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Seaway Tolls
It is reported that United States' and Canadian authorities will meet soon to discuss toll rates on the St. Lawrence Seaway. Their main task will be to arrange a formula which will encourage maximum use of the waterway and at the same time ensure amortization of the project's cost over a period of years. When the undertaking was first decided upon, a period of 50 years was thought to be feasible.

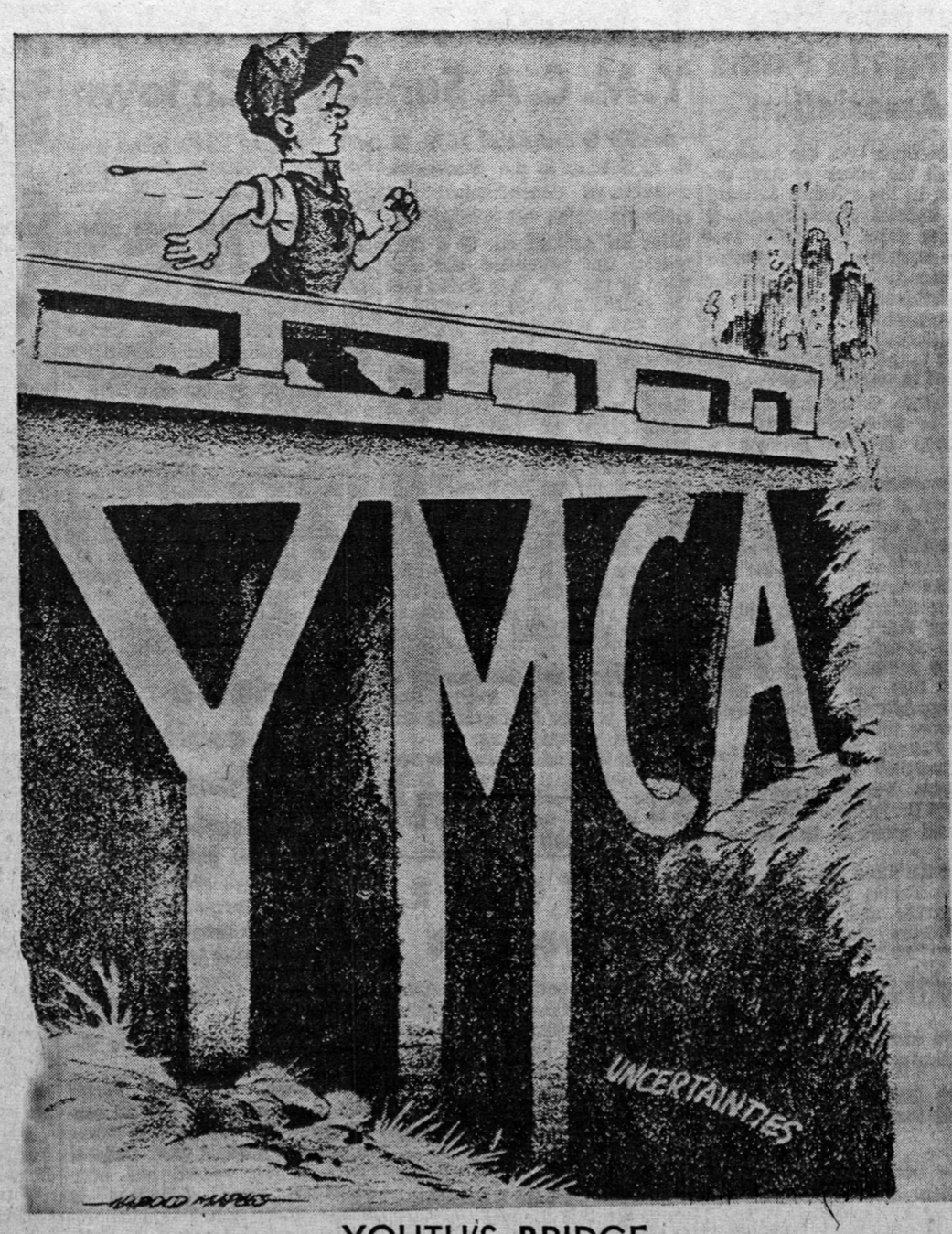
Civic expenditures, like those of our provincial and federal administrations, are continually increasing with the demand for improved services. Taxation being the main source of revenue it is essential that every effort be made to enforce tax collections. We shall be fortunate indeed if taxes do not go higher. In the meantime, it is gratifying that controllable items in current account are being kept well within the estimates. The Council is to be commended for this, and particularly the finance committee which has performed an unpopular task well.

