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kind of therapy; but it does cost the Red Cross, the organization through which it is provided, about \$7.00 per bottle to collect and process. This works out as an actual saving for the people of this Province of about \$25,000 per year in this one Red Cross service.

In addition to the whole blood provided, there are many by-products produced from the blood after it becomes outdated—in 22 days—for use as whole blood. Each year thousands of RH investigations are made by Red Cross for the family doctors on expectant mothers. There is also the reciprocal agreement between the Canadian Red Cross and the American National Red Cross whereby blood is replaced for Canadians in American hospitals, and vice versa. Many such replacements have been arranged for Islanders through the P. E. I. Red Cross.

It is this wonderful organization that is now appealing for more blood donors in this community. Again it should be emphasized that there is no discomfort or after effects in the giving of blood, and that anyone in good health between the ages of 18 and 65 years can participate in this great humanitarian service.

Tragic Deaths

The Guardian joins with The Patriot in extending sympathy to the bereaved wife and family of the late Mr. Ronald MacDonald, whose tragic death in a motor car accident over the weekend has been a shock to his fellow workers on both newspapers.

Though chiefly associated with the evening paper, he worked on both and was one of the most valued members of the composing room staff. Expert in his own duties, he was always ready and willing to help others, and many instances of his friendliness and cooperation will be recalled by all who knew him.

Sympathy is also extended to the wife and family of Mr. Samuel Alexander MacLeod, of Kinross, who was killed early yesterday morning while helping to fight a fire which destroyed the home of a neighbor, Mr. Wendall MacLeod. The fire was a disastrous one for those concerned, and the added tragedy of a gallant life lost in seeking to bring it under control is sad indeed. Mr. MacLeod was a prominent member of the community, and his death will be widely mourned.

EDITORIAL NOTES

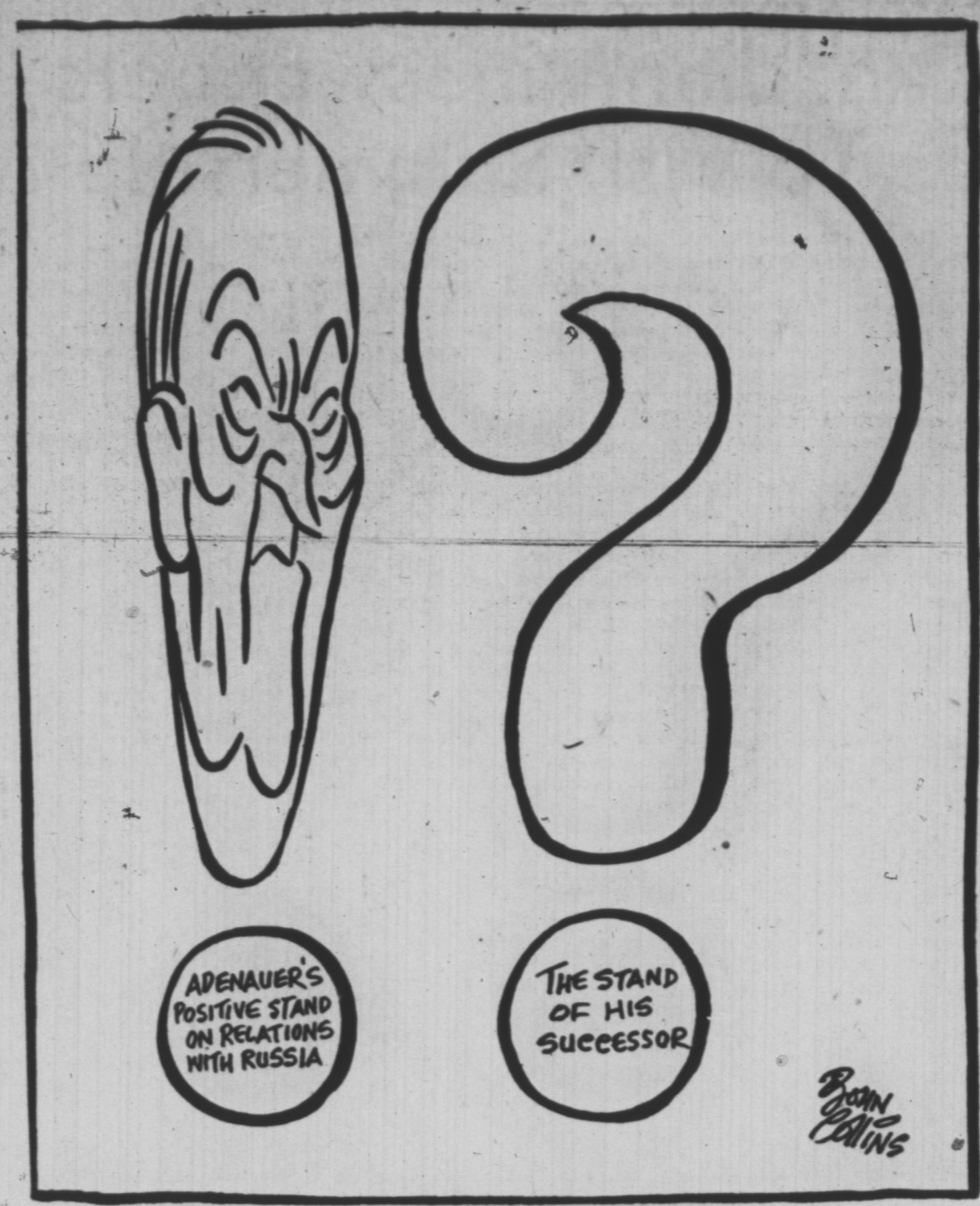
A group of Western scientists are going to Africa to study a tribe known as the Bushmen. It is to be hoped that they will discover something of benefit to Western civilization.

