

factory. About \$8 million worth of British exports to the U.S. would be hit under the preliminary list of commodities advanced.

Common Market sources in Brussels were surprised and dismayed by the U.S. action which they regarded as excessive and threatening to GATT. Many other agricultural issues besides chickens have yet to be settled; and France, meanwhile, is endeavoring to settle them on her own terms. The chicken war is duck soup to France, which wants to make Germany a captive market for French farmers.

The long-term danger, as the Financial Times states is "that Washington may lose its enthusiasm for the Common Market on the ground that it brings the U.S. economic drawbacks, without the compensations of greater political unity in a Europe closely associated with North America." In short, the chicken has become an economic and political test case—a symbol of future trade dealings with the Common Market, of the American drive for freer trade and the concept of Atlantic partnership.

Preparing The Ground The royal commission on bilingualism is getting set to begin its inquiry, though it is not expected that public hearings will begin before January.

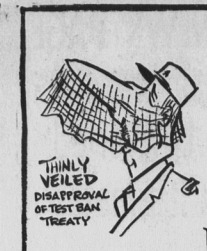
Meanwhile, it has been announced that the Federal Government is going ahead with a new program to make French a working language in the civil service without waiting for the commission's findings. A cabinet committee and a small task force of high-level officials are preparing several concrete steps to be announced in Parliament soon after the session resumes on September 30.

As the commission settles down to its work, it will be watched with much interest by all Canadians, and perhaps with some apprehension by many whose background is neither English-speaking nor French-speaking. The commission's terms of reference, however, are reassuring in this regard. Its business will be not only to inquire into and report upon "the existing state of bilingualism and biculturalism in Canada and to recommend what steps should be taken to develop the Canadian confederation on the basis of an equal partnership between the founding races," but to do so while "taking into account the contribution made by the other ethnic groups to the cultural enrichment of Canada, and the measures that should be taken to safeguard that contribution."

It is significant that two of the commissioners have backgrounds that are neither French nor English and that in every case their qualifications are such as to command the respect of all Canadians. There will be, as a result, higher hopes throughout the nation that the commission will be successful in its vitally important task.

They're Human, Too Because a doctor's life is dedicated to the maintenance and restoration of health, one might think the doctors would take special care of their own health. Too often just the opposite is the case. Perhaps doctors spend too much time worrying about their patients' health to pay much attention to their own. In any case, there was some head-scratching among the fraternity when the results of a June meeting of the American Medical Association in Atlantic City were announced recently. At this meeting some 1,564 doctors were examined in what might be termed a mass check-up.

Of the doctors tested at this meeting, 80 per cent showed "significant abnormalities"—some more than one—which indicated that they could be headed for some serious chronic illness. Of these there were 39 per cent who had elevated cholesterol, and high cholesterol can end up in coronary thrombosis or other types of clotting of blood vessels. The doctors tested were largely males between the ages of 30 and 65; and it has been said that if similar tests were given a similar group of non-medical men, it might very well be that the same results would show up. That is all very well, but the story in that case wouldn't have attracted the wide attention it is receiving across the continent.



PARIS STYLES

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

More Generous Now With Thirst-Quenchers

"Happy days are here again" wrote one Parliamentarian correspondent, describing a reception for the Press given by Prime Minister Pearson and Mr. Pearson. This was the first time Ottawa's press corps of coffee offered by a previous Prime Minister at another mid-morning reception a few years ago.

Wishful Thinking Winnipeg Free Press

Mr. Douglas Harkness is still talking in terms of Conservative party leadership competition must come under the category of wishful thinking. Mr. Diefenbaker may not be Mr. Big within the party as he was a year or two ago, but he still commands a sufficient following to have a real say in the party's future. He is still a force to be reckoned with.

PUBLIC FORUM

POLITICAL PATRONAGE Sir:—A letter, signed by "A voter" who appeared in the August 13th edition, as well as one signed by D.F. Chagnon, published in your August 13th edition, imply that the Civil Service Federation of Canada is interested in protecting only those employees of the Public Service who are being dismissed without cause by the Liberal Government. Both writers ask the same question: "Why are not the numerous Public Service employees being laid off by the Conservative administration in the same manner?"

I would first like to make it clear that while the Canadian Press report, carried by both the Evening Patriot and the Guardian, indicated that the Federation had charged the Liberal Government with a "revival of political patronage in the Public Service, in our press release we made no suggestion we considered this an unjustified" violation of the public service.

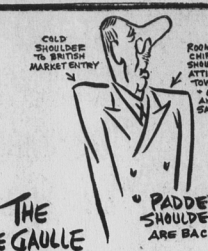
High Living Costs Sir:—I wish to congratulate Mr. Dominic McDonald (Guardian) for having the intellectual fortitude to put before the public what we Islanders all feel and think.

A recent visitor from the United States remarked that he was surprised to find that in the States, where salaries are so much higher.

What I and many others fail to understand is why we need the bread these outside companies bring here. The best home made bread in North America is right here on Prince Edward Island and these bakeries are willing to sell it at a price that affords to send their children to college with the high cost of living.

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COVER DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MARKET NATIONS

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Now more specific remedies are available. The soluble sulphonamide antibiotics are recommended for milder acute urinary tract infections. But other drugs may be needed, such as tetracycline or furazolidin, because many of the organisms infecting the urinary tract are resistant to the sulphonamides. It is for this reason that the causative bacteria are isolated first and tests are conducted in the laboratory to determine what medication will do the best job of killing the organisms. It is important to note that prolonged infection and often left the tissues susceptible to re-infection.

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LIFTING FUR LOWERING SP. writes: I have tight vocal cords which make my voice high-pitched. The doctor gave me a tranquilizer but it did not good. Do you think voice lifting will help?

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NOTES BY THE WAY

If you're waiting for something to turn up, why not start with your shirt-sleeve?—Chas. H. News.

A friend, influenced by the baseball news, says that this year he is using a slightly longer, but lighter bat. He has closed his stance somewhat and batted the same season—Calgary Herald.

An old lady crossed the street against the traffic and made it safely to the opposite curb where a traffic cop was waiting at her with strong disapproval. "Didn't you see that sign?" the questioner asked. "The sign," the lady asked. The policeman pointed at the flashing warning on the traffic light. "DON'T WALK." "Oh, I saw it alright," the lady answered. "But I thought it was an advertisement for the bus company."—Galt Reporter.

Not all patronage is confined to individuals. The Liberal advertising agency has been appointed to look after Government advertising—the same agency that had worked for the Liberals during the election. When Mr. Pearson was asked why the Government's advertising accounts had been switched, the best explanation he could give was that the Conservatives had done the same thing—through Examiner.

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