

The report of the select standing committee on Transportation and Communication, submitted to the Legislature yesterday, is a forthright document, in which our main problems are clearly defined and the latest available information given and analyzed.

The report reviews the difficulties encountered this winter in maintaining the Borden service, as well as the convincing arguments for a permanent causeway. Among other cogent points, it notes that while the cost of operating the ferry service is over \$1,500,000 at the present time, this figure is increasing annually.

The report deals, among other things, with the need for a program of freight subventions, and with the marked improvement which the extension of runways will provide at the Charlottetown airport.

Altogether an admirable report, for which the chairman, Mr. Acorn, and his associates are to be commended. It should form the substance of an excellent resolution to be taken to Ottawa.

Farm Safety Program

A forward step in farm accident prevention was realized in Ontario recently when more than 300 persons, representing 55 counties and districts, endorsed a proposed farm safety program at a 2-day Farm Safety Conference at Guelph.

It is planned to conduct a survey of farm accidents over a 1-year period beginning March 1, 1959. The objective will be to provide a county and district farm accident picture, so that a specific safety program can be undertaken in each area.

This appears to be an excellent move, and might well be studied by our farm organizations in this Province.

Expresses Grave Concern

Commenting on Justice Minister Fulton's reasons for refusing RCMP reinforcements to Newfoundland, the Montreal Star says that they are "arguments from irrelevance."

lowed to risk its reputation by keeping law and order, which by the law of its being and the contract with Newfoundland is its only function.

"It may be difficult, indeed it is difficult, to keep the issue of Mr. Smallwood's legislation with respect to labor and the issue of law and order in separate compartments.

"The contract is clear beyond dispute. Newfoundland would never have made it with the federal government if it had had any thought that Ottawa would waver when the moment came to fulfill it.

An Encouraging Picture

Some time ago we made reference to the leading part taken by this Province in the tuberculin testing and X-ray survey which has been in progress since 1956, conducted jointly by the Provincial Health Department and the Tuberculosis League.

One encouraging result, as announced at the meeting, was the success of the 1958 Christmas Seal Sale, which totalled over \$12,000 and which was attributed largely to the fact that the mobile chest X-ray unit was advantageously used in x-raying positive reactors.

Since 1956, excluding Charlottetown and Summerside, some 331 school districts have been surveyed, involving the services of over 700 volunteer workers. 4500 of our eligible population have now been tuberculin tested.

This work is paying rich dividends in public health in Prince Edward Island. More than that, the educational progress made, and the public support enlisted, are promising signs of greater achievement ahead.

EDITORIAL NOTES

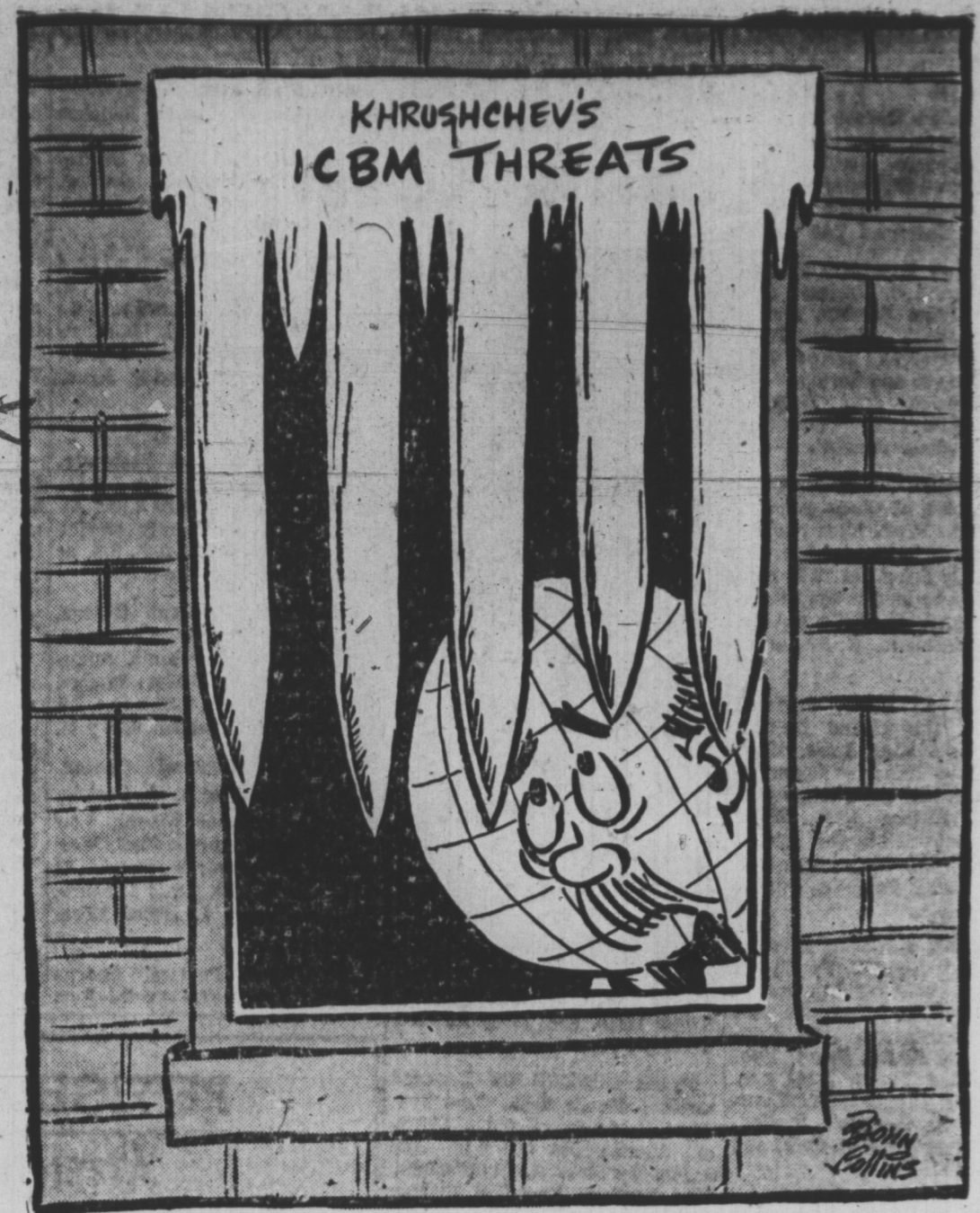
An American economist says he expects there will be a "big demand" for money this year. Was there ever a time since money was invented that there was not a big demand for it?

