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Expunge Compulsion

It is not always easy for a large assembly to express exactly what it wants. It is much easier to show what it does not want.

For the rest, there may have been many opinions. Certainly those who spoke advocated the continuance of the Potato Marketing Board and suggested variously that it should operate side by side with other dealers; that it should exercise regulatory powers over the various phases of marketing; and that it should engage in promotional work on behalf of the industry.

All of this would seem to be practical and not involve much greater control over the individual than has long been accepted in order to achieve a reputation for high quality seed and to assure customers for Prince Edward Island potatoes that they are getting what they pay for.

Rural Electrification

Tonight Premier Matheson will throw the switch to bring power to the Norboroclin-ton-New London area, marking an important step in the long-term project of extending rural electrification in this Province.

There is nothing impossible about extending lines, of course, but it is not so easy to do so in such a way as to bring the benefits of electricity to the farm at a cost at which the farmer can afford to enjoy its use.

The Government is following a policy of assisting in the speedy extension of power lines by underwriting the capital cost, but Government action cannot change the basic economics of power distribution.

It is to be hoped that in all areas served by electricity, full use will be made of the available power so that its benefits can be enjoyed at reasonable cost and an impetus be given to further extension.

Supreme Challenge

Among the numerous reports adopted by the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches was one dealing with work, which was defined as (1) a way of making a living; (2) a service rendered to society; (3) an expression of the desire to create new forms of being and value.

This is just another way of saying that the creative skill of man, as evidenced in his scientific achievement, may be beneficial to society or it may do society immeasurable harm; it depends on whether or not the achievement is accompanied by wise moral choices and by the will to make it a constructive power in the life of the world.

cussion in the United Nations Assembly may or may not mean a change for the better: in that country's attitude towards world problems and tensions; but, at least, it is a little more encouraging than the negative answers which the leaders of Communism have been giving to Western pleas for co-operation in efforts to make scientific knowledge and discovery work for the common good.

Succession Duty Ruling

There are some odd kinks in the Dominion Succession Duty Act, according to a bulletin issued by the Canadian Trust Company. The bulletin refers to a situation concerning a prominent Ontario citizen who died recently and directed that, on his wife's death, one-third of the revenue of his estate, running into many thousands of dollars, should be paid to a local service club (Rotary) for its work among crippled children.

"This ruling," says the Trust Company bulletin, "is based upon a provision in the Act that an organization in order to receive gifts free of duty, must be operated exclusively for charitable purposes. The department maintains that an organization such as a Rotary club is not entirely charitable in its objects and, therefore, is not entitled to this exemption. In other words, according to the Act, the charitable purpose of a gift is immaterial; what matters is whether the recipient is a purely charitable organization 'operated exclusively as such and not for the benefit, gain or profit of any person, member or shareholder thereof.'"

"The Dominion Succession Duty Act is now undergoing a general revision. In considering suitable amendments, the government might well be sympathetic to the view that the ruling given in the case cited constitutes a hardship, though it would, admittedly, have difficulty in wording legislation to give effective control over all types of organizations to which money might be left for charitable purposes. Pending a change in the Act, people should be aware that bequests of this kind may be taxed at the highest rates of succession duties.

"Some service clubs and similar groups have taken steps to enable them to receive gifts free of duty. This is done by creating, under the control of the parent body, a separate charitable organization, government approved from its inception. Such a plan is worthy of study."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Calais was taken by the Canadian 2nd Corps this date 1944.

Gamblers require to exercise a little imagination to avoid taxation. A typical ruling of the Income Tax Appeal Board made a habitual winner at dice and cards pay income tax on his winnings over the years. Although not his main business, the gambling activities were considered regular enough to amount to the carrying on of a business.

Now it is the Canadian Congress of Labour that is calling for abolition of the Senate. The Upper House has been so careful to give offence to no one that it is apt to be regarded as a useless appendage to the Parliamentary system. It possesses powers at least equal to the House of Commons but for that very reason is timid about exercising them.

"Free air" may be a thing of the past in Ontario. A service station association has decided against continued sale of tires in competition with the rubber companies and there have been dark murmurs about getting out of the free air business as well. It would seem to be a case of putting pressure on the tire companies.

Provinces of origin and destination of transport trucks would be permitted to charge registration fees, plus a public service vehicle fee under a plan worked out at the Winnipeg conference. The corridor provinces, those through which the trucks pass but in which they do no business, would charge only a registration fee. This Province and Nova Scotia opposed the plan but presumably would fall in line if it is generally adopted.

Pierre Corneille, great French dramatist and precursor of Moliere in comedy, died this date 1684. For a time he was one of Richelieu's five dramatists, writing plays based on plots supplied by the cardinal. This did not last, however, as Corneille was not cut out to be a follower. He became acquainted with Spanish literature and under its influence his true genius flourished. His play, the "Cid" took Paris by storm and was followed by many others of high order. In later life the quality of his work fell far short of his best.



Soothing Some, Ruffling Others

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I. BACK IN 1768

This column is indebted to Mr. W. F. Alan Stewart, M.L.A., for the following excerpts from an interesting old volume, "The Annual Register, or a View of the History, Politics and Literature for the Year 1768," published in London in that year and still in an excellent state of preservation.