The crocuses are in full bloom, the tulips and the daffodils are beginning to show colour, while all around can be heard the voices of new spring. Yet, there are those who say in their hearts "there is no God!"

The Owen Sound Sun-Times complains that, although there has been a big increase in hog production in recent years, there has been hardly any improvement in pork quality. The number of Grade A hogs remains about the same year after year. We understand that in this Province there has, in fact, been some improvement. There has not been nearly enough, however. It is uneconomic to produce inferior pork, and there is really no reason for it.

Mr. J. W. Pickersgill challenged Prime Minister Diefenbaker to run against him in the Newfoundland riding of Bonavista-Twillingate in the next election. It's hardly a fair proposition, in view of the riding's traditional Liberal bias. A more realistic test would be in St. John's West, which has a definitely Tory history. From all accounts, if the election were held soon, no Conservative candidate, not even the Prime Minister, would save his nomination fee.

Complacency at Washington must have been disturbed by a report sent to Congress from the National Science Foundation. The United States, says the report, has only made a beginning in meeting the Soviet scientific challenge and the challenge of education as well. There is grave danger that, on the grounds of economy, the country will continue to fail to develop its full capacity in science and technology. These warnings came just a week after President Eisenhower had told Congress that "our military and scientific related progress has been highly gratifying."



WHAT WILL IT BE?

ON PARLIAMENT HILL Reaction To The Budget

By Heath Macquarrie, M.P.

The big news of the last few days was the presentation of the Budget by Hon. Donald M. Fleming, Minister of Finance. There is always an air of excitement and expectancy about Budget night and usually the galleries are crowded. This year, as usual, the public came out to the event in large numbers but I was surprised to look up and see a few vacancies in the Member's Galleries.

Perhaps there was a little less interest this year because it was generally believed that tax increases were inevitable. Economists had been proclaiming this for many months and it would be difficult for anyone to view the large national deficit and not think about measures designed to decrease it. Mr. Fleming, as usual, was brilliant and completely at home in the vast and intricate subject of high finance. He preceded his announcement of tax changes by a masterly review of the current economic situation and outlined the major trends of the country's fiscal development. When he came to the crucial matter of tax hikes he laid the groundwork and set out comparisons with the conditions existing before the reductions of 1957.

