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Defence Expenditures

In planning to spend \$1,600,000,000 for defence in 1951, out of a net national income that will exceed \$13,000,000,000, Canada is reaching the stage, in financial terms, of about the second year of the last war.

Canada's program calls for approximately three per cent of the national labor force directly for defence, which is perhaps half the American and something less than the British proportion.

In this connection it is worth noting that in the House of Commons last week Hon. C. G. Power came out for the sort of parliamentary committee on defense which Colonel Drew, Opposition Leader, has been demanding all along.

The logic of this argument is plain. No matter how frank a Minister may be in reporting to Parliament, he cannot give all the information required. No opportunity exists for members to check his facts, and to submit his statements to cross-examination.

Poll Agents

The complaint of a voter in the Summerside civic elections may or may not be well founded. It does, however, underline the importance of candidates being represented at each polling place, whether the election be Civic, Provincial or Federal.

The presence of candidates' agents is welcomed by the officials responsible for conducting a poll, as it not only prevents them from making unwitting errors but serves as a guarantee to the public that everything is as it should be.

Voice From New Zealand

New Zealand's Prime Minister Sydney Holland startled the sedate denizens of the Press Gallery in Ottawa a few days ago by stating in blunt and unequivocal language that the party which he led successfully to the polls a year ago is "really a capitalist party."

tem in New Zealand strikes a nostalgic note for many Canadians. Party politics in New Zealand, it seems, rests upon fundamental differences of principle, not on mere party labels plastered all over the place to disguise the "me-tooism" of Canadian politics today.

Someone might have told Prime Minister Holland that in Canada there are four parties. There are the Liberal socialists. Then there are the Conservative socialists. The Socialist socialists and the Social Credit socialists make up all the rest.

It would be necessary to add, however, that most of the socialists in Canada are in Parliament and relatively few outside. Canada, unlike New Zealand, has found the most expedient way to dispose of socialists is to consign them to the limbo of Parliament Hill.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There is a place for red lights on motor vehicles and that is on the back. Side and front red lights are today most confusing and can easily lead to disaster.

Mink is today synonymous with luxury and breeders here seem to be doing very well despite extraordinarily high costs of production.

In sponsoring White Cane Week, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind reminds us all to accept the sightless as persons and as equals, but also do anything we can to prevent loss of sight.

Toronto has been told that it will have to spend \$5,000,000 more this year on subway construction than was estimated for the total cost. They are evidently going in the hole.

Best wishes go with Mayor MacDonald in his attempt to influence the powers-that-be at Ottawa not to forget Charlottetown, notwithstanding Queen's County is without a Government supporter in the House.

During 1950, 179 persons were prosecuted under the Saskatchewan Hospitalization Act for non-payment of the hospitalization tax, compared to 134 the previous year, according to Mr. G. W. Myers, executive director of the SHSP.

Good news from Korea should not lead to any assumption that victory will be easy or soon. All that the U. N. forces can do there is wipe out North Korean and Chinese Reds and the supply of them may well continue to be substantial for a long time to come.

British newspapers, from Tory to Communist, reacted with editorial howls of pain to the release of munitions-maker Alfred Krupp and other German war criminals from prison. Most criticism of the pardon action of United States High Commissioner John J. McCloy was carried in the Sunday press.

Lord Randolph Churchill, father of Mr. Winston Churchill, born this date 1849. He had a rather erratic career as a politician, attaining the position of Chancellor of the Exchequer under Lord Salisbury.

The British housewife is in the front line. For 10 years she has fed her family on tightly rationed foods, often with fuel and heat in short supply; she has gone short of a wide range of consumer goods and normal comforts so that the country could concentrate its major force on regaining its economic strength after the crippling war losses.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

RING ROT FUND TAX

Sir.—The Potato Dealers note in your issue of the 12th the statement reported from Mr. Jerome O'Brien, manager of the Island Co-operative Services, wherein it is reported that this group has paid the Marketing Board levy. This matter was never in doubt.

We are, Sir, etc., POTATO DEALERS ASSOCIATION G. ELLIOTT FULL, President Charlottetown, P.E.I., February 12, 1951.

The Poet's Corner

TO KEEP A TRUE LENT

Is this a fast to keep The larder lean, And clean From fat of veals and sheep? Is it to quit the dish Of flesh, yet still To fill 'The platter high with fish? Is it to fast an hour, Or rag'd to go, Or show A downcast look, and sour? No; 'tis a fast, to dole Thy sheaf of wheat And meat Unto the hungry soul. It is to fast from strife, From idle debate And hate; To circumscribe thy life. To show a heart grief-rent; To starve thy sin, Not bin; And that's to keep thy Lent.

—Robert Herrick (1591-1634).

Britain's Defence Plan

(United Kingdom Information Office)

Britain's armed forces are nearing the million mark. She already has 845,000 men under arms. Nearly half of Britain's land forces are already serving overseas in 19 countries or territories across the lifelines of the free world.

Every branch of Britain's armed forces is fighting in Korea: the Army (including the 50-ton Centurion tank), the Royal Navy (one light carrier, two cruisers, six destroyers, four frigates, together with Royal Marine Commandos); the Royal Air Force (Sunderland Flying Boats).

