

New Brunswick Election

Premier Fleming has again carried his party to victory in New Brunswick with what appears at the time of writing to be a very substantial majority. The only serious contenders were the Liberals, who held sixteen seats in the last house. The Social Credit party, which entered eighteen candidates in the strongest bid for power it has yet made in the neighboring province, was badly beaten. The campaign throughout was comparatively quiet; certainly it lacked the interest aroused in the Quebec campaign, which, like the contest in Saskatchewan, terminates at the polls on Wednesday.

In New Brunswick both the major parties concentrated on issues of industrial development. Premier Fleming sought a new mandate to continue his expansion program while the Liberal leader, Mr. Taylor, was strongly critical of the handling of contracts for the huge Beachwood hydro-electric project. Federal policies do not appear to have entered into the campaign to any appreciable extent. As the first provincial contest since the controversial pipeline issue in Parliament, however, it is not without federal significance and the Opposition at Ottawa may be expected to make the most of it. But most impartial commentators were predicting a Conservative victory in any case. The Fleming Government has given aggressive administration and its great power development program, calling for an expenditure of \$211 millions over the next ten years, naturally overshadowed other issues and appealed to all concerned in the prospects of industrial expansion. If it materializes as planned, it will mean population increase and a larger market for our own Island farm producers.

Arbitrary Rates Boost

The Board of Transport Commissioners yesterday authorized the Railways to increase freight rates by 7 per cent between July 3 and October 31. This increase is expected to yield between seven and eight million dollars in the four months, and is being granted as an "interim measure" pending "fuller Board consideration" of an application by the companies for a general 15 per cent boost, allegedly to offset recent contract concessions to 150,000 non-operating employees.

The extraordinary feature of the Board's action in this case is that it has been taken without hearing any representations from the opposing provinces. It grants the railways an increase for the next four months and arbitrarily adjourns the matter until September, allowing itself just over a month thereafter to hear the case and make a final decision on what to do from November 1st on. Theoretically, of course, the interim increase could then be withdrawn, but in practice the Transport Board has already prejudged the case. As the Winnipeg Free Press points out, the question of whether or not the Railways need more money is the hub of the issue on which the Board is supposed to sit judicially.

"Over the past year or so," adds our Winnipeg contemporary, "the Transport Board has allowed itself to appear, in its repeated grant of extensions to the Trans Canada Pipe Lines Company, as if it were a mere rubber stamp for the decisions of the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Now it has reduced itself to a farce in its main activity, concerning railway rates. The excuse is, of course, that freight rate cases have sometimes taken a long time. The consumers, as represented by the provincial governments, engage in something that can be called a 'filibuster'—in the same sense that exhaustive parliamentary debate is regarded by impatient administrators as pointless filibustering. And during such hearings the railways have to go on managing without the higher freight rates they want.

The answer to this is the same

for the Transport Board as for Parliament. No one ever denied that the checks and balances of a society combining freedom and democracy are a nuisance to administrators, that often government would be more efficient without them. Mussolini really did make the Italian trains run on time. Stalin really was very effective in getting done what he thought best. Mr. Howe and his able civil servants undoubtedly understand some of our national problems better than the rest of us, and often could get along faster without Parliament and the press yapping at their heels. And they, unlike Mussolini and Stalin, have the best intentions in the world. But do away with the checks and balances, and what then?

"A free society rests on the knowledge that liberal intentions cannot be trusted to survive the possession of unchecked power. Give the administrators an inch, and in no time at all they will take ten. Let the Government have the bright idea of doing away with the committee stage on the 'routine' clauses of a Bill before Parliament, and in no time at all the Transport Board will be doing away with hearings on an 'interim' freight rates increase. The bad habit is fundamentally the same in the two cases. The principle it offends is the same. And the habit has got to be stopped before it goes further."