Mayor Stewart in his report stressed the need for greater assistance from the provincial and federal governments. He maintained that it was the intention at the last Dominion-Provincial conference, at which he was a delegate, to earmark a portion of the Atlantic Provinces adjustment grant for the municipalities. On the basis of \$25 per capita, he estimates that Charlottetown should receive \$415,105 of the grant, which totals \$25,000,000 annually for the four provinces. Doubtless we shall hear more of this issue when the new Council takes over, in presentations before the Government.

Mayor Stewart has already announced his retirement from office this month. The tributes paid to him last evening will, we are sure, be indorsed by our citizens generally. He has proven a most diligent and courteous chief magistrate. He has represented us very creditably as president of the Canadian Association of Mayors and Municipalities and in other capacities, and he was largely responsible for the great success of our civic centennial year. He rates a well earned rest from civic responsibilities, though we have no doubt that his ability and experience will be in demand in the future as has been in the past. Our citizens are not unmindful of all of his fine war record as a senior officer overseas, and of the example he has set in good citizenship at all times.

Federal Farm Policy
Speaking before the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Montreal, Federal Agriculture Minister Harkness defended the new farm prices bill as "an attempt to meet the twin farm demands for prices covering production costs and a secure price structure". On the whole, delegates appeared to accept this explanation although there was some feeling that perhaps the bill does not go quite far enough in stabilizing prices. What seems to have been the consensus at the meeting was that the legislation is superior to anything advanced in past years. Certainly, if it can do what Mr. Harkness thinks it can do, it is worth a good trial.

On the subject of surpluses, the Minister indicated Government support for the idea of a world food bank but not for farm production controls. This idea of a world food bank has been talked about for years. No action has been taken, chiefly perhaps because the United States—the biggest potential contributor—has hitherto preferred to work unilaterally in distributing economic aid, for the sake of the political prestige involved. This concept, however, is fast losing favour in the United States Congress, and there is a growing belief that it would be better for all concerned if available food supplies were pooled in some central agency and distributed according to need. It is believed, probably correctly, that this would lessen the suspicion of political pressure which attaches to economic aid. Canada might well take the lead in this venture, since she is already doing something similar under the Colombo Plan.



YOUTH'S BRIDGE

PUBLIC FORUM

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

APPRECIATION

Sir,—Allow me to congratulate you on the fine special Fisheries Edition put out with your paper of January 31st. To my knowledge, this is the first such effort by an Canadian newspaper. From my staff I have heard of the considerable personal effort given this particular work by your staff writers. I wish you would convey to them and to all of your staff engaged in this work my very sincere appreciation for the section turned out.

I am sure that I speak in behalf of the fishermen and the fishing industry when I say many thanks for a job well done. I am, Sir, etc., DOUGALD MACKINNON Minister P. E. I. Department of Fisheries.

CIVIC AFFAIRS

Sir,—After looking over The Guardian early in the month and reading the report of the monthly meeting of our City Council, I was surprised to see where the Council had recommended a substantial increase in salary for Mr. Fullerton and his assistant. I was more surprised when I did not see the amount quoted that they were granting them but was pleased to see a statement of the amount which had been granted to our City Police, after fighting for two years, were successful in getting what they were seeking.

I was also shocked when I did not see any increase granted to other valuable employees of the City. Why did our City Council not see its way clear to grant a small increase to our City Assessor, Mr. Seller, as I know from past experience that Mr. Seller has the means of bringing many dollars in to our City Treasury by increasing the assessment of some property holders in this City. Why then is this man who is doing valuable work still receiving a salary less than our City "artist" who paints the lines on our streets?

