

Confusing, Rather

Monday will be provincial election day in New Brunswick. The Liberals under Premier Robichaud and the Conservatives under Mr. C. B. Sherwood accuse each other of planning to raise taxes after the votes are in, and it is safe to say that this is one election surmise that will turn out to be correct.

For Prince Edward Islanders, the New Brunswick campaign has seemed like the replaying of a too-familiar record. But the speaking roles are oddly reversed. It is the Conservative leader, in this case, who claims the Premier called a snap election to clear the decks for tax increases, and it is the Liberal leader who maintains that deficit financing is good business now because the money is being used to develop the provincial economy.

Perhaps it is fortunate that our local politicians steered well to windward in their references to the N.B. campaign. They'd find themselves on the wrong side of the party line in no time, if they attempted to discuss the respective platforms. Certainly, if the Robichaud Government is returned, as expected, its policies will be pretty much in accord with the fiscal doctrines set forth in the Shaw Government budget here this week. If it's defeated, then it should fortify Opposition Leader Matheson in the criticisms he has been making so vigorously.

It all goes to prove, as Hamlet said long ago, that there's nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so.

Outmoded Methods

It has been indicated that shortening up of the interval between calling an election and the actual voting date will be up for review in the next Parliament. There are, of course, many matters of more urgent importance for the incoming Liberal Government to deal with, but it is to be hoped this question will not be shelved indefinitely. Both Mr. Pearson and Mr. Diefenbaker are on record as favoring a close study of the drawbacks in the Canada Election Act on this point.

The Act, as it stands, represents conditions as they were in the horse and buggy age. It set a long period for campaigns because it took a long time for national leaders to get about the country at that time. And since the means of transmitting political news and political speeches was also slow, the leaders needed to visit every nook and cranny to get their appeals across.

The Montreal Gazette recalls, in this connection, old accounts of Sir Wilfrid Laurier driving from town to town in a sleigh, and of Sir John A. Macdonald going in a small sailing ship from one coast-town to another in the Maritimes. Now, of course, whatever a leader says anywhere in his campaign is made known to the whole nation. His very whispers echo from sea to sea.

Paradoxically, modern methods of travel and communication have made long campaigns harder than in the old days. There is no time along the way for rest, or for thought or preparation. A leader is no sooner out of one appearance than he finds himself thrust into another. Local candidates also find

the concentrated campaign activities, week after week, an exhausting experience.

Then there is the long disruption which the country suffers. The business of government has to be reduced almost to a standstill while the cabinet is away from Ottawa, and the whole country is put in a state of suspense. Still another consideration is the cost. A long campaign is expensive, and it is not the parties, but their supporters that have to pay.

Any change to a more efficient system would involve a somewhat improved method of enumerating the potential vote as well as organizing the vote-taking machinery. One suggestion has been for a select committee of members to be formed to discuss with the Chief Electoral Officer steps which could be taken, and have them embodied in amendments in a way that would ensure their non-partisan support in the Commons. It shouldn't be a difficult job, once the politicians get around to it.

Fostering Closer Ties

The Carnegie Corporation of New York has hit upon a better way of improving Canadian-U.S. relations than by wrangling over them in an election campaign. It has announced a grant of \$90,000 to support an American assembly at Harriman, New York, in April of next year. For the assembly, John S. Dickey, president of Dartmouth College, has agreed to edit a book on the subject. The conferees will discuss the issues raised in the writings and at the close of the meeting will set forth their own recommendations for national policy.

In its announcement the Carnegie Corporation noted that "despite the symbolism of the undefended border between the United States and Canada, there have been frictions and problems between the two nations throughout their history. The crisis that precipitated the recent Canadian elections—the refusal of the Canadian Government to equip its missiles with United States nuclear warheads—is just one symptom of the deeper issue."

