

The Causeway Again

That staunch Liberal organ, the Winnipeg Free Press, finds every reason why the electors should turn out the Diefenbaker Government, lock, stock and barrel, and install an administration more devoted to the public weal, under Mr. Pearson. This is understandable, since the Free Press has been preaching the same gospel now for a long time. We were intrigued, however, by its latest comment on the subject, in which it stressed that what the country needs least of all is a repetition of the brazen competitive bidding in which all political parties have indulged in recent campaigns. Such brazen bidding, it says, is "typified by Mr. Diefenbaker's last-minute undertaking on Tuesday to build the Prince Edward Island causeway at a cost of \$105 millions."

Certainly the Prime Minister's causeway pledge, linked as it was to the announcement of the election date, could hardly be said to be without its political implications. We would prefer to have had it come at some other time, ourselves, since the economic justification for the project is the strongest argument in its favor. However, political timing in the announcement of big governmental undertakings has been the rule rather than the exception under both party administrations, and does not in itself constitute a bidding for votes in the derogatory sense implied.

Mr. Pearson would appear to be of the same opinion, for he has been quoted by his local supporters as pledging the Liberal Party, not only to the causeway's construction, but to immediate construction of another big icebreaking car ferry for the Borden Tormentine route in the event of his party being elected to power. What will our Winnipeg contemporary have to say to this? "Brazen bidding", or sound political policy?

We trust that when the Free Press gets round to the subject again, it will point out that this is not a matter of political bribery at all but of remedying a serious problem affecting this Province and the whole Maritime area. The engineering surveys have now reached a stage where a firm assurance can be given with regard to the causeway, and both the major parties stand committed unreservedly. That is the situation. To impugn their motives is to ignore the fact that they both gave prior pledges as to their intentions if the surveys proved favorable, and are now consistently following through with the statements we have been waiting for these many months.

Patronage Abuses

To what extent are Canadian politics dominated by patronage, the pork barrel and the spoils system? Where will the four political parties get the millions of dollars needed to fight the federal election campaign? What favors—jobs, honors, commissions, contracts—will they be expected to hand out to their supporters, if elected? These questions are raised by a writer in the Toronto Globe and Mail, and the answers suggested are, on the whole, reassuring. At least, there is less evidence of the spoils system operating today than there was in years gone by.

Eighty years ago, a royal commission that investigated the problem declared that "to this baneful

influence (patronage) we believe may be traced nearly all that demands change." Since then, and particularly during the past twenty-five years, the growth of civil service legislation and the merit system of appointment have gradually eliminated the worst abuses of patronage.

But political payoffs are still the rule when it comes to jobs and appointments that fall outside the civil service and that have traditionally been within the gift of the government of the day. These include appointments to the Senate (the Prime Minister's personal patronage), the judiciary, and numerous boards and commissions; legal and medical appointments; and the hiring of such experts as architects and engineers. On a different level, about 20,000 so-called prevailing-rate jobs employing unskilled labor are exempt from the civil service. These are filled by the treasury board of the government, often on the recommendation of members of Parliament on the Government side.

Hiring government staffs by means of competitive examinations would appear to be the fairest and most efficient system, though in practice it has not always turned up the best men. The bitterest opponents of this system, of course, are the old guard of party supporters who have always relied on their party to conduct a purge of government workers after taking office. The present government at Ottawa has been taken to task by Conservative Party heeler for its failure to turn out Liberal jobholders at the constituency level. Incidentally, it is noted that Mr. R. B. Bryce, who was secretary of the cabinet when the Liberals were in power, holds the same position today with the Conservatives.

This is a far cry from that day in April, 1930, when Prime Minister MacKenzie King was goaded into making the bluntest defense of political patronage ever heard in the House of Commons. The debate was on the question of federal assistance to the provinces to help them meet the need for unemployment assistance. Noting that in all but two of the provinces (Quebec and Prince Edward Island) there were Conservative or Progressive governments, Mr. King said he might go to certain lengths in helping Western provinces that had Progressive premiers, but he wouldn't give five cents to any Tory government.

To the cries of "Shame!" from Conservative benches, the Prime Minister went on: "What is there to be ashamed of? May I repeat what I have said? With respect to giving moneys out of the federal treasury to any Tory government in this country, for these alleged unemployment purposes, with these governments situated as they are today with policies diametrically opposed to this Government, I would not give them a five-cent piece."