An Historic Event

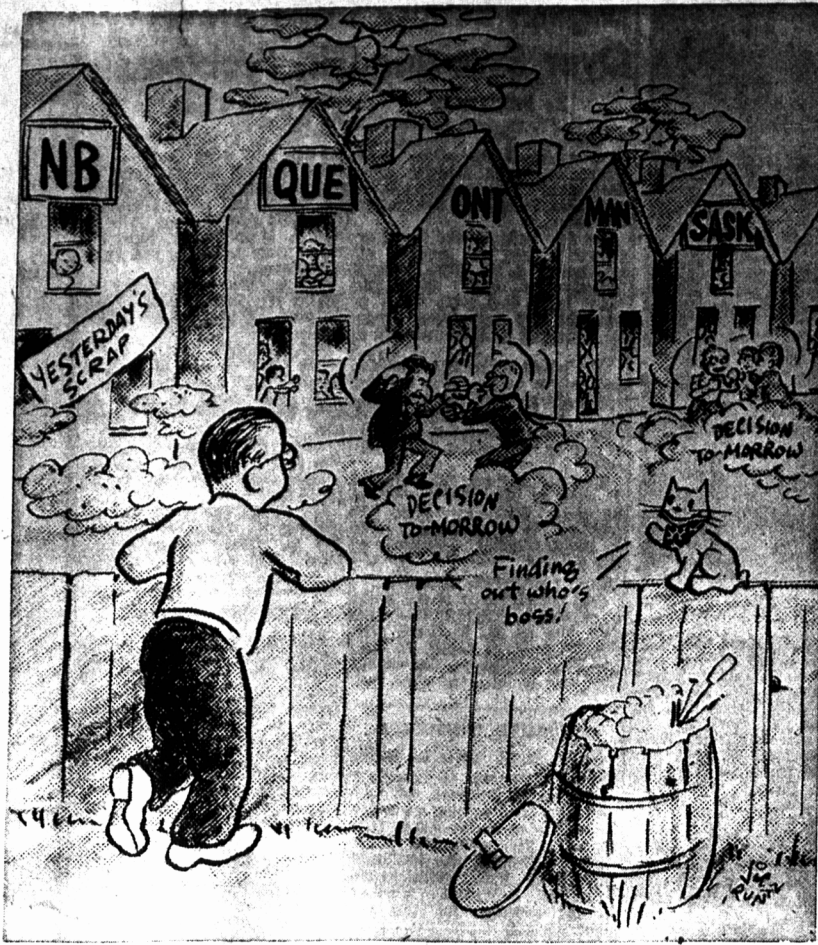
The last British soldier has left Port Said, ending seventy-three years of British military occupation in Egypt. A three-day celebration is being held, starting with a public holiday yesterday and a flag-raising ceremony marking the event. It is not without significance that the ranking foreign guest at the celebrations is Russia's foreign minister, Dmitri Shepilov, with Russian-built tanks, planes and naval units taking prominent part in the activities. Shepilov is reported to be already engaged in talks with Premier Nasser, trying to set up a new basis for Soviet bargaining in the Middle East.

Britain's withdrawal from the Canal Zone is an historic event, fraught with grave significance. Officially, it is intended to put the two countries "on a new basis of mutual understanding and firm friendship." The central feature of the agreement, which is to last for seven years, provides that parts of the British base in the zone are to be maintained and the United Kingdom is entitled to reoccupy the base in the event of an attack upon Egypt or upon any of the state members of the Arab league or upon Turkey. Britain has the right of removing and replacing stores in the base and may keep them up to an "average level." The agreement was debated in the British House of Commons last year and in spite of the opposition of a group of government supporters it was approved. Approval also was voiced by the United States, Australia and Prime Minister Nehru of India. In Israel, however, concern was expressed that the withdrawal of British troops from the zone might lead to an Egyptian attack upon Israeli territory. This is perhaps the issue of most immediate importance; but the free nations all have a stake in what was formerly regarded as Britain's lifeline of empire and the fact that it remains a strategic centre of world importance Communist infiltration there is something to be watched very closely.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is very unfortunate that unforeseen production difficulties resulted in a general shortage of the polio vaccine. It's a pity that these problems were not seen and dealt with before and not after the season's program began. Meanwhile, our own department of health has done good work with the amount of vaccine available.

Senator Joseph McCarthy may not be as prominent in American political circles as he used to be; but he still comes in handy for political name-calling in places far from his native heath. In New Brunswick, for instance, Premier Fleming has referred to his Liberal opponents as "devoted admirers of McCarthyism" who have studied in its sneer academy and have been graduated with highest honors in the arts of political distortion. It's up to the Liberals now to think up something equally edifying and stimulating.



LIVELY NEIGHBORHOOD THIS WEEK

Ottawa Spectacles

By Patrick Nicholson

OTTAWA "Are there any spectacles we can watch here, like changing the guard?"

An American visitor, touring Parliament Hill with his camera at the ready and his children at the eager, asked me that question this afternoon. I had to tell him no, we have no such spectacles of military precision and splendid uniforms.

But if he liked to walk to the foot of the Peace Tower, I added, he would find a real live Mountie there, in scarlet tunic. And he could photograph Junior and Sec under standing on each side of the Mountie. He thanked me profusely, and hustled his brood off towards Ottawa's most highly paid free photographic model, No cheese-cake, no Bikini—just an "issue" human body chosen by rote and fully clad from toe to wrist in uniform of a Mountie. And thus it is asked to stand to attention to be photographed by nine out of ten tourists. What a fate.

Had the American visitor come a day earlier, he could have seen two of our crack reserve army regiments front the colour on the lawn in front of the Parliament Buildings. There were Montreal's Grenadier Guards of Canada, and Ottawa's Governor General's Foot Guards. A brave show they were, with their scarlet tunics and bearskin headdress and fine military bands.

