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

Although the United States has rejected Canada's note complaining about limitation on crude oil imports from this country, the Canadian side of the question is by no means lacking in support south of the border.

At a recent hearing before the House Ways and Means Committee Representative Hale Boggs, Democrat of Louisiana, suggested that the Eisenhower administration is suffering from schizophrenia, inasmuch as it is constantly talking about the need for freer trade between the United States and its allies and yet is doing all it can to discourage oil imports from Canada and other friendly countries.

When, at the same hearing, Gordon Gray, Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization, declared that "voluntary limitations on crude oil imports arranged by a special Presidential committee had not been aimed at Canada", Representative Boggs asked: "What kind of quibbling is this?" He went on to say that "every time there is pressure as in this Canadian oil case, you have the very opposite of free trade".

Apparently, President Eisenhower is still hoping for Congressional approval of an extension of the Reciprocity Trade Act; but, as several Congressmen have pointed out, if this discrimination against Canada—for that is what it is—in the matter of oil imports is a sample of what to expect in the broad area of trade, there isn't much point in extending the Act anyway. Meanwhile, the Canadian note might eventually serve some purpose, in view of the fact that the administration has promised to take another look at the oil limitation formula as it affects Canadian exports, later in the year.

Right To Education

Resolutions adopted by the big Canadian Conference on Education last week seem to have been watered down to the point of being useless. That at least is the impression gathered from the Canadian Press summaries. In any case the Conference dealt gingerly with the important question of federal aid to education. Granted that this is constitutionally a provincial matter, viewed as "a local concern" in 1867. We are in the year 1958 and the disparities among provincial school systems are surely of more than local concern today. They are a vital factor in the problem of Canada's development and defence.

As pointed out by the Ottawa Citizen in a strong editorial on this subject, the percentage of schools taught by unqualified persons varies across Canada in the ratio of 1 to more than 3. A high proportion of students—greater in some provinces than others—cannot afford the kind and amount of education or training of which they are capable.

Basic to the attack on all other problems in education are solutions to the problems of finance. How are existing disparities to be lessened? From where will come fresh billions during the next ten years for school and university buildings, tens of thousands of additional teachers, and scholarship programs? They can be afforded by an economy that is now devoting to education only 75 cents in every \$31 of the national product. But they must come less from local property taxes and more from the newer sources of revenue controlled by the provincial and federal governments, which are enriched by the whole economy or large sections of it.

Without interfering with provincial jurisdiction, the federal government has made hundreds of millions available for education in recent decades, even Quebec, the great objector, taking some of the funds. When agreements with the provinces are difficult, it uses non-political agencies like the National Research

Council, the Canada Council or the National Conference of Canadian Universities. There is always a way where there is a will. As well as giving the provinces a larger share of tax revenues, the federal government could expand its aid to education by offering elementary and secondary school construction and equipment grants and teacher training grants, analogous to those now made for vocational training, hospital construction and health services.

There is no question about the overall importance of the matter. Certainly none with respect to the dire need for such assistance in Prince Edward Island and other provinces which have found it impossible, from their own limited resources, to meet the demand for trained teachers.

Fittingly Honoured

It was a fitting gesture on the part of Mayor Johnstone and fellow members of the City Council to wait upon Mr. VonClure Gay on the occasion of his 100th birthday anniversary, and present their felicitations and those of our citizens generally. Mr. Gay's devotion to the finer things of life—to his hobby of music no less than to his long professional activities as a florist—speaks the character of this grand old gentleman. His name has been a household word in Charlottetown longer than most of us can remember, and in ripe old age he still sets an example of exemplary citizenship.

Our Normal School was only two years old when Mr. Gay was born. The first Town Clock had just been installed in the tower of St. Dunstan's Cathedral, the first Volunteer Infantry Corps formed, and the Y.M.C.A. organized. His birth coincided with the launching of the largest Island vessel ever built, the "Ethel", from the Duncan shipyards in Charlottetown. Emigrants were still arriving from Skye, and the town was just preparing to install its first gas lights. He was two years old when the Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward VII, visited Charlottetown and the Prince of Wales College was established. He was a youngster of six when the Confederation Fathers met here; of eight when the Great Fire swept Charlottetown and Father Belcourt ran the first steam automobile in Rustico. He was thirteen when the Island railway was constructed, and fifteen when the Province entered Confederation.

