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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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A Serious Problem

Mr. Joseph C. Campbell, member for Third King's, rendered a valuable public service by calling the attention of the Legislature to the pulpwood situation. As he pointed out, there is manifestly something wrong when the price paid for the wood is \$5 a cord less than it was five years ago, while in the interim the price of newsprint has increased several times.

The Key Province

Here is how the election prospects are summoned up in a leading Liberal newspaper, the Winnipeg Free Press: "Quebec is the key province in this election. If a number of Quebec seats swing Tory then the Diefenbaker forces will likely sweep back into power."

Mystery Still Unsolved

Some days ago we referred to strange goings-on in a house at Seaford, L. I. — bottles popping, furniture leaving one place and settling in another, objects flying up and down stairs, and so forth.

Mystery Still Unsolved

Well, a later report says that psychologists who were called to the scene have been unable to find an answer to the mystery. First, they thought that a member of the family, 12-year old Jimmie, might have had something to do with it; but they dismissed that possibility when a coffee table shifted its position in the living room at a time when Jimmie was fast asleep in bed.

Mystery Still Unsolved

The psychologists are now working on a theory known as "psychokinetic", the ability to move physical objects by mental power. Here, too, Jimmie is under surveillance; for, according to the experts, this power, if it exists at all, is more likely to appear in children than in adults.

Defence Expenditures

Word from Ottawa is that, according to present plans—they may be changed later—an estimated \$80 million will be spent by the Defence Department in 1958 for new construction and for maintenance, alteration and repair. In defence estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, \$160 million were allocated for these purposes.

Defence Expenditures

Reductions in this phase of defence expenditures began soon after the Conservative Government assumed office last June. They do not mean, however, that the overall defence burden of \$1,725,000,000 will be greatly affected. As Defence Minister Peaker pointed out at a recent press conference, it is difficult to see how there can be any slackening of this country's defence effort until such time as a satisfactory disarmament plan is in operation.

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Nevertheless, a 50 per cent reduction in construction funds is bound to have an effect on the employment situation. It is right, of course, that unnecessary expenditures be avoided in all departments; but it is a little unfortunate that this particular reduction had to come at this time.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Great Britain still has plenty of financial problems. But they are diminishing steadily. The gold and dollar reserves in February rose \$135 million to a total of \$2,539,000,000, the highest since July 1955.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Soon, Americans visiting Canada will have no cause to complain about high postage rates here. Congress recently passed a bill authorizing a 5-cent-an-ounce rate for non-local letters and 4 cents for local matter. The increase is expected to bring in more than \$1 billion annually.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There is this to be said about the troubled situation in Indonesia: the rebels are trying to force the Jakarta authorities to adopt a domestic system of government. At present, President Sukarno is to a large extent under the influence of the Communists, if one may accept his own statements concerning the situation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan is coming to the United States on June 8 to receive an honorary degree and have a chat with President Eisenhower. He would be a much happier man on that occasion if in the meantime his party could win a by-election. He has been having hard luck lately.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund recently approved allocations of \$7½ million for child-aid programs in 43 countries and territories. It is in projects of this kind—a large number of them—that the U.N. is doing its best work. They do not receive as much publicity as is given to political questions which come before the organization, but they contribute a great deal more to human betterment.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The view that too much effort is spent in growing potatoes on this Island may be open to question. For many farmers it is the main source of income; and, despite bad years in the industry, on the whole it has been fairly lucrative. But, as Mr. R. C. Parent has pointed out, there would seem to be no good reason why "the shelves of Island stores should be filled with vegetables canned in other parts of Canada". Nor is there any reason why the production of beef to meet the requirements of neighbouring markets should not be stepped up considerably. In each field a great deal more could be done without interfering in any way with the potato business.



WINTER SPORTS

OTTAWA REPORT

Rival Emergency Policies

By Patrick Nicholson
Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Ottawa: The short-term objective of combating unemployment has provided the chief impetus in the election campaign to date.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker believes that this can be achieved most quickly by accelerating construction of necessary government buildings, roads, bridges, similar public works. And in fact many workers have already been put back to work, and more daily are obtaining jobs, under the Conservative government's present emergency program.

