLaughlin feels that it is of the utmost importance to establish now who the planners are to be—leaders in industry, labor and finance, or professional planners with a vested interest in continued expansion of the planning apparatus. And if Canada must have planning, he added, the government or its agency should plan only to the extent necessary to make private planning effective

One thing that Canada does not need is a new bureaucracy, growing from year to year and assuming more and more power.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Department of Labor have announced that in May 346,000 Canadian were unemployed. Of this number, almost 17 per cent were teenagers.

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Tourist resort operators have discovered that their staff, mostly teenagers, are drinking all their milk supplies, so that in many cases rationing has had to be substituted. "Surely," says the Toronto Globe and Mail, "this is a short-sighted attitude. The propensity to drink milk should be encouraged by every means possible and the teen-agers turned loose, at night, in the great caverns where all our surplus milk is stored. The youngsters might guzzle the way out of our dairy problem."

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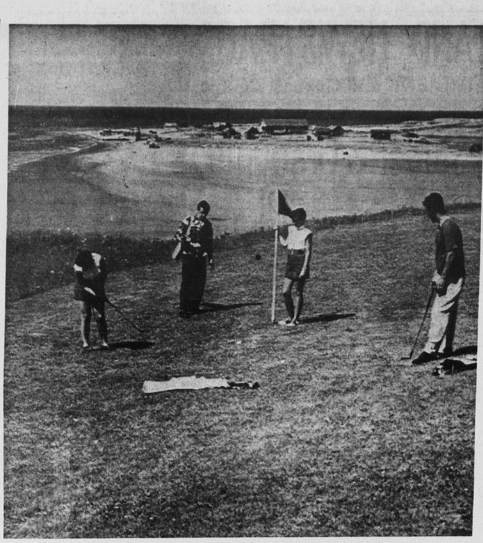
The mushroom growth of a tax levied at factory level was recently illustrated for the edification of the Royal Commission on Taxation by a cosmetic manufacturer. An item that has a factory price of $1.00, he explained, receives a 15 per cent markup on the part of a distributor; at that point the item, if it were tax-free, would be priced at $1.15. The retailer adds 50 per cent, and the consumer would pay $1.73. In fact, however, the $1.00 item starts off with a 10 per cent excise tax plus an 11 per cent sales tax on top of that, or it leaves the factory at $1.22. The distributor's 15 per cent then amounts to 19 cents, so it goes out to the retailer at $1.41. The retailer then adds 50 per cent, and the consumer buys it at about $2.12—plus whatever provincial sales tax applies



GOLFING AT GREEN GABLES COURSE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Rumors Rife Re Unannounced Decisions

As Prime Minister Lester Pearson's "Sixty Days of Decision" draw to a close, his critics are adding up his achievements and often finding them less than totally impressive

But a decision is not always appropriate for immediate action, or even for immediate announcement.

On the surface, we see constructive and sometimes controversial government proposals already on the Order Paper of the House of Commons: enough work to keep Parliament busy for many weeks. That the Conservative Opposition would seek to delay this work was anticipated by the Liberals; but even the best friends of that opposition confess that its performance in this respect has fallen far short of the expected standards of parliamentarly astuteness.

TORIES MISS TALENT

The chroniclers will almost certainly record that Gordon Churchill's introduction of the reportedly forged "Butterworth Letter" in the House of Commons was a sorry error, which turned much support away from a party already sufering ebb tide.

The comment aroused in a wide circle of disturbed Tory M.Ps by this and similar antics is that their numerically strong opposition is woefully ineffective. They certainly miss the debating talent of Davie Fulton and Donald Fleming, and the wise experience of Howard Green.

Also prominent among the missed Conservative politicians is Hon. Roly Michener, Speaker of the House through two parliaments. He proved himself very effective in opposition, under the leadership of George Drew. Roly did not become one of Canada's great Speakers, but he possessed attributes which brought him both respect and popularity in that role; his charm, his good sense, his fluent bilingualism, and especially the graciousness of his wife Norah to assist him as his very active hostess.

