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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew"

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

Soda Pop And School Buses

Youngsters will pay less for their soft drinks and candy. Their elders will pay less for school and other heavy equipment purchased by municipalities.

Finance Minister Abbott's final budget shows extremely modest concessions to the taxpayers, but perhaps they may be thankful that it shows no increases.

The total reductions of all kinds will mean \$36,000,000 less revenue, the equivalent of \$40,000,000 for a full year.

There are no tariff increases, but an extensive list of minor reductions including notably railway equipment.

The only really hard-hit group will be the unfortunate Quebec income taxpayers who have been assured that their Provincial tax of 15 per cent will be fully deductible from their Federal income tax.

How It Happened

A most unfortunate sequence of events was revealed for the first time by a passage between Prime Minister Churchill and Labour Leader Clement Attlee in the British House of Commons Monday.

At the Quebec conference in 1943 the Prime Minister and President made a secret agreement to collaborate on atomic energy policy.

When Sir Winston showed the agreement to Senator McMahon two years ago, the Senator told him: "If we had seen this agreement there would have been no McMahon Act."

The misunderstanding, like so many others, seems to have its origin in differing British and American constitutional practice. It was inconceivable to Mr. Attlee that the Government of the day should not require to have the confidence of a majority in Congress.

Five Years Of Confederation

In an address delivered on the 5th anniversary of Newfoundland's political entry into Canada, the Premier of the Province, the Hon. Joseph R. Smallwood, declared that "Confederation is the greatest single blessing under God that ever came to Newfoundland."

Until Mr. Smallwood brought his dynamic personality and rich eloquence to bear on Newfoundland's political hopes and fears, following the termination of Government-by-Commission which, for economic

reasons, had replaced the former Dominion status, Confederation was hardly ever mentioned in polite Newfoundland circles. The few politicians who had been bold enough to bring it up in political campaigns of other years had been defeated decisively by the angry electorate.

All that, however, belongs to the past. Mr. Smallwood's conviction that Confederation would brighten his country's destiny has had five years in which to prove its truth and validity.

Red China's Position

Sir Gladwyn Jebb, until recently chief British delegate to the United Nations, has stated that the Communist government of China should be seated in the United Nations as soon as a majority of the members decided it has abandoned aggression in Korea and Indo-China.

The United States is unalterably opposed to admission of Communist China. By a unanimous vote, the Senate declared its opposition to such a step, and but for President Eisenhower's intervention it would have adopted a resolution which would have compelled the U. S. to leave the organization if Peiping should be admitted.

Nothing has occurred since then to indicate that it has changed its mind, and if the U. S. quit there would be no United Nations.

To raise the question at this time, argues our Toronto contemporary, is to reopen a rift which has been closed, and to prejudice the position of the United States on the eve of the Geneva conference, at which the matter will be discussed.

British, American and Canadian statesmen are agreed that an aggressor should not be admitted to the U-N, and all are opposed to admission of Peiping at this time. If and when Peiping proves that it is no longer an aggressor, there will be an opportunity to decide on its fitness for U-N membership.

