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"The strongest memory is weaker than
the weakest ink."

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Bad Business

A member of the Legislature, for want of something better to do, has referred to the leader of the Conservative Party in this Province as a man "who now receives a pension from the Government and who earned his living for so long under the Liberals".

This is the sort of thing that does harm to the prestige of any Legislature. It is not witty enough to pose as humor; and it is not sensible enough to be called criticism. It is, for want of a better description, plain bad manners.

If Mr. Shaw is receiving a pension, he is entitled to it. Moreover, it is paid by the people of the Province and not by the little group which, for the time being, makes up the "Government". Nor is it accurate to say that for many years he made his living "under the Liberals". He made his living as a conscientious and hard-working public servant under the confidence of the people; for whatever he may be like as Premier of the Province—should the people ask him to bear that responsibility—no one will deny that Mr. Shaw made a capable Deputy Minister of Agriculture. No one will dispute either the distinguished manner in which he has represented the agricultural interests of this Province on many important councils.

When a member of the Legislature is unable to think of any topic worthy of serious discussion, he would be well advised to keep silent. Certainly, he has no right to ridicule a well-respected person who has no seat in the House.

An Innocent Abroad

Mr. Wilson MacDonald, the Canadian poet, was among those invited to visit Moscow for ten days for the 40th anniversary celebration of the Soviet Union—all expenses paid. The invitation mentioned the high regard in which his poetry is held in Russia, and he was urged to bring his manuscripts on Shakespeare and a set of his published books. Mr. MacDonald accepted with alacrity. Among others making the trip, he mentions Mr. Kenneth Leslie, a Nova Scotia poet.

Mr. MacDonald's impressions of his ten days in Moscow are given in a laudatory article published in the U.S.S.R. Illustrated News. "Laudatory" is almost an understatement, for everything was too-too wonderful to describe in prose and he breaks frequently into verse. Moscow's apartment houses were, "modern without modernism's foolish vagaries, and best of all they were tenanted by workers—not by brokers, gamblers and speculators." Everywhere the word was "Peace". At Moscow University he met the students informally. They crowded eagerly about him "and their brief talk with me was super-education to them. To meet a poet was something to remember as long as they lived, and they will tell their grandchildren about a Canadian poet who came uninvited into their classroom." This experience told him "more in a few minutes about Russian education than an official tour of fifty colleges would have done."

He met other noted guests that afternoon and marvelled at the generosity of his hosts. "What other country would spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring to their capital the men of genius from every land in the world! . . . Here, for the first time in my career, I was in a land which honored poets while they were living." He felt a warm glow at being among people so appreciative.

At a big shindig in the Kremlin he met the Dean of Canterbury and got a very warm greeting. When the evening was well advanced he met Mao, the poet-premier of China. "When I told him I was a poet he gave me a second handshake." Even Mr. Khrushchev, the most powerful man in the Soviet Republic, "emphasized his feelings by shaking my hands and patting them in a friendly way." Mr. Bulganin too. "When I told him he was a great favorite in Canada because he looked like a college professor, he shook with laughter, and

put his arm around me." When he left the party with the Dean and Mrs. Johnston, two hundred Moscovites lined their exit route and grabbed their hands and cheered. Some threw kisses. Such "spontaneous fraternal gestures" Mr. MacDonald had never witnessed in this world. He had purchased nothing in Moscow save a jar of honey, but had lived luxuriously and had made friends who never could be forgotten; "and the Moscovite flame of love will burn for many and many a year in the grottoes of my heart."

Mr. MacDonald is an elderly poet who suffered the fate of being over-rated in his younger days, and has grown petulant under the neglect of later Canadian critics. The adulation he received from the Soviets was balm to his wounds; but his complete lack of objectivity makes him a poor propagandist in their favour. His friends in Canada will be glad that he received so warm a welcome, but will regret that in this article in which he expresses his appreciation he has shown so much vanity and gullibility.

