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Transportation Matters

We are pleased to note that the Standing Committee on Transportation, headed by Mr. William Acorn of Souris, has recommended improved transportation service at Borden. This is something which has been urged on this page for some time; and it is good to know that the need has been given official recognition by the Legislature.

As the report pointed out, it will be years before a causeway becomes a reality, assuming that the survey which is about to get under way proves the undertaking to be feasible. Meanwhile, another boat of the capacity of the "Abegweit" is absolutely necessary. This should be pressed upon Federal authorities without a moment's delay. The thing that must be guarded against is a possible tendency at Ottawa to point to the benefits of a causeway sometime in the future as a substitute for present requirements. Ottawa should be told plainly that that simply will not do.

On the subject of the Newfoundland service, the report recommends that scheduled stops be made at Summerside, Georgetown and Souris in addition to Charlottetown. This, no doubt, would improve the service considerably; and we hope that arrangements will be made to that end. We are of the opinion, however, that what is really needed on this service is a ship much larger than the "Fergus" which would be suitable for carrying passengers—and licensed to carry them—as well as freight. There is no reason why, if facilities were available, there could not be a good tourist traffic between the two Island Provinces.

Unfortunate Breach

The Provincial Government has come in for strong criticism from both the City Council of Charlottetown and the Town Council of Summerside for alleged breach of promise in failing to increase municipal grants out of the $2,500,000 receivable this year under the Maritime Provinces adjustment grant. There is no doubt, from Prime Minister Diefenbaker's statements here on the subject, that he expected a portion of this grant would go to the municipalities, and Finance Minister Fleming's statement in introducing the measure in the House of Commons on January 27 last could well bear the same interpretation.

Mr. Fleming's motion, however, was a double-barreled one. In addition to the adjustment grant it authorized a change in the structure of the tax sharing agreements under which, as it turned out, every Province benefited substantially except Prince Edward Island. Mr. Fleming said the grants were unconditional. The Provinces, however, "have always represented that they needed an enlarged share of the revenues from these standard taxes in order to help their municipalities." The Minister made other references to the municipalities in this connection; but it is not clear whether he was thinking specifically of the adjustment grant, of the change in the tax agreements rate, or of both.

In any case, while there was nothing binding upon the Provinces, it was undoubtedly assumed that they would be able to afford some measure of relief to their municipalities. That is what happened in other Provinces. The Matheson Government takes the stand that we did not receive enough for this purpose, that the Province is still budgeting for an overall deficit and that other pressing expenditures had to be provided for. In that case, of course, its attitude should have been made clear to the municipalities long before this. It played a cat-and-mouse game with them, right up to and during the Legislative session until the Budget was brought down and the municipalities found themselves out in the cold.

In the meantime the Charlottetown City Council went blithely on the assumption that it would receive an extra $137,832 from the Province. It budgeted accordingly, announcing an estimated surplus of over three thousand dollars and granting, at the same time, a general wage increase to civic employees, retroactive to January 1st. This extra expenditure in addition to the problem of financing the new Birchwood High School, and the failure to provide for any tax increase, leaves the City in a bad fix today.

Could it not have been forseen? Yes. Councillor Foster protested against this hasty policy of counting chickens before they were hatched; but his warning went unheeded. The estimates were passed in the manner indicated and the Council cannot now escape criticism on this score, regardless of the merits of its claims upon the Provincial Government for relief.

Other grievances against the Government are contained in the Council's vote of censure, and, more explicitly, in the statement of the finance committee chairman, Councillor Gaudet. This reveals a lack of consideration, and even of common courtesy, in dealing with urgent civic requirements which will be resented by our citizens. A case in point is the neglect in taking appropriate action to legalize the amalgamation of Spring Park with the City of Charlottetown. Let us hope that this will be remedied at once and that further friction will be avoided in all matters pertaining—as these issues do—to the public weal. Our interests, urban and rural, are too closely connected to permit of breaches between our representative bodies without harmful results to all concerned. The Government should set a better example than it has done in this respect

Concerning Fish

Fisheries Minister J. Angus MacLean told the 13th annual meeting of the Fisheries Council of Canada in Halifax that "there is no cause for alarm" regarding Canada's fish export trade with the United States, despite any diverting of Canadian imports from the United States to the United Kingdom. This view, we believe, is generally accepted—although the Liberals tried to inject a note of alarm during the election campaign—for the simple reason that United States needs all the fish it can get from outside, its own resources being inadequate to supply the demand.

