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

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Newfoundland's Example

Legislation authorizing federal payments to provincial hospital insurance plans starts on July 1. This announcement by Health Minister Monteith removes, in effect, the situation under existing legislation, enacted under the former Liberal administration, that at least six provinces representing a majority of the population must have plans in existence before the Federal Government starts making contributions. On July 1 five provinces—British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Newfoundland—are expected to have in operation hospital insurance plans eligible for federal aid. Ontario's plan will start Jan. 1. The federal share is 50 per cent of the cost of the provincial insurance program.

It is ironic to note that Newfoundland—which on a claim of dire fiscal need received 30 per cent of the Atlantic Provinces grants-in-aid from the Diefenbaker Government in addition to the aid it will receive under a Royal Commission Report, still pending—is the only one of the Atlantic Provinces able to participate in the hospital insurance scheme on July 1. With a Liberal government in power provincially, it is the only one of the Atlantic Provinces which succeeded in returning a strong Liberal representation in the recent federal contest. Premier Smallwood must be quite a man! Or is it just another example of the truth of the late Premier Lea's maxim, that it's the squeaking wheel that gets the grease?

At the Dominion-Provincial conference at Ottawa in November, 1957, at which those grants-in-aid were discussed, the intention was to meet urgent requirements of the three Maritime Provinces. Prime Minister Diefenbaker, in bringing up the subject, said: "There is, of course, a Royal Commission considering the particular problem of Newfoundland in accordance with the undertaking in the terms of union, so I shall not endeavour to express opinions upon Newfoundland's position pending receipt of the recommendations of the Commission." Premier Stanfield of Nova Scotia, after suggesting a formula for distribution of the grants, said: "I have referred to my proposal as a Maritime adjustment grant but let me hasten to add that we in Nova Scotia are not unmindful of the financial difficulties of our sister province, Newfoundland. I felt, however, that in view of the fact that the report of the Royal Commission established to inquire into the position of Newfoundland relative to the Maritime Provinces is pending, it would be presumptuous for me to suggest a solution to Newfoundland's problems." And Premier Fleming of New Brunswick said: "You will note that in discussing the application of special adjustment grants I have not included the fiscal situation of Newfoundland. My reason for omitting to do so is obvious, since the financial position of that province is now the subject of inquiry by a Royal Commission."

But Premier Smallwood would listen to no talk of that kind. He complained that the three Maritime Provinces, financially, were "at least as much above Newfoundland as the rest of Canada is above the three Maritime Provinces," that the Royal Commission had "nothing to do with this conference" and that Newfoundland wouldn't stand for being "short-changed." "I dare not go back to Newfoundland if I do not make this point," he warned. "I dare not go back and the Prime Minister will not dare to go back!"

So Newfoundland carried the day and at the subsequent Halifax conference of government officials the grant was split four ways instead of three; and we, instead of getting \$3,800,000 as expected got \$2,500,000 and had to fight considerable opposition in getting it. Newfoundland is now ready to embark on hospital insurance, leaving the rest of us at the starting post, Prince Edward Island of course included. It's a strange situation. One can find a moral for the incident much easier than a plausible explanation, which we haven't yet been able to obtain from any source.

Effects Of The Ructions

President Eisenhower hinted at a press conference that the violence against Vice President Nixon at certain points in his Latin American tour may help to build up support at home for his liberal trade program which is having hard sledding in Congress. The theory is that behind the riots and turmoil was dissatisfaction with United States' tariff policies, among other things.

Some Congressmen appear to agree with this. But in the main they are those who already were in favour of lower tariffs and other aspects of a liberal trade policy. The opponents of the measure are taking a contrary view. They are saying in effect that "the more you give them, the more they want." One Senator expressed his resentment this way: "We send them money, and they throw rocks at and spit on our officials. We send them our books, and they burn our libraries." It would not be surprising if this sentiment were found to be widespread; for isolationism still carries an attraction for a lot of Americans.

There will be no riots or angry demonstrations of any sort when President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles visit Ottawa in July. This, however, will not be because Canadians have no grievance against American trade policies but because—fortunately—they lack the heated characteristics of the Latin American temperament. But should the ructions in Peru and Caracas result in more liberal trade policies at Washington, Canada will share in the benefits.

It is, of course, only fair to say that the disorders in Peru and Venezuela were the work of a relatively few extremely hot-headed persons, egged on very likely by Communist agitation. Most of the Peruvians and Venezuelans probably are heartily ashamed of the whole sorry business.

