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The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink

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Grave Civic Problem

Charlottetown is indeed facing a serious financial problem in the new educational setup, as reviewed in a press statement by Mayor Cox and the city council's finance chairman, Mr. MacNeill.

The new million-dollar high school will be a great acquisition. It will be needed to replace the facilities now in use at Prince of Wales College but which have to be given up next year when that institution becomes a degree granting university.

This on top of a civic expenditure for educational purposes this year of \$1,157,618—over 54 per cent of the city's revenue—means only one of two things: very heavy additional civic taxes or more substantial relief from the provincial government.

It is pointed out, in this connection, that while the federal government pays taxes to the city on property it owns in Charlottetown, the provincial government does not do so on the vast amount of property it has acquired in the city and for which the city must provide all services it gives to its taxpaying citizens.

We are not unmindful of the fact that our provincial authorities have their own grave financial worries. These are of concern to all our taxpayers, rural and urban. But there does seem a strong case for reconsidering Charlottetown's predicament at this time, and for meeting it on a basis that will be fair and reasonable.

Claims He Can't Lose

According to press reports, the strangest contest in this election campaign is in the Quebec riding of St-Jean - Ivelville - Napierville, which is a narrow strip of land southward from Montreal. There the Liberals are trying to defeat Yvon Dupuis, former MP for the riding, who still claims to be the "official" party candidate and says that "Mr. Pearson is still my leader."

Mr. Dupuis is described as conducting himself more like a national hero seeking re-election by plebiscite than a man who was evicted from the Liberal cabinet. He faces trial on influence-peddling charges but draws cheers with two main arguments. One is that his plea for his trial to be held before the election has been ignored. Instead, the trial has been moved out of the riding and delayed until early next year.

Dupuis is quoted in a Liberal paper, the Toronto Star, as pointing to Liberal figures from former Justice Minister Guy Favreau to Secretary of State Maurice Lamontagne whose names have also been linked with alleged scandal. "Were they asked to resign?" he shouts. "Was their house ransacked from attic to cellar three times by the RCMP? No! Why? Because they are lawyers, economists

and statesmen who travel from one university to another while Yvon Dupuis is a man of the people."

He deplores the "temporary difference of opinion" he has had with Prime Minister Pearson and speaks proudly of the Liberal program, which, he says, "I helped to write." He's addressing a meeting every night until the election and two on Sundays. During the day, with his wife, he visits the riding's rural areas where 53 per cent of the voters live. Contributions from "friends", he says, have given him plenty of money for his campaign including enough to pay his representatives \$15 each in the riding's 165 polls.

Pencil in hand, Mr. Dupuis explains why he can't lose in St-Jean. In 1932, he took 14,656 votes to 7,081 for the Creditistes, 4,461 for the Conservatives and 1,599 for the NDP. His vote has been remarkably steady: 14,147 in 1962 and 14,332 in 1958 when he captured the riding for the first time despite the Conservative landslide. This time he claims to have lost only a few organizers who are working "because of pressure" for Desmarais. On the other hand, "a lot of Desmarais representatives are my men. But he won't find that out until polling day."

The "official" Liberals are said to be pinning their hopes on help arriving from headquarters in Montreal in the form of a last-minute blitz of money, organizers, and big-name speakers; but time is running out and the situation is getting desperate.

Soviet Farm Problem

A senior Soviet agronomist, V. Zhulin, has been making some revolutionary statements behind the Iron Curtain. Previous criticisms on Soviet shortcomings in the agricultural sector have tended to bear down on administrative errors, or the allegedly nefarious Khrushchev "influence," as the causes of the system's chronic under-production. But Zhulin goes further; he suggests that under-production is rooted in the nature of the system itself.

This expert does not go so far as to recommend a system of private land-ownership, but he does criticize strongly the present brigade-team form of organization, in which the land is cultivated along lines that suggest a factory. In its place, he proposes that large tracts of land be placed under mechanized teams of between four and six men, each team given broad, long-term discretion, with little direction from above apart from broad guidelines.

Zhulin's criticisms, published in an influential Soviet newspaper, indicate that the Russians are closer than ever to realizing the basic weakness of their farm system. The country has imported on the average about 10 million tons of wheat annually between 1961 and 1964. It will be able to reduce its need for wheat imports only when it retreats from the iron collectivism that has so long been idealized as a central Soviet achievement. If the country wants to become more prosperous, it must become more free.

Meanwhile Canada, along with other countries, is reaping benefits in substantial wheat sales, which would seem guaranteed for some years to come.