Liberal leader Lester Pearson, on the other hand, says that the most effective crash program to provide jobs would be the "Pearson Plan" to cut taxes by \$360,000,000 a year.

The rival claims of the two rival political leaders, especially as embodied by some of their followers, have given campaign crowds some interesting ideas to mull over.

The "Pearson Plan" could not begin to operate until Parliament had acted: say in June of this year. It's full effect would not be felt until some months after the end of March of next year, when the promised tax saving would reach its peak. That peak would amount to exactly 40 cents per Canadian per week.

The theory behind the Pearson Plan, its originator has explained, is that each taxpayer would spend that tax saving on buying goods in the stores, which would then have to order more goods from the manufacturers, and this in turn would ensure more jobs for Canadians in our factories.

That is a theory which looks empty and unpromising to any unemployed worker in Oshawa or Windsor, Hamilton or Quebec.

How may goods worth 40 cents buy? Might not many Canadians fail to notice such a modest saving, and fritter it away on nondurable consumer goods, thus providing merely extra work for coffee-growers in Brazil? What guarantee have the voters that the Pearson Plan would not merely transfer money from government expenditure inside Canada to the creation of jobs in other countries which exports to Canada? How many Canadian unemployed this month will get immediate jobs from tax savings which will not be felt until April of next year?

In contrast, the Diefenbaker project has already provided many jobs. Plans have been accelerated so that many necessary public works scheduled for 1958 and even 1959 were actually speeded up to start in 1957. And emergency steps were taken to retain in work men who might otherwise have been laid off.

FORECASTS WERE GLOOMY
Months ago economists here were predicting that unemployment would soar to at least 750,000 this winter. Last week, Labour Minister Starr said that the February total would probably be about 600,000 and that thereafter, instead of rising through March as in other years, the total of workless would fall. This pre-seasonal upswing in work, as well as the unexpectedly low total of unemployed at winter's peak, reflect the immediate results of the Conservative program.

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Columbus' Lost Island

New York Times

We have long known who discovered America — omitting, to be sure, the Norsemen and Basque fishermen who may have been here but kept quiet about it. What has never been quite certain is exactly where Columbus made his first landfall.

Tradition makes it Watling Island in the Bahamas, which the great Admiral called by the lover name of San Salvador. Samuel Eliot Morison, Emeritus Professor of History at Harvard, followed the course of the Pinta and her sister ships, as described in the Las Casas journal, some years ago, and wound up at the same spot.

Now come Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Link, of Binghamton, N. Y., who in 1955 made their own tour over the reported course and stake a claim for the Caicos Island 200 miles southeast of Watling.

The links are not alone in rejecting Watling and turning south or southeast. Acklin Island, a favorite of some historians, is about half way down the map from Watling to the Caicos. The Grand Turk or Turks Island in the Caicos neighborhood has been frequently mentioned.

The trouble seems to be that the great navigator faked his log on the way over so that his crew would not know how very far they were from home. He may also have been set this way or that by currents unknown to him — through both Professor Morison and the Links must have taken account of this factor. Does all this matter too much? Perhaps not, enchanting as such speculations always are.

What matters, and what we can not do anything about, is that Columbus persisted in believing that if he could get past the islands he could reach Cathay.

Make Regular Dental Visits

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.
YOU have often been told to see your dentist at least twice a year. These regular visits to his office might do a lot more than protect you from a toothache. They may even save your life.

Many, many persons frequently blame such body disorders as "dizziness, migraine, head pains and swelling of the face and neck on tooth trouble. And they hurry off to their dentist to find out what is wrong.

PROPER TREATMENT
If the cause of the difficulty is not the teeth — and it very often is not — the dentist will send the patient to a physician for examination, thereby speeding proper treatment.

Periodic examination of the mouth, face and neck is essential in discovering any cancer which might be developing in these areas. Here again, your dentist can play a vital role in detecting early symptoms and, possibly help to save your life.

COULD BE PREVENTED
It is estimated that about 80 per cent of the deaths caused by cancer of the mouth could be prevented if the lesions were recognized early enough and treatment was begun promptly.

Your dentist is in an excellent position to spot such cancer in the early stages.

It is easy for him to examine your face and mouth, and probably your neck, too. Many dentists throughout the country are performing such valuable services for their patients.