Into the void created by the unwillingness of other top Torie to undertake official entertaining on Parliament Hill, it was Mr. Speaker Michener and his wife who stepped, giving frequent lunch parties in the Speaker's Chambers, and formal dinners and official receptions, and especially entertaining the ambassadors of foreign powers as protocol and our national hospitality demanded.

GIVE LIBERAL DUE

Speaker Michener suffered the humiliation of seeing a record number of four Deputy Speakers promoted over his head into the Conservative Cabinet: Courtemanche, Sevigny, Flynn and Martineau. When his term of office ended, he was dismissed unrewarded into the limbo, in shocking contrast to his Liberal predecessors who, whenever possible, received the golden handshake of appointment to Cabinet posts, to the Senate, or to a Lieutenant-Governorship.

One of Mr. Pearson's significant but unannounced decisions is reportedly to harness the best available talent, from whatever party, in the service of Canada — much as President Kennedy has done. Thus among many Liberal appointments. Conservative Roly Michener is said to be tabbed for appointment as ambassador: a job in which he will bring great credit to Canada. Howard Green, who won fo himself the title of "Mr. Nuclear Disarmament", is to have further opportunity to work for Canada and for humanity, possibly through appointment to the Senate. And another prominent Conservative is being considered for the responsible position as head of a government commission.

These are some of the submerged nine-tenths of the decisions made by Prime Minister Pearson; during the sixty days Canada is only seeing, like an iceberg, the exposed one-tenth.

Revolt In The Glens

Vancouver Sun

The Phersons, Tavishes, Kenzies, Caulays, Bains, Beans and Beths should be rattling claymores in the glens about now.

Scots will recognize a Hiavelian plot on the part of the Millan government when they see one.

The British ministry of pensions is the villain.

It says its computers or its Cratchitts or whatever it uses to identify its six million pensioners keeps getting bogged in an embarrassment of Macthis and Macthat.

So it's asking its Scottish Macs to kindly drop the noble gaelic prefix (it signifies "son") from future correspondence with the ministry. In blatant recognition of the Scot cupidity myth, moreover, the ministry blandly suggests this co-operation will mean more money for the Mac-less.

Once the Afees, Allisters, Cances and Clatchies were stripped to the bare nomenclature, would the Sassenach Machunters stop at the pensions ministry?

Unlikely.

Income tax, army, post office, football pools, equally up to their ears in Ms, would be bound to make similar demands.

Before they knew it Scotsmen would be wearing Intoshes in the rain, driving on Adam roads and rishing for kerel.

We would advise the Scots to tell Whitehall to devote its energy to the de-Smithing problem in England — if we thought they really needed advice in this matter.

Are You An Esquire?

Chatham Daily News

So common has the plain and democratic "Mr." become in Canada that few people can recall when the title, "Esquire," usually abbreviated to "Esq" was practically mandatory in business and personal correspondence.

Even in the old days, it would seem there were occasions when "Mr." was correct and others when "Esq" was obligatory.

In Britain where heed is still given to correct protocol that famous volume, Debrett's "Peerage, Knightage, Baronetage and Companionage" is mournfully concerned over the declining attention given as to what is right and what isn't.

The plaint is not, however, in regard to the declining use of Esquire. Quite the contrary.

The new editor of Debrett's Patrick W. Montague-Smith, says sorrowfully: 'Everyone now seems to be becoming an "Esq." The old distinctions hardly exist any longer."

In the old days, when the various levels of society in Britain were clearly marked and observed, an "esquire" knew exactly where he stood.

The "Oxford English Dictionary" states that the term derives from the old French word "esquier" — no longer used meaning "a shield bearer."

The definition of the original meaning of the title in Britain is: "a young man of gentle birth, an aspirant to knighthood who attended on a knight and carried his shield." That excludes most young men nowadays.