Under date July 1st, the Register notes: "An order in council was this day published, forbidding the governor of Nova Scotia from passing any grants for lands in His Majesty's island of St. John, unless His Majesty's order of council, directing the same, shall be produced to him on or before the 1st day of May, 1769. A number of noblemen and gentlemen are to have townships in this Island, there being the greatest probability of its becoming a flourishing settlement."

One year previously, in 1767, the Island had been disposed of to Crown favorites by lots drawn in London. Walter Patterson was appointed governor in the following year but it was not until 1769 that the Island became a separate Province.

Under the date line "Halifax, Nova-Scotia, July 30," the Register states: "We have advice from the Island of St. John, that the superintendent and all the officers of government were safe arrived at Charlotte-Town, that the town plot was laid out, that the courts of justice were opened the 21st ult. with the usual formalities; that several settlers had arrived on different parts of the island, and were well pleased with the soil, which is extremely fertile; oysters, lobsters, and flatfish abound in every river; in some there are salmon and trout, and on the North side of the island there is plenty of cod-fish, partridges, ducks, and pigeons also abound in their season; no fogs are seen there, but in general a serene air."

Charlottetown had been designated the Island capital in 1765, but conditions were still quite primitive when the government officials arrived, as above noted, in 1768. The first Chief Justice was not commissioned until 1770, and a year later we find him writing to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, complaining that he was in "the greatest distress imaginable," having stretched his credit to the utmost in procuring salt pork and brown biscuit to support him through the winter.

The Poet's Corner

WE WHO HAVE WATCHED V. S. who have watched the world go by Brooding with eyes, unveiled and clear On its poor pomp and vanity, Seen Mammon, vice and infamy Gringe, bargain, jape and jeer — What surety have we here? We who have witnessed beauty fade, And faces once divine with light In narrow object darkness laid, Consigned with busy heedless apade To play from mortal sound and sight — Where look we for delight? We who have seen the tender child Leap from its mother's breast, to rove This earth; and soon, by fiend beguiled, With wanton sickness defied, Resign at last faith, hope and love, What mercy dream we of? —Walter de la Mare.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It is much better to sit tight than to drive in that condition.—St. Catharines Standard.

Maybe that good listener who sits attentive and quiet while you talk is really thinking of something else.—Chatham Daily News.

French premiers have to be skilled handymen. They're always patching up cabinets.—London Free Press.

Before sailing from New York the Duchess of Kent and Princess Alexandra sans fanfare, dropped in at the St. James Theatre on West 44th Street to see "The Pajama Game." Does Royalty wear those things, too?—Windsor Daily Star.

Fake meat balls are a hit in the U. S. They are made from sunflower seeds, pecans, wheat and assertedly "look and taste like the real thing." Manufacturers of meat and fish substitutes say the meat ball stands in popularity right beside such other examples of their alchemy as this one: Scallops made from pluten, water and vegetable protein. What next?—St. Catharines Standard.

Among the new inventions whose debut is announced in the current issue of an American publication, a plastic shield which serves as an umbrella over a car windshield, for use at drive-in theatres in rainy weather, and a remote control accounting system, to be called Teletel, through which a racing fan can place his bet and lose his money right in the seat without ever going near the \$2 window. Isn't civilization grand?—Calgary Albertan.

Blotting freshmen of the University of Toronto left a trail of wreckage and injured people last week. A professor was cut on the head when struck because he tried to stop the racket; men and women students were attacked. Dr. Sidney Smith, president of the university, later said it was "regrettable vandalism." Is vandalism ever anything else than regrettable? It seems likely that Dr. Smith spoke less mildly about it in private than he did for publication. No doubt he was baffled that 200 engineering freshmen who probably are polite individually, turned into savages as a mob.—Sydney Post-Record.

Too Many Deer

(Isaac Hunter in Montreal Gazette) Don't be upset if you see heaps of deer on railway express trucks or on station platforms. Scores of deer carcasses are coming through from Anticosti Island where the bag limit was increased to five per gun this year.

What has happened is that the Anticosti deer, introduced to the island many years ago by Henri Menier have literally eaten themselves out of house and home. What is more they are fast eating their landlords, the Consolidated Paper Co. out of house and home, too. The deer population has been growing apace being estimated at upwards of 100,000. And, although the island is more than 130 miles long and heavily timbered, the animals have been over-browsing it to the detriment of plant and tree life. The deer themselves have been feeling the pinch and their stature and condition have been showing it.

The present plan would seem about the only way of adjusting matters. The season down there opened on August 15 and extends to February 1. Flying over the island three years ago at one point we passed over a clearing where the deer were like sheep in a pasture.

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People are unfair to a good appetite. They try to kill it at past three times a day.—Kitchen-Waterloo Record.

It is predicted that logs will disappear because, using their automobiles so much, people won't need them. How, then will the pedestrians be able to jump?—Fort Arthur News-Chronicle.