Mr. Saville told the Legislature that the Province should have "no qualms" about accepting money from Ottawa. We hadn't noticed that there was any particular need for the advice.

Speaker Sam Rayburn of the U.S. House of Representatives has been in the House continuously since 1913. He has been Speaker longer than anyone else in the history of the United States.

It will be recalled that Premier Khrushchev pleaded a toothache as his reason for not accompanying Prime Minister Macmillan to Leningrad. The following exchange between a Labour member and Mr. Macmillan took place in the House of Commons a few days after the Prime Minister returned.

There were ructions in the British House of Commons the other day. Dame Irene Ward, a Conservative member, called Dr. Edith Summerskill, a Labour member, an "ass". To make matters worse, she addressed the Labour member by her name, Edith, instead of "the honourable member".



CAN'T SEE THE THAW THROUGH THE ICICLES

OTTAWA REPORT

Atom Bomb For Tar Sands

Canada will probably be the first country to explode an atomic bomb for commercial purposes. The first such peacetime explosion, aimed at making dollars instead of making war, may be set off next winter, a quarter of a mile below the frozen surface of the muskeg in northern Alberta.

There, a 200 feet deep layer of sand, extending over 17,000 square miles on the banks of the Athabaska River, holds more oil than all other known deposits everywhere in the world added together: enough oil to satisfy all present world needs for fifty years. Those riches of oil can be squeezed out of a handful of sand casually scooped up where it outcrops.

As an approximation, each cubic yard of tar sands is believed to contain the equivalent of one barrel or 35 imperial gallons of crude oil. Nuclear explosion should yield about 50 per cent recovery of the oil present. Thus a million dollar bomb will release about one and one-half million barrels of oil, costing slightly less than \$1 per barrel when pumped to the surface.

Fiscal Relations Conference

Finance Minister Fleming's statement to the House of Commons concerning the impending examination of Dominion-Provincial fiscal arrangements further clarified this most important issue. The procedure to be followed, if now seems clear, will ensure that the whole broad subject of taxation at all levels of Government will come in for scrutiny.

SCOPE OF INQUIRY

While there was some doubt initially about the scope of the inquiry, Mr. Fleming has now made certain that it will not be merely another attempt to evolve a temporary expedient, but a thorough-going reappraisal of the whole tax structure.

Allied Berlin Policy

A broad range of world problems will face Prime Minister Macmillan and President Eisenhower when they get together this week to co-ordinate Allied policy on West Berlin. The Berlin crisis unquestionably is the No. 1 item on their agenda, but no one expects they will spend four days—the length of time they will be together in Washington and at Eisenhower's Camp David retreat in the Maryland hills—discussing that one subject alone.