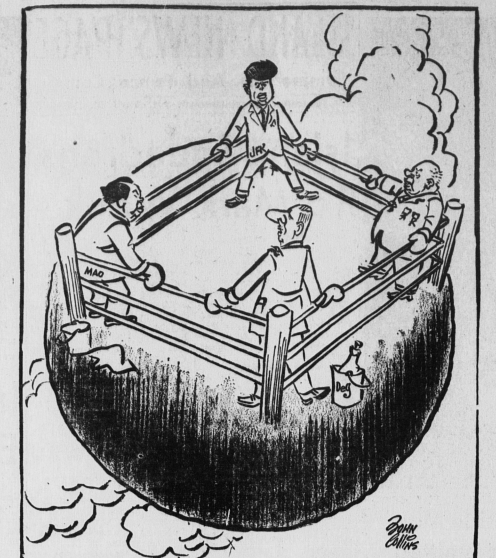
"Today," the announcement added, "the United States deals with developments on every other continent and tends to take its good relations with its immediate neighbors for granted. Americans forget—or do not understand—the political, cultural, and geographical diversities that complicate not only Canada's efforts toward advancement but also its national outlook."

Looking back, the announcement pointed out that during the 1930's, with corporation assistance, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace published a comprehensive, 18-volume study of United States-Canadian relations, directed by James T. Shotwell. More recently, the corporation has supported several national planning association studies of the problems between the two countries. The Duke University Commonwealth studies program, and a research and graduate training program in Canadian-American affairs at the University of Rochester.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Stressing the need for early treatment in cancer cases, the Canadian Cancer Society points out that in one scientific study of 12,500 breast cancer cases, for patients who had delayed less than a month to start treatment, 50 per cent had involvement of the glands under the arm, thus necessitating more radical surgery than would otherwise be necessary; but among those who delayed six months or more, nearly 70 per cent had such involvement.

If there was one positive plank in the Social Credit platform, notes the Ottawa Journal, it was the repeated assurance of National Leader Thompson and Deputy Leader Caouette that "you have a nothing to lose." Politics being what they are, Social Credit has lost six members to the electoral guillotine and six others who were elected but said they would support the Liberal Government have been denounced for committing "electoral theft" against the people who voted for them. Electoral theft had nothing to do with the means of election. It was the loss of the means of election that was the most heinous trick of all.



THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Dangerous Trend in Lawlessness

Investigating seven threats of bomb blasts within twelve hours. The second described three gangs of youths, attacking passers-by, especially women, snatching their handbags, and racing away. Some of their victims were tourists, like Judge Thornton, who had landed from a passing ship to visit the shops.

The third headline referred to a commando-type raid by 70 youths, transported in eight automobiles, and armed with the favourite weapons of hoodlums, bicycle chains. This irregular army drove to a nearby town to attack four youths; but the intended victims were apprised of the coming attack, and were able to muster their own gangs to meet the assailants.

The fourth headline referred to a fight with school companions. The first of dynamite amounted to an arsenal of 200 detonators and 100 sticks of explosive.

RIGHT HERE AT HOME. We have told you about Tourist Thornton, held up at point-blank while photographing the view. Now consider these newspaper headlines: "Police busy tracking down 'Teen-age gangs terrorize women pedestrians.' "Police grab young skinkerm." "Dynamic found; bomb scares in city."

"Inquiries on boy's death." "The details are even worse than the headlines.

Commonwealth Problem

By Alan Harvey, Canadian Press Staff Writer

Commonwealth trade, a topic that tends to stimulate comforting speeches but few reassuring statistics, comes sharply into focus next month.

Senior economic officials of the Commonwealth start the ball rolling with London meetings of the Commonwealth ministers May 13-14.

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Upset Emotions Cause Fingers To Turn White

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen. Emotions and we were conducting post-graduate clinics for a group of visiting physicians from the University of Toronto. It is a circulatory problem (Raynaud's syndrome) to do with the fingers turning white, cold, and numb whenever she became emotionally upset or when the fingers were exposed to the cold or entered a warm room.

