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"Yip, P.E.I.!"
Under the above heading, the Toronto Globe and Mail has this to say about a paragraph it spotted in our legislative Speech from the Throne:

"Cattle rustlers" in Prince Edward Island? So it appears. The thieving varmints have become a problem, and the P.E.I. government is moving to resolve it by compulsory branding or tattooing of livestock. But it seems odd to think of cattle rustling on an island so small (2,100 square miles), so flat (highest elevation 450 feet), and so firmly removed from the mainland (nine miles at the nearest point).

Well, now, it's thisaway. Though we don't just prove it, we have a sneaking suspicion that the varmints come from Ontario, where words gotten around that we have the best beef cattle on the market and where there are a lot of slick operators who will do anything to make a fast buck.

Don't ask us how they swoop down! Maybe they come in jet planes equipped with new-fangled sensors. Maybe in submarines, or in travelling abattoirs disguised as furniture vans. Who knows? We're such a hospitable place down here we've welcomed all-comers, even Torontonians, without taking thought that this might be entertaining rascals of this kind. But we're on the alert now.

And we'll thank the Globe and Mail to keep its remarks to itself about our being "so firmly removed from the mainland." That isn't the way it goes, at all. The mainland, up to now, has been firmly removed from us, and much to its detriment. This idea about our size making any difference to our importing of all porpoegger. Why also should Ottawa be so anxious to persuade us to let it build a causeway across the Strait, so that the rest of Canada could have freer access to our shores?

The cattle rustlers, at least, are under no misunderstanding as to where the country's choice cattle are. They haven't waited for the causeway, which shows how enterprising they are. But they're going to have it harder from now on when we get our branding (or is it tattooing?) legislation through. We may even start lynching a few of them if the law doesn't work. But don't get us wrong! We're still as friendly to outsiders as ever. They're the only class of tourists who won't be getting the welcome sign to the Cradle of Confederation this year.

The Old Pattern
According to an Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Telegram, Mr. Diefenbaker, during the Conservative party's annual meeting, indicated he was not going to allow himself to be drawn into an election campaign fought over the Canada Pension Plan. Most people these days believe that an adequate pension plan is natural in a modern society; the disagreement is how it should be framed. An election campaign on the plan might cast a Tories as being against any pension plan, which is, of course, quite incorrect.

Possibly it is for this reason that in his non-confidence motion, moved at the end of his 90-minute speech on Thursday, Mr. Diefenbaker steered wide of this issue to

attack the government for failing to repeal the sales tax it imposed last year on building materials and production equipment. NDP Leader Douglas, in turn, based his non-confidence motion which was defeated yesterday on government failure to indicate a federal-provincial medical care plan.

It is recalled that at the last session, the Government weathered nine non-confidence motions, despite the fact that the Liberals are outnumbered 136 to 129 by the combined opposition. In the same pattern to be followed this year, with the same results and with growing cynicism on the part of the public as to the motives behind these challenges for an electoral showdown which no party really wants?

According to The Telegram correspondent, Mr. Diefenbaker may be desirous of seeking a loophole for an election, and is trying to build up an issue that would swing the people behind him and cancel out the charge of obstruction. At 68, he must have an election early if he hopes to make a comeback; but many members of his party, reportedly, do not want it to come at this time.

The key will lie, doubtless, in the government's performance at this new session. If its legislation, particularly its second budget, is good, the Commons will probably lose for a while the air of hysteria that gripped it for two years, and settle down to business.

Another factor, as our Toronto contemporary shrewdly observes, is the MP's high standard of life. At \$18,000 a year, who wants to take the chance of being defeated? Elections are still, as Sir John A. Macdonald is credited with saying a century ago, as uncertain as horse races.

Those Sugar Prices
Sugar prices are still a source of annoyance to the Canadian housewife, and since the last session of Parliament the government has been trying, unsuccessfully, to find a remedy for the problem. But good news was conveyed in a statement tabled by Trade and Commerce Minister Mitchell Sharp the other day to the effect that the existing tight supply situation is unlikely to last beyond the current crop year and might ease considerably as the year progresses. The prospects, he says, are for a marked decline in prices by the end of the year.