THE DADDA-DEAR GUARDS Or if that visitor had come a week earlier, he could have seen the top brass of the Royal Canadian Air Force on parade. Fresh out of bed and on their way to their office chairs in National Defence Headquarters, these staff officers turned out each morning for two weeks to do an hour of square-bashing.

For discipline? No, they were learning the details of the new R.C.A.F. drill manual. An example of the changes in the new drill

OUR YESTERDAYS From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 19, 1931)

Rev. R. Hensley Stavart, Moderator of the Maritime Synod, returned to the City Thursday evening from Toronto, where he attended the sessions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Chief of Police Birtwhistle has returned from Quebec City, where he along with the Commissioner of Provincial Police, J.J. Trainor, attended the Convention of Chief Constables Association of Canada held in Quebec City last week.

It was reported at the annual meeting of the Protestant Orphanage Board last night, that during the last year the entire remaining debt was paid off.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 19, 1946) Indications are that over 800 war veterans will have been settled on farms throughout the Province by fall this year.

The opening sessions of a two day Maritime Conference of the Canadian Restaurant Association were held yesterday in the City with over 75 delegates in attendance.

Dr. Harvey Doney addressed a large audience at the Prince of Wales College Auditorium last night on the peace time activity of the Red Cross and explained, in very convincing language, why the organization should be supported in peace as well as war.

HELP CHURCHES MANILA (AP)—With the ruins of Manila cathedral as a backdrop, Japan turned over a donation of 3,000 bags of cement for reconstruction of Catholic churches in the Philippines. In all 90,000 bags will be delivered to help rebuild the churches damaged in Second World War fighting.

is the salute. As any old sweat remembers, this used to be "the longest way up and the shortest way down". Now, in line with the smart aleck take-it-easy brave new world, it has become "the shortest way up and the shortest way down".

And if you think this is an improvement over the good old method of the good old days, just try it yourself with the smart click of the good old longest way up. I tried it, and dashed nearly dislocated my elbow. In fact, the shortest way up is a physical impossibility in anything smarter than a surreptitious slouch.

What other new drill did the chairborne squadrons learn? Well, Ottawa's tongue-in-cheek, antique-collecting photographer Marge Shackleton told the world about that. Her widely circulated photo shows the one thousand brass hats moving to the order "By the right, quick march!"

Some brass stepped off smartly with the right foot, some brass stepped off no less smartly with the left foot, and the remainder leaned forward uncertainly with the stomachs while leaving both feet rooted to the greensward.

It was quite a photograph, of the Ottawa home-buddies wearing their unaccustomed uniform and showing off their paces.

Compared to the Grenadier Guards trooping the colour, those Dadda-dear Guards brushing up their drill was a sight to cause the Canadian Legion's alumni to burst a blood vessel.

I haven't seen anything remotely like this spectacle since some 16 years ago, when the first company of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force was formed on an airfield in Britain where I happened to be station Adjutant.

Truman & Mozart (Ottawa Journal) It is the strength and the appeal of Harry Truman that he is the common man personified. Sc'her, merchant, jurist, senator, statesman, politician, family man—in every role every American can see in his former President a reflection of himself.

Just now Mr. Truman is a tourist in Europe, and doing precisely the things every tourist does. He inspects the ancient monuments of Rome, looks over battlefields (and gets into a characteristic argument that spread over two continents by a passing reference to "squirrel-headed generals"), visits art galleries and museums, goes sight-seeing just as Joe Doaks of Kalamazoo goes sight-seeing.

Lately Mr. Truman was in the Austrian town of Salzburg where they were celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Wolfgang Mozart and there, we read, "the former President of the United States sat down at a small piano once used by the composer and delivered 'himself of the work known to musical historians as Mozart's Sonata No 11 in A Major, K.V. No. 331'. He had played a few measures of the same sonata, it is recalled, for a national audience when he conducted a television tour of the reconstructed White House some years ago.

As a pianist of enthusiasm if not of note we can imagine that few incidents of his tour will give this tourist from Independence, Missouri, greater satisfaction. He has played one of Mozart's famous sonatas on Mozart's own piano in the Austrian town where Mozart was born! What more can life hold!

CIVILIZATION IN DANGER QUEBEC (CP)—Abbe Pierre, French priest noted for his work among the poor of Paris, said Friday he is "convinced the Colombo Plan and other similar schemes are 80 per cent sterile because they lack help for human beings." He said discontent among the world's "starving people" could overthrow civilization in less than 10 years if the privileged classes fail to practice evangelical charity toward others.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D. PREMENSTRUAL TENSION A MANY-SIDED PROBLEM

Premenstrual tension is no longer a hush-hush subject. It is a serious problem, but a problem with a solution.

