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## President Eisenhower

When President Eisenhower announced last February that he would bid for a second presidential term, he said that unless he felt "absolutely up to performing the duties of the Presidency, I would no longer be there, or I wouldn't be available for the job." Apart therefore from the keen concern felt for Mr. Eisenhower personally at this time, news of his emergency operation on Saturday was a matter of national and even international interest. The operation was termed an exploratory one to relieve an intestinal ailment and had nothing to do with the heart attack from which he suffered last year. His condition following the operation is reported to be "excellent" and his rapid recovery is confidently expected. Nevertheless, it raises once again the question of his physical fitness for the tremendous responsibilities which another presidential term would involve. It leaves the Republican party in something of a quandry, for the time is short in which to groom another candidate who would be generally acceptable. Vice President Nixon, Senator Knowland, Governor Herter of Massachusetts, Treasury Secretary Humphrey and former Governor Thomas Dewey of New York are mentioned as possibilities. None, of course, enjoys the tremendous prestige of President Eisenhower, either at home or abroad, and the Democrats will doubtless make the most of the predicament their opponents are in.

It is unfortunate that politics should thus usurp the concern of his countrymen over Mr. Eisenhower's state of health. His achievements in war and peace, his integrity and conscientiousness in the performance of all his duties, have won him a very high place in world esteem. His condition is a matter of grave concern on his own account; and the heartfelt prayers which are being offered for his recovery, on both sides of the Atlantic, express more truly than does the political barometer the reaction to the news of his illness.

## Growing Old Successfully

Up until a few years ago old age was looked upon as something that just happened, with little or nothing to be done about it. Today, because of advance in medical science and new ways of thinking about significant things, we are exploring the possibility that instead of approaching old age furtively and accepting it in a spirit of resignation we may make of it a new and thrilling time of life. This theme was developed in an interesting letter published some time ago by the Royal Bank of Canada, which has now been reprinted in Occupational Health Bulletin, issued by the Department of National Health. Some excerpts follow:

It isn't many years ago since "longevity" was a new word in common talk. A hundred years ago the average life expectancy at birth on this continent was only 40 years; today in Canada it is 66.3 years for men and 70.8 years for women. Herein lies the great difference between this and preceding centuries. There were always a few who lived to old age, but today there are many who live twenty or thirty years longer than the average of a century ago. What has been increased, through hygiene, medical knowledge, and better living conditions, is not the potential length of life of human beings, but their chances of survival. The results are especially impressive in early life, due to the conquest of so many infectious diseases by medical science, but substantial progress has also been made at the ages when men are gainfully employed and women are bringing up their children.

A philosopher compares life to a piece of embroidery, of which, during the first half of his life, a man gets a sight of the right side, and during the second half, of the

wrong side. The wrong side is not so pretty as the right, but it is more instructive: it shows the way in which the threads have been worked together.

With advancing age we receive unexpected rewards and compensations. We escape slavery to convention; we detect the superficial things and pay attention to the significant; we enjoy being patient; we have outgrown our keenest acrimony; we are free of uneasy craving; we are no longer pompous and self-regarding; we have a feeling of immense relief from the number of dangers we have escaped; we have advanced from what was promised to what is fulfilled.

This is not to say that we must rest on our oars. A survey reported this year in *Industry* reveals that 64% of the world's great achievements have been accomplished by men who have passed their 60th birthday. Between 60 and 70 years of age, 35 per cent of the world's great achievements were accomplished; 23 per cent between 70 and 80, and 8 per cent after 80. The paradise we seek for old age is not a rocking chair in which to sit and twiddle our thumbs, but a place where we may use our strength and gifts and knowledge and experience to finish our job or to do other jobs for which we never had time.

## Belated Action

Ever since the "neutral" armistice supervisory commission set up business in Panmunjon, following the end of hostilities in Korea, the South Koreans have been charging the Czechoslovakia and Polish members of the commission with covering up Communist violations of the truce and with hindering attempts to investigate the charges. Things reached such a pass a year or so ago that President Rhee demanded that the Communist representatives be sent out of the country. At that time the American and British Governments were opposed to President Rhee's demand, mainly because they were afraid that any such drastic action would endanger the armistice and perhaps bring about a renewal of the war. They intimated, too, that Mr. Rhee might have exaggerated the alleged unneutral conduct of the Communist members of the commission.