Those words cost Mackenzie King the general election that year and caused him to watch his tongue, in the Commons and elsewhere, forever afterwards.

EDITORIAL NOTES

All unions in Canada are being asked to join the NDP. As the Ottawa Journal points out, the unions may join the party but only the union members can vote.

The trouble with an election in June, complains the Ottawa Citizen, is that whoever wins will have to call another election, and perhaps lose office, just before the climax of the centennial celebration—July 1, 1967. "It's problems such as these," it adds, "that makes a politician's life no bed of roses." If that's the worst of their worries, they are more fortunate than most of us in grappling with life's uncertainties.

The Welland, Ontario, Evening Tribune devotes a leading editorial to our causeway project, stressing the great need for this undertaking in Prince Edward Island and its advantage to the whole Maritime area. "Hopes have now been raised," adds The Tribune, "to a degree where whatever political party may constitute the federal government they will find they are expected to make the promise stick. Unquestionably the causeway would open up wider markets for P.E.I. and would also be beneficial for the nearby mainland provinces."



THE PIPES OF SPRING

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Betting On The Ballot Papers

The bets are on. With the election campaign opening in earnest, many people on Parliament Hill have laid their cash on the line to add spice to the crosses on the ballot papers. But a strong undercurrent of belief in a conservative victory has led many plungers of other parties to temper their hopes with financial caution.

In the olden days of electioneering - by - railroad, the most authoritative predictions were to be seen in the betting of the journalists' pool among those observers traveling with the Party leaders. If there is to be an air-age pool, it has not yet opened; nor has the Ottawa Press Gallery pool.

But one seasoned and staunch Liberal supporter here has offered his prediction that the result will be Conservatives 107; Liberals 130; CCF-NDP 20 and Secreds 8. On the other hand, another election-hardened journalist here has plumped for Liberals 82; Conservatives 169; CCF-NDP 11 and Secreds 3.

TORY MONEY EAGER

The election sentiment in Ottawa is perhaps best summed up by the cynicism of wealthy Liberals in the leading media club here, where politicians, diplomats, judges and businessmen gather daily. There are always many plungers there ready to stake their folding money on sweepstakes on British horse races. But Conservatives say they have found it hard to coax any Liberals to back their party's chances at the polls. In fact, the usual even-money offer was modified to odds of two-to-one, with still no takers; and not until the Liberals were offered odds of three-to-one could one Tory get a bet.

Judy LaMarsh, Liberal M.P. from Niagara Falls, has been backing her optimism with sizeable bets. She was the only person to come forward when \$1,000 was wagered on the Conservatives, and she covered \$100 of this. And she laid out a similar sum in an interesting bet with an American Senator, Minnesota's Democrat, Hubert Humphrey, believes that the Diefenbaker government will be re-elected, so he backed his choice against Judy LaMarsh. The loser is to buy the winner a dinner - cost not to exceed \$100 - in a restaurant of the winner's choice anywhere in North America.

FANCY BETS OUT WEST

Maybe it's the gold-rush gambling spirit still living; but the most unusual bets are made in the west.

In Alberta, a Liberal has made a bet that his party will win at least one seat in the province; in 1958 Conservatives swept all seventeen. A Conservative there has bet that every CCF-NDP candidate in the province will lose his deposit, by failing to pull at least half as many votes as the winner.

Liberal money in Saskatchewan is betting that the Conservatives will not win more than 10 seats there; at dissolution, they held 15 seats, the sole non-Tory winner in 1958 having been Hazen Argey running then as a CCF candidate. That bet was eagerly snapped up by a Conservative supporter who scented a "lead-pipe clinch".

Two well-known Quebec Senators, of "Rouge" and "Bleu" persuasion respectively, habitually make one of Ottawa's largest straight bets - of \$1,000 a side, as to which of their parties will form the government after the election. But up to now the Liberal has withheld his customary bet.

Liberal stalwart Paul Martin jokingly offered two - to one against the Conservatives, while at having his hair cut in the parliamentary barber shop. But he is not a betting man, and when asked to back his fancy he volunteered just ten cents as his stake.

But the numbers game is still Ottawa's favourite; and present thinking was accurately summed up by a prominent Liberal who offered even money that the Conservatives will not win more than 150 seats.