Electronic Developments

Radar was a British invention. It is fitting, therefore, and not surprising that Britain should lead the world in the manufacture of radar equipment. A report from London states that two firms can each claim that their radio and radar apparatus is in use by 30 air forces and 50 airlines as well as on airfields all over the world. In fact, Britain leads in the entire field of electronics, according to the British Radio Communications and Electronics Engineering Association. In the general field of communications British manufacturers are at present providing major installations in Canada, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Ecuador, Malaya, Portuguese Africa, Singapore, Spain and the Sudan. The biggest order filled last year was the new high-powered, multi-channelled transatlantic radio link between Madrid and New York. Defence radar equipment has been sold to several NATO countries which are now being equipped with high-power, high-frequency radio system.

Electronic developments in navigation include a radar device in which all the equipment is carried by the air craft and thus is entirely independent of ground aids. This, too, is of British origin.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A cow in Munising, Mich., gave birth to four healthy calves the other day. She will be a proud mother. It is a very rare occurrence a 2 million to 1 chance, so the experts say. Incidentally, the mother was bred through artificial insemination.

Premier Khrushchev told visiting U.A.R. President Nasser that "never again will colonizers return to your sacred soil." He didn't say, however, that the Russians would never enter as "liberators"—a point which Mr. Nasser would do well to remember.

A new college to be named in honour of Sir Winston Churchill, chairman of its board of trustees, is to be established at Cambridge University. It will be devoted principally to science and technology in order, as Sir Winston put it, "to provide technological education as high as any that exists." The former Prime Minister is contributing 25,000 pounds to the venture.

A bill has been introduced in Parliament to give all Indians the right to vote. At present the right is denied those who live on reservations. It is to be hoped that the measure will be approved. There is no good reason why living on a reservation should be a bar to civil rights. In principle the social security it conveys is no different from that enjoyed by other Canadians by way of pensions of one kind and another.



NOT ALONE ON THIS CONTINENT

OTTAWA REPORT

Prospective Boom-Town

By Patrick Nicholson
Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Prince Albert: This "hub" of the northern two-thirds of Saskatchewan will become a boom-town if the Pre-Cambrian shield proves as rich here as in other provinces.

Forest products, mixed farming, and ten thousand virtually unexplored fields of mineral wealth—these are the prospects for this city indefinitely. But for the jam, Prince Albert must pin its hopes on successful prospecting.

To date, the northern two-thirds have not been systematically prospected; only in the Lake Athabasca area, in the north-west tip of the province, has a boom mining camp sprung up. But this will change, especially when mineral riches in other more accessible and populous regions become fully staked and exhausted.

Travelers in that region, such as "The Flying Magistrate" J. E. Lussier, have told me that they have noticed glistening and stained rocky outcrops as frequent reminders that the Pre-Cambrian shield stretches across Saskatchewan. And these anomalies may indicate that here too Canada has mineral riches to match the world's largest gold field around Timmins, the world's richest nickel deposit around Sudbury, and the prosperous Elliot Lake uranium camp, which the HURRY-UP AID...

The Saskatchewan government recently completed an airborne magnetometer survey. This, described as a "hurry-up aid" for prospectors, has shown up an area of high magnetic intensity. Such an anomaly interests prospectors because it might indicate, for example, in the manner that a 1949 survey of Ontario pointed to the iron deposit near Marmora, which is now being developed by the U. S. A. giant, Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Two areas in this province's northern two-thirds are to be opened for claim-staking. Saskatchewan's Minister of Mineral Resources, Hon. J. H. Brockelbank, announced last week that one area near Lac La Ronge and another near Reindeer Lake would be opened shortly. Maps of these areas, prepared from the recent survey, will then be available.

Five years ago, the mineral possibilities of the northern two-thirds were being boosted by a private mineral exhibition in an office in the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa. As this column reported at that time, glittering and glistening samples of mineral-bearing rocks found in that area were being demonstrated. In an attempt to interest government officials in Ottawa in the untapped treasure chest which might be found beneath the wigwams of the Chipewyan Indians, and under the camp-fires of the flying-fishermen in that sporting paradise.

HOME TOWN BOOSTER
One of those rocks was smeared with the tell-tale yellow stain familiar to prospectors. It was radio-active pegmatite, found at Foster Lake, apparently similar to that found in the rich uranium mines at Bancroft, Ontario. Another sample in that private geological display, I recall, was Muscovite, containing common mica. "It is so named because it was used as window panes in ancient Moscow" said the attached label. This could be a valuable deposit, especially as Canada's main source of mica is at present in eastern Ontario, mostly within 100 miles of Ottawa.

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This private mineral exhibition was the first time Ottawa's attention had been so dramatically called to the mineral potentials of northern Saskatchewan. The ruggedly labelled and explained, each neatly labelled and explained, stood on top of the bulging filing cabinets in the Parliamentary office of the M.P. who had recently been elected for the first time to represent this city. That private Opposition member hoped to attract the interest of the Prime Minister, through that home-town boost, so that government assistance would encourage the development of Northern Saskatchewan.