Family quarrels, job interruptions, social conflicts—even divorce and crime—frequently can be traced directly to this terrific pressure build-up preceding the monthly periods.

Doctors estimate that as many as 50 to 75 per cent of American women in the child-bearing period of life—some put the figure affected at 20,000,000—suffer in varying degrees.

SUFFER IN SILENCE For the most part, they suffer in silence. Many women are unaware of any physical or personality changes during this monthly cycle. And many others, although acutely aware of the situation, are resigned in the belief that nothing can be done to help them.

Premenstrual tension may range from a feeling of mild fatigue to a full-fledged psychosis. Nervous and emotional instability is the major complaint.

The results may be serious. It's about time we had a frank discussion of this problem.

BASIC CAUSE Since many women are completely unaware of the basic cause of their difficulty, they do not realize that often they actually are the real source of their family disturbances and social conflicts.

Depression, irritability, insomnia and migraine are but a few of the results of premenstrual tension. Is it any wonder that a woman under such a strain each month may not be the same loving wife, mother, cordial friend or good worker that she is at other times?

Often she will say and do things she later regrets. The distress leading to these upsetting incidents generally arises with the beginning of menstruation. However, the results of a few hasty and ill-chosen words during the tension period may build up over the months until an otherwise happy marriage at times even ends in separation or divorce.

Both husbands and wives must understand the situation clearly. They must realize that it is a medical problem and that a doctor can supply relief.

QUESTION AND ANSWER P.W.: I have been bothered for years with perspiring hands. Can you advise me what to do?

Answer: Excessive sweating of the palms may be an indication of some general disorder, such as an infection or perhaps even difficulty with the thyroid gland. In many cases, it is a localized condition, the cause for which cannot be determined.

There is no treatment which is of any particular value. Of course, a careful search should be made for the cause, so that it can be eliminated.

BIG CITY WASHINGTON (AP)—Figures released by the Washington Board of Trade estimated the population of the metropolitan area in 1955 at 1,644,000, a gain of 420,000 in five years.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A British writer claims the Duchess of Windsor should not have written her memoirs for cash. There doesn't seem to be any other good reason.—Toronto Star.

"It has become a hackneyed expression," an Ontario newspaper notes, "to observe that the world is growing smaller." It is also an inaccurate expression, in that nothing grows smaller.—Toronto Telegram

Statistics disclose that in the United States 1,000 tin cans are opened every second. This, of course, is the average. The figure zooms much higher than that at dinner time on days when the bridge club meets.—Detroit Free Press.

The M. Weather Bureau, studying hailstorms, seeks authentic information on the size of the "stones" that fall, "compared with shots, peas, grapes, walnuts or golf balls." But not croquet ball, soccer balls, cannon balls, or those kingsize beach balls. And don't report curling stones; they're out too!—Ottawa Citizen.

An old lady who was a native of a small New England village was famed in her native township for her health and thrift. To an acquaintance who was once congratulating her upon the former, she said: "We be pretty well for old folks Josiah and me. Josiah ain't had an ailin' time for 72 years, 'cept last winter. And I ain't never suffered but one day in my life and that was when I took some of the medicine Josiah had left over, so it shouldn't be wasted."—Wall Street Journal.

The news that Russia intended to reduce its armies by 1,200,000 men sent stocks sharply downward for two days in a row. The reason given for the selling was that the government might now cut some billions from defence spending. There is, of course, no indication whatever that military appropriations will be cut. In addition, there would be no reason to shy from the frightful prospect of being able to build schools and highways instead of tanks and airplanes. Which brings up the question of how investors who behave like ignorant sheep were ever smart enough in the first place to acquire the stocks that they are so ready to dump.—Chicago Daily News.

Junior, who failed in mathematics, can tell how many hours it is before the last day of school.—Brandon Sun.

Some M.P.'s collect their indemnities without opening their mouth! In other words, collecting hush money.—Oshawa Times-Gazette.

Sometimes man questions his new gadgets wondering whether he might not in time become their servile slave. But now and then he becomes a surprised victim of their deviations from normal. In London, England, a citizen was standing idly in a Charing Cross railway station when a nearby cigarette-vending machine went berserk, spilling "Fags" all around. He picked them up and went off. Subsequently he was convicted of theft and mulcted 10 pounds. Both the machine and the citizen made a mistake, and both were corrected. You would think a costly machine would have known better.—London Free Press

Many Canadians have expressed puzzlement at the prices at which British books are sold in this country. Books produced in Britain, with their prices plainly marked on the jacket in shillings, are invariably sold for considerably more in Canada. Despite the decline in the value of English money, there has been little corresponding decline in the British book price here. One result is the anomaly by which a book buyer can convert his own money, by the simple purchase of a money order, and purchase the same book direct from the British publisher or dealer at the British list price.—Vancouver Province.

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