The major tax changes involved an increase of 2 percent in the income tax of those whose taxable income exceeds \$3,000. A great many Canadians do not come into this bracket and of course will not be affected. An increase of 2 percent on corporations tax was provided for but here again the Minister exempted those of the lower brackets, the small businessman. Of more universal application was the increased sales tax on liquor and tobacco. Beer and wine were not included nor is there to be any increase for those cigarette smokers who roll their own.

Of more universal application was the increased sales tax on liquor and tobacco. Beer and wine were not included nor is there to be any increase for those cigarette smokers who roll their own. The Budget provided for other changes, notably in tariffs on fruit and vegetables. Of great interest to us was the imposition of a straight year round duty of 37 1/2 percent on potatoes from the United States. This should be beneficial to the potato industry in Prince Edward Island had been generally applauded by those connected with the growing and selling of this important commodity.

In the days following the budget presentation there was an opportunity for public opinion to express itself. There was an early chorus of approval from the economists and experts in budgetary and fiscal matters. Dr. Donald Armstrong of McGill University expressed the view that the Minister had taken just the right action to work toward a balanced budget without curtailing the moves towards economic recovery now happily in progress. Some had feared that the efforts to restore a state of budgetary balance might have been too drastic and that severe tax increases might have been provided for. Mr. Fleming has a thorough grasp of the situation and there is every reason to believe that the wisdom of his present action will be borne out by future events.

The general public could hardly be expected to be quite so enthusiastic as the experts who might tend to view the question with long-range objectivity. As Hon. George Nowlan said yesterday, "I am quite convinced there will be no paean of praise and no hallooing but I am certain there will be general acceptance." This about sums up from time to time the Newfoundland temper towards the Budget, while not pleasant, was nevertheless inevitable.

NEWFOUNDLAND TEMPEST Although there are still a few flurries stirred up from time to time the Newfoundland temper seems to have died down—

ON PARLIAMENT HILL

Reaction To The Budget

Smallwood after two days in Ottawa has left for the United Kingdom. One Ottawa newspaper commented that his departure reminded Ottawans how quiet their city normally is!

Another group that was fairly quiet was the panel of newsmen who were supposed to interview the Newfoundland Premier on television. Mr. Smallwood certainly held a close grip on the microphone. One Ottawa columnist wrote that if the reporters on the panel were being paid by the word they would have come out of the program owing the C.B.C. That the jaunty Newfoundland premier is a master in the T.V. medium no one can deny. He is certainly a colorful and interesting personality.

UNPLEASANT FEUDS But in a country like Canada it is never pleasant to see bitterness develop between the central and the provincial governments and one recalls without pleasure the old feud between Premier Hepburn of Ontario and Prime Minister Mackenzie King. Whatever merit there may be in some of Mr. Smallwood's actions and arguments it is hard to believe his own public utterances will do much to improve the situation. It is hardly in the best traditions of public life to denounce one's opponents as gangsters and downright liars. Even the tempestuous Premier of Newfoundland might well heed counsels of moderation since his province is and will remain a part of the Canadian nation. An improvement rather than an exacerbation of relations with the other nine provinces is in the best interests of all concerned. EXCELLENT WORK

Coming home on the Ocean Limited to keep a speaking engagement with the Prince Edward Island Boards of Trade at Summerside I was fortunate to have at hand an interesting and valuable book. Three Centuries and the Island by Professor A.H. Clark of the University of Wisconsin is one of the most useful books ever written about our province. Professor Clark writes from a deep and profound knowledge in the fields of history and geography as well as a tender love for this little province which he knows so well. He gives us a most comprehensive account of agricultural patterns, immigration, community settlement, soil conditions and many other aspects of the province's economic and social development. The book is extremely well documented and written with a most pleasing and lucid style. This distinguished scholar is deserving of our most hearty congratulations on his erudition and gratitude in that he chose our province for his study project. His book will long be the definitive work on Prince Edward Island historical geography.