It now remains for the Hon. Mr. MacLean and his Departmental associates to try and persuade Canadians to eat more fish—a great deal more of it. In this country, fish, pound for pound, is probably the cheapest food with high nutritional value. Yet, Canadians eat less of it than almost any other people in the world. It has been revealed that if each Canadian family would add an extra 20 pounds or so of fish to its diet, annually, Canadian production could be almost totally consumed here at home, without having to bother about markets elsewhere.

EDITORIAL NOTES

One thing about this cold-war era is the ease with which small communities can talk roughly to bigger ones and seemingly get away with it. Recently, for example, the Maltese Government informed NATO that unless it paid more money for bases on the island, they will be taken over by the Government. Officials of NATO are said to be studying the ultimatum.

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President Eisenhower has proclaimed the week of May 18 as World Trade Week. The proclamation described world trade as "vital to the economic growth and national security of this country as well as a contribution to the economic strength and development of all free nations". Meanwhile, the President is having a lot of trouble trying to get the Congress to renew the Reciprocal Trade Program, aimed at developing world trade.

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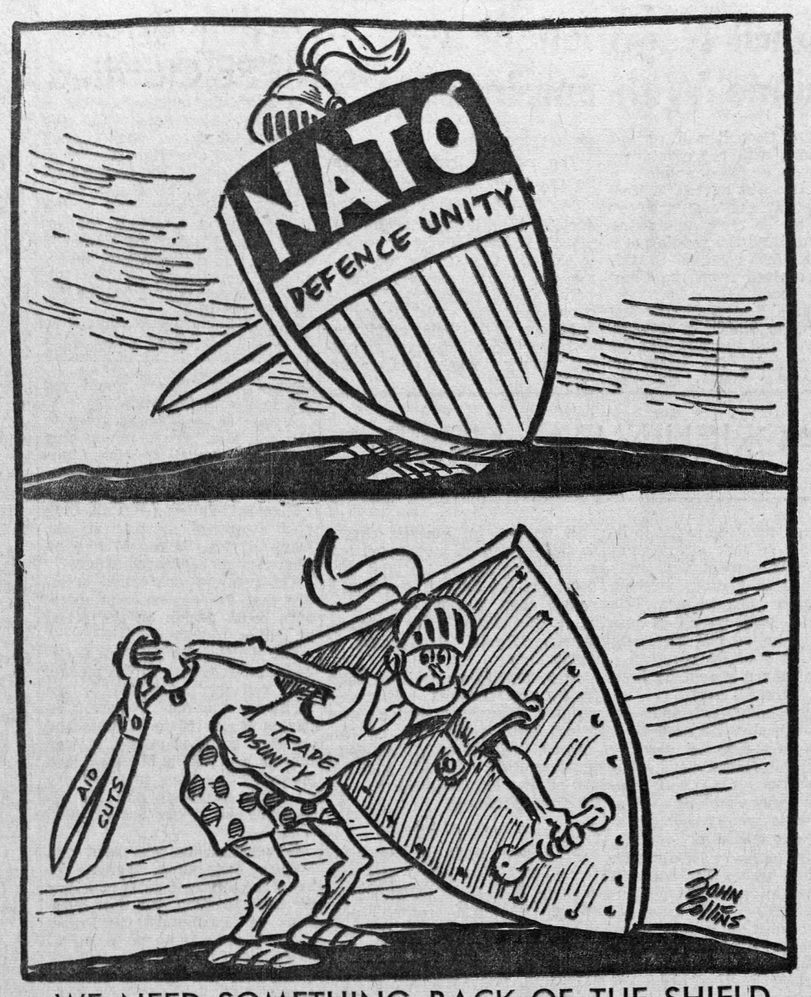
One of the stories told about Stephen Leacock, says the CBC Times, concerns his retort to a student at McGill who asked him to define the terms "recession", "depression", and "panic". The humorist who was also an economist is said to have replied: "It's all a matter of degree. A recession is a period in which you tighten your belt. In a depression you have no belt to tighten, and when you have no pants left to hold up it's a panic."



WE NEED SOMETHING BACK OF THE SHIELD

OTTAWA REPORT

No Political Dismissals

By Patrick Nicholson
Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Ottawa Is there a "reign of terror" in our civil service in this capital?

This charge was frequently made by Liberal speakers in Ottawa during the election campaign. At one rally Mr. Lester Pearson himself declared that the civil service was being "undermined." Another Liberal candidate declared that "the civil service is showing signs of disintegration under the dismissals and threats of dismissals." And at that same rally a third Liberal candidate announced "Some years ago, a paper-hanger by the name of Shicklegruber, not too far removed from Diefenbaker, did a similar thing in Germany. Personal freedom was stopped. There is only one time to stop dictatorship and that is as soon as it is shown."

