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The Hospital Plan

The Prime Minister's statement that the hospital insurance plan may...
This has been done "four of the Provinces which promised participation..."

Under the legislation passed last April no Federal contribution can be made until at least six Provinces have drawn up their plans of action...

Meanwhile, there would seem to be no good reason why the Federal legislation should not be amended to make the plan operative, now that the majority of the Provinces have announced agreement in principle...

It takes time, of course, to work out the details of a national program of this kind. But there isn't any point in putting unnecessary obstacles in its way.

Criminal Statistics

There is a notion abroad in the land that the majority of crimes are committed by persons of "foreign" origin. The probable reason for this is that a crime committed by a newly arrived immigrant or by someone with an "outlandish" name is likely to be given wider publicity than one committed by a native Canadian.

A recently published report of the Department of Immigration, covering the years 1951-54, gives the rate of convicted persons between the ages of 15 and 19 as 86.6 per 10,000 population of the native born.

Nor were immigrants from Central and Southern Europe the principal delinquents. First place in this unenviable category was taken by persons born in the United States.

Medical Research

In a brief presented to the Federal Government, the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges asked that an additional half-million dollars be added to the budget of the medical research division of the National Research Council.

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can take pride in having played an important role in many branches of the development. But many challenges remain, and the costs of research, as of all other scientific projects, are increasing all the time.

Appeal For Safety

Added to the many appeals for safer driving on the highways is one from the Roman Catholic hierarchy of the United States, released at their annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

"God has commanded: thou shalt not kill. The conscience of mankind rightly extends this law to all actions which, without due regard, endanger the health and physical integrity of any person. And yet, in our time, a singular blind spot has developed in the consciences of many people who are in all other matters law-abiding and conscientious."

"In many situations where death or injury occurs in automobile accidents the driver is at fault. His carelessness, neglect or reckless conduct is a crime. From a moral and religious viewpoint, these actions are sinful. Each of us has an obligation to seek an enlightened and educated conscience. It is for this reason we urge, with the utmost seriousness, that every driver reflect upon the moral question he assumes."

EDITORIAL NOTES

It seems that bears are getting more civilized all the time. A report from Yellowstone National Park states that during this year's tourist season 73 persons were clawed by the animals, compared to 134 the year before.

The President of Indonesia says that unless the Netherlands gives up its last remaining territories in Asia, his country will take steps that "will startle the world". So many startling things are happening these days that nothing the Indonesians can do is likely to add to the excitement.

Just as Canadians were beginning to think that U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Benson was prepared to curtail his surplus-disposal program, word has come from Washington that he plans to ask Congress for authority "to ship abroad for sale, barter or gift an additional \$1 billion worth of surplus commodities." Apparently, the assurances he gave Canada and other exporting nations at the F. A. O. meeting in Rome didn't mean very much.

On leaving the United States for home, Mr. Laurin Bevan, prominent British Labourite, said, "I felt certain" that there would be an election in Britain next fall or in the spring of 1959. He may be right; but he doesn't think that in setting the date Prime Minister Macmillan will be guided by the wishes of his opponents. Incidentally, in his journals in the United States Mr. Bevan, to his credit, did not unduly criticize British foreign policy, as he had done on former occasions.

An officer of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests states that, in contrast to present day hunters who kill deer for their meat and antlers, the early Indians made use of every part of the animals. They made mittens and moccasins of buckskin. Their women produced wraps, robes, and fringed leggings, even summer skirts from fawn skins. The antlers were used for implements. Sometimes they were worn as headdress by chiefs as emblems of power.

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The Lord Selkirk is having her official trials this weekend. That's nice-but what I'm waiting to see is the first drive over the Northumberland Causeway.



MORE EXCITING STILL

OTTAWA REPORT

Protest Against Tariffs

By Patrick Nicholson
Special Correspondent for The Guardian
Ottawa: Mr. F. S. Zapfley gave the House of Commons during the Throne Speech debate the most strait-from-the-shoulder comment yet heard for many years on the subject of Canadian industry and commercial practices.

From the point of view of dollars and cents, it is evident that the time parliament faced this problem, and dealt with it effectively at this present session because it is obvious that the question of trade, tariffs and trade restrictions affects every Canadian in all times.

Bubbles Conquer Winter Ice

C.I.L. OVAL
During the past two Winters, Canadian engineers have turned their skill to keeping open large areas of water in Winter, in a wide variety of circumstances, by using bubbles of compressed air.

One early Canadian air bubble installation, the Winter of 1944-45, achieved the unusual objective of producing a bigger and healthier crop of fish. The experts say that active fish move and grow faster, but under an artificial pool of ice, oxygen content of lake waters drops and the fish become sluggish.

At the White Rock Fishing Club at Kitima, a bubble blanket of polythene pipe was perforated at 26-foot intervals, anchored just above the sill bottom and fed with air from a 12-cubic-foot air compressor. Within a week warmer water circulating in the surface had opened a 700-foot long channel 20 feet wide, through ice 18 inches thick.

NEAR ARCTIC CIRCLE
A defying installation that proved the most successful in the arctic winter's test is at the Hudson Mining and Refining property at Port Hudson, N.W.T. Here, only a few miles from the Arctic Circle, where ice ranges in thickness up to five feet, work is carried on during mid-winter. The water is double-proved diesel pumps through the middle of St. Lawrence river between Prescott and Ogdensburg, New York.

WATER in the slip ranges in depth from 12 to 18 feet, and ice carries in thickness from 10 to 16 inches, depending on the severity of the Winter. Last year, the slip was deep frozen problem was solved by the use of a double-proved diesel pump which pressed air through the water.

Danger Signs of Suicide Tendency

By Herman N. Sandeen, M.D.
SUICIDE is not a very pleasant subject even for a doctor to handle. It is not only a common phenomenon, and it is becoming a more serious problem.

There is a great deal of "suicide" in the sense that a doctor has found that the person who is very "borderline" in his mind (borderline meaning up) is more likely to take his life than the person who experiences a great deal of emotional difficulties in his doctor.

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MAXIMS

When the spirit and fiber of Washington fail to appear in each state's rank, it is found that indeed, things will go ill with us.

OUR YESTERDAYS

Discussion regarding disposition of the airport took place at the regular meeting of the Summerdale Town Council last night. It has been proposed by the Board of Trade that in order to retain the air mail service, the air port be taken over by the town and improved in order to obtain a license. It was decided that the town will be authorized to purchase the land at Summerdale unless the air port was licensed.

STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE

MADRID (Reuters)—About 200 students of Madrid University demonstrated Wednesday outside the ministry of Education in protest against the government's decision to close the school for the death of Rivera.

RETIRED STUDENTS

IPSON (Hampden) AP—Three thousand Chicago high school students closed Monday when police arrested them from a demonstration at the University of Illinois.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Michigan State University scientists are checking up to see if an apple a day really keeps the doctor away. Who cares—as long as they taste so good each up in fact. See today.

Presidents and prime ministers down the years have not rated as men of better than average artistic talents. With two exceptions it's all the more unusual that for a time they were contemporaries in office.

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