After discussions with refiners, sugar beet producers and representatives of Commonwealth sugar producers, Mr. Sharp decided that this was an opportune time to enter into any long-term arrangements for the supply of sugar to Canada from overseas producers.

In support of his stand he quoted a letter from the president of the Consumers Association of Canada, expressing concern lest governmental action be taken to conclude a long-term agreement with Commonwealth producers to purchase sugar at an agreed price based on the present level of sugar prices. The association suggested that such an agreement would not be in the interests of Canadian consumers and would introduce undesirable rigidity in Canada's purchasing policy.

The government, Mr. Sharp added, will be looking for a more favorably opportunity to negotiate for sugar supplies, both external and domestic, and will also be working towards a more effective international agreement on sugar. "One possibility will afford adequate protection to both consumers and producers."

He didn't say how this rights it be achieved; but if the situation rights itself the pressure for action will be eased and the Government, meantime, can take credit for its good intentions.

EDITORIAL NOTE
Doctors at a Boston children's hospital last week suggested a strategy for parents concerned about the current mania for the Beatles. One reason for it, they said, is that "the youngsters feel their parents are disturbed by their 'teen idolizing' of the mop-haired quartet." Therefore, they concluded, "merely convincing your children, 'they look the Beatles are the greatest...'" (and) your youngsters will probably think the Beatles are square."



WATER BOY
UNCHANGED IN THEIR WAYS

On the bumpy back roads of Cyprus a mule is reckoned as the distance a donkey can travel in an hour. Amid gnarled olive groves, oxen drag wooden sleds across threshing floors of hard-brown stone. Farmers winnow grain using fans against the wind with wooden flails.

The way of life on the Mediterranean island has changed little in centuries, but age-old amenities linger, too. Conflict between Greeks and Turks reflects hostility that has simmered on Cyprus since the Tur k s subbed the predomina n tly Greek islanders in 1871. Earlier Cyprus was under the domination of various Mediterranean empires.

LOYALTY TO GREECE
Francis Shor, Senior Assistant Editor of National Geographic,

PUBLIC FORUM
years ago, and they are still developing in the United States.

CAR INSURANCE
Sir—Please permit me space in your column to refer briefly to Inspector MacNeill's police report for 1963. Thirty-one motorists as licensed as the result of 26 accidents in which 39 vehicles were involved.

KELING INITIATIVE
Sir—Premier Shaw taking in the House on Wednesday evening he got from Ottawa, suggests that the main objective of the resources development program should be an educational one placing emphasis on the development of initiative and independence of our citizens.

TEN YEARS AGO
The Prime Minister, Mr. Lester B. Pearson, visited the United States in 1954. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Pearson, and a delegation of officials.

MORE IMPORTANT PROJECT
Sir—I would like to take issue with the Premier's remarks pertaining to our proposed new Provincial Building. It is a major project in the city and will be a landmark building.

DOCTORS AT BOSTON
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REMARKS BY SENATOR
Senator Stephen Young, who was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962, has been a vocal critic of the Vietnam War. He has called for a withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam and has advocated a negotiated settlement.

Establishing Sex Status

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
The sex of the newborn is easily established, as a rule, but in the case of every 100 births, the physician hesitates before saying, "It's a boy" or "It's a girl." Such infants may be classified as hermaphrodites, with jumbled reproductive organs.

Such structures usually are rudimentary. They are the discovery of a way to make chromosomal sex determinations, physicians conclude. Occasionally a child was male, only to be proved in error later. Such mistakes resulted from the accidental transposition. This is not a perversion, as the victim and his family are aware of the true sexual identity.

What has lasted for years and it becomes necessary to switch the sex of a child in school? There is only one thing to do, even though it provides a bit of gossip. The sex change without delay, regardless of the embarrassment of the parents.

Two St. Louis plastic surgeons were consulted by the parents of a 15-year-old girl with the outward appearance and a social status of a girl. The parents had asked the question of the advisability of their offspring with the advent of adolescence.

Examination revealed a deformity of the outer parts, which resembled those of a normal female. The inner parts, however, were otherwise. The operation was psychological to establish the proper male sex. The operation was psychologically acceptable to the patient.

These plastic surgeons view a follow-up study on the young man as a contribution to the field of Gynecology and Obstetrics. He has the physique of a professional athlete, is well educated, and has one child.