The fact that that speaker, a civil servant who had resigned to contest the election against the Diefenbaker party, could publicly make such an outrageous comparison is ample proof that personal freedom has not been stopped.

A few bits of Top Brass are out of the Crown service now — not via the guillotine, which is the route one might expect in a reign of terror, but through their personal choice and material ambition to seek higher pay in private business.

NO FIRING AND HIRING

In fact, as was made abundantly clear in the last Parliament, the new Conservative government did no "hiring and firing" in civil service jobs on patronage grounds, and intends to do none. One case was revealed where a civil servant was properly dismissed for active partisan work in the political field, which are grounds laid down by the Liberal Government as long ago as 1935.

Only two senior civil service careers ended after the 1957 election. In each case the man was on the personal staff of former Prime Minister St. Laurent, and each resigned voluntarily. One was promptly given an excellent job by the Conservative Government of his native province, Nova Scotia. The other became an overt backroom boy of the Liberal organization, and later contested Mr. St. Laurent's old seat in the Liberal cause on 31st Mar — without success.

In spite of the declared Conservative policy not to fire and hire on patronage grounds, Liberals have repeatedly played on the susceptibilities of civil servants But if any Crown employees still fear for the safety of their hides, and truly feel that a "reign of terror' threatens them with dismissal, this can only be because of their own guilty consciences.

LIKE CAESAR'S WIFE

Ever since the election of the Cnoservative Government last June, a cloak and dagger atmosphere has caused ulcers, ill-feeling and non-achievement in some government circles.

The civil service in any democacy should consist of persons who restrict their political activities to marking X on their ballots, persons above suspicion of political partisanship in their daily job. Men and women who enter the civil service do so voluntarily, and they know the rules that the basic condition of their employment by the taxpayers is that they should always do their best to carry out policies laid down by whatever Ministers are placed in authority by the taxpayers' votes. And civil servants should perform this obligation regardless of their own politics or opinions.

A change of government often entails big changes in government policies. Normally civil servants are accustomed to meet such changes. But in Ottawa a whole generation of civil servants has been recruited, trained and indoctrinated during 22 years of unbroken rule by one political party. Some senior civil servants grew to identify themselves with Liberal policies, especially those who were brought into the government service by the direct intervention of Liberal Ministers.

It has been no secret here since last June that some new Ministers were severely handicapped by the attitude of some of their senior civil service advisers, which frankly ranged from resentment to obstruction.

If such civil servants feel that they cannot obey the basic rule of their employment, they should quit. But if they consider themselves good civil servants, they should give to their new masters what they gave to their old — their best. And if they feel terror, it is frankly nobody's fault but their own.

The Poet's Corner

THE FISH

Some day I'll make,
To ease the heart's dull ache,
A fountain, which shall hold
One leaping fish in bronze as bright as gold.

Beautiful as a waxing cresent, he
Out of the teeming myriads of the sea
And lake and river-flow,
Shall never know
The torment of the hook, the gasping breath
That ends in death —

But frozen immortal in his strength and pride
Shall spring forever, from his armoured side
Tossing the sun in splendid
Caprice of joy that never shall be ended.

—Audrey Alexandra Brown
In the Montreal Star-Herald.

Food For Space Travellers

National Geographic Society

Scientists are studying a microscopic green plant as a possible food for men journeying to the moon or Mars.

This one-cell plant, known as Chlorella, might be harvested from miniature "farms" inside rocket ships hurtling through space. The plant would absorb carbon dioxide exhaled by passengers, and give off oxygen. Thus it would purify the air as well as supply food.

Chlorella is a member of the algae plant group that forms green scum on ponds, the National Geographic Society says. Laboratories grow it in vessels of water containing nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and other chemicals. Air charged with carbon dioxide is fed into the vessels, and the plants are kept well exposed to light. In several days, the Chlorella is ready to harvest.

LIKE RAW SPINACH

The resulting food, a green paste, tastes something like raw spinach. It is one of the richest foods known to man. Grown in the proper solution, a few ounces of Chlorella could supply almost all of a man's daily vitamin needs. Depenidng on the solution in which it grows, the Chlorella may be more than 50 per cent protein or more than 70 per cent fat.

Billions upon billions of Chlorella plants are needed to fill a quart jar, but the algae multiply at an amazing rate under proper conditions. Dr. Robert W. Krauss of the University of Maryland reports some algae can double in numbers 12 times every day.