That Mr. Rhee was right and his critics wrong has now been admitted by the U. N. Command which has ordered the armistice commission to leave South Korea immediately. The belated action, after the damage has been done, is a vindication of President Rhee's suspicions and an admission of bad management by the U. N. Command and bad judgment on the part of the United States administration which, for all practical purposes, decides U. N. policy in Korea. It is clear from the report issued by Command Headquarters that the North Koreans, aided by the Chinese Communists, have been rebuilding their military strength on a large scale in direct violation of the armistice agreement. Unofficial reports, probably reliable, indicate that North Korea is in a better position now to wage aggressive war than at any time since the Korean war started in 1950.

It is one more proof of the callous disregard which Communist Governments have for agreements and pledges. How, in the face of such circumstances, can "peaceful co-existence" mean anything of value?

## EDITORIAL NOTES

A new trick in international trade is being tried out by Japan and Italy. Two department stores, one in Tokyo and the other in Milan, are going to exchange products. If it works out satisfactorily, the Japanese will try to make similar arrangements in other countries. It sounds like a good idea. At least it has the virtue of simplicity, which is often lacking in government-sponsored formulas.

An aggressive campaign is under way in New England to persuade the Federal Government to increase tariffs on fish and fish products imported from Canada. Specifically, the request is for an end to the one and seven-eighths cents a pound duty now levied on the first 15 million pounds of imports and an imposition of the full 2½ cents. Fishery interests are asking also for a lower quota system generally. 135 million pounds were imported, mostly from this country, last year.



WHEN ANOTHER BIRD'S DEEDS SEEM JUST AS BLACK

## OTTAWA REPORT

### Popular Souvenirs

By Patrick Nicholson

OTTAWA: Members of Parliament are becoming the souvenir-hunting which always precedes a general election. Those who fear they might not come back and those who know they won't, all are gathering little mementos of their parliamentary career, which they want to treasure at home in future years.

Photographs of Cabinet Ministers are very popular souvenirs in Liberal circles. Many M. P.s only achieve a pair, or even four or a kind. Some manage to make up a good "hand" with the aid of a joker, which is a photo of some dignitary who is not now a Cabinet Minister, such as the Speaker of the House of Commons, or a party official, or even a former Minister.

Persistent or popular M. P.s try to achieve the straight flush of a complete set of the Cabinet. Like collecting the sets of cards in certain cereal packages, this is made hard by the rarity of certain specimens. The modest Minister does not have a supply of photographs for distribution while equally rare is the attractive Minister whose photographs, like those of Marilyn Monroe, are surreptitiously fished by the fans.

One reason which does not make photos hard to collect is any scotchiness on the part of a Minister. It is expensive to give away photos to all askers, but politicians realize—as do Hollywood stars—that such publicity is good for the box office.

**BACK OR KARSH**  
So nearly all Cabinet Ministers keep an ample supply of "Ten by eight" glossy prints of a modern full-face picture, such as is taken by a newspaper photographer. Some are more ambitious, and have photos by well-known \$500-per-sitting photographers, of whom there are two or three around here and one very popular Montrealer who takes coloured photos to match an oil painting.

When a private member gets a photograph, inscribed with some hackneyed and maybe fictitious sentiment and autographed by a Minister, he has it framed. Then he hangs it on his office wall, and in due course the whole collection will be shipped to the M. P.'s home, where they will decorate his den to serve as a conversation piece and souvenir long after most of the subjects have passed from

the public eye. One of the better collections of such framed photos now graces the walls of Henry Hosking's office. He divides his collection into two groups, which I might describe as *The Active Force* and *The Alumni*. The former includes present Cabinet Ministers and satellite officials. The latter includes Cabinet Ministers who have now departed the Ottawa scene for any reason.

**THE FOURTUNE-TELLER**  
The outstanding photo in his collection is a coloured one of Trade Minister Howe. I asked Henry what brand of crystal ball he uses to foretell the future, as he had hung Howe among the retired and deceased Ministers. Henry was embarrassed, and promptly switched the photo across the room, to hang with the present Cabinet.

Missing from this wall-covering collection are Walter Harris (too modest to supply photos) and handsome Bobby Lapointe. Henry did not know this specimen was missing until I pointed it out to him. He used to have a Lapointe, but it has been stolen, probably by one of the beautiful gals who hang the parliamentary typewriters.