OTTAWA REPORT

Are M.P.'s Underpaid?

By Patrick Nicholson

The remuneration of our Cabinet Ministers, Senators and Members of Parliament was fixed at its present level more than five years ago. I am very doubtful if it was adequate at that time but since then our rising cost of living has slashed one-tenth off its value. This means that the wage-earners of the country now make their parliamentarians work for them for free during five weeks in the year; a thing which each of us wage-earners would refuse to do for our own employers.

In addition, the details of that scale of remuneration were very sloppily drafted by the government of 1954, and inclined some startling inequities. Today, every member of each House of our Parliament is paid an indemnity of \$8,000 a year, which is subject to income tax, plus an expense allowance of \$2,000 a year, which is tax-free except in the cases Cabinet Ministers and Senators.

INSUFFICIENT This expense allowance is entirely insufficient, when related to its purpose, which was described in 1954 by the then Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, as being "to enable members to defray the multiplicity of out-of-pocket costs of visiting and representing their constituencies." Further, I see it as entirely illogical that this allowance should be taxed when paid to Cabinet Ministers, each of whom represents a constituency as surely as does the most insignificant back-bencher. And I see it as equally unreasonable that at least a part of this allowance should not be freed from income tax in the case of Senators, who must incur extra expense by living in Ottawa during the session, just as do M.P.'s albeit for a shorter period.

UNDERPAID HELP OVER US Each Cabinet Minister is in addition paid \$15,000 a year for administering his department. In every case, the salary paid to the civil servant who acts as his deputy-minister is more than his rising to in excess of 50 per cent more. A Cabinet Minister is paid an allowance of \$2,000 tax-free, to compensate him for providing his own car for journeying between his Department, Cabinet

Competitive Sports Hazards

By Herman N. Budesca, M. D. IT'S natural for young boys and girls, but particularly boys, to enjoy competitive sports. A neighborhood game of softball, a class basketball game, a friendly tennis match—they are all fun and generally good exercise, too. HIGHLY COMPETITIVE

However, far too many school and community athletic programs over-emphasize competition. The stress is not placed on playing the game but on winning it. It is not merely competitive, but highly competitive. A while back an excellent article, in the Journal of the American Medical Association, quoted the school health committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics as defining highly competitive athletics as: "Competition in which the chief stress is placed on winning with excessive emotional pressures applied by teachers, parents and others, and with parental interest going to the point of expressing undue concern over winning."

AWARE OF IMPORTANCE Any of you parents who have children participating in some organized community or school athletic program undoubtedly are aware of the importance these youngsters attach to their own performance. But are you really aware of the importance you attach to it?

This same J.A.M.A. article, which was written by Dr. J.L. Reichert, cites the emotional stress involved in a youngster's baseball game: "One observer has taken the pulse and respiration of the father of the pitcher of the winning team and of the coach at the end of a 'World Series' game and has found them to be higher than those of the boy who pitched the game."

The strain, you see, often is more on the Dad than on the Junior.

PHYSICAL STRESS

But aside from the emotional aspects, let's consider the physical stress for the children themselves. Even though youngsters are almost perfectly matched in height, weight and age, their physical development, their stamina, their judgement may be entirely different.

HARD TO TELL It is difficult, if not actually impossible, to determine accurately a young child's physical and emotional maturity.

Generally, body contact sports are not recommended for most reached their teens.

Certainly physical checks should be given all children entering any form of organized athletics. Many doctors do examine them not only at the beginning of the program, but periodically throughout its duration. It's a wise plan.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Mrs. M.A.: Would you please tell me if aspirin is helpful for diabetes?

Answer: According to most physicians, aspirin has no effect on diabetes.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 21, 1934)

An interesting feature of the recent banquet of the Summerside Curling Club at the Queen Hotel was the presentation of the T. Top Trophy, presented by Mr. G. Edgar Clark to the president and skip of the winning team, comprising Mr. E.P. Foley, Mr. Joseph Wood, Mr. Joseph Descham and Mr. W.W. Muttart.