OVERACTIVE STOMACH
It is often said that a man can do for a stomach that a cat can't do. Food shifts to the intestine too early, I have been told.

REPLY
Eat more proteins and fats, which take longer to digest. The anti-cholera drugs used in peptic ulcer tend to slow up the digestive process. The stomach and reduce acidity.

DRAWING FLUID
My husband's chest has fluid in his lungs and his doctor draws it off each week. Today's fluid came from heart disease.

REPLY
This is incorrect. Fluid from heart disease usually can be eliminated with digitalis and diuretic. Go with your husband next week, and ask his physician to explain the cause.

VOICE WENT DEEPER
E. P. writes: In an 11-year old girl is given a steroid for asthma, could it bring on male characteristics such as a husky voice?

REPLY
The voice will not change, unless this girl is over-treated. Excessive hair, a deep and a moon face might develop but these conditions disappear after the hormone is discontinued.

Our Yesterdays
(From the Guardian Files)
TWENTY - FIVE YEARS AGO
(February 22, 1938)
The Prince Edward and Egg and Poultry Association in annual session today through the medium of the Charlottetown Board of Trade in connection with the rates and taxes of the province.

NEW NUCLEAR TEST
WASHINGTON (AP)—A nuclear test related to the ploughshares program of developing peaceful uses for nuclear energy was conducted in Nevada today by the Atomic Energy Commission announced.

COAL PRODUCTION
More than 83,000,000 tons of coal were produced in 1963-64, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

TEN YEARS AGO
The Navy announced today that its Seaquest squadron VS80 will be decommissioned at the Naval Air Station at Naval Air Station, Virginia, on Feb. 26. The announcement was made by Rear Admiral Charles H. McLaughlin, commander of the squadron.

POLICE CONTACTS
Police Contacts Robert Downe and Hugh MacKinnon leave this morning for Halifax where they will be on duty for two weeks at the Maritime Police School from March 1 to 15th inclusive. They are on a second course of contact that Charlotteville Constables have attended.

DIFFERS ON ADOLF
LONDON (AP)—A Russian marshal who was killed in Berlin gave a new version Friday of how Hitler died. He said he had seen the dictator's body wrapped in a charred rug inside the chancellery in Berlin. Most informants have said that Hitler's body was burned and the ashes scattered in the Reich Chancellery garden.

25% REDUCTION
Inquire about the possibility of joining one of the "Winter-Spring March in Europe" Group on Eastbound sailing: March 18.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation keeps knocking.—Hamilton Spectator.
Why is it that so many people are against something always talk about it? Why do people who are for it—Stratford Beacon Herald.

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Tiger By The Tail
St. Thomas Times-Journal
Panama has a tiger by the tail. At the moment it is grasping at the heels of Uncle Sam, but President Roberto F. Chirari would know that it could be let without warning and tend him to piece.

The tiger, composed of undisciplined students, disgruntled Communist Party members, Communist provocateurs and undoubtedly sincere patriots has been consciously adjusting returned to the area, Panama suddenly demanded the withdrawal of all U.S. diplomatic personnel.

There will not, the Panamanian government is confident, be any restoration of normal relations until a new far-reaching agreement is reached regarding the Canal Zone and its administration. This is just the opposite of the conclusion reached by the United States which is that the tiger will inflame its appetite.

Reminder To Americans
Christian Science Monitor
The recent visit of Britain's Prime Minister to President Eisenhower has reminded Americans that they are not the only nation struggling to perform adequately in a world of power.

As Americans recognize that their nation is not a world leader and that they have preferred to avoid it, they have been unwilling to power can more properly mean to the United States is a useful freedom from a sense of responsibility which, while justified and required in the context of a world of power, could easily be an exaggeration.

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Progress And Montreal
Ottawa Journal
There seems to be no shame left in the world of a man saying anything in mixed company. The other day the Mayor of Montreal, Mr. Jean Drapeau, said quite openly, "Montreal is going into the public relations business."

Predecessors of Mr. Drapeau would have loved. They knew it was not for its own sake that Montreal was hated. And a Mayor like Camille Houde knew his oyster, called for the rest of the world, and smirking at it!

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