

the person is elected or his name withdrawn by party leaders and another put in its place.

Why do 130 million persons bother to turn out for a fiasco of that sort? It's a mystery.

An Explanation

Mr. Solon Low, national leader of the Social Credit Party, has announced that at long last emphasis is to be placed on the party's "basic principles".

As far as we are concerned, we are no wiser now respecting Social Credit's "basic principles" than we were before; and there must be a good many Canadians who find themselves in similar bewilderment.

Foreign Currencies

One of the complaints against the United States' surplus-disposal program is that it permits products to be sold for foreign currencies instead of American dollars.

Well, it seems that things are going to stay that way for a while longer, perhaps indefinitely. The Senate Agriculture Committee has voted to allow the Government to sell an additional \$2 billion worth of "all surplus commodities" for the currencies of the receiving countries.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If present hopes materialize, Newfoundland will soon add another important item to its mineral resources. A deposit of uranium has been discovered in the Torbay region a few miles from St. John's.

For nearly 30 years Trappist monks in Oka, Quebec, have been teaching agriculture at the Provincial Institute of Agriculture.

A Queer Election

Canada is not the only country having a general election in March. In the Soviet Union the voters—130 millions of them—go to the polls to "elect" 1364 deputies to the Supreme Soviet on March 16.

According to reports from Moscow, the coming election will have all the trimmings known in the West. There are nomination conventions, registration of voters and speaking tours by candidates and their representatives.

Some time ago Britain sold Italy its first nuclear power station. Now, it is reported, a British firm has been given the contract for building an atomic power station for Japan.

The Federal District Commission has offered the Government a palatial home 15 miles from the Parliament buildings for use as a summer residence for the Prime Minister.



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PUBLIC FORUM

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

HOME THOUGHTS FROM ABROAD

Sir,— Hi! relatives, friends and interested readers on this rainy Sunday—in this locale at least. This is race relations Sabbath, also National Boy Scout (48 years), and, last but not least family Sunday.

I have yet to learn the particulars of the fire at Bay View. If it was reported in detail in the Guardian, it was a copy that failed to reach my abode—there are many such. My family have taken it for granted, East and West, that I knew all about the conflagration that destroyed the saw-mill—the only remaining one of the three of my childhood days: I am not sure but I assume my second cousin depended on the saw-mill for the family's livelihood.

Our two Simpson families—with just the yards and road between—were very close, as my uncle died when his children were very young, and my father was much more than an uncle to them.

DEEP IN THE SADDLE
Would the average tourist stumble on the last of the Alberta cattlemen: "the men who never saw a house all summer, and often died of winter cold; such figures

last trip to the "Isle" in 1946 when another first cousin took me on a tour of brief calls of all the relatives I knew—and many I had never met, although he insisted they were related—in vicinity of Summerside and finally called it a day on arriving in Long River in the late afternoon.

My cousin and I had a fine time catching up on the doings of all the intervening years when we had lost contact as folk are wont to do during one's busy years with small children. After a delicious supper of chicken (home-canned) salad, biscuits, which go so nicely with it and only Islanders seem to perfect that culinary art, cake, etc., we wended our way via auto back to Summerside where I was still to call on another cousin before being taken back late at night to my sister's in Charlottetown—what a day!

The Christmas my cousin referred to was, I believe, 1904 as I have a gift given me by my sister who passed on last December 14, a book entitled, "Girls, Faults and Ideals" dated that year. Dora said she still has the picture book among her keepsakes in a trunk she took from home which was her share of the gifts my late sister had for all of them.

Another letter from a first cousin—on my maternal side—brought back all the happy occasions when my sister and I each summer school holiday spent a week with her at our Aunt's in Clifton. It was always in cherry time, and what wonderful cherries they were—large and luscious. Much finer than ours were at home, perhaps because my Uncle gave them better care.

I am still enjoying "Ellen's Diary"—keep it up, friend! Thanks for your brief Christmas message, but just a reminder that I am awaiting that promised lengthy missive, Mrs. Dixon. A cousin informed me that some of our childhood mutual friends would like to write

OTTAWA REPORT

Hutchison's New Book

By Patrick Nicholson
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Ottawa: Bruce Hutchinson has tried to do it again. Fifteen years ago, he wrote a best-seller called "The Unknown Country." It was the most vivid canvas yet painted in words of Canada from coast to coast; an impressionist canvas certainly, picking out interesting highlights of this huge country, and very interesting the author made them.

Now the 56 year old editor of the Victoria, B. C., "Times" has repeated the formula in a similar cross-country verbal newsreel, entitled "Canada, Tomorrow's Giant," (published by Longman's, Green and Co., and selling for \$4.95).

