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Mr. Gordon's Explanation

A campaign is under way to whitewash the Gordon Commission report. Mr. Gordon's own interpretation of what the Commission meant with regard to its Maritime recommendations appears in today's issue.

The objection to the report is not that it deals with the economic disadvantages under which we have labored; these are evident to all, and were strongly emphasized at the Commission hearings.

There is no reason at all why this pessimistic anticipation should have been written into the report. Naturally it received publicity and was headlined across Canada, for it was the most extraordinary statement in the whole findings.

What should have been emphasized, of course, without any shadow of doubt, is the fact that given opportunity and fair treatment under national policies this Atlantic region should be one of the most prosperous parts of the Dominion.

Under A Delusion

Evidently, United States Government leaders who treated Sir Anthony Eden with diplomatic discourtesy, in some instances amounting to incivility, are hoping to mend British-American relations by heaping adulations on his successor.

to predict, through official and semi-official publicists, that relations between the two countries will be characterized by sweetness and light from now on.

There is, of course, no doubt that Prime Minister Macmillan will do everything in his power to restore British-American amity, provided his good offices to that end are reciprocated in Washington.

March Of Dimes Campaign

Attention is called to the campaign, which opens today, of the P.E. Island Chapter of the Canadian Foundation for Poliomyelitis.

The local Chapter has paid courses for several victims of polio after the medical rehabilitation was completed. It takes care of all patients after discharge and has financed much of the therapy equipment at the Orthopedic Centre, as well as wheelchairs in several cases.

The last two years have seen a marked decrease in polio cases. This has given opportunity for providing needed treatment and rehabilitation to victims of former epidemics.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If the Bank of Canada's interest rate keeps going up and up the Government need have no fear that too much money will be available for economic expansion.

The wreck of the "Cabot Strait" is the third serious mishap to occur on the North Sydney-Port Aux Basques run.

A report says that Sir Winston Churchill took the news of Prime Minister Eden's resignation "calmly."

Sir Anthony Eden did his best to convince all and sundry that Britain has no intention of becoming an American satellite.

Secretary Dulles says there is no truth in the rumour that the United States Embassy in Cairo slipped word to President Nasser that the U.S. would not fight if he seized the Suez Canal.



THE CHECK-UP IS OVERDUE

The Farmers' Bank of Rustico

From The Manitoba Co-operator

"Years before any credit unions had been organized in Canada or the United States, a group of farmers on Prince Edward Island tried valiantly to create one.

This is the opening paragraph in an article appearing in the November issue of the Credit Union Bridge, telling the story of a group of farmers who organized the "Farmers' Bank" of Rustico.

The bank, according to the story, never had more than about \$20,000 out on loan at any time but in those early days a \$50 loan was an important transaction.

Dr. Croteau suggests that the bank's operations taught Alphonse Desjardins the futility of trying to provide credit for people under ordinary banking laws.

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couraged his parishioners to construct a bank building even before they applied for a charter. Completed in 1861, the building stands today. Walls are of red stone fourteen inches thick.

The farmers of Rustico faced towering obstacles. As Dr. Croteau puts it: "To get a charter, the people of Rustico parish had to go through a labyrinth of legislative obstacles—the colonial legislature, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Queen's Privy Council, and Her Majesty Queen Victoria."

Eventually the charter was granted. The bank was incorporated with initial capital of £1,200, something under \$3,900 in the island's currency.

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In the latter country there had been some effort put forth to help people through co-operative people's banks. But even considering such efforts, the idea was a radical one to present in that time to such people as these.

Heard In The Press Gallery

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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.

WITHOUT A COUNTRY

Sir,—We take notice that Mr. Pickersgill, our Minister of Immigration, has spoken exceptionally well in regard to our Hungarian immigrants.

First, little or no screening; second, they had no money; third, he had no particular homes for them. We all agree that Mr. Pickersgill was correct. But what about the lone ocean traveller that arrived recently in Vancouver aboard ship?

This man did not know his parents, nor did he know his national home. Thus according to law, he was not allowed ashore in any country. Now when one of our Conservative friends asked Mr. Pickersgill to make provision in our great country for his citizenship.

What nonsense! For I am sure that there would be plenty of jobs for this one lone, lost traveller on the sea of time. The Good Book tells us that God's eye is on the sparrow, and He watches over me.

I am, Sir, etc., HARRY PRIDHAM, Alberton, P.E.I.

established some years ago, then our present inflated dollar demands the urgent proportionate increasing of these two types of payment. There seems no answer to this forceful argument.

