

THE LAST tax revenues credited to Ontario head offices of organizations doing business all over the country. That, it will be recalled, was why "equalization grants" were made necessary in the first place.

Sure, we could go hat in hand as poor relations, and Ontario would help us out. This old attitude persists, and it is what makes "home rule for pensions," as the Telegram calls its campaign, most disturbing to the outgoing provinces.

If equitable pension rights are not to be provided under the federal scheme, then it will be a farce. Unfortunately Ottawa, having already conceded Quebec's right to go its own way in this regard, is in no position to force Ontario to conform. That is a decision the Roberts government will have to make.

The Resource Council

An organization with a future is the Canadian Council of Resource Ministers, which represents a new co-operative approach by the federal and provincial governments to the many and varied problems in the development of Canada's renewable resources. It is holding a session of its co-ordinating committee this week in Montreal where discussion is being held on preliminary drafts of a study of the 70 federal-provincial and inter-provincial resources agreements, with a view to determining their strengths and weaknesses, and to recommend improvement.

The Council idea originated in 1961, when more than 700 experts from across Canada, representing various governments, universities, private industries and private organizations attended a week-long Resources of Tomorrow conference in Montreal. It found a serious lack of co-ordination between departments within governments. From it came a greater appreciation of the relationship of fiscal, monetary, tariff and trade policies to resources development, as well as recognition of the need for an orderly interchange of views from experts in all the resource sectors across the country. It was agreed that some provision must be made for continuing review of resource problems and policies.

The Council's formation was announced in February, 1962, and in September following a permanent secretariat was established in Montreal—a centre chosen as being free from any particular government's domination. The Council carries on the principle of co-equal participation established by the national steering committee. Each of the 11 governments is represented by one cabinet minister, and the chairman is rotated annually. Each minister has delegated at least one member of his staff as a coordinator to maintain close liaison between his government and the Council.

The Council secretariat was handed its second major assignment last June, when it undertook to sponsor a conference on water, air and soil pollution in the spring of 1966. This is the first time that senior governments have joined in an effort to approach one of Canada's most pressing problems in the resource field.

Too Few Like Him!

The Windsor Star has unearthed, from past records, the curious story of the Senator who never was. "It seems that on March 12, 1905, Sir Wilfrid Laurier appointed to the Senate a Nova Scotian, Rufus Curry. The months passed. Mr. Curry never attended a sitting. He never, in fact, appeared to take his oath.

A letter was sent to him, asking if there was any reason why his seat should not be declared vacant. His reply was brief and to the point: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter and to say in reply that never having accepted an appointment to the Senate, I have no reason to offer why the seat should not be declared vacant."

The Senate then declared the vacancy, and the plum went to someone else. That's all there is to the story. It leaves us with a consuming desire to know more about this Mr. Curry, and his reasons for refusing one of the most coveted offices in public life. Did he object to taking it on principle, or was there some special reason why he wouldn't accept a favor from Mr. King? In any case, as the Montreal Gazette says in quoting this incident from the Windsor paper, he deserves a better fate than to be forgotten.

Why, asks the Toronto paper, should the needs of Ontario be "lumped with those eight other provinces, whose needs might be conflicting and would certainly be different?" This does not mean, it adds, that the people of Ontario should be prepared to help those of less prosperous provinces. It cites, as proof of this, "our vast payments into federal coffers which have made possible equalization grants through the years."

It doesn't, of course, cite the vast subsidies in tariff protection that Ontario industries have enjoyed, or

Mr. Colette and his Social Credit Rally are daily attracting more real support in the province of Quebec. An election today, in the view of many experienced political campaigners—including some Conservative organizers, would see his strength grow from the present 13 MPs to something between 35 and 40. The present upsurge of support for the eloquent 47 year old car-dealer from northwest Quebec is attributed to two things: the growing disenchantment with the Liberal Party in the Quebec federal field, and the welcome non-Canadianism in its own speeches, especially his criticism of Separatism and his praise for the Queen after her recent visit to Canada.