Jokers in the crowd are Speaker Beaudin and Chief Liberal Whip Weir. Among the alumni are Claxton, Abbott and Chevrier, all retired, and Cote, now dead. And Howe's photo is inscribed and signed. Typical of the formula is: "To my friend Henry A. Hosking M. P. with kind regards and best wishes, Lou S. St. Laurent." Some are more slipshod, such as "To my friend (sic) Henry A. Hosking M. P. with every good wish from his friend C. C. Abbott." Jimmy Sinclair just rattles off: "Compliments of James Sinclair, Minister of Fisheries."

Beneath the banned two-eared photo, I read: "To my very good friend Henry A. Hosking M. P. with best wishes Ralph Campney." Varying the inscription is: "To my friend Henry with every good wish, yours sincerely Paul Martin." Only Ross Macdonald's photograph when Speaker, wears a hat. Martin, Campney, Garson and Claxton glasses to be photographed. Campney is the only Minister wearing a dashing bow tie. "Fisherman Jack" Pickersgill has the most characteristic handwriting.

## Gabun's Dreaded Jungle

Associated Press

BRAZZAVILLE, French Equatorial Africa. In the heart of this steaming, heat-drenched land lies a trackless stretch of jungle that most natives fear to enter. Finally the white man tried. Five native porters died.

African villagers know Gabun forest as a sanctuary of strange spirits. They lower their eyes and shuffle in the red earth when asked about the deep woods.

French authorities know Gabun forest as virgin territory in the heart of gold-mining country. Stirred by the possibility of finding rich new deposits, the government mine service dispatched two teams last winter to hack a path through the thick forest.

One team set out from N'djole and pushed eastward. The other started from Ekete and headed to the northwest. They set a rendezvous spot.

**SUCCESSFUL TEAM**  
The N'djole team slogged through steaming jungle and finally managed to reach the meeting place. The other crew, under 24-year-old prospector J. Brenot, wasn't so successful.

Brenot set out Jan. 18 with 43 African porters. For a month they hacked their way with machetes through a dense wall of vegetation. They lived on wild pigs, monkeys and other game.

Then things got rough. Some 100 miles from the departure point, the jungle became almost impassable and virtually all sign of game disappeared. To make things worse, a relief crew with fresh supplies failed to show up. Forced to subsist on rice and dried fish rations, and drenched

by continual tropical rains, several men fell ill. Some came down with beriberi, muscle-crippling disease brought on by vitamin deficiency.

**AWAITED RESCUE**  
Finally Brenot picked the 20 strongest porters to stay and sent the rest back. One native died on the way out of the jungle. Four others succumbed from malnutrition, fever and general exhaustion after they got back to civilization.

Brenot pushed on for several more days. Then his fish all gone and only 80 pounds of rice left—he sent the bulk of his men back to seek help. With a handful of followers and a delicious porter whose knee had been infected from a scratch, he waited for a rescue party.

For nearly a month the little group waited, supplementing the dwindling rice supply with an occasional monkey. On March 20 his rice ran empty and no ammunition left. Brenot and his gams, feverish crew struck camp and staggered on.

For three days, the struggled through the wilderness. On the third day the bedraggled group encountered a French rescue party.

After weeks of careful feeding and nursing, Brenot and his men were restored to health.

## MARTIN HONORED

HANOVER, N.H. (AP)—Health Minister Paul Martin of Canada was among 10 recipients of honorary degrees today at Dartmouth University commencement exercises. Martin was awarded an honorary doctorate of law.

## OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files  
25 YEARS AGO  
(June 11, 1931)

The meeting for the purpose of organizing a Boy Scout Troop at Summerside held in the Town Hall last night was a decided success. The hall was filled with an enthusiastic crowd of boys. Mayor Lidstone presided and introduced the guest, Mr. J.A. Styles, Chief Commissioner of Boy Scouts, and before the evening was concluded, Mr. Styles was given a rousing three cheers.

Rachel Reed, ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reed, Charlottetown, won first prize in her class for violin playing at the contest held by the Massachusetts Federation of Music Clubs held in Steinert Hall, Boston.