Education Grants

We hold no brief for the CCF leader, Mr. Coldwell, but he made a statement the other day which we commend to the consideration of other party chiefs. Speaking on education, Mr. Coldwell said that he endorsed Federal grants for the sole purpose of equalizing educational opportunities in Canada. These grants, he maintained, would in no way interfere with provincial jurisdiction, nor involve any federal control of the administration or the curriculum of education within the provinces receiving them. Only the Federal Government, through its ability to tax wealth on a nation-wide basis, could provide adequate financial aid to education, and Mr. Coldwell maintained, "we must have more and more educated young Canadians if our society is to solve the increasingly complex internal problems with which it is faced."

This statement is in full accord with the arguments advanced by Home and School Associations, the Teachers Federation and other organizations across Canada. We have stressed its importance on several occasions and we see no reason why it should be avoided in political campaign discussions. Both the major parties should be invited to deal with this issue, if it is not to be shelved for another indefinite period.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Almost anything can happen these days, to be sure. But a "Premier's" conference which Premiers are not expected to attend is almost too strange to credit. Yet, that is what we are told took place in Halifax last summer.

Liberal leader Pearson has referred to the eight-month regime of Prime Minister Diefenbaker as "a bad dream". Others, equally qualified to assess its value, think of it as a bright chapter in Canadian politics. The question of which view is the more accurate in the estimation of the public will be decided a week from next Monday.

When the first Empire Games were held at Hamilton, Canada, in 1930, eleven countries sent contestants. For the sixth games, to be held at Cardiff, Wales, in July, some thirty-five different Commonwealth territories have already indicated their intention to be represented. Athletics attract most of them, no doubt because of the variety of competition.

Mr. Speaker has done well to call the attention of members of the Legislature to the fact that debate on the Throne Speech is not a proper vehicle for the arguing of matters having to do with the Federal election. Not only is such talk out of order; it takes up time which might be better used in discussion of local problems. There are plenty of these, goodness knows.

Curtailed immigration at this time of economic uncertainty may be a good thing, though there is another side to the story. But it should not be allowed to become a habit. This country needs immigrants and plenty of them. No nation of this size (in territory) can expect to go forward to maximum development with such a small population as it has at the present time. Immigrants mean the necessity of more jobs, of course, but they mean also the expansion of markets for goods of all kinds. The 280,000 people who took up residence in Canada in 1957, if they were brought together, would make a fair sized city.