The proposed new permanent highway was discussed at the meeting, and meetings of the House of Commons; this is in lieu of the previous custom of making transportation available from a government car pool.

The Prime Minister naturally receives higher remuneration than other ministers, namely \$10,000 a year more. But still, it is reasonable that we should pay the man who toils as president of "Canada Unlimited" less than half what we pay a man of lesser achievement in the easier job as president of the Canadian National Railways?

Then consider the average M.P., representing a riding so far from Ottawa that he cannot commute each week. He has the choice of living here as a bachelor during the six months of session, at an extra cost in accommodation, restaurant meals and miscellaneous extras which total at least \$1,550 a year in squalor or \$2,500 in medium comfort. Or he can rent a second home in Ottawa and move his family here for half the year, at a minimum cost of \$2,750 ranging up to \$4,500 for average comfort still falling beneath his home level.

On top of that, he must defray his constituency expenses, contributions, political costs and the various social obligations commensurate with the need for our legislator to—as a preserve Liberal expresses it—preserve a certain standing in Ottawa and at home. These vary within the bracket from \$750 to \$4,000 a year, with many higher exceptions.

WE FORGET THEIR WIDOWS Thus the parliamentary expense allowance is entirely inadequate. As for the salary paid to an M.P. or Senator, we can be absolutely sure that his personal profit and loss account at the end of the year is a glorious blaze of red figures. As lawyer or doctor or businessman, the average parliamentarian could earn much better money out of parliament. True, he enjoys a pension scheme; the most generous in Canada, I would say. But the pension which it pays has a maximum of \$3,000 a year. And it has the cruel defect that it makes no provision whatsoever for the widow of an M.P. or Senator. The man who develops

NOTES BY THE WAY

Question for today: Has any manshopper ever been able to hold-on to his dignity while pushing a grocery buggy?—Stratford-Beacon Herald

Churches and registry offices in Britain reported the usual tax deadline rush to the altar this year. If Britons married on the last day of the fiscal year, they go an income tax refund of a about forty-two pounds, or just a little over \$10. A case of Cupid-ity?—Hamilton Spectator

Ulcers start at home more frequently than in business, reports the social medicine unit of Oxford University. The bossed and the bossed get them from home and social life. It is surprising to learn that due to stress, house wives get as many ulcers as do tycoons of the business world.—Calgary Herald

A group of professors in India say they have discovered Shakespeare's origin. According to them, he was a Brahmin from southern India named Shshappa lyer. Later in Karachi he took the name of Shiek Pir and then went to England where he anglicized his name to Shakespeare.—Straits Echo, Penang

Hungarian Communism is lauded in the conundrum of human health and human nature. Hungarian doctors, in the majority of cases, are not Communists. They belong to the intellectually independent. Because they do not follow the party line, say the Communists, they should be boycotted. But you don't boycott the man who may cure you when you're ill.—Victoria Times

MAXIMS

Pessimism is only the name that men of weak nerves give to wisdom.

The Poets Corner

SONG O let the solid ground Not fall beneath my feet Before my life has found What some have found so sweet; Then let come what come may, What matter if I go mad, I shall have had my day.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 21, 1949) The newly formed P.E.I. Industrial Corporation, established as a Crown Company by recent act of the Legislature at a recent directors meeting appointed the following officers, President, Mr. Gordon White, Deputy Minister of Public Works; vice-president, Mr. William MacKinnon, Deputy Provincial Secretary; Chairman of the Board, Mr. J. O.C. Campbell, Deputy Minister of Industry and Natural Resources; secretary treasurer, Mr. W. E. Massey, Deputy Provincial treasurer, general manager, Mr. John F. Connolly.

Fire destroyed a barn at Skinners Pond, six miles from Tignish yesterday afternoon while an auction sale was in progress. Flames, of unknown origin, spread so rapidly that some farm equipment, including a grain binder and a fanner were lost, in addition to 300 bushels of oats, a number of hens and a quantity of hay and straw.

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