SIXTY-FIVE AT SIXTY-FIVE — Last session, the government majority turned down the demand by Hazen Argue, C.C.F. member from Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, that the baby bonus should be increased to realistic figures.

This session, Erhart Regier, C.C.F. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam, has launched the slogan "Sixty-five at sixty-five". He tells me that Parliament will soon hear this slogan from him; by it he means that the old age pension should be increased from its present level of \$40 per month to \$65; and that all citizens should be entitled to receive it at age 65 years, instead of at age 70 at present.

Erhart Regier argues that Canadian old age pensioners are currently treated by the government as second class citizens, entitled to no more than a second-class standard of living which they can obtain for \$1.33 per day. But by contrast newly-arrived Hungarian refugees are treated as first-class citizens, financed to the tune of \$3 per day for board and lodging by the federal government, i.e. by all Canadian taxpayers, including the old age pensioners themselves.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

TREAT NOSE GENTLY IF YOU'VE A COLD Got a cold? Then leave your nose alone.

Oh, I know it bothers you. It probably itches and is either stuffed up or running like a fountain. Well, wipe it occasionally, but otherwise leave it alone.

If you feel that you must do something, it's better to sniff than to blow. Simply sniff the mucus to the back of your throat and then spit out.

Most doctors agree that the less you do with your nose, when you have a cold, the better off you will be.

CAUSES DAMAGE A Virginia physician recently reported to medical colleagues that he believes a person cannot blow his nose even once during a cold, without causing important damage.

When holding a handkerchief to your nose, be careful not to press both nostrils closed at the same time.

That same Virginia physician has another bit of advice on taking care of a cold. He advises a cold victim to sleep on his side, alternating from one side to the other.

This, he concedes, may sometimes appear to interfere with sleep. But, he insists, in such a case "sleep" is of secondary importance.

QUESTION AND ANSWER S.N.—What causes a person to see tiny white spots before the eyes? My blood pressure and kidneys are all right.

Answer: The appearance of spots before the eyes may be due to constipation, to a defect in the vision, to high blood pressure or migraine. Consult a doctor.

When God had finished the stars and whirl of coloured suns He turned His mind from big things to fashion little ones. Beautiful tiny things (like daisies) He made, and then He made the comical ones in case the minds of men should stiffen and become dull, humorless and grim.

And so forgetful of their Maker be As to take even themselves—quite seriously. Caterpillars and cats are lively and excellent puns; All God's jokes are good—even the practical ones.

And as for the duck, I think God must have spilled a bit. Seeing those bright eyes blink on the day He fashioned it. And He's probably laughing still at the sound that came out of its bill!

—F.W. Harvey.



THE AGE OLD STORY

Whoever shall confess me before men, I will confess him before the angels of God.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 21, 1932)

At the annual meeting of the Port Hill-Grand River Shipping Clubs Mr. M. Elliott, manager of the Maritime Shipping Clubs, explained the new method of shipping hogs by dressed weight rather than live weight as was the custom heretofore. He stated further that by this method the farmer would receive the actual value of the pork according to its grade.

The smelt fishing industry on the surrounding coast waters of Prince Edward Island are giving employment to many, but the prices realized by the shippers are too low to make the industry a paying one. Large quantities, however, are being held in storage until possible changes in the market.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A kiss can carry a terrific wallop, affecting the throat, lymph glands and probably the heart.— Mr. Duplessis is not the real Prime Minister of Canada.—St. John's Evening Telegram

In Fairview, Utah, a couple celebrated their seventy-eighth wedding anniversary. He was eighteen and she seventeen when they were married in 1878. They are believed to be the longest married pair in the United States. Their names—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Petersan. They really have something to be proud of.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

Mr. Nehru is a smooth, suave talker who can make you believe that black is a mere alternative to white, or that wrong is really right spelled slightly different. Mr. Nehru's efforts to mediate between the two basic ideologies are commendable, but it is more than questionable whether the West trusts him to the extent it did some years ago.—St. Catherine's Standard

What has Nasser gained? No details have been given of equipment kept at the base, but an annex to the agreement of 1954 sets the "level" of stores to be retained. They include 50,000 tons of ammunition, 300,000 tons of ordnance and engineering equipment, 2,000 vehicles, 30 locomotives, 100 railway wagons, 80,000 tons of air and ground fuels, 1,300,000 gallons and water containers.—Montreal Star.

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