The appearance of the hands was normal at this time because she was not emotionally upset and was in a warm room. The fingers turned white when she was exposed to the cold or entered a warm room.

The manifestations of Raynaud's syndrome are variable. In some, only one finger is involved. In others, all fingers develop color changes. Exposure to cold may be more of a causative factor than emotional upsets, and vice versa.

In some instances, the attacks are tolerated and no treatment is needed. Others have a progressive form of the disease, leading to wasting of the pulp at the end of the fingers, and to the development of ulcers near the tip. Vasodilating drugs are needed and the victim must avoid the cold, wear proper clothing to remain warm.

Now and then certain nerve centers are overstimulated. Others have a progressive form of the disease, leading to wasting of the pulp at the end of the fingers, and to the development of ulcers near the tip. Vasodilating drugs are needed and the victim must avoid the cold, wear proper clothing to remain warm.

Since most victims of this condition are women, it is frequently asked whether moving to a warmer climate will help. The answer is no, because the temperature must be exceeded and the reaction stimulated by anxiety, frustration, or anger.

PRESSURE FLUCTUATIONS. J.L. writes: I went to a doctor about my blood pressure. It was 170-102. Three hours later, I went to another doctor and he said it was 120-80. What caused such a change?

REPLY. You were more relaxed when the second reading was made or the physician recognized your nervous and excited state.

BUMPY ELBOW. M.S. writes: I have an elbow, crusting, corn, or hard, crusty, callus. It continues to spread and little hard bumps form around it. What is the cause?

REPLY. It is difficult to diagnose skin lesions via a newspaper. Possibilities include calluses, warts, calcium or cholesterol deposits, and psoriasis.

ADULT ADENOIDIS. M.M. writes: Is it possible for a person of 45 to have adenoids? I always had adenoids when I was a young boy.

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Let's Wait and See on Mr. Pearson

As the Hon. Lester B. Pearson stands ready to become Canada's 14th prime minister on Monday, I have no doubts at all as to the fitness—yep, the fitness—of his mind, nobility of his qualities as a person. What remains to be determined is whether these qualities, which have been aptly used in the fields of international relations, will stand him in as good stead in the new office he is entering.

This question remains even though it may seem very odd, as has been said this week by Time, that the government Mr. Pearson is to lead is a cabinet government, and a clear view of the direction that intends to take that of any previous incoming Canadian administration.

As we all recently by another U.S. publication, the Washington Post, have noted, his cabinet government, his own experience with cabinet government, and his own view of the direction that intends to take that of any previous incoming Canadian administration.

It is a cruel process, learning that lesson. It has been so for Mr. Diefenbaker and will be for Mr. Pearson.

DESPERATE NEED. Of course the country is in desperate need of a new course to what is Mr. Pearson's greatest quality: Where such things are concerned, he shows notable toughness, no matter how small, upon even the most difficult, complicated, or unresolvable, to broaden those areas of agreement.

It is a quality he used as a diplomat in ways which we respect throughout the world and led to his being awarded the Nobel Peace prize, with its citation giving recognition to "his untiring energy, strength and perseverance displayed in attempting to prevent a nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union."

GRIM TEST FACED. Perhaps it will triumph for him as he becomes Prime Minister, certainly it does. Meanwhile, all I know for sure, in the present time, is that every quality of his, including his "inner strength," will be facing its greatest test in the months of debate, and employed by a Prime Minister without the backing of a clear majority.

BASE NARROWING. Naturally, I hope it will work — can find quite a bit of basis for that hope — yet I see many difficulties it faces, and led to his being awarded the Nobel Peace prize, with its citation giving recognition to "his untiring energy, strength and perseverance displayed in attempting to prevent a nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union."

Even so, the new government may provide support for the view that people will follow with enthusiasm those who act in a way that visibly demonstrates their concern for the other matters mentioned. I remain a member of the wait-and-see school of thought.

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