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Sales Tax And Manitoba

According to the Winnipeg Free Press, the sales tax question is one of the underlying issues in the current Manitoba election campaign.

Manitoba is one of two Canadian provinces that do not have a direct sales tax. The other, Alberta, has no sales tax largely because provincial revenues from oil have made an additional source of revenue unnecessary.

Manitoba has no sales tax largely because Premier Roblin, when he first came to office, promised that he would not increase taxes.

However, that promise was made some years ago, and Mr. Roblin cannot be held to it for all eternity.

Our Winnipeg contemporary critics, in this connection, a study of the impact of taxes on various groups in Canada, published recently by the Canadian Tax Foundation.

In Manitoba, however, each political party has used its own device to evade thinking about this problem. The Conservatives have appointed a royal commission, which may come up with a recommendation that will give Mr. Roblin the excuse he needs.

The Free Press doesn't think much of any of these alibis. "The voters of Manitoba," it says, "are mature enough to recognize that you do not get anything for nothing."

The Kashmir Quarrel

The Chinese threat has finally set Indians to thinking that maybe some sort of accommodation with Pakistan is necessary. They are not ready to buy a joint defense arrangement or to compromise substantially on the main issue between them—their 15-year-old dispute over the state of Kashmir—

When the Kashmir quarrel began in 1947 it provoked no deep emotions except among the Kashmiris. But when Pathan tribesmen invaded Kashmir from Pakistan,

much of India became aroused and Prime Minister Nehru roused troops to the defense. Then Pakistani troops entered the affray and warfare raged for 14 months. It ended Jan. 1, 1949, under a ceasefire supervised to this day by the United Nations.

India and Pakistan agreed in principle to a plebiscite under A.N. auspices; but one was never held because no agreement could be reached on the military prerequisites. Time and again the dispute was taken to the U.N. Security Council, but always to no avail.

Such was the situation last October 20, when the Chinese Communist troops attacked the Indian forces on their Tibetan border. Although India had more than three years' notice that the Chinese were up to no good in that area, at least three-quarters of the Indian army was kept poised near the Kashmir cease-fire line or on the borders of Pakistan.

Washington and London have been exerting every effort to make both countries realize that Communist China is imminently their biggest enemy, not each other. India is now known to have transferred a considerable part of her troops from areas near Pakistan to where they could be useful against the Chinese, though still unwilling to relax her vigil too much against the customary enemy.

This is the situation today. There appears to be a negotiation even though the negotiations now agreed upon will fall. The old animosities are very much alive. But if Pakistan and India can cooperate, Western military specialists believe it might not prove difficult, with Western aid, to deter the Chinese Communists. Otherwise, there is grave danger of the Reds overrunning or subverting South Asia.

N.B. Elections

Under normal conditions the retention of a Conservative party stronghold in two provincial by-elections in New Brunswick on Monday wouldn't cause much interest. But the situation politically is anything but normal, and this by-election campaign—with not even all the legislative seats in the country at stake and with no prospect of the outcome effecting a government turnover—was fought with exceptional vigor by both the major parties.

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Perhaps it is just as well. This old sibylth was worked to death in previous campaigns. It didn't mean much at any time, and it means less today. A government that will fight vigorously for our interests here will get results at Ottawa, regardless of its political affiliations. A government that won't or can't do this is not worth electing under any circumstances. And in any case, it would take a Nostradamus to say what's going to happen federally within the next twelve months.



OTTAWA ANIMAL ACT

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

A Pinch-hitting Conservative Orator

"Do you mean that little guy, who never talks at all?" asked the sarcastic elevator operator, when I sought directions to the new office of Mr. Eldon Woolliams. The bulky, booming red-headed Saskatchewan farm boy, murder trial counsel and M.P. for Bow River, Alberta, has a won for himself a reputation as an ever-ready pinch-hitting orator for the Conservative Government. You name the subject, Eldon can rise to his feet at the drop of the Party whip's signal, and hold the floor eloquently, informatively and entertainingly for the required twenty minutes.

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Our Yesterday's

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Chief of Police Archibald Birnie has received numerous letters from points all over the world, requesting all kinds of information, but yesterday he had an unusual one — from an automobile license number plate collector, asking for several old P.E.I. license plates.