Foreign Capital Issue

Montreal Star

It would be difficult even to to re-bu Justice Minister Fulton's case that a government is entitled to full information about the operations of foreign-controlled corporations and trade unions in its jurisdiction. There are, however, grave difficulties about putting the principle into sensible practice.

There are good reasons therefore why the suggestion made in the House of Commons to refer the proposed legislation to a standing committee should be accepted. The delay in time would not be serious.

The problem should be largely one of reassurance. Canada's policy up to now could be described as one of welcoming foreign investment and no question asked. If the investor brings his money into Canada, and abides faithfully by the law of the land, the red carpet has been out, and the advantages accruing from this flow of investment funds has been incalculable.

RULES CHANGED

Now, as it were, the rules are to be slightly changed. The changes may be perfectly proper and indeed desirable. But investors are what the Scotch describe as little cattle.

If they sense that a change is coming, if they scent a less favorable atmosphere for their operations, they will begin perhaps to have second thoughts with possible consequences that might be quite unfavorable to us. For these reasons there should be no haste in the passage of the new law.

Mr. Fulton assured Parliament that the information sought would be, in large part, kept secret. Those who will provide the information will of

'Nerves' Cause Skin Eruption

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

HOW CAN nerves cause a skin rash (neurodermatitis)? This is not difficult to explain because of the close relationship between the skin and the nervous system. Blushing, red blotches, blanching, and goose flesh are examples of a normal, healthy response to emotional stimulation. The same can be said about itching when the conversation veers toward lice or bedbugs.

Psychiatrists tell us that repressed emotions must seek some outlet and neurodermatitis represents the outward manifestation of the release of stress.

This may or may not be correct but helps to explain the outbreak that develops occasionally during periods of frustration or when we have feelings of inferiority or need love. Other psychiatrists have matched specific lesions with certain patterns of personality.

Most physicians agree that some skin diseases are induced by anxiety and other emotional factors and that these upsets can aggravate an existing dermatitis.

We know also there are hundreds of different skin conditions that are unrelated to the nervous system.

On the other hand, it is natural to be disturbed when pimples or blotches mar the appearance and it is not always easy to determine whether the nervousness came first or the eruption developed initially and upset the individual emotionally.

Additional research may change our concepts. Lesions traditionally attributed to stress have been observed in persons who are as cool as a cucumber as well as in men and women who have so little intelligence it is doubtful whether they can become emotionally disturbed.

Some day we will understand more fully what the skin is trying to tell us.

(Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.)

SWOLLEN THYROID

H. C. C. writes: I have a swelling of the thyroid 1 1/2 inches long and 1/2 inch out. My doctor is watching it. Is there any danger of malignancy.

REPLY

Yes, but it is remote when the entire gland is enlarged. The chance of cancer is greater when a tumor or growth protrudes from the gland.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY - FIVE YEARS AGO (April 24, 1937)

In accordance with his own wish, the remains of Rev. Martin F. Mohaghan, formerly of Charlottetown, P.E.I., were interred in the cemetery at Amherst, Magdalen Islands, among the people whom he loved. Accompanying the remains to the Magdalen Islands were the following clergy: Rev. G.P. Monaghan, Rev. I. Curran, Rev. R.J. MacDonald, Rev. J.C. MacDonald, Rev. J.J. Rooney, Rev. A. L. Smith, Rev. R.F. MacDonald, Rev. V. Morrison, Rev. C.J. McCarthy, Rev. J.B. Croken, Rev. E.J. Clinton and Rev. Patrick McMahon.

The Rotarians held a purely business meeting yesterday with past president, P.W. Clarkin, in the chair. There were no guests. President J.M. Murley announced that at next meeting the officers for the year would be elected.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 24, 1952)

Mrs. W.J. Phillips, Alberton, left last week for Halifax from where she will sail on Saturday to spend some time with her husband's family in Wales. Her husband, Hon. Captain Phillips, who is with the Canadian Army in Germany, will be on leave at the time of her arrival, and will meet her in Wales. In July Mrs. Phillips will be joined by her son William, who is a student at Windsor, N.S.

Two well-known Prince Edward Island barristers, M. Alban Farmer, Charlottetown and T.L. Linkletter, Summerside, were appointed Queen's Counsel at a meeting this week of the Provincial Government. Mr. Farmer is a member of City Council and Mr. Linkletter, in addition to his law practice, is secretary-treasurer of the P.E.I. Island Mutual Insurance Company.