EDITORIAL NOTES

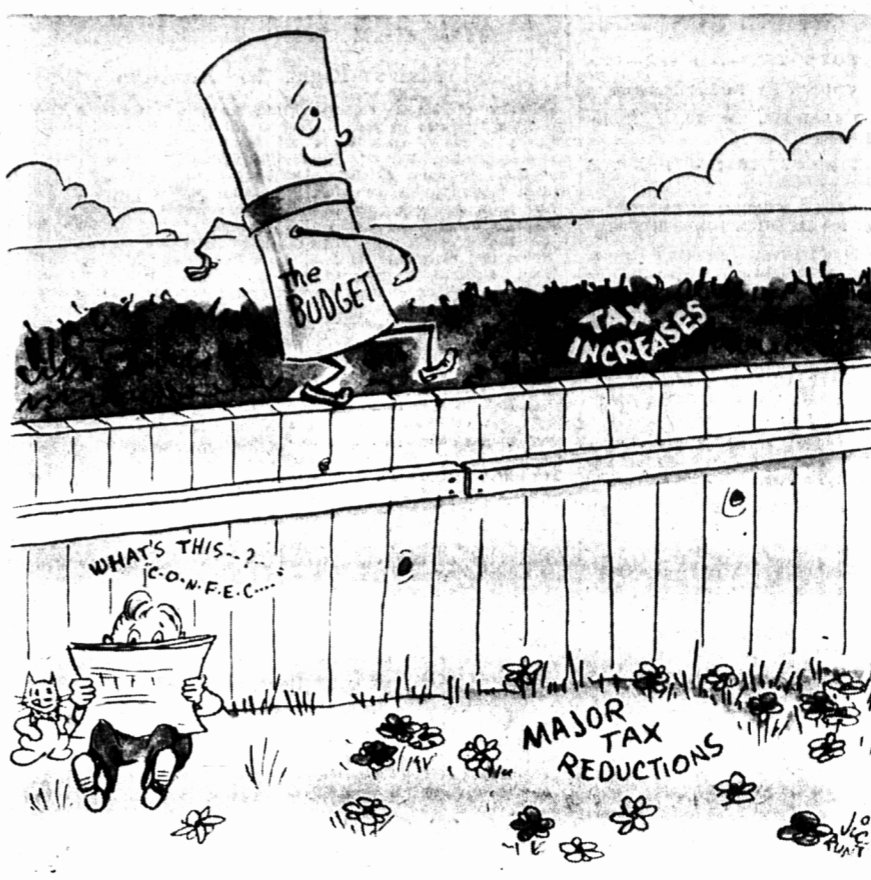
The year-old proposal of an Atlantic Provinces Economic Council is nearing fulfillment. The various Governments having approved the idea, the Maritime Provinces Board of Trade has now decided to prepare plans within a month for its organization.

William Wordsworth, English poet, was born this date 1770. At 20 he made a walking tour through France and Switzerland, resulting in a romantic attachment and an enthusiasm for the French Revolution.

Defence Minister Brooke Claxton may be proud of the nickname "One-round" Claxton which he earned by persistently bringing up in NATO gatherings the subject of a common small-arms round for the armed forces of the North Atlantic nations.

World Health Day. Today marks the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organization in 1948. The battle which WHO is waging is a battle for health, not merely against disease. It carries out projects improving the sanitary conditions under which people live, seeks to improve nutrition standards, pays particular attention to the health needs of mothers and children and aims at improving and expanding the nursing services.

On The Fence



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.

RAT CONTROL

Sir,—Some weeks ago we noted in your column a paragraph on rat and lack of control; also the use of wood ashes as a control measure as used in bygone days, etc.

Having spent some years now in the manufacture of commercial raticide, (which by the way has been advertised through your columns in the past two years) we naturally were interested in your remarks.

To bring you up-to-date on scientific developments in this field, we enclose a copy of Penick's "Something new in Rat Control." This is an old story to many who have found during the past three years that "Warfarin" baits have given complete control of rats on their farms, in warehouses, feed plants, packing plants, etc.

You are correct in one phase of your article, and that is that we still have rats with us, and perhaps always will.

May we point out that rat control will never be effected as raticides are being used, no matter how effective these are. This is the reason that John Jones may use "Warfarin" and eliminate 100% of his rats and mice. His neighbor Brown, however, doesn't attempt to rid his premises of rats, and so his colony continues to exist and in turn continues to reinfest neighbor Jones' premises with rats, and so on.

Our point is that there is a complete control of rodents available, but unless properly used by all simultaneously, the rat problems will continue.

We are, Sir, etc. HANCOCK LABORATORIES L. W. Hancock Owner-Manager. Summerside.