In the modern British context esquires who are correctly so called are:

1. The younger sons of peers, and their own eldest sons.
2. The eldest sons of knights and their own eldest sons.
3. Chiefs of ancient families.
4. Esquires by creation, or office such as judges, justices of the peace, and barristers.
5. Esquires who attended the Knight of the Bath on his installation.

Under a general definition, however, the dictionary describes an esquire as "a title allowed by courtesy to all who are regarded as gentlemen."

This last definition probably influenced Mr. Montague-Smith's comments in Debrett's 'Peerage."

History Plays Ironic Tune

Cape Breton Post

The work now advancing to restore the site of Fortress Louisburg to a semblance of its 18th century grandeur, when the fleur-de-lis of Royal France flew above the ramparts, makes June 17th an anniversary of profound significance.

On this day—218 years ago—in 1745, Louisbourg fell for the first time—under the onslaught of 4,000 British colonial troops commanded by Sir John Pepperell, following a siege that began in April.

The conquest of 1745 became hollow victory when, by the terms of the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, the fortress was returned by Britain to France—to the immense chagrin and alarm of the colonies that later were to become the New England States. The alarm was chiefly felt in Boston.

Thus did Louisbourg, although looted of valuables by its captors, return structurily intact to France. It was recaptured by British colonial troops, mostly men from Massachusetts, under the command of General Amherst, in 1758, during Britain's Seven Years War with France.

The siege of 1758 marked the doom of the fortress town. Undoubtedly, the bitter remembrance of how it had been taken before and then returned without structural molestation to France, sharpened the zeal of the New Englanders in its demolishment. They were determined that it be removed utterly from the face of the earth, never to arise again. The stones of the demolished structures were borne away in ships to various places, and figured in large part in the building of Halifax.

It takes little effort of the imagination to bring to mind the ghosts of those who participated in the destruction of old-time Louisbourg, returning to glimpse the labor now going forward on the site toward restoration. Those easily-imagined ghosts might well be amazed at what is happening now after a lapse of two centuries.

The deep irony of this historic story is in today's Canadian verdict that the destruction of Fortress Louisbourg in the 18th century was a colossal mistake. The destruction took huge effort and three years to complete. Now, at huge cost, Canada is trying to rectify the mistake.

ADB TO GROW

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Two more Newfoundlanders are to be appointed to the Atlantic Development Board, but the federal government has not yet considered whom to name, State Secretary J. W. Pickersgill said Thursday. In a telephone interview from Ottawa, Mr. Pickersgill said the government plans to have three members each from Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and two from Prince Edward Island to make up the 11-man board. Newfoundland now is represented on the board by Fred Ayre, a St. John's business man.

Gambling With Life Is Risky

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

Most of us have made important decisions in a haphazard fashion at some time in our life. But the emotionally disturbed person may go so far as to gamble his life against the possibility that things will improve if he survives the attempt.

This type of Russian roulette is risky and foolish, but it is surprising how frequently the aim is accomplished. The depressed individual who takes an overdose of sleeping tablets, but is saved by stimulants or the artificial kidney, aften gains the attention he craves.

There are other ways of gambling with life. We call it suicide when the person dies but those who survive are regarded as crazy or heroic, depending upon the motive and the emotional status of the individual. The first man to fly the Atlantic alone used a small one motor plane but, prior to the trip, made careful plans and calculated all risks. He became a hero.

Many persons walking the streets today are committing slow suicide. Among this group are alcoholics, addicts, and persons who refuse to do anything about known medical conditions that require treatment. Their deaths are not included in the annual suicide count, which is the 11th leading cause of death in the United States. The exception is the alcoholic who takes his life in a fit of despondency.

Marital crises and family quarrels are the most common causes of suicide in the young. These origins are less prevalent in the middle aged, and least in the elderly. Physical illness, loneliness, and a low socioeconomic status play more important roles in suicides among oldsters. The rate reaches its peak in men between 60 and 69, and in women at age 55.