The following report for P.E.I. potatoes was given from the Tubb potato Service, Chicago and was of great interest to local readers. Weather and soil conditions ideal and the planting was about half finished by June 1st. Under present economic conditions a crop from 415,000,000, to 425,000,000 bushels may be expected.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
(June 11, 1946)  
A seven year old boy, Francis Gallant, Summerside, was recovering in the P.E.I. Hospital last night after a pine stone was removed from his lung by Dr. G.G. Houston, in a 90 minute operation.

Mr. O.S. Norland, an Ontario veterinary surgeon, is expected to arrive in the Province today. Mr. Norland will practice in Charlottetown and surrounding rural areas.

The S.S. "Island Connector" sails from Montreal with a general cargo for Charlottetown and is due here 20th where she will load for a trip to Newfoundland.

## The Poet's Corner

THE COW I USED TO CHASE  
That creature should have kept a cow contented.  
She hadn't a shred of excuse for breaking out,  
And yet the fence she leaped or circumvented.  
Was no more barrier than a small girl's shout,  
She had deep clover, daisies in their season,  
Asters and vetch, blue cornflowers in the sun.  
Shade of a maple, and nowhere any reason  
For fancying some field was a greener one.  
I could faithfully pump the water for her trough  
And feed her dandelions, and stroke her flanks,  
But turn back toward the barn and my cow was off.  
Gone free—and this was all I got for thanks:  
I learned to patch barbed wire with wearisome labors,  
And she made me acquainted with everyone of the neighbors.

—Betty Bridgman

**AID FOR POSTMAN**  
WESTPORT, Conn. (AP)—A dog authority said Sunday mailmen can solve the problem of being bitten by dogs by carrying a shock stick, a gadget that will "scare the daylight's out of any animal." Mrs. Harold S. Goldsmith of the National Dog Welfare Guild said the shock stick, powered by two flashlight batteries, is harmless and has been successfully used in field trials.

**PARADE IN U.S.**  
PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The 3rd Battalion of Canada's Black Watch paraded through Philadelphia Saturday in ceremonies commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin. The battalion, commanded by Lt.-Col. Ian Macdougall, received the "freedom of the city" from Mayor Richardson Dilworth.

## Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.  
PSYCHIATRIST MAY HELP IF FATIGUE PERSISTENT.

Feel tired all the time, even when you haven't worked especially hard? Then perhaps you may need the services of a psychiatrist as well as a physician. Intensive psychotherapy frequently is called for in cases where the fatigue is out of proportion to the amount of physical and mental labor the patient has performed.

Such cases, which are not at all uncommon, generally have an emotional basis. Gynecologists and obstetricians report these symptoms are frequently encountered in their patients. Internists say as many as 50 percent of their patients voice the complaint.

Many of these cases probably can be traced to childhood when a well-meaning mother strongly emphasized the need for rest. SOURCES OF ENERGY  
Of course, rest and food, too, are important sources of energy. But no matter how much food or rest you get, it doesn't enable your body to store up a reservoir of energy.

Some persons unconsciously use this need-for-rest idea as an excuse for doing poor work or not achieving much. If you are one of them, let's see why.

First, you may be satisfying your ego by appearing to be tired all the time. This fatigue might lead others to think that you are a hard worker.

Then again, it may be a way of avoiding responsibility or escaping more work, since less is expected of a tired person.

**SYMPATHY OF OTHERS**  
Perhaps it is a matter of gaining the sympathy and kindness of others or of achieving a passive, dependent position. Again, it may be an unconscious attempt to conceal or deny aggression, hostility or even sexual drives.

Monotonous work, boredom, lack of incentive—all these might also be contributing factors.

But whatever the reason, see your physician first. And if he recommends that you consult a psychiatrist, do it.

**QUESTIO NANS ANSWER**  
C.W.M.: I am a diabetic and have been eating rolled oats for some time. Is the oatmeal too warming to the blood?

Answer: There is no such thing as a food being warming to the blood. However, if you are suffering from diabetes, foods rich in carbohydrates, such as oatmeal, should not be eaten in large amounts.

Your physician will plan your diet for you to control the diabetic condition.

## The Age Old Story

So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the Lord and shall water the valley of Shittim.

## PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of any subject of general interest by correspondents of this paper. The editorial does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

## HOMECOMING ISLANDERS

Sir—Many of the boys from the Island come into the office and talk about their contemplated trip to the Island this summer. It seems as though there would be a record number on the road in a few weeks time. Perhaps not so many new cars as last year, inasmuch as the radical change in models for 1955 seems to have filled the market for a few years to come. This is reflected in the anxiety over sales this year, and the many inducements offered to stimulate them.

Too, the economic phase of a political year's uncertainty may be adding to the lack of car sales, despite the frequent statements by the politicians that "we never had it so good." Just what that means is a bit confusing. If we NEVER had it, then how can we have it now? If the adverb—before—as was added, it might make some sense, in the language, even if not in reality. Of course, confusion seems to be the order of the day, insofar as generalities lack their specific application. And, strange to say, many people are fooled by such lack of consistency. It seems to always be easier to believe the fantastic than to apply the reality. This is why generalities have more faith appeal than the application of facts in the specific.

So, while sales go begging, tourists go riding in cars not of this year's vintage. Nevertheless, they will have nice cars and will show some signs of prosperity in the places of their nativity, as reflected from the places of their adoption. However, the great benefits of a vacation, in its recreational value in places less hectic and exacting than what obtains in the places they get away from for a few weeks, wherever it may be. In our case, it will be at St. Peter's Bay, in about five weeks' time, when and where we hope to bank in the recreational qualities of that charming spot.

We are, Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Reilly  
Boston, Mass.

## HEADS ST. JOHN ORDER

OTTAWA (CP)—Bris. J. N. B. Crawford, 50, of Ottawa, physician to Queen Elizabeth II when she toured Canada as a princess in 1952, has been appointed hospitalier of the order of St. John in Canada, the order announced here Friday. He becomes chief medical adviser to the St. John Ambulance. He was veterans affairs director-general of treatment services.

## NOTES BY THE WAY

The fishing season is here when wives start telling about husbands that got away.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record

It used to take the wool off 10 sheep to clothe a soldier. Nowadays it takes more than that number of hides off a taxpayer.—St. Thomas Times

"Arrangements are now finalized for the 96th annual convention of the Ontario Educational Association," says a handout we have received from that body. And, we ask ourselves, what place has that nasty word "finalize" in such a notice.—Peterborough Examiner

Over in Nottingham, England, we are informed, a certain woman has been attending the same movie house three times a week for 45 years. And she has always sat in the same location with her successive swains—two on the aisle, four rows from the rear. In that time, she has been wooed and won by two husbands.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph

The shortage of highly trained personnel in Canada will be so acute ten years from now, according to a Defence Research Board official, that our universities will require an enrollment of 300,000 to supply the need. That is more than four times the present enrollment; in other words, if universities were to retain their present size—which most of them should—we would need four times as many of them as we have today.—Globe and Mail

A herd of fifty head of Highland cattle settled on a farm in Chilliwack, B.C. is reported thriving and proving profitable. These shaggy animals, red, black, golden-yellow, and brindled and decorated with magnificent, picturesque horns, are a hardy, tough breed easy to maintain on hilly land. They make first class beef and the butcher demand in high. There used to be one or two herds of these "tykes" in Southwestern Ontario but they have disappeared; more's the pity, for they added a romantic touch to the fields and provided expatriated Scots with a memory of home.—London Free Press

Men are peculiar. A fellow who hadn't kissed his wife in five years shot a fellow who did.—Guelph Mercury

A Florida beauty contest winner says she likes to cook and sew. There's a prize package for some lucky man.—Oshawa Times-Gazette

Artificial coloring, to make oranges orange, apparently isn't harmful to consumers, say Ottawa authorities. It still is a sneaky substance, however, to make greener oranges look like orange greener.—Wind Star

The British Government has been asked to abolish the farthing because it costs more to mint than it is worth. This is the first time we have heard of anything being so valueless... that it was expensive.—Peterborough Examiner

This is the moment to recall that the Canadian destroyer St. Laurent (the French name for St. Lawrence) was named after the river and not the Prime Minister, as some Liberals seem to suppose. She is one of a number of Canadian Navy vessels named after the rivers of this country. For instance, there is HMCS Margaree. The name of a Prairie river, the Assiniboine, a river that flows through Saskatchewan and Manitoba to join the Red river at Winnipeg, has been given to a new destroyer scheduled for three-week trial in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.—Sydney Post-Record

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