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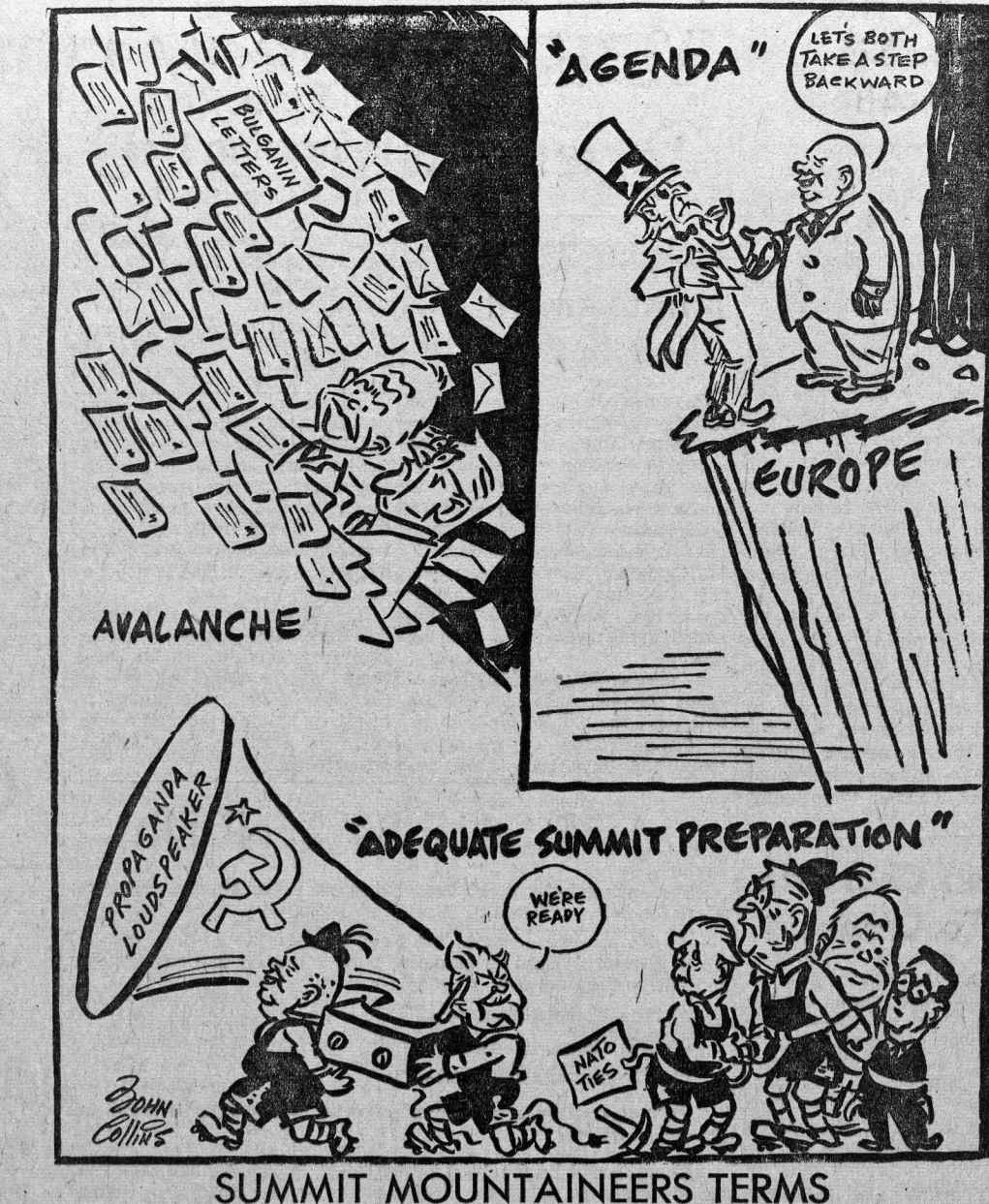
The Wider Vision

Ottawa: Want to be rich? Want to be great? Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's election speeches have given Canadians an encouraging novelty: the vivid picture of a richer Canada and a greater Canada, whose riches and greatness will be harnessed for the benefit of Canadians.

In the nineteenth century, Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, gave Canada "The National Policy." To weld the few small colonies into the Canadian Dominion, his vision led him to build a trans-continental railroad from our eastern sea to our western sea.

Thus Sir John A. fulfilled the first part of that Biblical prophecy about The Canadian: "He shall have Dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth" (8th verse, 72nd Psalm).

THE JOHN D. NATIONAL POLICY - Now Mr. Diefenbaker's vision promises to fulfill the second part of the Biblical prophecy. He promises us that his government will open up the north by driving roads up from our southern settlements. He plans to unlock the immense and uncalculated wealth which Nature had laid in our Arctic lands, in our polar islands and even in the lands beneath the Arctic icefield. Two new provinces will be carved out of the Territories. Canada will have big cities, as far north as Russia and Norway have already established comfortable, prosperous cities. Thus will The Canadian obtain dominion from the river unto the ends of the earth, from the St. Lawrence River which approximately forms much of our southern boundary, to the North Pole which is the end of our earth. Thus the vision of Prime Minister John Diefenbaker promises that his government, as partner with the Provincial Governments, will give every Canadian a new feeling of national ambition, a new national destiny to work for, while preserving and strengthening our economic and political in-



UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Minor Explosions

By "Onlooker" Thomson Newspapers, London, England, Bureau

That bomb that dropped over South Carolina may not have exploded, but it certainly let off a number of minor bangs over here. America's Strategic Air Command has bases in England's Midlands and in East Anglia, just northeast of London. Its aircraft have been at "readiness" for many months past and have been patrolling with nuclear bombs. When the bomb-dropping news flashed across, the Labor Opposition immediately tried to make capital out of it on the "it could happen here" theme.

But British defence chiefs take the view that, when first heard, is apt to startle. "This," said one of them to me, "is the best thing that could have happened. People now know that unless the bomb's complicated arming process is carried out, the bomb is just like any other bomb."