Evidently, the weather in St. John's, Newfoundland, and its environs is even milder than it is here. Says the "Daily News" in a recent issue: "The flowers that bloom in the Spring have decided it is time to appear; and crocuses, daffodills and pansies are sprouting in many city gardens. Dandelion leaves, growing at the rate these tasty morsels grow, have sprouted and will soon be ready for picking. The grass is green on many lawns, and the lilac trees are beginning to send out their shoots. The wild iris that grows so sparsely in the marshes have taken on new life and are opening their leaves. Wild geese have begun to return from the south".

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Two Testing Periods

By "Onlooker" Thomson Newspapers, London, England, Bureau

In the absence of Prime Minister Macmillan on his Commonwealth tour, the Government passed two periods of testing when Britain's House of Parliament went back to work after the Christmas recess. Disrupted the government Tory party may have seen on many aspects during the last year, they closed ranks when the Labor Opposition demanded a vote of confidence in the Government, and taking members of their allied parties with them — National Liberals, independent Conservatives and the like — they won a resounding victory in the vote.

They romped home comfortably by a 62 vote margin — practically twice as much as that gained when N.A.T.O. policy was discussed just before the recess. The sick, halt and lame turned out. One Member of Parliament on the Government side had been absent since last May with injuries following a car accident — but he hobbled in on crutches. The vote followed a debate on economic policy, when the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, ex-Agriculture Minister Heathcoat Amory, made his debut in his new job. Sitting on one of the back benches — last seat in the third row, the traditional place for State ministers who have resigned — ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer Peter Thorneycroft sat for the debate. He voted, as he promised he would, for the Government, after pledging support for the man who replaced him and gaining one of the biggest all-party ovations ever heard.

NOT YET FINISHED
Another test the Government passed came when an independent inquiry proved that there has been no leakage of information when, last Autumn, the Bank Rate was increased from five per cent to seven per cent. But this affair is not yet closed. Then the findings were made known, the Government thought that their Labor critics would hide, blushing, in a corner. No such thing. And when they were offered a one-day debate on the affairs, Opposition Leader Gaitskill replied: "No. We want a two-day debate." The debate will ask for a Government motion to be passed accepting the report. But the Labor Party want to ask especially, why prior information about the increase in the rate was given to Press representatives and others. It has been noticeable since the Bank Rate fust that spokesmen in the Government offices, here, never very communicative at best of times, have clamped up even more. And — if the Opposition want to make a fuss about the Bank Rate business — there will be even less off-the-record guidance for newspaper men.

It is this time of the year, of course, when journalists need guidance. But there are instances of persons being clawed to death, especially those who meet a family group. A mother bear defending her cubs is a dangerous adversary. The brown bears' range is restricted to a crescent of seacoast extending north and west along the Alaska "panhandle" to the tip of the Alaska Peninsula and a few offshore islands. One such island, Kodiak, has given the largest species of brown bear (Ursus Middendorffii) its common name. Other species include the Peninsula Giant Bear (Ursus gyas) and the somewhat smaller Alaskan Brown Bear (Ursus dalii).

Goliaths Of The Bear World

National Geographic Society
For anyone afraid of bears, Alaskans have sound advice: Scare the bear first. In territory inhabited by monstrous Alaska brown bears, the biggest meat eaters on land, wise travelers have been known to carry tin cans loaded with rattling pebbles or to pipe themselves along with bosun's whistles. The largest of the brown bears stand nine feet tall and weigh up to 1,500 pounds — twice the weight of a grizzly. All species carry a formidable armament of claws and teeth. But usually there is little danger, because the awkins and more money in the Treasury. Hoping that in the near future our Council will be in a financial position strong enough to instruct our City staff to reduce our City taxes, I am, Sir, etc., ARTHUR G. KING Charlottetown.

When To Seek Doctor's Aid

By Herman N. Bundeisen, M.D.
EVERYONE, it seems, wants to diagnose his own ailments. Each day my mail is filled with questions asking about symptoms of various illnesses. A great many of them are concerned with hypertension, or high blood pressure. DON'T DIAGNOSE
Now I want to emphasize again that I don't want any of you diagnosing your own symptoms. But you should be aware of some of the most common symptoms of various diseases to realize that something is wrong and that it is time to consult your physician.

