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The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink

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Too Much Buck-Passing

News that a Charlottetown firm has tendered the lowest bid on the contract to construct the approaches of the Northumberland Strait crossing from the Island side is another reminder of the uncalled-for action of the Pearson government in delaying this work on the specious pretext of curbing the industrial boom.

A much greater hazard in the inflationary spiral the government professes to be so afraid of has been the 30 per cent wage boosts the Prime Minister himself takes credit for having "negotiated" in the case of Quebec longshoremen and St. Lawrence Seaway workers.

The same situation prevails in the United States, where the farmer has been made the scapegoat of inflationary trends that are not of his making, and where a timely protest has been made on the subject by Homer Young, president of the influential Consumers Cooperative Association.

"It always has been easy," he says in a letter to Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman. "to single out the farmer in any criticism of a rise in food prices. He is a sitting target, so to speak, because he is the basic producer."

It is a primary job of the department of agriculture, Mr. Young insists, to justify the progress that agriculture has made and defend its right to make further progress. There has been too much buck-passing on this job in Canada as well as in the neighboring republic, with the result that even in our own agricultural province, we hear too much about the need for a roll-back in farm prices as a way to stem inflationary trends.

In The Doldrums

Once again, the federal government has backed away from its promised revision of the Bank Act. As a result, it is said of a stormy caucus session, the bill has now been postponed indefinitely. Thus the expert advice from two objective sources—the Royal Commission on Banking and Finance (the Porter Commission) and the second report of the Economic Council of Canada, count for naught where political expediency is concerned. Both these bodies urged

the government to remove the 6 per cent ceiling now set for what the chartered banks may charge for their loans.

The reason for this recommendation is that over the ten years (now 12 years, in fact) since the last decennial revision of the Bank Act many other institutions have assumed the banking functions of borrowing money from the public and lending it to the public. These other institutions are not in any way controlled by the Bank Act. The result, then, has been two groups of borrowing and lending institutions, the one (the chartered banks) limited to 6 per cent interest on their loans, and the other group (the so-called "near-banks") without any limit whatsoever.

The Montreal Gazette points out in this connection that when any field of business is artificially cut into two in this way, so that one cannot really compete with the other, many dislocations are bound to arise. The depositors in the banks cannot be paid as much for their money, as they are paid if they deposit in the near-banks. And for many types of loans (especially those for small business) a higher rate than 6 per cent has to be charged. As these borrowers cannot have their needs satisfied by the chartered banks, they are forced to go to the near-banks, where the interest they pay is far higher than what a competitive market would provide.

Mr. Gordon and his supporters are credited with having blocked debate on the Bank Act amendments, which would have remedied this grievance. They believe they have stalled the revisions indefinitely but the supporters of Finance Minister Sharp insist they must be introduced before the Commons recesses for the summer. If that be the case, there is no more time to be lost. Mr. Sharp's new formula, reportedly, would set a new, higher ceiling on bank loans, and remove the ceiling on large loans.

Timely Advice

Of deep interest to the thousands of young people who have just finished another school term are the remarks by W.C. Stewart, director of the Prairie Region of the National Employment Service, in his report for the month of May. He said: "With final examinations about to begin, I find myself thinking not only of eager young high school graduates, but of unfortunate young drop-outs as well. There is no need to tell my readers that the call today in the field of employment is for higher qualities of leadership and skill in keeping with the increasingly technical and competitive world of our time."

"Not only is much expected of today's young applicant before he can enter his chosen field but it is likely that the nature of the job he undertakes will change two or three times in his lifetime, and that he will be called upon during his employment to absorb instruction of a complex nature. The need, therefore, is for young people who are trainable and adaptable. It stands to reason that the more schooling one receives—academic or otherwise—the easier it is for one to acquire knowledge or to learn a new skill."

EDITORIAL NOTES

One of the most serious effects of the seamen's strike in Britain has occurred on this side of the Atlantic. The port of Toronto reports serious losses that cannot be made up this year. In Toronto's half-year free from ice it is critical that ships arrive on schedule. Says the harbor master there: "Twenty per cent of the business through the port is by British ships and there isn't a British ship in port today and none on the way."

The Law Commission of England has published proposals for the abolition of a number of longstanding common-law misdemeanors and statutory offenses. These offenses include: being a common scold; being out and about when decent folk are abed; stirring up quarrels; spreading scandals; listening to private conversations; and challenging someone to a fight. These activities have been punishable for 400 or 500 years but, as one eminent English authority says, very few people have ever heard of them being listed as offenses. Which explains, no doubt, why there has been a noticeable lack of public interest in the proposal to abolish the penalties



"WHO NEEDS A LIFELINE?"

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Cabinet Chorus Follows Stormy Caucus

At a recent stormy caucus of the Liberal parliamentary group, the rivals for the not-yet-vacant leadership and their supporters were roundly castigated by a back-bench MP for sowing disunity within their ranks. "There is no vacancy at the top, and we should not act as if there is," said Bryce Mackasey, MP for Verdun, Quebec, in his forthright Irish manner which has so much endeared him to his fellow-Irishman "Mike" Pearson.