Moderation Key To Cure

By Herman N. Sanderson, M.D. PULLING through a heart attack often requires a lot of effort and sacrifice on the part of the patient. But once recovery is complete, the outlook isn't nearly so bleak.

WATCH DIET

Naturally, you don't want to gain weight, so you will have to watch your diet. If you are already overweight—and many heart patients are—your doctor probably will suggest a gradual reducing program.

You reduce the work of your heart when you reduce your weight. Your diet should not be drastic. You can eat fairly sizeable, well-balanced meals, but the foods should be low in calories.

MC TRATE AMOUNTS

There was a time when we used to ban tea, coffee and alcohol from the diet of anyone who had suffered a heart attack, but thinking has changed over the years.

Both coffee and tea are stimulants. However, they are permissible if you drink moderate amounts. Coffee, you see, is a vasodilator; that means it opens up the coronary arteries and helps get the blood to the heart.

WHEN WRITING SONNETS

Whenever I attempt to tune a song I suspect I am writing a sonnet's guise for my own age and day.

HINDERS CIRCULATION

You don't have to give up smoking entirely, unless your personal physician rules otherwise. We know that tobacco contracts the small surface blood vessels and that it can hinder circulation in the legs.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

A Reader: I am wondering if anything could be done to correct curvature of the spine in my 11-year-old son.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 28, 1934) Extensive damage by fire and water was sustained by the tailor shop of Mr. Neil MacKenzie and the barber shop of Mr. William Westerbier, Queen Street, yesterday morning.

TEN YEARS AGO

Melnie's Bakery, 29-year-old establishment located on Graville Street, was the scene of a destructive blaze early Sunday morning when a fire, believed to have originated near a small stove in the bake-shop section of the building, caused extensive damage to the shop and equipment.

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THE AGE OLD STORY

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Paris offers to sell a gullotine for \$25. At that cut rate, Fidel could make it pay in a few days.

New homes these days resist cold and heat, but we still don't know how to keep visiting relatives away—St. Thomas Times-Journal

Providing chores for youth in teaching family discipline as well as self-discipline. Both are essential to the upbringing of youth and in keeping them from joining the ranks of the delinquents.—St. Catharines Standard

Mayor Meininger of Kitchener, Ont., urges his fellow-citizens to put out bread for birds, adding, "They'll reward us all with songs". An Ottawa housewife told her husband on this subject, "You put out bread for the birds, and a whole flock of sparrows will be in the tree near by bedroom window, peeping away and waking me up at four o'clock in the morning!"—Ottawa Journal

It has happened that a man has been accused of being drunk because he had a "glassy eye," when in fact he did have a "glass eye." For real. We recall an apt description once given by a little tot who hadn't yet acquired much of a vocabulary. Seeing a drunk flop along the street, she remarked: "Look at the crooked 'un, dadda."—Windsor Star

When we compare the apparent aimlessness of much of the youth in the Western world with the dedication and vigor in Communist lands, and try to foist on young shoulders the blame for it all, we are guilty of a grave injustice. There is not, it is true, the same urge in the West to win consumer comforts and the zest of competing with the mighty United States, but the ideals which should take the place of these spurs have been besmirched. And it is not youth that has done this, it is the older generation.—Hamilton Spectator

Two of the most notorious cases of U. S. interference in Canadian union affairs were the railroad firemen's strike threat and the continuing attempts of Hoffa's Teamsters to dictate to Canadian members. In the firemen's affairs there could have been few Canadians who did not resent the contemptuous dismissal of a Canadian Royal Commission report by the U. S. union officials who dictated terms to the railway members of the union. Few Canadians again will appreciate the removal from office of Canadian Teamster officials on orders of Hoffa's Washington headquarters.—Calgary Albertan

The Poets Corner

Whenever I attempt to tune a song I suspect I am writing a sonnet's guise for my own age and day.

I barely choose the first notes for my lay Before I am surrounded by a throng Intox on seeing that I work no wrong.

(Petrarch and Dante, Milton, crowned with bay, Keats, Shelley, Wordsworth, Browning and Millay)— On that form which they shaped, or helped prying, And also, in the background, stands the Bard.

Still holding up to nature his bright glass To test my humble efforts mirrored there, Though he it was, to make the task less hard, Let down the bars, so rhythms and rhythms pass More easily into a living air.

Russell Pettis Askue In The Christian Science Monitor

paige workers being held in St. Mary's Hall, Summerside, this evening. Mr. G.M. Mulholland, chairman of the campaign for Summerside, will preside.

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