GLAUCOMA WARNINGS

H.I.S. writes: Does glaucoma give any warning signs?

REPLY

Yes. Pain in the eyes often develops along with foggy vision. At night haloes are noted around street lights. The chronic variety of glaucoma is more insidious. It is described as coming on like "a thief in the night." Usually it is painless or with only slight aching. Complete blindness may occur with never an acute attack. For this reason, we advocate testing the pressure within the eyeball whenever visual disorders are noted.

PERIODIC NOSEBLEEDS

J.V. writes: My grandson has had frequent nosebleeds in the last six months. Is this a sign of rheumatic fever? His mother had nosebleeds and rheumatic fever as a child.

REPLY

Rheumatic fever is one possibility but there are more common causes, varying from injury to infection.

OVERWEIGHT AND CONCEPTION

Mrs. B. writes: Can becoming very fat make a woman sterile? I have a 6-year-old child and have not been able to have another.

REPLY

Not unless you are the one in a million who becomes fat because of a glandular disorder. There are many families in which the children are six or more years apart.

DROOPING UVULA

V.S. writes: My husband's soft palate has become greatly elongated. Medicines have been unsuccessful in shrinking it. Is surgery advised?

REPLY

Possibly, but the decision should be left to your husband and his physician.

ALLERGY DRUG

L.H.D. writes: I have to take an antihstaminic drug regularly to prevent hives. Is this type of drug habit forming?

REPLY

No.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT — It takes a clear conscience to snore at night.

Our Yesterday's

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY . FIVE YEARS AGO
(June 21, 1938)

Miss Edith Hill, Charlottetown, who was graduated from Emerson College, Boston, Mass., June 6, received the Bachelor of Literature Interpretation Degree, having majored in English, and minored in Speech. Miss Hall was president of the Canadian Club, and had a position on the Echo, a school newspaper— she was also on the Dean's list for high scholastic rank.

The annual meeting of the Registered Nurses' Association of Prince Edward Island was held at the Canadian National Hotel yesterday afternoon. Miss Florence Lavers and Miss Hattie MacLaine were appointed provincial delegates to the bi-ennial convention of the Canadian Nurses Association to be held in Halifax.

TEN YEARS AGO
((June 21, 1953)

The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, with jurisdiction over Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, will meet in the 84th annual convocation at Charlottetown this week at Masonic Temple. The chapters in the Provincial holding allegiance to the Grand Chapter are Alexander No. 11, Charlottetown and Prince Edward No. 12, Kensington.

Mrs. Frank Blatch, Brackley, won the Drama Festival Association scholarship, awarded to a director of drama. Mrs. Blatch will attend the course given at Tatamagouche, N.S., the latter part of August.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Bride: Boo, hoo! Fido just ate the pie I baked for you! Groom: Now, don't you worry your pretty little head about that, I'll buy you another dog! — Hamilton Spectator.

The Soviet news agency Tass reports that Russian technicians have developed a camera that takes 500 million pictures a second, so fast that it would take several months to show a one-second shooting sequence. Ten years ago we wouldn't have believed such a report. In fact, even with all the advances science has made in the past 10 years, we still don't believe it.— Hamilton Spectator.

Yes, there are bigger things in life than money — bills for instance. — Montreal Star.

Otto Buchmann, forty-seven, is a fisherman who does not like to eat fish, so he throws them back when he catches them. He uses his rod and reel to catch old shoes, hats and whatever else he can find. Herr Buchmann has furnished an entire playroom with the various objects he has found in lakes and rivers. He began his hobby twelve years when he found a $200 bracelet on the end of his line. He also met his wife when he hooked her by mistake while she was swimming under water — Munich Press.

Jockeying For Position

By Rod Currie
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The big problem facing Conservatives who insist Prime Minister Macmillan must go—and soon—is lack of agreement on a successor.