The Poet's Corner ENIGMA

The rain was but a whisper when at first With timid hesitation it tried The leaf the blading grass, the crocus cup, The pristine pane, and us, as if it durst Not speak full voiced, in throated tide, Till it had gently caught the listening up. Then slyly, with a swift, staccato chatter, It spoke, ascending in sound, Exulting now in all it had to tell In riddles, daring each to spell the Word-tantalizing rain that found Eustion in a soft, unvoiced farewell.

—Venice Gass in the New York Times.

The Age Old Story

Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee, Nathaniel answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because saith unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

Florence Nightingale

By Ellen Broe Director, Florence Nightingale International Foundation

Exactly one hundred years ago, in the spring of 1854, the British Army was embarking for the Crimea war amid enthusiastic cheers. In the autumn of that year, the British public was shocked and horrified to hear of the army's suffering from disease, and the totally inadequate hospital arrangements for either sick or wounded.

In October of the same year, Miss Florence Nightingale, at the age of 34, left London with a party of 40 nurses on the expedition to organize the Nursing Service for the British Army in the Crimea which was to make her a national hero on her return.

She was already world-famous as a war nurse — she became also a hospital expert of international reputation. Her work as a hospital reformer started about 1858 and continued to have her interest through her life. Her book "Notes on Hospitals," published in 1859, was received with the comment that it was a most remarkable contribution to sanitary science applied to Medical Institutions. She impressed contemporary authorities by the way she collected and presented her material, well prepared, strongly stressed, and always based on statistical findings.

As an historical figure of international reputation, she must be judged on her virtues and failures, by the standards we apply to statesmen and public servants.

Old Charlottetown

and P. E. I.

MARKET HOUSE FIRE

"The Market House building had a narrow escape from destruction by fire this morning. Shortly after the fires were started the pipe broke down, and the beams between the walls, directly over the old court-room, took fire. Market Clerk Chandler and Janitor Vandersterne at once set about extinguishing the flames, the last named individual crawling along between the walls, in defiance of a suffocating smoke, and putting out the fire. His hands are somewhat burned as a result of his heroic efforts. Had the fire not been discovered and extinguished when it was, we would, without doubt, have had a serious conflagration to chronicle today." —The Examiner, Nov. 23, 1888.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

This is the age of the cold war, the hot bomb, and the lukewarm international understanding. — London Free Press

Give credit to the drive-in theatre. It's a safe place for people to sit behind the wheel and not think. —Kingston Whig-Standard.

The trouble with the car of tomorrow is that it may be the car of day before yesterday before you finish the payments. — Hamilton Spectator.

A cow in Indiana chewed up a wallet containing \$40. Some doubt now as to who will get the cream. — Hamilton Spectator.

Since some packers persist in wrapping bacon in red-striped cellophane, many shoppers are in self-defence opening the packages for a peek. Those who want plenty of fat have the least to complain about. But those who prefer the lean have learned to distrust the enhanced impression of meatiness given by the stripes. The practice of putting a thumb nail through the cellophane is most unsanitary, and yet the buyer has a right to know what bacon she is bringing home. —Ottawa Citizen.

A new facsimile machine has been demonstrated which "puts a telegraph office on your office desk." A typed message can be sent to Europe and the reply received within six minutes. What kind of messages are going to be sent on this new machine? So far, man has done a wonderful job of developing the mechanical channels of communication without getting much further ahead in communication itself. Whether Canadians and Russians can receive each other's letters in a day or a month doesn't make much difference if they don't understand each other anyway. —Montreal Gazette.

Too few graduates of New Brunswick high schools complete their courses with any real working knowledge of the mechanics of government—Dominion, provincial and municipal—or of our judicial system. Many of our university graduates are similarly ill-equipped. It is usually years later in life before the individual begins to comprehend the functions of both legislative and judicial bodies. This is why we believe that some provision should be made during school years for pupils and students to see government at work in the provincial and municipal spheres and our courts in their various levels and divisions. —Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

"If women are not the weaker sex, there was a time when the idea that they were held very seriously. In 1881 the New York YWCA made its first announcement that it was sponsoring lessons for women typists. Immediately a storm of verbal and editorial protest was loosed. The female constitution, insisted the protesters, would surely break down under such a strain. And as late as 1908 the mayor of Cincinnati made a written proclamation to the city council against permitting women to pilot automobiles. Driving a horseless carriage, he said, required such qualifications that no female was able to undertake the task." —Wall Street Journal.