During a three-year period, for example, about one-third of the practicing dentists in Texas discovered 382 cases of cancer by performing their own biopsies, and an additional 557 cases by referring their patients to physicians for biopsies.

Perhaps your dentist already is on the alert for any indications of cancer. If he isn't, you might suggest to him next time you visit his office that he inspect the following sites for possible symptoms:

The face: parotid and submaxillary salivary glands; submaxillary and submental lymph nodes; jaws and temporomandibular joints; neck and cervical lymph nodes and the lips and corner of the mouth.

INTRAOURAL EXAM
He might also make the following intraoral examination: Mucous membranes of the lips and cheeks; tongue and floor of the mouth; tonsils, soft and hard palate, and uvula; posterior pharyngeal wall; gingiva and retromolar area, and the alveolar bone and the teeth.

Since about 85 per cent of oral cancer develops in males, this examination is especially important for men, particularly those in the 65-69 age group.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
D. T.: I am thinking of painting my baby's furniture. Is there any paint that is lead-free? I am afraid he might get lead poisoning from the paint.

Answer: Almost all enamels used for interiors of houses are now lead-free.

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The Age Old Story

I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, was sick.

—William Vincent Stieler
In the Christian Science Monitor.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

All husbands may not be amateur detectives, but they know when friend wife has been using their razors.—Stratford Beacon Herald

A man whose loot in three armed robberies was \$51 has been sent to penitentiary for 15 years. His cash return for these ventures into crime thus works out at about 35 cents a week.—Ottawa Journal

A judge in Dublin, Ireland, has awarded £144 damages to a male plaintiff in a breach of promise action. The man complained that his girl friend had kept postponing the date for their wedding for eleven years.—Brantford Expositor

Making her first flight, an old lady stopped the stewardess as she passed her seat. "Will you give a message to the pilot, please," she asked. "Certainly." "Then, please ask him not to go faster than sound because we want to talk on the journey."—Galt Reporter

Moscow reports clothes are being glued rather than stitched. This is a new pitch, but makes us wonder if it never rains in Russia. Glue in any man's country is messy stuff when subjected to water, unless, of course, the Russians, in their highly exalted superiority, have perfected rain-proof glue.—Niagara Falls Review

These coddled youngsters and adolescents are our citizens-to-be. If they are spared these disciplines at home and in school by nominally responsible adults, what chance will they have of breasting the storms of a fundamentally competitive way of life when they take their place in it?—Regina Leader-Post

Every good newspaper is to some degree a local newspaper. Not even the London Times and the New York Times are free of the obligation to write specifically for and about the people and problems of London and New York. A newspaper which has no personality of its own is not worth having. And a newspaper without a mind of its own is of no use at all.—Peterborough Examiner

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A paper sleeping bag has been invented. Great fun will be required of those who go on a camping trip with them.—Edmonton Journal

Those centennial beard-growing contests in B.C. will provide that province's politicians a way of hiding their faces from the public after March 31.—Lethbridge Herald

Boston Harbor is an eyesore, when, so easily, it could be one of the glories of the city. Moulding wharves line the waterfront, sunken barges provide a menace to navigation, dilapidated piers and stacks of rotting maritime gear bear mute evidence of our disregard for order and efficiency.—Boston Herald

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip are so fond of cooking that they are installing a private kitchen in Buckingham Palace. When not dining in state, they can turn out meals that are exactly to the Queen's taste.—Chicago Daily News

The snag about getting car buyers to accept less horsepower is that no man will brag, "my car is slower than yours."—Brantford Expositor

Polato shipments from Prince Edward Island this winter, although on a par with those of last year, are far below the level established in 1929. In recent years the potatoes have been carried by rail to Halifax, then shipped by water to ports in the United States.

Only "autonomous" trade missions will be allowed to function in P.E.I. under terms of a bill which received second reading in the Legislature yesterday after opposition members had strongly censured its provisions, charging that it was dictatorial and would set a dangerous precedent in Canada.

It has been learned that a new frost-proof warehouse will be built on the Railway Wharf at Summerside. An item of 90,000,000 was included in the estimates for repair of the railway wharf and rebuilding the shed. It was assumed that this meant frost-proofing one of the potato storage warehouses located here.

MAXIMS

Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.



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