This Cabinet chorus, stems from the deservedly famous "half the discussion" harangue which Bryce Mackasey delivered in the secrecy of the Liberal caucus. GRIT BLAMES TORIES Speaking in Newfoundland, Pickersgill said "The moment the Tories decide their leaders are failures, they start to butcher them." He cited Bennett, Manion, Bracken and Drew as victims of this butchery. Since 1963, the process has been slower, though the intention has been there," he said. "to accomplish this purpose, they now have a new propaganda line. This new Tory line is that the only way to save Parliament and restore good government in Canada is to get rid of the leaders of both historic parties."

can do; poor Mike doesn't need any enemies. Addressing a Liberal meeting in Listowel, Nova Scotia's Allan MacEachen was more persuasively eloquent. There are some Canadians, even in the Liberal party, he said, who see an easy and simple solution to the problem. "Change the party leader, and all will be well." But, he continued, President Johnson, General de Gaulle and Prime Minister Harold Wilson are not weak leaders; "yet their countries are beset by deep and seemingly insoluble problems." This is a time for careful constructive policies in Canada, for workable compromise, for encouraging a national consensus but not for dictating it from the top. "With these qualities," Prime Minister Pearson is and has been the right man in the right place at the right time," said Allan MacEachen.

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Sir—I think it was Mark Twain who said, "Truth is a rare commodity, yet it economically well it must be said of the Liberals, that they have adhered to that philosophy with monotonous regularity in the recent, and still pending political campaign. They have declared with tiresome repetition, that the Shaw government, since its election to office has accomplished nothing, and to have been asleep when opportunities offered, to the point of inertia. These assertions were being especially directed towards second Kings and its presiding cabinet minister Mr. Rossier.

Looking back within the scope of our memory, covering some seventy odd years, we cannot recall, any minister under any government of either Liberal or Conservative persuasion, who has come anyway near duplicating Mr. Rossier's success in securing business enterprises for this little isolated island. At various times he has gone away with empty hands, and only his pleasing and persuasive personality to assist him, and has returned with pockets full of contracts. Some of these contracts worth millions of dollars to the economy of this province. It is needless to enumerate them; everyone knows about them.

Personally, in age we are approaching our seventy-fifth year, and have voted at different times for each of the competing parties, according to our convictions regarding the involved issue, but we fail to recall any government which has brought to this Island, one fifth of the amount of inspired progress, in the same number of years as has the Shaw government. I am, Sir, etc. PRATT

Dominica Follows Trend

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (CP)—The hand that rocks the cradle may rule all 26 provinces in the Dominican Republic, which this Friday sets out on the late tangle of democracy.

His success, which largely applied to the amount and application of U.S. aid, will dictate how peaceful the battered little republic remains.

There are indications that the far left was badly surprised by Balaguer's victory. Supporters of U.S. President Johnson saw it as a smashing vindication of the much-criticized U.S. military intervention in April, 1965. LIMITED BLOODSHED They say human bloodshed was drastically limited and the creation of another Communist country in the hemisphere was prevented.

In Latin America, the friction caused by the intervention—still opposed by Mexico among others—seems to be fading. The 26-nation Organization of American States has set Aug. 29 as the date for another meeting on essential OAS reform.

Communist Vote In Italy

Milwaukee Journal For the first time since World War II the Communist vote in the Rome elections showed a drop—from 28 per cent two years ago to 26.8 per cent this last weekend. Yet the phenomenon of a large Communist vote in Italy continues to hold up year after year.

There are several explanations. Many Italians cast votes for the Communists as a general protest against the status quo and without any desire for the Communists to win. In a number of industrial cities the Communists have controlled local government for a long time and have proved to be careful, generous, efficient officials. The argument that the vote for Communists in Catholic Italy is a contradiction is offset by the fact that in Italian politics there is a long tradition of anti-clericalism.

When Are You Getting Old?

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen According to Dr. Robert T. Monroe, a man is aging when he becomes aware of loss of life expectancy, those who guided him, his place and function. The first loss occurs when he realizes that time is running out on him. The optimist looks at the life expectancy tables, notes that he has many more years and remains active the pessimist "throws up his hands, kills what time he has, and lives out of a suitcase."

With increasing age, more and more of the individual's relatives, friends, and associates move away or die. He knows he is getting old when he finds himself in a world of strangers. He was guided by parents and teachers when a child and by older people when he reached mid-life. Now he is head of the clan and the loss of a spouse or retirement adds to his concern.

Loss of position is difficult to overcome unless the individual has desirable alternate jobs or ample resources. Hobbies, social activities and a sense of humor go a long way to overcome the feeling of being on the second team or losing authority to the younger set.

Loss of body function is feared the most, especially when it involves physical and mental capacity. Many oldersters get along comfortably so long as they proceed at their own pace. Loss of sight or hearing can be distressing but the older should never delay treatment because of pride. New eyeglasses and hearing aids are the greatest threats because they add to existing impairments. Life is a struggle at any age.

Only when eczema is caused by sensitivity to one of the ingredients in the cocktail. Some whisky, for example, is distilled from wheat and if you are allergic to this grain the outbreak on the hands may worsen if you drink it.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Wild animals, birds and fish will decorate Canadian coinage next year. How about the whooping crane to symbolize the vanishing value of the Canadian dollar? — Edmonton Journal.

The university president was delivering his baccalaureate speech in the audience were an elderly man and woman, obviously foreigners, who were having some trouble understanding the president's address to the class, of which their son was a member. "What he say?" finally demanded the mother frowning. "Who?" asked the father. "The beega fella in black robes. What he say?" "He say school is out." — Montreal Star.

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