FREQUENT HEADACHES
As in many other ailments, headaches are the most common symptoms. Although they may occur at any time, a person with high blood pressure usually wakes with one in the morning. No matter what the cause, headaches should be investigated. If yours is actually caused by hypertension, don't become unduly alarmed. It does not necessarily indicate that you are about to suffer a stroke. It does, however, mean that you should see your doctor. Blushing is something we joke about a great deal. In its more serious aspects, however, it might be a symptom of high blood pressure. This type of blush is a red blotchiness over most of the face and neck. Emotional and physical fatigue also might mean hypertension, especially in the early stages of the disease. This, incidentally, is a good warning to heed. Rest is essential in relieving high blood pressure. You can help yourself a lot simply by resting when you become tired.

ANOTHER SYMPTOM
Lightheadness or dizziness is another symptom. You are apt to have a distinct feeling of movement entirely inside your head. This is a different sensation from vertigo, which might mean real trouble. With vertigo, you have the feeling that everything about you is whirling around. Although you may feel as though you are going to faint, vertigo of hypertension seldom does.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
D. W.: I am 67 and have recently lost my sense of taste and smell. What can I do?
Answer: It is not uncommon for people to lose their sense of taste and smell as they become older. A most cases, this loss is permanent and it is not possible to correct it.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Feb. 1, 1933)
A Prince Edward Island radio station has been in communication with Truro parties relative to a change of location to Truro. The question is to come before the annual meeting of the Board of Trade to be held in the Civic Building, Truro, February 10.

Mr. Alexander Scott, formerly of Charlottetown, who for the last five years has been stationed at Halifax as engineer of the C.N.R., has been transferred to the Island Division as engineer, and arrived in the City last evening.

A SOUND INVESTMENT

As a going concern, the business formerly operated by the late Patrick L. Morris under the name of: P. L. MORRIS FEED SERVICE MILLS
Kinkora, P.E.I. with branches in Summerside and Charlottetown
Capital Investment (3 year average) \$ 54,126
Net Taxable Profit (3 year average) \$ 20,010
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NOTES BY THE WAY

In every civic election good men have the solid backing of all the righteous citizens who do not go to the polls.—Brandon Sun
We like to see a girl with the bloom of youth on her face but not higher on one cheek than another.—Brandon Sun
The day when the farmer "homeward plods his weary way" is drawing to a close. If science does what it says it can do, the farmer won't have to go home at all. He can spend his Summers in Maine and his Winters in Bermuda and let the farm run itself.—Milwaukee Journal

The magistrate bent stern brows on defendant. "You are charged with exceeding the speed limit last night," he declared. "Are you guilty or not guilty?" "Well you can judge for yourself, judge," replied the prisoner. "I was in that car you passed just before they pinched me."—Ottawa Journal
Whatever the federal government lacks this year it will not be advice. The seven royal commissions about to start work, on the job or just finished, will offer enough recommendations over a wide field of subjects to keep legislators busy for years — or fill a good number of pigeonholes.—Brantford Expositor

The Poets Corner

A MORNING BREEZE
Night is gone and dawn has come
And soon the sun will fill it,
And spill the heat from its golden drum.
And shine like a hot skillet.
But night left something of itself,
A breeze as cool as water,
That later on a mountain shelf
The sun will never bother.
The breeze blows in a north wind,
Cared by moon it was,
It smells of moisture and meadow.
The way the midnight does.
It lost its song, its bullfrog spang,
And sound of stars that spattered.

TEN YEARS AGO (Feb. 1, 1948)
Plans for the training courses to be given at the R.C.A.F. Station S/Side, have been pretty well mapped out, it was learned yesterday. The first class will commence on March 22nd, and will be the first training to be given at Summerside station since the war. Mr. Paul Sharpe of Paul's Flying Service said last night that one of his planes, a Fleet Canuck equipped with skis, made three mercy flights yesterday carrying doctors to patients in need of emergency treatment. Two flights were made to Southern Queens one to Alberton.

The Age Old Story

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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