And all the while we must wonder at the way, in each huge province, the Hutchinson automobile seems to steer unerringly for the most colourful human being in that province, so that he can be stalked, trapped, and mounted in words on paper by the author. Or is this the newspaperman showing through, knowing each "character" by repute, and heading towards such ready-made material?

Writing before last June's election Bruce Hutchinson spotted and described, but did not pinpoint, the fatal chasm separating "The Brass" from "The Grass"—to quote the theme of the recent National Liberal Convention. He described the often stumbling but yet determined march towards nationhood, as noticed in each section of this broad country.

me after reading my "Forum" letters, I'll be delighted to hear from them! They are fortunate to be members of that famed McLeod Clan—Dame Flora's. A recent letter from a sister said she attended a tea in her honor and told her she was a McLeod, and that great lady said, "you are one of my children." What a large family she has as she claims all of her name—they are almost legion.

I note that Rev. Dr. Bonnell has just published a new book entitled, "No Escape From Life," which is the first he has written dealing with human problems in a decade. I am sure it will be very worthwhile and interesting reading as all Dr. Bonnell's books are. Just last evening I picked up his "Pastoral Psychiatry" (from my bedroom bookcase) to glance through it and remained to read several chapters about his late father who did such wonderful work in Falconwood (now Riverside I believe) Hospital for many years. What a wonderful fine, understanding Christian gentleman he was: Little wonder the son of such a father should go far in his chosen field of ministering to his fellowman in counselling and preaching! Dr. Bonnell's book should have a wide circulation; he has made so many friends through his radio broadcasting, alone, to say nothing of his numerous other contacts.

There are so many other items in the Guardian I'd like to comment on—Mrs. Frank's fine columns, etc., but this has lengthened quite beyond my intention when starting to write. I cannot conclude, though, without telling the California weather for weeks has been atrocious. Rain, rain and what's worse: terrible storms often leaving destruction and sometimes tragedy in their wake! We Californians, would all consider going to Florida except that, according to report, it's much worse there weather-wise.

I Am Sir, etc.,
G. S. GORDON,
(Mrs. D. J.)
Oakland, California.

Experimental TB Vaccine

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.
NEW medical advances are being made on several fronts with a new drug for treating ulcers, an experimental tuberculosis vaccine and a new method of controlling drug action among the most recent discoveries.

Favorable results are reported in a series of 155 cases of peptic ulcer treated with a medicine called Romach tablets for a period of three to six weeks. Immediate relief of pain was claimed in 92 per cent of the cases.

ENCOURAGES HEALING
The medication contains bismuth subnitrate which adheres closely to the ulcer wall and encourages healing.

The TB vaccine is made from purified tubercle bacillus wax in a solution of hexadecane. The wax contains many solvent-extracted tubercle bacilli which apparently are the principal factors in producing the immunity, since the wax lost its immunizing power when most of the bacilli were removed.

IMMUNIZING AGENT
The vaccine was found to be a good immunizing agent against experimental TB in studies with mice.

A unique principle of "chemotactic control" has been incorporated for the first time in a drug tablet controlling drug action called Super Sustamin 2-12. It is a new relief for arthritic and rheumatic pains.

The granules of the medication are covered with different thicknesses of nonmedicinal coatings which are insoluble in stomach acids, but dissolve in intestinal secretions.

GASTRIC DISTURBANCES
This type of construction helps to avoid gastric disturbances which often accompany prolonged administration of the usual aspirin type of medications, and also provides measured and sustained release of the medicine into the system.

There is another very important medical study now underway which isn't expected to be completed for about three or four years. It's the nation's first known cooperative effort to evaluate the effectiveness of anticoagulant drugs in preventing strokes.

TAKE MANY LIVES
Strokes and cerebral vascular diseases take an estimated 172,000 American lives each

year. The new study, in which 1,800 patients will take part is specifically concerned with prevention of cerebral strokes rather than treating them after they have occurred.