ENJOYING WINTER AT CLINTON

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Neither A Separatist Nor A Republican

Canada also being the Queen of England. But I would fight any tendency of our monarchy to return to absolute authority—that would be dictatorship. Mr. Colette has advocated "associate state" status for Quebec. In describing what he means by this, he outlined points which coincide with the status which gives us all the freedom before the wartime Liberal Government of Mackenzie King imposed emergency measures to centralize power at Ottawa. These were only temporary measures, the Prime Minister assured the provincial governments at the time, necessitated by the national emergency of war; full powers would be restored to the provinces when the emergency ended.

Follow-Through Needed

London Free Press

While it is always possible to drum up enthusiasm for a notable feat, like the rescue operation by Belgian paratroopers in the Congo, it is more difficult to follow through effectively.

This is underlined by the death of Sgt. Robert G. Smith, a Canadian soldier serving with the United Nations Emergency Force in the Gaza Strip. Their car ran over a land mine last during the disturbance in 1956. It is important that Canadians remember that our men are still on duty out there and that they have been on the job, subject to rotation, for some eight years. Only by such continued and devoted service can a precarious peace be preserved.

By contrast in the Congo the spectacular rescue effort saved many lives. But another thousand white hostages are still in widely dispersed parts of the disputed area. In spite of the lives and money spent by the United Nations in preventing the collapse of the Congo, the job was not finished. Through lack of support the United Nations had to withdraw its force before any real order was achieved.

An interesting note heard from the leader of Tshombe's mercenaries that military action is not enough and that some form of political solution is needed before the rebel zone can be pacified.

In other African states there is more irritation against the "interference" by white forces than concern over the bureaucracy of helpless hostages. But if there is to be a real follow-through of independence it must involve a development of responsibility.

Lysenko Sinks

Milwaukee Journal

Under attack in Soviet Russia, now that Nikita Khrushchev has been deposed, biology is being deposed. Khrushchev's ambitious farm program has been a biological disaster.

An attack spearheaded by the Soviet youth newspaper Kommunistka yevoked a dominant Soviet bloc, that Lysenko and his supporters proclaimed Soviet biology and ignored recent discoveries in genetics and biochemistry.

Teachers of biology will have to be trained, all biology textbooks rewritten and a biological magazine for the schools reoriented.

In view of Lysenko's ups and downs, however, a publisher had better keep the books on hand. Within a few years the pervasive Lysenko may have convinced the new regime in Moscow that his doctrine should prevail and that a biological magazine for the schools reoriented.

Hamilton Spectator

How pleasant it is to see poet Laureate John Masfielew, now nearing his 87th birthday, receive the biggest literary prize England has ever awarded. He has written twenty-eight books, most of them verse. It is still writing and hopes to write better some day.

At 88 he finds "some of the cowboys have been knocked away from the scene and seem to be getting grander as one gets older and much more majestic as the robes that make a retelling."

It has often happened that writers and artists in our age have produced a work that seems to crown their whole creative life. But generally it is in youth and maturity that their best work is produced. It has been said by critics that the great work was already done. Titan, the greatest of all portrait painters, was still working at his easel at the age of 60 when the plague struck him down. But his greatest work lay far in the future.

Shoes Cause Metalarsalgia

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen More metalarsalgia is a painful foot disorder. Distress stems from a pinched nerve in the region where the fourth metatarsal joint. In some respects, the individual is walking on a jagged nail. The condition is most prevalent in women. The plantar nerve is anchored in such a way that it is compressed by the bones when high heels and pointed toes are worn. On standing, especially when the foot is extended third or fourth toes or both. Some describe it as sharp and stabbing others as burning. The pain radiates into the foot and even up the leg. Pain may be so severe it is impossible to walk without limping. Relief is obtained when the shoe is removed and the foot is massaged gently.

