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Mild Criticism

So far, opposition criticism of the Throne Speech has been mild in tone and sparing in content. This despite the CCF leader's motion of non-confidence which the Liberals declined to support.

An increase in old age and other pensions and benefits, cash advances to grain growers, the promise of an inquiry into the wide gap between prices paid to farmers and those paid by consumers...

The only possible occasion for anything stronger than half-hearted querulousness is found in the proposal to set up a commission to see what can be done to stimulate resources development on a national level.

The deal would be for governments on all levels—Federal, Provincial and Municipal—together with appropriate agencies such as APEC to join forces, each making its maximum contribution for the general good.

Security Comes First

Speaking before the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating at Montebello, Que., an economist attached to a large industrial concern called for a reduction in defence expenditures as "an incentive to tax relief, encouragement to industrial expansion and a means of halting inflation."

This is not the first time that defence expenses have come in for criticism since the Diefenbaker Government expressed the hope that taxes might be reduced. Indeed, there seems to be a growing belief that hundreds of millions of dollars could be taken from defence appropriation annually.

Fortunately, the Government, although pledged to reduce administrative costs wherever possible, has shown no inclination to encourage this view. No doubt, money can be saved in the defence department, as in other departments, without jeopardising the nation's security.

honoured to the letter. It also has entered into a joint air defence system with the United States. This, too, must not be weakened in any way or for any reason. We have assumed international responsibilities in common with the rest of the free world; and these responsibilities must not be subordinated to the demand for a reduction in governmental expenditures.

Everybody would like to see a reduction in taxation and, especially, a softening of inflationary trends. If these objectives can be achieved without endangering the nation's security to any degree whatsoever or impinging on its honour among the free peoples of the world, let them be pursued by every possible means.

Fast Disappearing

1957 has been a good year in Canada, as far as incidence of poliomyelitis was concerned. While it might not be strictly accurate to say that Salk vaccine was solely responsible for this fortunate situation—for, of course, there were low incidence years before the vaccine was discovered—there is no doubt at all that it had a great deal to do with it.

A recent issue of Health Magazine contains an article on this subject written by Dr. E. H. Lossing and Mrs. E. Whitridge. "No case of paralytic polio," the authors state, "has occurred in any child in Canada where the vaccine was considered to be responsible. Because it contains all three types of poliomyelitis virus, the Salk preparation is known as a 'trivalent' vaccine. In order to be effective it must contain all three types of virus, since infection with one type does not necessarily provide immunity against attack by one of the other types."

The article points out that poliomyelitis can no longer be considered solely a child's disease. In recent years approximately one-third of all paralytic cases and over 50 per cent of deaths from the disease occurred in persons twenty years old or older. Up to the present 4 million Canadian children have been given the vaccine; but, so far, it has not been possible to vaccinate many persons over twenty years of age, except pregnant women and persons in certain hazardous occupational groups.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Prince Philip's speech shows that he has a good grasp of the human problems which modern history has created. An article in a recent issue of "Saturday Review" refers to him as "the Queen's science ambassador."

British War Minister Hare is under censure for his decision to merge a regiment which wears the kilts with another which does not. If those English policy makers don't use more discretion in matters affecting the sensibilities of the Scots they are going to have real trouble on their hands!

The fact of the matter is that American scientists are really disturbed about the Russian "sputnik". Dr. J. Allen Hynek of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass., speaks of an "unknown force" in the artificial moon and calls it "very puzzling." It may well be that, as a Russian scientist claimed, the messages coming back from the satellite have a military significance.

The report of the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission on metal culverts, made public a short time ago by Hon. Davie Fulton, Minister of Justice, is unusually important. The report finds that a combine exists in the metal culvert industry. This combine, it is found, fixes prices and enforces uneconomic selling arrangements. The report recommends that the metal culvert combine be dissolved and that, if necessary, the Federal Government apply to the courts for an "injunctive" order to prevent a recurrence of price fixing.



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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

DUNDAS ESPLANADE

Sir, I wish to put before Guardian readers an historical sketch of Dundas Esplanade.

Taking the buildings in numerical order, the first is a large brick residence built for John Ings, Esq., a newspaper publisher, and Queen's Printer (the Royal Gazette being published from his printing press).

Both Mr. Ings and his wife, the former Miss Yeo of Port Hill, were born in England. Their family consisted of three boys and two girls. The only one now living is Constance, widow of the Reverend Crawford-Frost of Baltimore. She now makes her home in Calgary, Alberta.