Worth Remembering

Were the average citizen to be asked what is the largest income earner for Canadian farmers the reply most likely would be wheat. But that answer, as the Windsor Star reminds us, would be wrong. The dairy industry is the greater.

As of last year \$531 million was earned from the sale of milk. And another \$200 million was obtained from the sale of dairy cows and calves, on the meat market, for a total of \$731 million. Even this is not all, as it ignores the receipts from the sale of cattle for breeding purposes.

There is another aspect to this, as the Windsor paper points out. The dairy industry gives employment to far more people than does wheat growing. This includes those on the farms, in the dairies, creameries and cheese factories, as well as in the retail trades.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The sea floor has been called the world's biggest junkyard. Ocean explorers report that empty cans, bottles, and waste of all kind litter the floors of the Atlantic Ocean, the Red Sea, and the Indian Ocean. Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau, whose expeditions are supported by the National Geographic Society, said recently that he would never forget his first deep dive in a bathyscope: "I landed in front of a spread-out newspaper."



INDIAN SUMMER

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

"Standards Should Go With The Job"

Ottawa has a sizeable foreign population of the experienced and sophisticated elite. These are the diplomats, the journalists, the military brass, the trade representatives and similar visitors who are to be found in every important capital.

One of these remarked to me recently that he had been very surprised that Prime Minister Pearson had felt compelled to write a letter to all his Cabinet Ministers ordering them to practice the highest standards of integrity.

"Surely they know that the standards should go with the job?" commented my friend. "It seems to me that, if this were say London, more than half of Mr. Pearson's Liberal Cabinet would have had to resign on account of their acts which did not measure up to the required standard of honesty, and, more important, of what can be seen to be above suspicion of dishonesty."

"Well," he replied, "Profumo was forced to resign from the British Cabinet, not because his sex life was improper, but because in parliament he lied about it, and lies cannot be tolerated in Parliament. Yet there have been several cases of Liberal Ministers speaking less than the whole truth in the ALICE IN OTTAWALAND."

"For example, Justice Minister Faureux asserted in Parliament that 'Nobody in this 'Rivard bribery' case is a member of my department,' and it later became clear that this was not true. Labour Minister Allan MacEachern, when asked if the Canadian taxpayers would have to pay for full-page advertisements carrying his picture, asserted that 'There is no picture of me in the advertisement at all.' Yet later he was forced to admit that his 'likeness' was in it. Other similar cases occurred."

In Britain, several ministers have had to resign because they revealed budget secrets to outsiders. Finance Minister Gordon decided that he could not find adequate help among the 192,845 civil servants, so he brought in three outsiders from Toronto's Bay Street to plan his budget with him, my friend pointed out.

"Northern Affairs Minister Art Laing made an announcement about an oil company which caused a wild speculative spree on the stock market; shares priced at \$2.50 were reported to be traded at \$12. I apologized to the stock market."

Laing later said, but he asserted that he had no intention of resigning from the Cabinet for his gaffe."

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Science Of Nutrition

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

Man is not exactly what he eats because many factors influence his physical and emotional makeup. On the other hand, foods may alter the chemical nature of certain tissues. In his book, "Man's Foods" (The Gardner Press, Champaign, Ill.), Lloyd B. Jensen, Ph.D., tells of an old experiment in which a dog was fed sweet fat for one month and meted "pure mutton fat in its tissues."

The researcher theorized from this experiment that if a lion ate nothing but sheep he would put on sheep fat—a lion in sheep's clothing. At the Lake Zurich Golf club a test is being conducted on feeding mint to sheep. Will the leg of lamb have a built-in mint flavor? Similar studies are being done with wild garlic. Ducks that eat fish taste like fish and doves that eat sage are permeated with this spice.

If an average adult was chopped up into small pieces and analyzed chemically by weight, the following percentages would be obtained: Oxygen 65, carbon 18, hydrogen, 10, nitrogen 3, calcium 1.5 to 2.2, phosphorus 0.8 to 1.2, potassium, 0.38, and lesser percentages for sulfur, sodium, chlorine, iron, magnesium, and other trace minerals.

Dr. Jensen quotes a different set of calculations prepared by Dr. T.E. Lawson. The average adult man represents:

- Enough water to fill a 10-gallon keg
Fat for seven bars of soap
Carbon for 9,000 lead pencils
Magnesium for one dose of salts

Iron to make a nail
Lime to whitewash a chicken coop
and sulphur enough to rid one dog of fleas."

To these we will add enough insecticide to kill a bug, and sufficient radiation to sterilize a gnat.