Nonetheless, there is a need over here to educate the people more — especially to dispel the dread of radiation. A Civil Defence organization does exist here, but it is kept alive mostly by the enthusiasm of a public-spirited few. Theoretically, too, the British have 33 "flying columns" of rescue workers based in spots all over the country poised to go to a nuclear bomb incident. But few of the columns are up to strength.

GAMBLE - Eighteen years ago a British film-maker called Michael Balcon was sitting somewhere in the south of England waiting and wondering. Coming across the English Channel were the rumbles of British, French and German guns as the tiny British Expeditionary Force — the only army the British had — were being pressed back to Dunkirk. Then came the evacuation. "One day," said Balcon then, "I'm going to make a film about this."

Now Balcon is boss of the Ealing Studios over here, the outfit that has turned out those hilarious British comedies like "Passport to Pimlico" and "Whisky Galore." The studios have specialised in the smaller-scale productions. But next week Balcon fulfills his promise. The film "Dunkirk" will open.

It is more than a promise that Balcon fulfilled. He has embarked on a gamble. It is the biggest British film (in terms of extras and cast) ever made. Close on 5,000 troops were used.

But now the film publicists are facing a problem. The bulk of Britain's movie-goers now were babes in arms when Dunkirk took place. Most of them think of it as a French seaside resort. In show parlance — will they "dig" "Dunkirk"?

EXTRA POLISH - There are a number of men over here who are beginning to polish their marbles. "I'd better say that again: There are a number of men over here who are beginning to polish their marbles."

They are doing it at a little village called Tinsley Green, just outside London. For years past they have done there a World Championship Contest for marble players. No kid's stuff is this. Grown men play the game seriously. Teams come, generally, from

the surrounding villages. Now and again they come from further afield. A couple of years back a squad of American soldiers came down with their equipment and tried to beat the locals. They failed.

But at least they tried. One Good Friday some time after the war — the competition is always held then, on the green outside the village "pub" — the locals were expecting some marble players from Scotland. But they never showed up . . .

THE YANKS ARE COMING - U.S. industrialists have been among those from overseas who have set up factories in Scotland. Most of them are for light engineering products. Now the Yanks are going to invade one of Scotland's most sacred fields. They are going to set up in the Highlands of Scotland a whisky distillery. With typical thoroughness, they are going to build a model village to house the workers there.

That is not all. Side-by-side with their Scotch activities, the Americans, who have just acquired a controlling interest in a long-established British Distillers hope to boost sale of Bourbon over here. They want people to ask for Bourbon as instinctively as they ask for Scotch in a British hotel or public house.

Perhaps they will succeed — in a generation or so. Vodka is becoming an increasingly popular drink over here among some of the younger folk. But whisky still holds the lead — and I'm noticing that more and more British women are asking for it in preference to the "gin-and-something" drinks they usually favoured.

SAVING "NESSIE" - And I must keep north of the border to sign off with news that some of Scotland's brighter Members of Parliament are getting up a protest. They have just heard a keen under-water swimmer is planning to go up to Loch Ness later this year, don his flippers and the rest of his frogman kit, grasp a commando knife and a crocodile gag, and dive down to find and do battle with the famous Loch Ness monster.

I've met Scots who insist that the monster does exist. I've passed Loch Ness myself with nary a sign of it. But the Scots M.P.'s are ready to defend even a hypothetical monster. They are trying to keep the under-water enthusiast at home. It's strange that somehow there is invariably mention of the Monster around this time of year — about the time most Britons are making their holiday plans. But, as the Scots themselves would say: "Och, weel, it makes life interesting"

ilton's years of study. Thus two men from Saskatchewan, Prince Albert's John Diefenbaker and Qu'Appelle's Alvin Hamilton, have combined to give us this glorious "prospect" for Canadians.

Use Of Aspirin For Diabetes

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. WHEN we think of aspirin, we generally think of it only as a cure for headaches or sore throats. Actually, this very common drug, found in almost every home, is used in the treatment of many serious medical disorders.