Most spectators of the day-to-day drama unfolding at Westminster since the Profumo affair burst into the open have a short list—about six contenders.

But in the jockeying for position the odds change by the hour and no clear leader has yet emerged.

Until one does, Macmillan presumably can relax a bit.

Time has always been his most loyal friend and there are a few—even at this late date—who still think he may see this through as he did the furore surrounding his firing of one-third of his cabinet, the Skybolt dilemma, the Vassall spy sensation, record winter unemployment and other issues.

TIME SOLVED THEM

In each case the problem solved itself in time, or faded from the glare of publicity.

But the present scandal will not soon blow over. It developed when former war minister John Profumo admitted he lied to the Commons about his affair with play-girl Christine Keeler and Macmillan admitted he was not kept informed by the security service and his ministers.

There still has to be some kind of inquiry and this will help the labor party keep the pot boiling for months.

Many backbenchers, resigned to the prime minister's fate, feel he should go as soon as possible to permit the new man time to establish himself before the general election some time before October, 1964.

R. A. Butler, 60, the deputy prime minister who narrowly lost out when Macmillan was chosen seven years ago, is naturally a strong candidate.

In recent days, however, many political observers have given a slight edge to Reginald Maudling, 46, chancellor of the exchequer.

Lord Hailsham, 55, was extremely popular as party chairman but his position would be influenced by whether the proposed bill to permit peers to renounce their titles and thus enter the Commons is passed before an election.

In the same position is Lord Home, the foreign secretary.

MACLEOD TOP CONTENDER

Iain Macleod, 49, leader of the House, co-chairman of the party and one of the best brains in the government, has long been a top contender. But his close association with Macmillan in management of the Profumo affair and the party's bad record in recent byelections have dimmed his chances.

Edward Heath, 46, made a fine impression when, as lord privy seal, he was handling Britain's Common Market negotiations. But, with collapse of the talks, his political star waned.

Some observers have a seventh man on their list—Health Minister Enoch Powell, the unknown quantity in the Profumo drama who was reported threatened to resign. Finally he pledged his support to Macmillan.

At the time there was speculation a deal had been made—that the government agreed to see Macmillan through Monday's vote of confidence only if he promised to resign.

There was talk, even before Profumo, that Macmillan was thinking of retiring, waiting only for one man to emerge head and shoulders above all other possible successors. Now disagreement over the top candidates may give the edge to an outsider who would be the favorite of few but acceptable to the majority.

The fact remains, however, that the throne is not yet vacant. Many will believe Macmillan is going only after he has gone.

B.C. Battle Royal

Galt Reporter

Much closer to the scene than we are, British Columbia political observers are awaiting with interest the battle royal in which Hon. E. Davie Fulton, provincial leader of the B. C. Progressive - Conservatives, is challenging Hon. P.A. Gagliardi, Socred minister of highways in his home constituency of Kamloops.

The provincial vote may not come for a year. It may not come for 18 months. The date rests with Premier W.A.C. Bennett who, with a comfortable majority in the Legislature, at the moment is sitting pretty.

When the vote actually takes place, there will likely be four candidates for the seat; but interest centres on the battle royal between the challenger, Fulton, and Gagliardi, who at present holds the Kamloops seat. Gagliardi has held Kamloops since 1952, winning in the last election by some 2,000 margin over the CCF candidate, with the Conservative trailing dismally in a field of four.

So Mr. Fulton would appear to have his work cut out for him. He seems to be basing his hopes largely on the supposedly waning popularity of the Social Credit government, and upon his own high prestige as a public man and a political fighter.

Though at the moment the Progressive-Conservatives have not a single member in the legislature, Mr. Fulton is looking for a political upset— in a province where stranger things have happened. A victory less than two years hence might well put Fulton in line once more for the federal Progressive Conservative leadership in time for the next federal election.

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