Oil-rich Chlorella might be used in soap-making and other industries. The plant can even be used to make gasoline or kerosene, because fermenting Chlorella releases methane gas, which can be converted into such liquid fuels. At present, however, these processes are too expensive for industry.

Curiously, the expense of providing carbon dioxide — one of the most common gases—is a big obstacle to commercial use of Chlorella. One solution might be to grow Chlorella in factories having carbon dioxide as a waste—or in association with sewage. Bacteria feeding on sewage releases carbon dioxide. This method is being studied at the University of California, and may lead to the first commercial use of Chlorella.

DOING BASIC RESEARCH

The future of Chlorella will likely depend on basic research being done at universities and other institutions all over the world. University of Maryland botanists, for example, are conducting a wide range of experiments to answer such questions as: What is the optimum light intensity for gorwing algae? What is the effect of antibiotics on bacteria attacking algae? Can algae be improved by mutations induced with X-rays?

For half a century Chlorella has been used for experiments in photosynthesis, the process by which a plant, using light for energy, manufactures food. Under laboratory conditions, Chlorella is remarkably efficient. A scientist has estimated that Chlorella growing on an area only twice the size of Rhode Island would meet the protein needs of the entire world.

Some scientists question Chlorella's potential as a food producer, pointing out that comparisons are made between Chlorella grown under the most pampered laboratory conditions and other plants grown with ordinary agricultural techniques. But scientists are convinced that what they are now learning about Chlorella may go a long way toward meeting the food and fuel needs of the world's soaring population.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

NEGLECTED ROAD

Sir,—I wonder if you can find space in your columns for a letter apropos the road leading to the Riverside and Hillsboro Hospitals. While the present Liberal regime have been carrying on a good roads campaign on this fair Island, why is it that this thoroughfare has been so sadly neglected? The institutions above mentioned were constructed on nothing more or less than a mud flat by people who did not build better than they knew. The much travelled highway is in a deplorable condition this season. Motor vehicles passing over it have run the risk of becoming mired in this Slough of Despond. Why not have a good pavement built for the public servants and visitors to the poor unfortunates confined here? Thanking you for valuable space and hoping to see this situation remedied.

I am, Sir, etc.,
F. C. BOWNESS.

East Royalty

Too Many Medical Colleges?

Cape Breton Post

A survey of medical education in Canada shows too many medical colleges and they are graduating too many, rather than too few, doctors. So it is said in the April issue of the Canadian Medical Association's journal, and it is one of the last things many would have expected.

The assertion there are too many medical colleges in Canada is backed by the survey's findings that some of these colleges have difficulty in finding enough students to fill their classes. Indeed surprising in a country whose population grows at the rate of Canada's.

Canada's dozen medical schools graduate about a thousand doctors every year. About 250 of this total will practice in the United States. It is asserted by a spokesman for a committee now studying medical curriculum that Canada is still graduating about 250 doctors per year more than our ascertainable needs for present conditions of practice."

The spokesman, Dr. R. R. Struthers, committee secretary — said this could have a bad effect in that "there is probably nothing more destructive to high standards of medical conduct than cutthroat competition for patients and economic sufficiency, resulting from an over-abundance of physicians."

What will the medical colleges have to say about this, or will the statement go unchallenged?

Various Causes For Headaches

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

FEW ailments are as common or as troublesome as headaches. Just about all of us have them from time to time.

Why?

Well, there are various causes and I think you should know what they are.

The most common headaches are caused by tension.

MANY CAUSES

This tenseness may result from domestic difficulties, financial worries, lack of security and other personal disturbances. Migraine headaches, which bother so many persons, are examples of tension headaches.

Another common type of headache is that caused by overeating, oversmoking and overexertion. Generally, this type is only temporary and stops when you return to a more normal routine.

SYSTEMIC ILLNESS

Headaches connected with systemic illness are next in order of frequency. A headache may be a troublesome symptom of any upper respiratory infection, any infectious disease—in fact, any disease which causes fever.

Headaches associated with hypertension, or high blood pressure, rank next in frequency.

Then come those caused by trouble with your teeth, eyes, ears or nasal passages.

DISEASE OF BRAIN

Most uncommon form of headache, fortunately, is that caused by diseases of the brain.

As you can see, headache is not a disease itself. It is merely a singal that something is wrong somewhere in your body.

It's an easy matter to cure a simple headache. All of you know you can do it with a couple of aspirin or some other common headache remedy. And for an occasional tension headache, or head pain caused by over-exertion, this is a fine prescription.

TREAT THE CAUSE

But if you have peristent headaches, you have to do more than curb the pain temporarily. And that is a job for your doctor. To get rid of the headache permanently, he must treat the cause, not the pain itself.