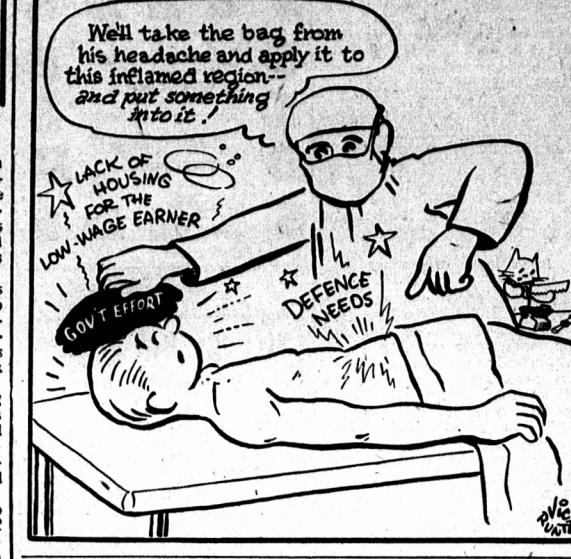
In Malaya, over 17,000 British troops have been fighting the Communists for more than two years. Britain has developed powerful new weapons. Output of her 50-ton Centurion tank is now being doubled.

In the air: The Canberra twinjet bomber which opens a new era in tactical air offense is now being produced in quantity by four British manufacturers and also in Australia.

At sea: The Royal Navy, second only to the United States Navy in power, is now rapidly being equipped with new chemical forms of propulsion for submarines have been developed, new warships designed for atomic warfare. Six new aircraft carriers are to be built.

The Territorial Army is being expanded to 12 Divisions. Four Territorial Divisions will be kept on an emergency basis capable of swinging into action within 30 days. It is planned to increase Britain's Regular Army, to bring it to a total strength of 1 1/2 full-time Divisions. Britain will have four Divisions in Germany by July, 1951. Britain has some 4,000,000 vet-

Shifting The Treatment



Notes By The Way

Pundits and pedants in some of Ontario's newspapers are arguing as to whether one should have a "raise" or a "rise" in pay. The recipients don't give a continental hoot how it's spell, as long as they get it.—Brantford Expositor.

The news that British newspapers, which already are reduced in size to four or six pages, will be cut down even more recalls the story of an American in London who picked up a newsboy's entire quota of The London Times on the false assumption that a Sunday edition in Britain was the same size as that which he bought at home.—Ottawa Citizen.

Rockcliffe Village Council is asked to change the name of a roadway from "Trillium Way" to "Tunis Drive" — presumably in honor of Lord Alexander.

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Memoirs Of The Hon. A. E. Arsenault Former Premier and Retired Justice Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island

I Return To Canada

Almost before I knew it my year in England was at an end and I was on my way back to Canada. After my arrival in Charlottetown, the South African War having broken out and as I was recently returned from the scene of action, I was requested to give a lecture on South Africa.

The first thing I did after spending a short time in looking over the situation was to open a law office in Charlottetown. After a few months, however, I decided that there were better opportunities for a young lawyer in Prince County and I accordingly moved to Summerside.

I had been told that Mr. MacQuarrie was a hard man to get along with and very irascible, but during our 15 years' association there never was a cross word exchanged between us and our business relations were most agreeable.

At the suggestion of some friends, I ran for Town Councillor for the Town of Summerside in 1906. We formed a state with Mr. Justice Saunders, then Mr. Saunders, running for Mayor and the late Dr. Alexander MacNeill as my colleague.

In 1908, I was chosen to contest the Third District of Prince County in the Provincial election which was held that year. My father had held that District from 1867 until 1895, winning 11 consecutive elections during that time, and my brother had held it for four years.

At one of those elections, my father's running mate was Mr. Sinclair from Malpeque. A few days before this particular election was held, several of the Malpeque voters conceived the idea of electing the two Malpeque candidates, Mr. Sinclair, and the Liberal candidate, Mr. Sinclair.

In order to contest the District, I had to resign from the Town Council as the law at that time barred Town Councillors from being elected to the Provincial Legislature. Accordingly, I sent my resignation as Councillor but, curiously enough, there was no provision at that time in the by-laws of the Town of Summerside which would permit my resignation. I knew this, but I took the chance.

Two things led me to believe that Mr. Hazard would object. First, my defeated political opponent was present at the swearing-in and, second, one after another of the elected candidates were sworn in and I was being left to the last. When my turn came to be called up, I felt sure Mr. Hazard would rise and object. But he sat back, motionless, in his seat and I was duly sworn.

It is only right that I should here pay my tribute to the late Justice Hazard. From 1908 to 1911, when he was appointed to the Bench, he had a very difficult time as leader of the Government. With John A. Matheson as leader, we were a strong, fighting Opposition. Mr. Matheson was one of the best informed politicians who ever sat in the Provincial Parliament. He was a fighter (too much so, I thought at times); he was resourceful; and he was persistent.

The Ago-Old Story

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them... But there went up a mist over the earth, and veiled the face of the ground. And the dust of the ground, and breathed into him nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.