Results of this study will be very enlightening.
QUESTION AND ANSWER
L. Y.: My skin is extremely thick, rough and scaly. What the cause of this?
Answer: You are probably suffering from Ichthyosis. This disorder is usually present at birth. Heredity seems to have a part in causing this disease.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It had to happen and it finally has happened, San Marino, Monaco, Andorra and Liechtenstein, the world's smallest countries, are getting together. They are fed up with the way things are going and want a power bloc of their own. Their combined area is only 2446 square miles, but what has that got to do with it?—New York Herald Tribune

The speech from the throne which opened the second session of Saskatchewan's 13th legislative assembly appears to enjoy at least one distinction. It was one of the longest on record. But, despite its length, it contains little that is news.—Regina Leader Post

Trials to be carried out shortly by the Royal Navy in rough seas in northern waters will test a new method of transferring casualties at sea by an inflated raft. The launching and recovery of the raft with a full load has already been successfully carried out in calm waters at Chatham, using an inflated raft of nine feet, two inches in diameter with nine men on board. The raft is designed to carry a stretcher, medical attendant and crew of four.—U. K. Information

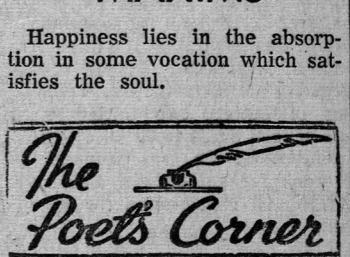
A Moscow newspaper has the right for her to wear the wedding ring. The young woman's companions at work were wondering why she was wearing a Soviet-style zooloogical wedding ring. So she wrote a newspaper for advice. This was an idea of the state of mind in the Soviet Union today, where religious is equated with eccentricity, and the wearing of a wedding ring is indicative of a mind.—Cape Breton Post

The February session of the Supreme Court opened at Georgetown yesterday with Justice A. A. Arsenault presiding. Several original cases are on the docket. When men will face charges of breaking and entering, among them four arrested for offences committed in Montague and Georgetown.

OUR YESTERDAYS
(From The Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(Feb. 27, 1933)
Mrs. Charles Dalton was elected vice-president of the P.E.I. Arsenault Chapter, I.O.D.E., at the annual meeting held yesterday at the Legion Building, Mrs. J. Mathieson was chosen as Secretary and Mrs. W. M. Brehaut as Treasurer.

THE AGE OLD STORY
He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will deliver them. The Lord preserves them that love him.

MAXIMS
Happiness lies in the absorption in some vocation which satisfies the soul.



WINTER TREE

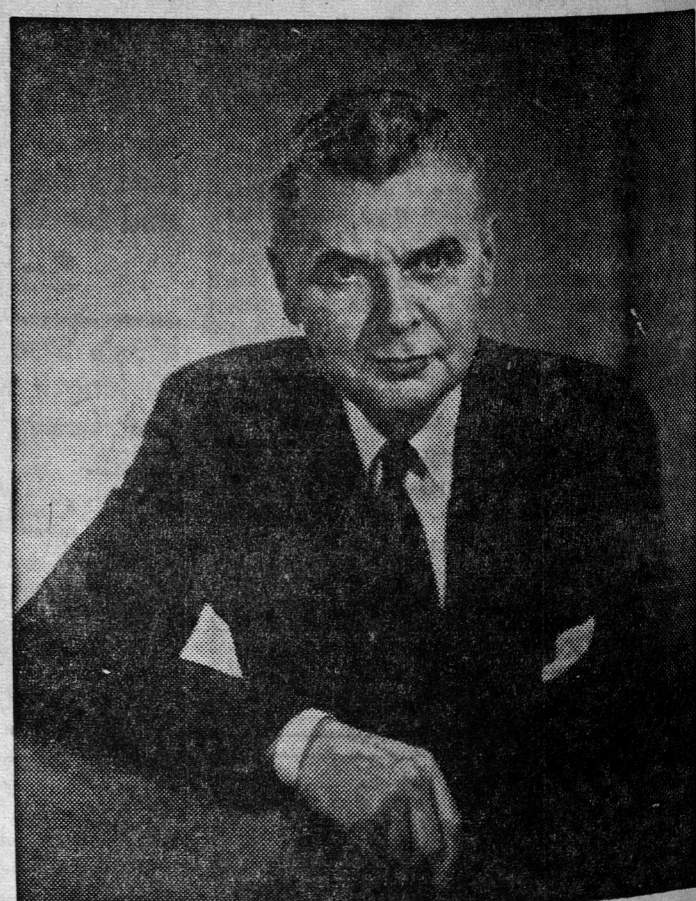
Were I the Empress
I would summon Lu Chih
With his brushes and silk
To paint the frozen cypress,
Clotted with snow,
Laden with puckerd fruit
And feeding grosbeaks.
In his porcelain paint jars
There is rust red
Of withered apples,
Dusk grey of feathered breast,
Soot black of branch
And the chill white of snowflakes.
Alas,
Lu Chih has been dead
These four hundred years,
Nor am I China's Empress!
—Lenore A. Pratt
in the Ottawa Journal.

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