Mild forms of Moron's metalarsalgia respond to wide r shoes with lower heels. Surgery is needed when the condition has existed for some time. The compressed nerve usually is relieved by one province enjoyed before the wartime Liberal Government of Mackenzie King imposed emergency measures to centralize power at Ottawa.

A somewhat similar and more complex condition occurs at the base of the second toe. Pain may stem from an irritated nerve in the area. The condition is called metalarsalgia and is helped by pads that support the arch. Surgery is done occasionally to prevent excision of the metatarsal joint.

Poorly fitted shoes and walking improperly account for the most foot ailments. Good foot conditions such as plantar warts, bunions, corns, calluses and blisters can be prevented. Parents should understand the importance of having their children wear well-fitted shoes for children. These foot disturbances are not a joke.

CHOKING AT THE TABLE Mrs. G.H. Hayes. In the last few years, I have had to deal with two different persons choking on foods. Last week it was a young girl who had been present, what can a housewife with no training do to help? I have in fact, to help a young girl.

The best preventive is to take smaller mouthfuls and avoid talking while chewing. Cough at the slightest suggestion of choking.

ENLARGED THYROID Mrs. A. P. Hayes. If a woman develops a goiter if she is not getting along with her husband, she should consult a doctor. What is the best treatment for it?

REPLY (1) No. (2) An enlarged thyroid gland may be enlarged and slightly overactive, or pressing on neighboring structures such as the trachea or the esophagus. A COMMON COMBINATION J. H. Hayes. I'm totally deaf in one ear and have a hearing aid in that ear.

REPLY Deafness is not a noise-free soundly coexist. These humming sounds are not coming from without but from within the ear. Mistakenly for hearing loss.

HEART ATTACKS Mrs. A. P. Hayes. Does a heart attack always mean coronary thrombosis?

REPLY Yes, although some persons use the term in referring to bouts of palpitation, a sense of breath, and missed beats (extrasystoles).

NERVE STIFF E. N. A. writes: Where is the intercostal located?

REPLY Between the ribs TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Observe more light when working and reading.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

There are 24,592 beds in Canada hospitals, a fact that is not at all impressive among the hundreds who are kept waiting for a hospital bed.—Fort William Times-Journal.

State Of Lull At UN

By Carman Cumming Canadian Press Staff Writer

The only certainty about the future of the 19th session of the United Nations General Assembly is its future is uncertain.

Two weeks after its opening, the assembly still is easing its way gingerly along a tightrope, avoiding any vote that could pitch it into a crisis over whether or not to remove the Soviet vote for refusal to pay peace-keeping debts.

The main opponents, the Soviet Union and the United States, have held no face-to-face talks since the opening since State Secretary Rusk and Foreign Minister Gromyko met last week for a week.

No meetings are scheduled and a U.S. spokesman, asked about prospects, would say only that "the molasses continues to run slowly."

Canadian spokesmen observed that "things are very much in a state of lull."

One reason for the inactivity is that Secretary-General U Thant is still in hospital suffering from a ulcer—he is expected on next Monday—and both sides have been looking to him to take a lead.

In the meantime Thant's top assistance, Undersecretary G. V. Narasimhan, has been meeting with various delegations in search of ideas.

There is no scarcity of such ideas but so far no solid plan of action has emerged. There have been suggestions that the assembly meet at Christmas time for a month or two months or three. It has been proposed that the assembly pass by unanimous consent a handful of issues that can't be put off, then adjourn until next fall.

In the meantime, a new deadline is coming up. The assembly must elect three new members to the security council by the end of the year. There is possibility that this may result in a dispute over voting rights at the beginning of January.

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STREAMS OF MUD Scientists have discovered huge masses of mud that have carved massive canyons 2,000 feet below the surface of the Indian Ocean.

MEETS BRITONS LONDON (CP) — Dr. J. R. Kidd of Ottawa, chairman of Canadian section of the Conservation Year Committee, visited London for talks with British I.C.U. secretary, Monday, who is attending meetings in Paris this week, discussed tentative plans to hold an international conservation conference during the I.C.U. progress during the I.C.U.

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