Now, five years later, that aid is promised—in the form of mineral development roads. These are projected by that same man, the private Opposition M.P. who has now become Prime Minister—this city's own M.P., John Diefenbaker.

The Poet's Corner

DEER IN SNOW

A thousand times I looked across the snow
That curves like gull wings to the bordering wood
Hoping to see, but never seeing,
a little deer go
Across the sparkling silence of the snow.

And then, when not expecting
ecstasy, there stood,
Fawn and white against the blinding light,
The superlative form of beauty,
a gentle doe.

Not seeing me, and then beholding,
she tensed with fright,
Flapping and bolting like a flashing meteorite
Across the unprotecting purity of snow.

I watched the bounding curvets of her year,
Glad that race and power had drawn so near.
—Harry Elmore Hurd
in the New York Times.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(May 21, 1933)

The Carnegie grant to Island libraries was the chief matter discussed at the meeting of the Abegweit Chapter of the I.O.D.E. at Summerside Thursday. Miss Gladys Holman stated that five hundred books would be available for the Summerside library every three months. In addition someone would be sent to catalogue the books. It was also decided that Miss Ramsay, librarian, would attend the lectures on library work to be given at Prince of Wales College this summer.

An interesting feature of the P.E.I. Rifle Association meeting last night was the presentation to Sergt. P. Hooper, member of this year's Bisleys Team of fifty dollars to assist in defraying expenses and an order on Sergt. A. Martin of Glasgow, Scotland, for a new match rifle.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of question of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

A SUGGESTION

Sir—Our citizens will be called on to vote on whether the present setup of administration of control of Water and Sewage be continued or absorbed by the City Council.

It is disappointing that so little information is yet in the minds of the average citizen. Unless more interest is shown only an extremely small vote can be expected. Would it be out of place for one to voice his personal observation at such a time?

In the mind of the writer the Water Commissions of the past have done a much better job than is usually expected of an elected but unpaid City Council. Notwithstanding the excellence of the present Council it is to be remembered that they may not be followed by equally trustworthy successors.

I am inclined to think that our School Board, appointed by the Council and therefore not subjected to the pressures of an elected body are an excellent example of efficiency which might well be copied. Why not try the same system with appointed Water Commissioners?

It must not be assumed that the citizens have not a great deal of appreciation and trust in the present Council but the precedent established this week will operate for good or ill over many years or generations to come.

I am Sir, etc.,
H. L. SMITH
(We regret that the above letter, which was received over the week-end, was inadvertently omitted in yesterday's issue.—Ed.G.)

the services demanded.

A survey of the Charlottetown garbage dump area by Mr. W. K. Sharpe, Provincial Sanitary Engineer, has been completed, and the report states that under the provisions of the Public Health Act, the area could be construed as a nuisance.

The Age Old Story

Thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away, and thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

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Best Way To Treat Mosquitoes

By Herman N. Budess, M.D.

Mosquitoes are pretty much like the weather: everybody talks about them, but nobody does a great deal about them.

Oh, I know that many communities conduct extensive mosquito control programs and many of these are highly successful. But except for slapping at one of the pests who happens to be biting you, most of you do little about ridding your own neighbourhood of these hungry insects. Mosquitoes are your enemies.

From May until about October they make things pretty annoying for almost everyone who ventures outside.

STAMP THEM OUT

Like an enemy, they should be stamped out as thoroughly as possible. Killing one or two here and there helps, of course, especially if accomplished early in the season. But you can do a lot more simply by eliminating any mosquito breeding places around your home.

Mosquitoes require water. Because of this, you should remove all rain barrels, stagnant pools, even tin cans from around your home. In short, get rid of any-

NOTES BY THE WAY

Note on progress — A proposal

is now being discussed in Egypt to equip the pyramids with escalators.—Edmonton Journal

Mosquitoes do not like heights, it would appear. And so a Newark housing development is taking advantage of that fact in a new project. Windows on the seventh story and upward will not be screened. Because mosquitoes do not go that high.—Owen Sound Sun-Times

have finished the job. This will give the insecticide enough time to destroy the insects wherever they may be hiding.

A little thought early in the

season will prevent a lot of annoying itching later on. QUESTION AND ANSWERS Mrs. T.H.: My child is now recovering from a liver infection due to a virus. Should I disinfect his room?

Answer: It is not likely that the infection can be spread by objects in the room. Therefore, disinfecting the room would not be of help.

Your Boy May Be Missing A Real Opportunity

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