These far-off events help us to realize the long span of years that Mr. Gay has traversed, and the many memories he must have of the mileposts on the way.

A psychiatrist says that there is nothing wrong with people who talk to themselves. And they are wise enough to select an appreciative audience.

EDITORIAL NOTES

One question discussed at the Canadian Education Conference was: "Do elderly persons need to be busy or just comfortable?" If that has any relation to education, it must be a very remote one.

What many Seattle Teamsters didn't think could be done has been done. Their ex-boss, the once mighty Dave Beck, was sentenced Feb. 20 on a grand larceny conviction, to serve up to 15 years in the state penitentiary at Walla Walla.

Last summer some 50 Bavarian youths were guests of the Soviet Union at the Moscow world youth festival. Now the guests are receiving bundles of propaganda material from the Soviet embassy in Bonn, with orders to distribute it. Those who refused have received threatening letters from Moscow, reminding them that their Moscow interlude had "cost a lot of money," and that it was not intended to "provide a luxury trip to Moscow for speculators."

The Newfoundland Government has undertaken a huge hospital-expansion program. Estimated to cost \$20 million, the project will include the building of seven general hospitals and six children's hospitals and the enlargement of seven of the existing cottage hospitals. In all, 1200 new beds will be added to the 2500 the Province has at the present time. In addition, a new \$3 million nurses' residence is to be built for the General Hospital in St. John's. It is expected that the project will be completed in five years.



HARD ON CARTOONISTS

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.

NEGLECTED ROAD

Sir,—We have been fortunate to get The Guardian every second day since Tuesday, Feb. 18th. Before that we got no mail unless we drove five miles to Bonshaw P.O.

Regarding Mr. Dunsford's "Iron Curtain" at Borden, there is another between the Appin Road and South Melville Road on which Her Majesty's mail comes when Providence makes it possible.

This is a public road and from my point should at least have a track broken on it for our mail man. The Hon. Mr. MacKay, who is in charge of highways, says he has nothing to do with this one.

This was a test case, of very great interest to any employee who has to travel at his own expense in the course of his employment. Mr. Harbron may well prove to be the knight in shining armour who will obtain for all Canadians the future right to deduct such expenses.

True, his appeal to have such travelling costs was disallowed by the Income Tax Appeal Board. But the sympathetic hearing of his forlorn hope demonstrated an unsuspected kindness on the part of officialdom reluctant to extract from us taxpayers one ounce more than the pound of flesh to which it is entitled.

The facts are clearly set out in the reasons of his judgment, handed down by R.S.W. Fordham, a member of the Income Tax Appeal Board.

What this country needs most of all is a society for the protection of readers.

Let a man sit down to read in a public place—hotel lobby, restaurant, waiting at the bus stop or on the bus itself. Let a man—or woman—do this and it is almost a dead certainty that some sociable oaf will plunk himself down and start a conversation.

This invasion of privacy is the height and lack of consideration. It is a direct reflection on the sad role of books in modern society.

For Victim Of Blood Pressure

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. IF you have high blood pressure, you can do a lot to alleviate your condition. Of course you will need the aid of your physician and all his wondrous drugs, but through rest, relaxation and by watching your diet you can help yourself a great deal.

REST AND RELAXATION By getting the proper amount of rest and relaxing whenever possible, you might even help to bring your blood pressure down to about normal without the help of any medicine at all. I don't advise that you rely upon this method, however.

The work of your heart and arteries becomes easier when you lie down. Hence, your blood pressure probably will fall. In fact, you might be able to rid yourself of or lessen many of the symptoms of hypertension—dizziness, fatigue, headaches, shortness of breath—by going to bed and staying there about a week and a half.

NEAR NORMAL LEVEL Gradually, your blood pressure will fall until it reaches a level somewhere near normal. However, too long a stay in bed won't bring it down any more.

Anyone with high blood pressure is apt to be very tense. You may worry about everything, especially your condition. That's why it is important to relax as much as you can.

I strongly advise a half-hour nap after lunch or just before dinner for any and all victims of hypertension. If you just can't lie down to nap for some reason or other, at least try to sit down and relax for awhile.

