

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew... W. J. Hancock, Publisher... Frank Walker, Managing Editor...

Today's The Day

A reminder that we are enjoying the blessings of democracy will be afforded today in the peaceful transition from Conservative to Liberal rule...

We are about as certain as we can be where human affairs are involved, that there will be no gun play on either side...

There is always something, of course, to mar one's perfect enjoyment of earthly achievements, and this Tory idea of perpetuating the name of the outgoing government leader by naming the new administrative building the "Shaw Centre"...

One Ontario newspaper has remarked of our recent provincial election that it showed Prince Edward Islanders to be "sufficiently weary of the old to object to it, but so unenthusiastic with the new that they gave it a bare majority."

Mr. Justice Wells of the Ontario Supreme Court, in his report on the George Victor Spencer case, says that the federal government should retain its right to fire any civil servant summarily for misconduct...

Controversial Report

Justice Wells finds that Spencer was guilty of "the grossest misconduct" as a Soviet spy, and the government would have been at fault if it had not dismissed him...

important point in the case—namely, whether it is the justice authorities or the properly constituted courts of the land, which have the right to determine the guilt or innocence of any citizen.

But the judge in his findings says that Spencer had been critically ill with lung cancer, and that to prosecute a man in his condition would have been "almost indecent."

So it was a charitable undertaking on the government's part. And to underline this point the judge found that Spencer's identification in a Vancouver newspaper, later confirmed by Ottawa, caused him to be "hounded by reporters night and day to the detriment of his health."

The report must be pleasing to the government, for it is quite in line with all its contentions. It remains to be seen how Parliament will deal with it when it gets the opportunity.

Puzzle For Planners

It is surprising to learn, amid the current talk about a population explosion, that Canada's birth rate has fallen drastically in the first five months of this year, the Globe and Mail reports.

The able Economic Council, for instance, estimated in 1964 that the national population would pass 20,000,000 this year and stand at 21,785,000 four years later.

And what about our governments? They have all made their plans for spending and for tax collections on the assumption of a fast and steady population increase.

EDITORIAL NOTES

National Revenue Minister Benson was being refreshingly frank when he said recently, that sometimes the efficiency of his department frightened him as a taxpayer.

The Canadian Agricultural Chemists Association has laid down some important ground rules for use of pesticides in a new booklet "Pesticides Safety Handbook."



"WE BROUGHT SOME FLOWERS"

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Those Free Trips To Faraway Places

Is a parliamentary delegation a working party or a junkie to faraway places at the taxpayers' expense?

In the parliamentary office of most party leaders, there is a shameful tradition that places on travelling delegations can be handed out as a reward for loyal support and long service on Parliament Hill, regardless of other qualifications.

Our MPs have never forgotten that the newspaper headlines a few years back about some Canadian delegates in Paris, who were said to have been more prominent in the demagogues of the Plaza Pizalle than in their allotted places in the NATO Parliamentarians' conference.

A record for arrogant disregard for Canada's reputation and Parliament's authority was reached when the 24-member committee on Veterans Affairs was setting out for a 22-day tour around western Europe.

Inevitably, not all the members were able to make the trip. This opened up some attractive vacancies for would-be joy-riders. The Liberal front office fixed to fill these places with M.P.s Prosper Boulanger, of Montreal, Quebec, Auguste Choquette, of Lotbiniere, Quebec, and Gaston Clermont, of Labelle, Quebec.

Our Yesterdays

Soviet Russia claimed that German offensives aimed at Moscow and Kiev are "breaking against the firmness and stubbornness of our troops."

The United States moved into the Suez Canal crisis, extending cautious support to Britain and France in their desperate fight against Egypt's seizure of the Suez waterway.

and shame their intent was thwarted. Nothing daunted, clutching his \$600 cheque in his hand, Choquette boarded the plane for Paris with the committee at dawn on 25th June in Paris, according to one of his colleagues, he asked the Minister of Veterans Affairs to include him in the touring party, but the Minister indignantly refused.

REVOLT OF THE VETS

The inclusion of the vociferous republican Choquette, on a tour of Canadian war cemeteries, was too much for the stomachs of veterans on the committee, such as Frank Fane, a veteran of World War I and decorated with the Military Cross for gallantry. He rallied his Conservative colleagues, and packed the House of Commons, easily outnumbering the Liberals present.

Strathaven Valley

By Rena Wood, New Haven

Will you come with me to see it a northern "Vale of Kashmir"? Well, let's leave a busy highway in our Island province, and take a red dirt road banked with wild cherry bushes, and edged with the greenest grass this side of Ireland.

Red banks crowded with deep green spruce, or verdant meadowlands border the river which resembles a wide blue satin ribbon alive with dancing squids, looping and twisting through the valley.

Up from the water's edge on the rolling land, spotted dows graze quietly, arranging themselves into groupings which cry out for the artist's brush.

Good Age For A Town

Winnipeg Free Press

Everyone knows that 900 years ago William of Normandy came across the Channel and left his mark on England. Few people are aware that this year the small but proud Scottish town of Tain in Ross and Cromarty has been celebrating its 900th anniversary as a royal burgh.

Vegetables And Goiter

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen One hundred years ago the French chemist, C.R. Chatin discovered that the soil in goitrous areas was low in iodine. Since then, enlargement of the thyroid has been associated with lack of the element in food.

Research workers, investigating other origins of the disorder and it is now agreed generally that certain foods affect the thyroid gland in much the same way as a deficiency of iodine. These foods contain what is known as "goitrogenic substances," some of which have been isolated from ordinary food-stuffs: Cabbage, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, kohlrabi, rape, savoy, and turnips are most common.

During World War II, in certain areas of Europe where the population subsisted chiefly on cabbage, turnips, and similar foods, the incidence of toxic thyroid disease but the number of goiters increased. This was particularly true among monks who lived chiefly on rutabagas and lupin bulbs.

However, all this work on the goitrogenic properties of food need not lead any one to change menus. A normal balanced diet, including the vegetables mentioned, still is best. These studies have led to one practical discovery: the isolation of thiouracil.

No Remedy In Riots

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff, Washington

WASHINGTON (CP) President Johnson, now actively campaigning for the November U.S. congressional elections, has tackled the ominous stirrings of Negro ghetto violence head-on.

They tear at the very fabric of the community. They set neighbor against neighbor and make reform more difficult by turning, as a way people who can and must support reform.

Washington, for example, has about 500,000 Negroes in the 70-square-mile area of the District of Columbia and a dwindling population of about 300,000 whites.

So far, despite the civil war conditions that have broken out in Chicago or Cleveland, prompt introduction of the national guard and some minimal con-

RE HOYLE The 18th century English writer on game, Edward Hoyle, was considered a somewhat authority on whist for almost 100 years after his death.

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