UNSOCIABLE LAD
Mrs. T. writes: My 15-year-old boy is an untidy person and has no pals. He never cared to associate with boys his own age. Is something wrong with him?

REPLY
Your son may be an introvert or have an emotional problem. But if you have reason to suspect that his attitude and personality need investigation, why not consult your family physician? If psychiatric consultation is called for, he will advise you.

BATHS FOR HEALTH
J. E. writes: We are studying in our hygiene class about different kinds of baths used in disease. Can you give us a few clues?

REPLY
The ordinary bath or shower for cleanliness, the hot bath for relaxation, the sitz bath for pelvic and rectal trouble, and the Hubbard tank used in polio are examples.

CHEWING TOBACCO
D. Q. writes: I gave up smoking after a heart attack. Is it all right to chew tobacco?

REPLY
Some nicotine is absorbed into the system in this way. Therefore, you are better off without the weed, even though chewing has less effect than inhaling upon the heart and blood vessels.

NOTES BY THE WAY

You know you've really come of age when you stay home Saturday night baby sitting for a grandson.—Charon Reporter.

She (at comedy)—"Are they putting that poor man out for laughing?" He—"No. The manager has bent for him to find out what he was laughing at."—Toronto Star.

Counsel—"What is the defendant's reputation for truth and veracity?" Witness—"Perfect, sure. I've known him to say that he'd been fishing all day and hadn't got a single bite."—Hamilton Spectator.

Progress doesn't suit everyone. We'd like to hear a turtle's opinion of the four-lane highway he now finds barring his way to the other side of the road.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

American manufacturers fear Elvis Presley's decision not to play the guitar any more will have a serious effect on the sale of such instruments. There are already too many of the things in existence for this latest good news to have any beneficial effect for a long time to come.—Fort Arthur News Chronicle.

A nervous little man walked into a grocery store in a small town. "I want to buy all your overripe vegetables and stale eggs," he said. "Well," said the shopkeeper with a twinkle in his eye, "you must be going to see the new comedian at the theatre tonight." "Not so loud," said the little man, looking around apprehensively. "I am the new comedian!"—Montreal Star.

Weak French Opposition

By Peter Buckley

The political opposition in France seems to be going out of its way to provide President de Gaulle with new reasons for his contempt of the old-line parties.

With less than six weeks to go before France's presidential elections, the opposition parties once again have plunged into the old practice of making inter-party alliances and jockeying for position which de Gaulle so frequently derides in his public statements about the pre-Gaullist era.

At stake is the leadership of France for the next seven years. While the opposition is unanimous in seeking an end to what is commonly called the "regime of personal power" under de Gaulle, it has made few strides in its attempts to unite in practical opposition.

A classical example of the continuing division came during the weekend of the national convention of the Radical party, a once-powerful group whose voting support has dwindled since de Gaulle's arrival in power in 1958.

After hours of debate, the Radical delegates ended up supporting two separate candidates for the presidency.

To satisfy middle-of-the-road elements, the party expressed appreciation for the "significance and value" of Centre party candidate Jean Lecanuet but in the same breath it called on its members to work for the election of left-winger Francois Mitterand.

As the other pledges of support thrown to various candidates in recent weeks, the Radical party's action falls under the heading of shadow boxing as long as de Gaulle remains silent.

If the 74-year-old general decides to contest the Dec. 5 election, the alliances of his opposition could prove to be mere academic exercises.

Recent public-opinion polls indicate de Gaulle's popularity may be slipping, but even his bitterest opponents recognize that he can cut sharply across party lines in a by-election. Hardly a single party in France can claim to guarantee more than half of its members' votes against de Gaulle in a ballot.

Thus, while the Communist party has officially swung behind left-winger Mitterand, creating a "united front" of the left for the first time since the 1960s, many nominal members of the party could be expected to support de Gaulle if he runs because of sympathy with his foreign policy.

The younger voters also are proving a disappointment for opposition planners. One small survey of university students found almost half of them to be de Gaulle admirers and several left-wing youth organizations have rebelled against the "expediency" of joint Communist and socialist support for Mitterand.

Premier Georges Pompidou, the man most likely to succeed de Gaulle if he doesn't run, has taken particular pains to draw parallels between pre-Gaullist manoeuvring and the current opposition shuffles.

The general has promised to let French voters know by Nov. 9 whether he will run.

As Information Minister Rene Peyrefitte remarked rather appropriately in a recent public speech that when de Gaulle makes his announcement, "the presidential competition will suddenly appear in stunning clarity and the confused skirmishing which we are witnessing now will be pushed into the shade."

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