For a long time, we have recognized its importance in treating rheumatic fever and rheumatoid arthritis. PREFER USING ASPIRIN Many doctors prefer the use of aspirin, for rheumatic fever, over some of the newer wonder drugs. In fact, a three-year study conducted recently revealed that aspirin was as effective as cortisone in therapeutic value and in its effect on the progress of rheumatoid arthritis.

In mild to moderate cases, some doctors advise aspirin as "the drug of choice." And most recommend it as an adjunct with other antirheumatic agents in more severe cases. In treating rheumatoid arthritis, large doses of aspirin probably are advisable. In fact, one doctor recommends dosage "just short of the point of tolerance."

MAY BE OF VALUE We have reason to believe that aspirin may be valuable in treating diabetes mellitus. Way back around the turn of the century, some medical reports indicated aspirin was effective in combating diabetes. But few doctors have done much additional investigating along this line.

Recently, however, a British medical team conducted an intensive two-week course of therapy on seven diabetic patients using pure aspirin alone. SYMPTOMS RELIEVED The physicians report that the blood sugar and urine levels of all seven were restored to normal. In addition, they say, all clinical symptoms of the disease such as thirst, excessive secretion and discharge of urine and intense itching were "completely relieved."

The ages of the patients ranged from 15 to 65. All had been victims of diabetes for periods extending from one month to five years. TREATMENT WAS BRIEF The course of treatment was deliberately brief and intensive in order to obtain rapid build-up of blood salicylate levels. Each patient received between 3 and 5 five-grain tablets of aspirin every four hours, except during the middle of the night. This is about the maximum tolerated dosage.

Perhaps aspirin will become the oral compound we need to help control diabetes. Time will tell. QUESTION AND ANSWER M. A.: Is there any treatment for trachoma?

Answer: Trachoma, virus disease of the eye, is a difficult disease to treat. However, it has been found that cortisone in the form of eye drops may be very helpful.

The Poet's Corner

THE WINTER MIND There is no autumn that I have not thought that this is loneliness, these leaves condoned like dreams to court a season's whim when caught by circumstance, disfavored and disowned. There is no autumn that I have not turned from trees in anguish, from the sight and sound of beauty breaking — mocking dreams I spurned in golden innuendoes to the ground. Now winter thoughts protrude like twigs that cling to branches stripped of verdant hope, and I know suddenly I have misjudged this thing — that loneliness is not the leaves that die, not dreams discarded by a season's whim, but this loneliness, this barren limb.

—Marilyn Eynon Scott In the New York Times.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

An expert said the other day that our population is "younging." At first thought it appeared that this referred to a juvenile tendency in adults, the old game of hens trying to act like Spring chickens. But that's not the case at all. Turns out that it's experience, a new trend in which our average age will grow younger rather than older.—Milwaukee Journal

Some sensible people still brave ridicule by carrying a walking cane. They find it gives wal'g a greater pleasure, gives protection against vicious dogs and makes for more secure footing. It is sincerely to be hoped that the walking cane will encourage the habit of walking for pleasure which is indulged in by too few these days.—Guelph Mercury

Readers frequently dislike our editorials; they often quarrel with them violently; they often, in our letter columns, suggest that only idiots, illiterates, malcontents and malignants could write such stuff; there is a widely held notion in Peterborough that the men who write the Examiner editorials do not know anything about anything. We dissent mildly from these views, feeling that they put the case in extreme terms.—Peterborough Examiner

Readers of the political news may wonder if the constant reference to a certain personage as "the 62-year-old prime minister" is intended to be a compliment or is a commentary on the fact that most reporters are under 62 and may find that following the prime minister is a mental and physical trial. It likewise is beginning to be known to the Canadian public that the Liberal leader is 60, in both cases stamina is evident and experience is not lacking.—Sackville Tribune

system in Charlottetown would mean a five cent reduction on all fire insurance rates on mercantile establishments in the City. Mr. Charles A. Beer, Manager of the Board of Underwriters for the Province, stated yesterday. Such a reduction, he said, would result in a saving of about \$5,000.

The Age Old Story Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

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