FRANKNESS NEEDED

The greatest frankness is needed. When Finance Minister Fleming announced his hope and purpose to reduce the then existing premium on the Canadian dollar, he firmly rejected any notion that the proposed "manipulate" our exchange rate.

Yet, in fact, there has been intervention in the foreign exchange market in order to achieve market results. Whether this is manipulation or not must be left to students of semantics. But that is certainly what it was called abroad.

Similarly now Mr. Fulton gives certain assurances. Yet it could be that the use to which the information he gets will be ultimately put will radically alter the position Canada has hitherto held as a good field for investment by outsiders.

CHARGES DELINQUENCY

NEW DELHI (AP)—India has accused Pakistan of "international delinquency" in unilaterally undertaking construction of the Karasul dam in East Pakistan, which would submerge areas in India. Hafiz Mohamed Ibrahim, irrigation and power minister, announced in Parliament that Pakistan had been told it would be held responsible for all damages, losses and other consequences of the dam.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Whenever we visit a strange city we like to buy some of those old postcards showing all kinds of empty parking spaces on Main Street. — Calgary Herald.

Youngsters seem to be brushing their front teeth and saving their back teeth for the dentist. — Chatham News.

When a country breaks off diplomatic relations with Cuba it usually turns over its affairs there to the Swiss Embassy. Thus the world's busiest man no longer is the sea-armed paperhanger with the hives but a Swiss attaché in Havana. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Trials Of Transition

Christian Science Monitor

The great agony of transition now confronted by the Rhodesias calls for the utmost clarity of analysis. Its nature is that of a transfer of power from white settlers to Africans. Left to follow its own course the transfer could be extremely painful. In Algeria it has taken seven disastrous years of war.

It is within the capacity of men to avert such a collision. The experience of Algeria can serve both to warn and to help. Experts in the problem of power in human affairs will start with the fact that, left to itself, "power has its necessities". As a showdown or test of power approaches, everything else is subordinated to it.

AS CONCESSIONS

What used to be humane efforts to educate and improve the living standards of the Africans will now be regarded by the white Rhodesian settlers in exactly the opposite light. They now appear as concession to the rising power of the Africans and a weakening of the control of the whites.

In this artificial situation what ought to be a maturing, a coming of age of the African population, is drained of its humane value and twisted into a kind of

Greek tragedy. Concession tends to be made always more grudgingly by the settlers. Africans are increasingly persuaded that concession can be wrested from the settlers only by violence.

This is a collision course. There are ways to reverse it. But they call for the utmost deliberate self-control. They begin with recognition that the settlers have far more to lose by a bitter-end, Algerian type of clash than could possibly be gained through technical victory.

TEMPORARY TRIUMPH

Temporary triumph would be won at the cost of making long term victory impossible. Most likely it would ensure that a majority of the settlers would have to leave.

For the Africans collision would spoil the fruits of independence for a long time to come. The responsibility for averting a clash rests chiefly on the settlers because they hold power, and with power goes responsibility. They would win the utmost respect if they could bring themselves to act on their peaceable long-term interest and not on the inexorable conflict of short-term interest.

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**NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN OFFICER**, with a number of years of related experience, to be Branch Consultant on industrial design, Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa. \$6840-\$7780. Competition 62-311.

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**SOCIAL WORKERS**, Bachelor's degree in Social Work and four years of experience, or Master's degree in Social Work and two years of experience, Northern Affairs and National Resources, Churchill, Man. and Edmonton, Alta., \$5700-\$6420, plus isolation allowance, Circular 62-2069; and Citizenship and Immigration, various centres. Up to \$6000, Circular 62-2066.

**WORKSHOP SUPERVISOR**, with a number of years of experience related to a variety of trades, to be responsible for operation of rehabilitation centre workshop, Northern Affairs and National Resources, Frobiisher Bay, N. W. T. \$5460-\$6180, plus isolation allowance. Competition 62-307.

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**PROCESSING EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN**, for complex technical shop and laboratory work, including design, development, construction, modification and testing of equipment used for food processing research, Agriculture, Ottawa. \$4620-\$5160. See poster 61-371. Electronic Technician.

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