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The New Cabinet

The new Matheson Government, sworn in yesterday, represents a considerable shakeup in portfolio distributions.

By constituencies Fourth Kings comes off best, with two cabinet members holding between them, three portfolios.

The Premier has intimated that further changes may be in the offing, when the newly elected members have acquired experience in the House.

Report On Bias

A Commission of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in the United States recently published a report which will be of interest to any individual or group concerned about the cause of inter-religious understanding and tolerance.

In a positive way, the Commission sets forth certain standards common to Christians of all denominations—and Jews.

Islanders will be interested to learn that one of the co-chairmen of the Commission is Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, pastor of New York's 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Notre Dame and Rabbi Maurice Eisen-drath, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Festival Of Faith

The tenth anniversary meeting of the United Nations which is to be held at San Francisco next week will mark an important milestone in modern history.

One phase of the anniversary programme deserves special notice, for it represents something new in international relations.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Among the many places and institutions marking their centennials this year is "the little brown Church in the vale" at Nashua, Iowa.

According to the National Geographic Society, the United States and the Soviet Union between them control one-half of the world's energy resources based on fuel and waterpower.

The travelling salesman doubtless has his faults, just like all other mortals; but when it comes to highway safety he has very few peers.

The Canadian part-time carpenter who has written a book on abstruse scientific subjects is not the only scientist of note who lacks formal training.

At a press conference in Kampala, Uganda, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, who was on a tour of Africa, said that all races in Central and East Africa are approaching racial problems with "common sense, quietness, and goodwill."

A rumor that Premier Frost of Ontario is contemplating leaving provincial politics within a year to take over the national leadership of the Conservative party from Mr. Drew has been denied by the premier himself.



Left Out, With No Regrets

Fluorides And Democracy

(Bruce Hutchison in the Ottawa Citizen)

Most of North America apparently is divided into two unnamed parties or pressure groups, one demanding the fluoridation of water and the other opposing it.

The natural teeth of democracy may grind slowly but they grind very small and they last longer, too, than the false teeth of any other system.

OTTAWA REPORT

Radio Television Tax

By Patrick Nicholson

The \$2.50 radio receiving licence was abolished several years ago as a means of raising revenue for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

This tax on every Canadian, whether or not he wishes or is able to use the C.B.C. facilities, was achieved by the transfer from the nation's revenues of that sum which was applicable as excise tax on the sale of new broadcast receivers.

On television receivers alone, this sum totalled \$17,000,000 last year. The C.B.C. also received a further \$14,000,000 out of the nation's tax kitty, plus a levy of \$500,000 from the privately-owned broadcasting stations last year.

In sum, the C.B.C. last year spent \$29,000,000. It earned on a commercial basis less than one-eighth of these costs. This was a poor result in view of the C.B.C.'s large content of Soap-Sub-stuff and other deplorable alien commercial threats to our highly-valued national culture and to our preferable Canadian way of life.

Ottawa expects the C.B.C.'s costs to rise this year to approximately \$50,000,000. Allowing for complete cancellation of the tax, this will entail a bill of some \$24 million for the average Canadian family.

These rising and unjustifiable C.B.C. deficits each year are seriously worrying the Cabinet here. Some Ministers, especially the new Minister for Lower Taxation, the Hon. Walter Harris, are said to be suffering sleepless nights at the thought of an extra levy of \$24 on each Canadian family, to pay for a non-essential and often non-available entertainment.

The few government supporters here who ardently support the present C.B.C. set-up are, of course, the C.B.C. television service may be costly, but it is paid for only

The Poets Corner

FINONA

Whatever the crowds she walked with, she was a stranger; However many sought her, she was alone;

With her soft fine hair that stirred at a breath, that rippled, And rolled in rings, her colour that went and came,

Whoever has her, no one ever can hold her; Whoever loves her, she will wander away;

The Age Old Story

For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven . . . O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day . . . make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

Medically Speaking

TREATING KIDNEY ILLS

Diet and rest are the best treatments for acute nephritis. During the early stages, it is essential that you remain in bed.

Don't use hot packs or other measures to produce profuse sweating. Try to maintain regular action of your bowels. You can do this by using liquid paraffin or other simple lubricants.

Starvation Diet In several cases of acute nephritis, most doctors recommend absolute starvation. This means no fluids or solids should be taken for three or four days.

Within three days you can have a pint of orange juice or lemonade, with glucose added, and some cooked fruit each day.

Both Wrong and Both Right (House of Commons Debates)

HON. JAMES SINCLAIR (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, should like to make a correction to much of Hansard but of a misunderstanding between the hon. members for Cape Breton South (Mr. Gillis) and myself last night arising from our rather casual use of words.

However, I was wrong. The bill I had in mind was not the national credit societies act but the Canadian Co-operative Credit Society Limited Act, a private bill passed in 1953 and sponsored by a private member, Mr. Bator.

However, I was wrong for Cape Breton was also wrong for there is no such act as the national credit societies act. The politicians here that, to differentiate between the disposal of the tax on say automobiles and the tax on receiving sets is mere hairsplitting.

Automobiles for example are thus taxed. The revenue raised in this manner, on everything except radio receiving sets, is added to the general federal tax fund. It is disbursed on such general items as family allowances, grants to the provinces, the prairie farm rehabilitation program, and—at least all the day . . . make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

That a crown corporation has been able to jockey itself into this unprecedented position of favoritism is a heel of Achilles to the government, and one day every Canadian taxpayer will wake up to this, and scream with justification: "We wuz robbed."

NOTES BY THE WAY

A woman will put on a golf dress when she can't play golf and wear a bathing suit when she can't swim, but when she dons a wedding dress she means business.

This do-it-yourself stuff is being made so simple that a man these days can accomplish more mischief around the house with a hammer and screwdriver.

Two college professors are going north to study Eskimo culture and customs. Eskimos might return the compliment by sending a couple of their learned men to study southern Canadians in their native haunts; but they might be impressed.

Applicants for Ontario driving licences are being given stricter tests if they wear spectacles. Use of a simple machine makes preliminary tests easy and fast.

There are a great many people who do not seem to think that driving is any trouble at all—particularly when they do not have to do it. They are the people who phone you suddenly and want you to come to a meeting at short notice.

act he probably had in mind is the Co-Operative Credit Association Act, a government-sponsored measure to control interprovincial activities of credit unions, passed earlier in 1953.

Mr. GILLIS: Mr. Speaker, now that the minister has brought himself and myself up to date I bow to the superiority of his presence.

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