So much for physical relaxation. Now, how about relaxing mentally? Well I know a number of doctors who suggest that their hypertension patients might find peace of mind if they took a more active interest in religion—or, if they are unmarried, that they get married.

While I can't say definitely that either or both will help alleviate all high blood pressure, certainly religion and marriage as a rule, are highly important in having a normal, peaceful and pleasant life.

QUESTION AND ANSWER A. B.: My child has been given sulfa drugs for a sore throat. Is there any chance of this drug damaging her kidneys?

Answer: Since the newer sulfa drugs have been employed in proper dosage, there is little chance of their crystallizing and causing difficulty. But these drugs should be given only under the direction of a doctor.

But in this case, the employer apparently maintained his different departments in different buildings widely removed from one another.

Mr. Harbron could presumably have walked—at a cost to him of nothing but shoe-leather but at a cost to his employer of much paid time. Instead, Mr. Harbron evidently travelled by private car or by public transportation. If the employer does not recognize the cost as expenses which should be refunded, then in fairness it certainly seems that the Income Tax Act should allow them to be deducted, as expenses essentially incurred to enable the employee to earn his salary.

There is a clear distinction here between these expenses and the normal daily expense of travelling between one's home and one's place of work. THE JUDGMENT "At the hearing," continues Mr. Fordham's Reasons, the appellant freely acknowledged that he could find no grounds for relief in any provision of the Act, but had launched this appeal for the purpose of bringing his alleged plight and that of any journalists in a similar position to the attention of the authorities concerned, in the hope that remedial legislation might result. He argued his own appeal and did so ably.

Another unsolicited testimonial: there is nothing stoney-hearted about that learned member of the Appeal Board, Colonel "Reggie" Fordham, Queen's Counsel, evidently.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Canada's universities are already faced with a crisis. It is estimated that by 1965 some 130,000 will be going to college, compared with 70,500 a decade earlier.—Vancouver Sun.

In noncentennial times men sprout face fungus for a variety of reasons—as an assertion of their virility, to hide a weak chin, in a spirit of deering-do (the beard RCNVR), as a declaration of intellectual independence (the beards Chelsea, Left Bank and CBC), because nobody gives a darn about how they look (the beard Dew Line), or simply because shaving bores them. In normal times this last motivation is the one that hardly anyone non-bearded will believe.—Vancouver Province

The astonishing growth in the world circulation of the Bible is commented on in a new survey of Bible societies which shows that last year the number of complete Bibles, Testaments and separate parts of the Bible the societies issued reached 26,379,142 copies, an increase of a million over 1955. The complete Bible is now issued in 1,109 languages. One of the reasons for the Bible's increasing circulation is the growth of literacy in Asia and Africa.—London Observer

The ever-helpful Agriculture Department has published a booklet on "The Dairy Goat" loaded with useful material on the selection, maintenance and habits of these animals. We ourselves know of a couple who, as they say, went into goats and chickens. The goats soon found that they could bring the most attractive catches of alarm from the henhouse by jumping on the roof. This amused them so much that they did it most of the time and egg production vanished. In their enthusiasm, the goats ate all the tar paper off the roof of the poultry shed and, when they began raiding the clotheslines for food, our friends sold them.—Ottawa Journal

OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) (Feb. 25, 1933) Mr. W.P. Doull, who resigned on Wednesday evening from the City Council Board to accept the position of Building and Electrical Inspector for the City of Charlottetown, was sworn into his new duties yesterday morning by His Worship Mayor Stewart.

The annual ceremony commemorating the battle of Paardeberg which in former years has taken place at the South African Memorial will this year take place in St. James Church, it was learned yesterday. The placing of wreaths at the Communion Table and the sounding of the "Last Post" will be included in the order of service.

TEN YEARS AGO (Feb. 25, 1948) Some thirty cars of Island seed potatoes have been shipped to Halifax where they are being loaded this week on the "Seaside" for shipment to Palestine. This makes a total of some 37,000 bushels of seed which has gone to Palestine this season to buyers in that area.

The proposed sale and manufacture of oleomargarine in Canada and the lack of sufficient qualified inspectors to assist Mr. H.J. MacDonald, dairy superintendent, were two of the more important questions discussed at yesterday's two sessions of the P.E.I. Dairymen's Association.

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