Moscow Radio has been exhorting Soviet youth to make sure the first man to reach the moon is a Russian. Think of the glory of it. "The planetary system awaits Soviet Columbus," said A. Bruschev, 90-year-old Russian scientist, in the broadcast. This is nonsense. The planetary system awaits no one, Russian or otherwise. The system is quite busy revolving systematically. As for the first man to reach the moon, it is improbable that he would return. He would be veritably the man in the moon and not long a live one. It is suggested, however, that the Russian scientist's idea is deserving of applause, and the first to make the trip should be the ruler of that state. Yearning of the rest of the world, the people of the Soviet Union included, wishing them a speedy journey. And this is enough of lunar lunacy for today. —Sydney Post-Record.

In Dublin the Irish Federation of Musicians has announced that it will add 80 men and women crooners before allowing them to become members. Wonder what would happen with some crooners we have heard had such a rule been in effect on this side of the Atlantic. —Niagara Falls Review.

"There must be unpleen millions of ways to achieve happiness. A faculty member of Cornell University is as happy as a lark over having finally succeeded in recording the whoopee of a whooping crane." —Kingston Whig-Standard.

Shorts, it appears, are going to be with us in a big, if brief, way this summer. This substitute for long pants, unknown only a few years ago except in the khaki or white drab of military service, is coming up in all the colors of the spectrum. We think it's a fine thing. A pioneer who wore shorts when he didn't dare leave his own back yard in them assures us that this garment is just as comfortable as its look. —Chicago News.

Optical firms in Tokyo are having the biggest boom in years in eye glasses. Girls are trooping in, some buying two or three pairs in different colored frames. Those who don't need spectacles demand plain glass in harlequin frames. The boom began soon after the opening of a movie in which Marilyn Monroe plays a near-sighted siren whose boy friend asks her to wear spectacles to enhance her appeal. —New York Herald Tribune.

In countries where it is not used to any extent as a form of fuel, peat is something of a joke. It is associated with thatched roofs, but clinging precariously to a hillside under the lash of an inopportune wind, and drearily smoking (fire which combine the maximum of annoyance with the minimum of heat. In point of fact, peat makes an excellent, warm, and long-lasting fire, and the inevitable breaking of the peat into small pieces can be cheaply cut, stacked and carted. It is a legitimate contender with coal as a heating agent. —Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

Modern equipment and modern logging methods show how far the operations have advanced from the days of shanties, isolated camps and rugged life of the lumberjack. But the success of logging operations often rests on horses to provide the motive power to get the logs skidded to the river dumps, and the inevitable breaking of the river to get the logs to the mills. The river drivers are still the hardy breed that brought the logs down the rivers a half century ago. The same jams occur at the same places but a well-placed stick of dynamite will knock out the key log in a jam that years ago required the skill, agility and daredevil attitude towards the risks involved in courting death in the tumbling white water. —Sudbury Star.

No sooner has the legend of the Piltown man been exposed as a hoax than the anthropologists are off to inspect another relic of ages past which may provide some answers to man's eternal questions about the past. High up in the Andes of Chile, in an ice cave, the body of a little Inca princess has been found. Although it is believed to have been placed there 500 years ago, the body was so well preserved in its frozen state that it is even possible to take her fingerprints. The princess' face powder is still intact and the look of a living creature has been preserved on her face. The story of Snow White will seem even more plausible to the children now that this frozen beauty has been found. It reminds us of an Icelandic legend of the North. Many years ago, they tell us, a band of singing children were suddenly caught in the fumes of ice and carried away into the frigid wilderness. In times when the ice melts, the sweet music of the children's voices is said to come faintly over the desolation, released from its ancient quick-freeze. —Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

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