TEN YEARS AGO December 5, 1952 Raymond E. Flayer, M.A., M.Sc., organizer and chairman of the "Trinity United Church of Canada" in Toronto, has been elected to be the guest speaker at the 50th anniversary of the Confederation of the British Empire, to be held at the Grand Hotel of Montreal tomorrow night.

Naill Condition Often Gives Hint Of Poor Health

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Changes in the nails are associated with various medical conditions, including poor circulation. Many elderly persons have thickened, brittle nails, and some have irregular growth, shape, and form. They may be so thick, only the physician or podiatrist can trim them.

But the alterations are not always constant. We also see thin, delicate nails, and some have ridges or shedding and longitudinal ridges running along the length of the nail. Almost any disease can happen to these structures as we get older, quite independent of the nail themselves.

A British physician reported that 82 of 100 patients with cirrhosis of the liver had cloudy nails, giving them a ground glass appearance. The half-moon was indicated by a groove from the rest of the nail. Longitudinal ridges also were noted, and some patients had a yellowish discoloration of the nail.

A deficiency of thyroid gland is associated with separation of the nail from the nail bed, by taking thyroid extract. In these cases, brittle types of nails may be reddened, blue, or sulfurous.

The nails often are pale when anemia is present and unless the patient is given iron, the nail often will become brittle and depressed. It is a spoon-shaped nail, and the spoon-shaped food elements also produce brittleness, which may explain why adding certain proteins to the diet is helpful.

Despite these observations, the nail is not a reliable index of disease. There are too many exceptions to the rule, and the nail is a complex process and it is likely that the half-moon is a normal feature of the nail bed.

Dr. Van Dellen will send leaflets on nail diseases to patients who request them. He is a member of the American Medical Association and the American Society of Podiatry. He is also a member of the American Society of Podiatry.

HEARTBURN AND IN-LAWS O.L. writes: I have had indigestion for many years. Whenever these aggravating situations come up, I develop heartburn. I have tried many remedies, but nothing seems to help.

STIFFENED SPINE A.L. writes: What will be the effect in later years of congenital fusion of five lumbar vertebrae in a child of 10?

NORMAL LIFE SPAN The lower back will not be as flexible as normal because the vertebrae are stuck together (fused). This is a slight handicap but it could be worse.

SOUTH-WEST PROBLEMS PARIS (Reuters) — French doctors are campaigning for a 4,000,000 franc loan to help the French government solve the problems of the commission and urged manufacturers to contribute to the fund.

Dud Questions Ottawa Journal Little wit or force or too much naivety. When Mr. Diefenbaker considers the Opposition questions no better than dumb squibs in the gutter. He is a con man who looks to their ammunition.

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Fiberglass Fishing Boat

The Atlantic Fisherman

The first fiberglass commercial fishing boat to be built in Nova Scotia is under construction by the Atlantic Fisherman Co. in Lunenburg. Measuring 30 feet with a beam of 12 feet, six inches, she is a joint project of the fisheries department of the province.

The federal department made \$10,000 available for the materials and construction. The design, construction and eventual use will be for experimental purposes. From it we hope to gain such information as how well a fiberglass boat will stand up to the rigors of the North Atlantic, how long it will last, what will be its cost to build and its upkeep.

Of Cape Island design, the boat will be equipped with a Havolite Chevrolet marine gas engine and a 15-horsepower outboard motor. It will have a 50-gallon fuel tank and a 50-gallon water tank. It will also have a 50-gallon oil tank.

AS YET UNNAMED Andrew Eisenhauer, vice-president of the company, said that fiberglass boats were produced in quantity, their price would be much lower than that of wooden boats.

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The Umbrella Symbol Brantford Exporter of umbrellas toters has been in a danger of being duped when buying a mass-produced umbrella from the climate because he has been identifying marks to make clear if the handle of the umbrella has been imported.

Obviously the climate there has changed little since the trepid Persian exporter Jonas Hanway about 200 years ago when he first introduced the umbrella into England. It has since been carried in London by a man and was chased off the streets of London by a man.

The umbrella is something of a national symbol. It is a symbol of the world's a nation or picture of a man with an umbrella and the world's a nation or picture of a man with an umbrella and the world's a nation or picture of a man with an umbrella.

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