This is not always a simple job. Finding a permanent cure may take a long time and require lengthy medical treatment.

DISASTROUS RESULTS

All of which should indicate pretty plainly that trying to dose repeated headaches with headache pills alone is like trying to stop a speeding train by stepping in front of it. The results in both instances, might be disastrous.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

J.B.: I am a woman, 31, who has diabetes and wants a child. Will diabetes prevent my having one?

Answer: Before modern methods for controlling diabetes were devised, it was difficult for a diabetic person to become pregnant. However, with these new methods, diabetes will not prevent pregnancy.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(April 16, 1933)

A resolution passed last year expressing the opinion of the Teachers' Federation that one year's Normal Training should be required of all students before a teachers' license be granted was approved yesterday at the Teachers' Convention being held this week.

Seven members of St. Lawrence Lodge, I.O.O.F., were presented with Veteran Jewels by J. J. MacKinnon, Grand Secretary. The members were Seymour McInnis, Harry Mathieson, Ernest Cameron, C. W. Patterson, W. R. Garrick, Murdock MacLean and John Stentiford.

TEN YEARS AGO
(April 16, 1948)

Micro-wave communication between Tea Hill, four and a half miles from Charlottetown, and Fraser's Mountain, a similar distance from New Glasgow, N.S. will become a reality by early summer, it was learned yesterday. The installation will mark the first voice transmission of its kind ever to be carried a distance of 40 miles.

Daylight saving time was the subject of considerable discussion at the special meeting of the Summerside Board of Trade last evening. Since it was stated that daylight saving would not be in operation this year, it was decided that a survey would be made to ascertain the employee reaction to opening and closing one half hour earlier.

NOTES BY THE WAY

In darkest Africa, parents are scaring their children with stories of civilization.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

In spite of all efforts to teach them good manners, children will act like their parents.— Edmonton Journal

A man can often tell what kind of time he's having at a party by the look on his wife's face.—Irish Digest

A Paris designer offers "shallow hats to fit their heads." Sounds like a slur to us.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

"Baby-sitting is now a billion-dollar-a-year industry." See what it cost us to do away with the old-fashioned grandmother? — Winnipeg Tribune

Adult delinquency is increasing. This is because of the fact that once the youngest child has learned to dial the telephone, adjust the television and thaw the dinner, parents are left on their own to roam the streets.—Hamilton Spectator

As a result of a film mix-up on the Independent TV program in Britain a Bottle of beer was projected onto the screen as viewers were told to lubricate their cars with it. What's wrong with that? The drivers get oiled on beer don't they?— Kingston Whig Standard

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles the other day took the trouble to emphasize how important it is for his country to co-operate economically with Canada. This came only five hours after he had signed a Cabinet decision to further restrict imports of Canadian oil into his country. That's certainly the height of something or other.—Windsor Star

The slow moving, dull witted porcupine has earned himself a reputation as a forest gangster. Porky has become a major destructive influence in the forest. His fondness for the cambiam layer of bark on vigorously growing trees has led him to damage or kill thousands of young trees. U. S. forest service estimates that porcupines cause more than $1,500,000 damage in forests of the Pacific northwest alone. — Forestry Digest

Biblical laws governing the conscription of men into the army are being carried out — in part —by the Israeli army. In accordance with Deuteronomy 20:7, decreeing that a newly married man should not be conscripted, the military service of a newly married youth is deferred for a year. But another injunction in Deuteronomy 20:8, that the "fearful and faint hearted" not be taken into the army ,is ignored.—Israeli Army Newspaper

The Age Old Story

He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth. . Men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

MIRACULOUS BIRTH

DURBAN, South Africa (AP)—Doctors successfully delivered a three-pound nine-ounce son Sunday several minutes after the mother died from a pistol shot in the mouth. The 35 - year - old woman, wife a post office worker and the mother of three other children, was believed to have committed suicide at her home. She died on the operating table.

PETITION LOST ON LIES

FERRARA, Italy (AP) — Woman's tendency to lie about her age has cost monarchist Romolo Bocchi his candidacy for the Senate in Italy's May elections. He fell just short of the required number of endorsers when election officials struck off the names of 60 women who falsified their birth dates in signing his petition.

MAXIMS

Let no man be sorry he has done good because others have done evil. If a man has acted right he has done well, though alone; if wrong, the sanction of all mankind will not justify him.

RAYBURN RUNS AGAIN

SHERMAN, Tex. (AP) — Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, has given formal notice he will run for a 24th term in Congress.

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