The location of Number 1 Dundas Esplanade is on the site of Fort St. George, overlooking the Charlottetown Harbor. The Fort was built at the request of H.R. H., the Duke of Kent, when he was Commander of the British Forces stationed at Halifax.

The second house, Number 10 Dundas Esplanade, was built for Thomas Morris Esq., a wine merchant of English descent. He was married to a Miss McGowan, a native of this Province. His family of four sons have all passed away.

After Mr. Morris' death the house was rented by the Provincial Government while Government House was being renovated. This was during the term of office of the late Hon. J. Carvell. Later this building was rented to the American Government.

In it for many years the American Consulate was located. Fifty-three years ago this building was sold to George Alfred Gane, Esq., a retired member of the firm known as Gane Bros., leather merchants and bookbinders supplies, New York City. Mr. Gane spent thousands on interior and exterior alterations to the house. Much of the furniture was brought from the Gane's former home in Nyack-on-the-Hudson, New York.

"White House," with its lawn sloping to the harbor breastwork and its lovely gardens, was one of the show places of Charlottetown. Carriages, harness, and horses from its stable and coach-house were objects of great admiration on the streets of the city and the roads of the Province.

Residence Number 14 was built for Mr. MacMurray, the owner of a large dry goods establishment on Queen Street. The architecture of this building was Victorian. It contained a total of nineteen rooms. The plan was altered three times for various reasons. It was named "Rosedborough House," recalling an historic home in the British Isles.

Mr. and Mrs. MacMurray and their two daughters resided in this house only a short while, as financial reverses forced the sale of the dwelling. The purchaser was a Mr. MacNab, an English gentleman who held the appointment of resident superintendent of the Railway of Prince Edward Island.

The MacNab family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. MacNab, two sons and a daughter. After some years, the MacNabs sold their home and returned to England.

The second purchaser of Number 14 was the Hon. Daniel Davies, merchant and politician, who had lived for a number of years in "Westwood House," a beautiful estate on the North River Road. Mrs. Davies was the former Miss Cameron, whose father owned the Cameron block on Richmond Street.

The decision of the Davies family to sell "Westwood House," was caused by the tragic death of their son, Mr. Harry Davies, who died from diphtheria which set in following a cold. It is interesting to recall that while observing a group of farm hands killing a

OTTAWA REPORT

As The Queen Flew Away

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: As the Queen flew away from her Kingdom of the Snows, everyone here agreed that this was the most popular royal visit ever known. Despite the unlucky auguries of Canada's thirteenth Prime Minister welcoming the thirteenth visit by a future, present or past sovereign; and despite the prophecies of gloom by those who said that an inexperienced new government would ball it all up; and despite the inaccurate sneering belittlements by New York's most despised foreign correspondent; this was the most successful visit ever made here by royalty.

When the ceremony had faded away and the excitement had settled, sober second thoughts still ranked as the greatest moment that hour on the evening of her arrival, when Queen Elizabeth greeted a party of 500 guests at Government House. These were newsmen, radio and television broadcasters, and their wives.

It was then midnight by London time, and the Queen had risen at six to leave London airport breakfast at 8 a.m. Yet, still shedding her red feather hat

and red velvet coat from her journey, she stepped fresh and alert into the reception room to greet us all.

The smile so permanent on her drive into Ottawa stretched into a gay laugh. As she chatted to all of us strangers, a real interest seemed to light up her eyes.

Her men guests noted with approval her remarkable peaches-and-cream complexion, which seemed lit with an inner glow. The more appraising eyes of the women noticed her new very English hair-do with the centre parting; the unusual touch of the long beige gloves which she wore throughout the party; and her beautiful four-strand necklace of real pearls.

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Careful Use Of Nose Drops

By Herman N. Binsden, M.D.

No one likes to see a youngster suffer with a cold. Instinctively, parents do all they can to try to relieve his misery. This usually means inundating him with nose drops in an effort to open the blocked nasal passages.

However, I want to take a firm stand against this indiscriminate use of nose drops among children. It can do a lot more harm than good.

Continued use of nose drops in great quantity might eventually lead to a complete blocking of a child's nose. At this stage it is virtually impossible to halt the nose drop practice abruptly. Sedatives might even be required as the nasal medication is slowly terminated.