The new paper currency issued at Ottawa has been duly admired. In a short time, though, all these pretty bits of paper will become as limp and as soiled as those which have passed before them, and they will be just as hard to keep.—Fort William Times-Journal.

Effort to find aid for domestic producer without resorting to tariff hikes is well worth exploration. Where protection is justified some form of carefully guarded subsidy to domestic sources supplying part of the American market would be less costly than a tariff which boosts prices on the total consumption. Also less damaging to friends abroad and to American exporters.—Christian Science Monitor.

The Manitoba government has only itself to blame if No. 1 highway west of Winnipeg becomes jammed with parked cars whose drivers are searching the roadside weeds for missing hub caps. A news report on Monday told of a motorist who hit one of the road's infamous potholes and saw his hub cap bounce off into the ditch. While searching for his missing hub cap, the motorist found nine other hub caps buried in the weeds.—Winnipeg Tribune.

The Age Old Story

And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

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The Passing Scene

Whatever else may be said about the United States special Senate Committee, which was appointed to inquire into the controversial question as to whether Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin should be censured by the parent body, it cannot be said that Chairman Watkins and his fellow investigators were either dilatory or lukewarm in their difficult and important assignment. Unlike the Mundt Committee, which spent three months or so in investigating the McCarthy-Army dispute and came to no decision worth recording, this one completed its work in nine days and prepared a 40,000 word report, which no one could misunderstand, in less than two weeks.

There is another great difference to be noted. While the Mundt hearings provided a good deal of cheap entertainment to television viewers and, in the process, injured United States prestige in the eyes of the world and in the thinking of millions of its own citizens, the Watkins Committee worked quietly and with dignity and has reassured those people at home or abroad who were beginning to feel that low comedy had taken the place in the United States political system that belongs rightfully to serious statesmanship.

In the Mundt hearings it almost seemed that all the participants—the investigators and the investigated, counsel and witnesses—were out to make all the political and personal capital that could come their way; in the Watkins hearings it was clear that each member of the Committee felt a sense of urgency and realized that he had been selected to help his country regain some of her lost dignity. Under the strong hand and judicial mind of the chairman—this fresh air of responsibility was breathed in, in some measure, by every one present.

Even Senator McCarthy himself, once he discovered that he would not be permitted to turn the hearings into burlesque, seemed to shed much of his former boorishness, which his friends say is not by any means a true indication of his natural temperament, but rather an artificial cloak he assumed for fancied protection against a feeling of judicial inadequacy. Those who know him well say that in his personal associations he is really a reasonable, fairminded, and courteous type of person. Obviously, he is a man of many talents.

The censure recommendation of the Watkins Committee should come as no surprise to anyone; no committee, with any sense of responsibility, could have done anything else on the evidence. In fact, it is abundantly clear that the appointment of the committee in the first place was in the nature of a delaying tactic. At the time Senator Flanders and the others introduced their censure motion, neither the Republicans nor the Democrats were quite sure just how much influence, or what kind of influence, the controversial Mr. McCarthy would have on the forthcoming Con-

gressional elections. (Nor are they now, for that matter.)

Quite understandably—since Senators are politicians as well as lawmakers—there was no great hurry on either side to proceed to the debate. After the elections are over, it will be a different matter. By then there will have been ways and means of making reasonably sure where Mr. McCarthy stands in public opinion without taking undue political risks. Since this applied to the members of both parties, the logical thing to do was to appoint a committee which would postpone the disagreeable task to a more convenient season.

Mr. McCarthy, to his credit be said, seems to have been about the only member of the Senate anxious to have the matter cleared up without delay. It is almost certain, therefore, that nothing will be done until Nov. 8th. What will happen when the thing does come to a head is by no means certain. The recommendation of the Committee is merely advisory; all it means at the moment is that at least six Senators will vote for censure.

If the parent body does, by a small or large margin (probably small) follow the advice of the Committee, that action itself will not have the effect of removing Mr. McCarthy from his chairmanship. Should the Democrats win control of Congress, Senator McCarthy will have to resign his chairmanships anyway, since all such posts are filled by the majority party. But, if the Republicans retain their slight margin in the Senate, or increase it, there will have to be pressure against him than is now apparent before he is relieved of his offices; for the rights of seniority, which brought Mr. McCarthy to the fore in the first place, are protected very rigidly in the United States political system. A mere vote of censure would not affect them at all.

At the same time, regardless of what Senator McCarthy may say, nothing can do more political harm to a United States Senator than a censure resolution by his colleagues. It is a weapon that has been used very sparingly and, in each case, it has done no good to the censured member. This does not mean, necessarily, that Mr. McCarthy will fade from the American political scene if the Senate does, in fact, censure him after the elections. But, almost certainly, it will mean that, whether under Mr. McCarthy or any one else, Congressional Investigating Committees will no longer be one-man affairs. It will mean also that more attention, than has been the custom in recent years, will be paid to democratically-based judicial processes in hearings which have to do with the nation's security.

This, in turn, will not mean any lessening of efforts to root out treachery and subversion. On the contrary it will strengthen them in their weak places; for a free nation can best assert its strength by showing the world that it does not have to adopt the totalitarian method in its determination to remain free.

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