General vasoconstrictors such as ephedrine and others don't set well with young children and infants. Sometimes they overstimulate the youngster. Occasionally, they might even bring on convulsions.

SERIOUS RESULTS Even with older children, the nose drops should not be used too often. If it is, the membranes might swell more and more after the nose is initially opened and blocked nasal passages might be the result.

Now don't misunderstand! I'm not saying nose drops should never be used by children. They are useful in opening up a nose congested by swollen membranes. But they actually are a medication. As such it's up to your doctor to decide whether they should be used by your children.

CORRECT MANNER If he does recommend their use, make sure you give them to the child in the correct manner. Place the youngster on a bed or chair with his head hanging over the side. Let him remain in this position for a couple of minutes after you instill the drops.

Giving him the medication while he is sitting or standing does little, if any good.

QUESTION AND ANSWER L. H.: What causes excessive yawning? Answer: Excessive yawning is probably due more to the formation of a habit than to anything else. I do not believe there is any great harm in such a habit, although it is likely to be a little troublesome. Air swallowing, such as occurs in nervous individuals no doubt is a contrary factor.

Remember them which I have spoken unto you the word of God; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

The Age Old Story

IN A PORTRAIT GALLERY

Peered with their owners they peer out at us. From canvases—large dogs, small dogs, all bored. With posturings a beagle dolourous. Beneath a hand when fields yet unexplored. Lay waiting; mastiff by his master, pride. Heightening both; a wolfhound in his place. As foil for furberlows and, side by side, A spaniel and a child of bonny face.

Arrayed in elegance of long ago The portrait folk seem alien till we spy. The pets they kept. Then suddenly they grow Familiar, and vulnerable as you and I. These maids, these dandies, squires and patriarchs—All vassals of joyful tails and welcoming barks.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Oct. 18, 1932) Mr. H.I. Brooks, General Passenger Agent, Eastern Steamship Lines, Boston, stated in an interview last evening that the prospects for the development of freight in this Province look good. His line, he said, had good business with the lobster trade, and expected similar results with shipments of smelts, turkeys and potatoes.

TEN YEARS AGO (Oct. 18, 1947) Potato digging throughout the Province is 75 percent completed, a local potato dealer stated yesterday. The turnout was a much better than was expected in September with the quality excellent owing to the non-appearance of late blight. The general price for table stock, he said, is about 80 cents a bushel to the grower.

It was learned last night that official permission had been obtained to slaughter cattle at the Town Abattoir, Summerside, for canning purposes during the present meat packers strike. The canning will be done in the plant of Messrs. Jenkins Bros.

MAXIMS This is the punishment of a liar: He is not believed even when he speaks the truth.

CHINESE COAL Coal deposits in China have been estimated at more than 244,000,000 tons.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Nature provides work for his hands throughout the years by re-planting in one generation the urge to paint all the furniture and in the next an instinct for sanding it down and applying a clear varnish.—Hamilton Spectator

For a person who is having to do so much homework as he is, Dr. Sidney Smith looks strangely relaxed in the pictures we have seen of him from the United Nations. Maybe he is like the proverbial duck—calm and unruffled on top but paddling like the very devil underneath.—Kingston Whig-Standard

Although the value of a wife can never be measured in dollars and cents, it will be of some satisfaction to homemakers to know that the business world is setting a price on at least part of their services. One large insurance company has instituted "wife" insurance, which provides widowers with funds to replace some of their wives' contributions to the home. This is based on costs of cooks, nurses, cleaning women, housekeepers. On the assumption that a housekeeper costs \$200 a month, "wife" insurance for five years will be at least \$2,400.—for five years \$12,000.—Brandon Sun

An instance of the clothing situation in Russia is reported by a Scottish amateur boxer who took part in a tournament in Moscow. As he was walking along the street a Russian pointed excitedly at his white shirt which he had bought in Glasgow for about \$5. The man indicated he wanted to buy it, and offered a sum in roubles which was equivalent to \$30. There, and then the Scot peeled off his shirt and completed the deal.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

A pair of unused year 1851 Canadian 12-penny stamps were sold the other day by a New York dealer for \$17,500. The purchaser was a stamp dealer of Toronto. Does this come under the heading of Central Canada prosperity? It does sound like a business boom. Only 100 of the stamps are known to exist. The pair bought by the Toronto man were issued in 1851 by the Province of Canada. They are black on plaid paper and still have their original gum.—Cape Breton Post

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