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Paging Mr. Gordon

Mr. Walter L. Gordon, chairman of the Commission which produced the report on Canada's economic future, has been rumored for some time as ticketed for a Cabinet post.

It would be interesting to have Mr. Gordon appear before the Legislature of this Province, to explain what benefits we are to derive under the new tax sharing agreements with Ottawa.

Based on an estimated 108,000 population during the fiscal year 1957-58, we were to have received a mere \$70,000 more under the new formula that we would under the 1952 tax agreement if the latter were carried over to 1957-58.

On a per capita basis, our increase over the 1952 formula would be only 0.65—again the lowest for all Canada. Quebec would get 8.36 of an increase, Ontario 8.06, Saskatchewan 6.60 and Alberta 7.13.

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Agricultural Need

In his speech on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, Mr. S. S. Hessian, Q.C., referred to the Department's program for assisting students who wish to take up Provincial positions in various branches of agricultural science.

There still remains, however, a problem which sooner or later will have to be tackled in earnest. It is the problem of how to help young men get a start in actual farming operations, so that they would not be obliged to go elsewhere to earn a living.

It would be foolish to pretend that the problem is an easy one to solve and just as foolish to lay the blame at the doors of successive Provincial Governments. After all, Governments can operate only within the limits of the financial resources at their disposal.

Certainly, the need cannot be disputed, unless we are prepared to see more and more young men leaving their farm homes, against their wills, for less pleasant but more lucrative work in other fields.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Experts are working on a process for taking the oil out of peanuts, thus making them less fattening. They will still be peanuts, however.

In 1956 United States' exports to Russia came to \$3 1/2 million, while imports from that country were valued at almost \$16 million.

King Saud has been telling his fellow-conspirators in Egypt, Syria and Jordan that he found on his trip to Washington that President Eisenhower's views on the Middle East were moving more and more towards sympathy for the Arab states in their enmity for Israel.

India's Prime Minister Nehru, who is now engaged in vote soliciting, is telling his audiences that India's foreign policy is one of "absolute independence".

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OUR FAVOURITE MOVEMENT

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Locking The Door

From London, England Bureau of Thomson Newspapers

Following its defeat in the key-election of Lewisham in south London, Mr. Macmillan's government has hastened to pull one concession out of their bag. In the holy-disputed Rent Bill just going through Parliament they have made an important modification.

That is the first impression. It has been strengthened by an announcement regarding higher charges for the National Health Service here. Up goes weekly contributions from workers by 10d a week. Up goes the price of "welfare milk" — milk supplied at a cut rate to expectant mothers and young children.

Such a trifling amount meant that the best of landlords could not afford to keep their houses in repair. Now rents will be increased to a more economic level. But the concession ranted helps the "nani" — a security of tenure of 15 months now, compared with a proposed six months.

There may be more increases in the Health Service here if the just-appointed Royal Commission set up to study doctors' salaries propose that they should get more. At the moment the average general practitioner here gets around \$1600 a year. A 24 per cent. increase is sought, which would mean another \$36 million to the Health Bill.

What is peevish doctors now is the introduction of a Royal Commission machinery to examine their claim. Among newspaper opinions, "The Times" calls for an independent review of the problem. "The Scotsman" suggests that the number of patients per doctor be cut. And the "Manchester Guardian" sums up the general attitude towards Royal Commissions: "a guarantee against anything being done for a long time and not at all if there is a pigeonhole vacant in Whitehall in which its report can be stowed."

After a somewhat too-long delay the Briti service ministries have made a couple of announcements that show that the behind-scenes activity in the study of nuclear warfare here is bearing fruit at last.

From the "Silent service" — and only a newspaper trying to extract information from the publicity.

royal Navy knows how well that service merits its "Silent" tag — comes the news that a 50-year-old engineer brass-band called Guy Wilson has been appointed Rear Admiral, Nuclear Propulsion. No breezy seadog is Wilson. Short and slight, large-domed, he is what he appears — a typical "backroom boy."

And the Army introduced me to another non-military looking type, Colonel J. E. Cordingley. He, too, is short and slight, soft-spoken and courteous. He is a gunner and has been chosen to command the first British unit to fire the "Corporal" American rocket. Cordingley can look back on 21 years of soldiering — and to the time when as a 2nd Lt. his equipment included a now-historic item; horses, one.

NOT TOO WELCOME The Colonel will be taking his rockets and his 500 men north from their usual station near London to practice firing — not, I haven't to add, with atomic warheads, but with dummy or orthodox explosives. They will be going to a little Scottish island called South Uist, in the Hebrides. And they will not be all that welcome.

Although the decision to make this desolate, island spatterer, not there apart a guided missile range will bring labour to its inhabitants, other Scots are not so happy. "The Scotsman" for instance, voices the opinion of many — "if in rather grandiose terms: "To turn an island which the main stream of modernism has passed by, and had therefore been the last retreat of an older, more unworldly civilization — to turn this overnight into a piece of Wellesian landscape is to force together incompatible extremes."

But time, say the Services, must march on. . . . JADED Feeling pretty jaded now are the members of my tribe who cover the London entertainment beat. During one day they had to have a history lesson lasting 185 minutes, and in the evening they had to watch one of the most pathetic productions ever to go on a London stage.

The production was "The Crystal Heart," which had veteran trouper Gladys Cooper (who has a been at the top for a generation past and has several American and a couple of Canadian tours behind her) trying to inject some sense. The musical was put on by Americans who regarded London as a tryout for Broadway. Now they are down about \$56,000.

The history lessons? That was when a couple of films based on the same theme — the claim of a woman to be Anastasia, the last surviving child of the last Russian Czar — were shown. One was from Hollywood, the other from Germany. Now the critics are queuing up for eye-letion . . .

Plays Many Parts

Winnipeg Tribune

Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe is not an ordinary man — he's a department head. The executive branch of the Dominion Government has 84 departments and divisions. Exactly one-quarter of them — 21 in all — call Mr. Howe boss. Here is a map of Mr. Howe's activities as supplied by the Canada Year Book (published by one of his branch offices): Minister of Trade and Commerce and responsible for Canadian Wheat Board, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Export Credit Insurance Corp., Board of Grain Commissioners, Newfoundland Fisheries Board, Northern Ontario Pipeline Corp., Trans-Canada Airlines, Minister of Defence Production and responsible for Canadian Arsenals Limited, Canadian Commercial Corporation, Crown Assets Disposal Corporation, Defence Construction Limited, Polymer Corporation.

Chairman of Privy Council Committee on Scientific and Industrial Research and responsible for National Research Council, Canadian Patents and Development Ltd., Eldorado Mining and Refinery, Eldorado Aviation Limited, Atomic Energy of Canada, Atomic Energy Control Board, Northern Transportation Company. Mr. Howe has been dubbed many things — Pooh Bah, the minister with the portfolios, one-man gang, czar and dictator. These soubriquets do not seem to bother him. One thing is certain, when Mr. Howe retires from the Government he will leave a crater instead of a hole. Incidentally the list of Crown companies dealing in commodities ranging from synthetic rubber to aircraft, shows how far the present Liberal-Socialist administration has gone into business while giving lip service to private enterprise.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

FOOD PLAN FOR CHILDREN Let's be practical about this business of eating the proper foods every day.

The body truth, as every mother well knows, is that children just aren't going to do it, no matter how important the doctor says it is.

Every child has an "off" day. That's to be expected; but don't make it worse by insisting that he should eat all the food you think he must have.

It won't hurt him to miss some or even most of these essential foods for one day. In fact, you'll probably do more harm by nagging him to eat.

But if he begins refusing certain foods day after day, that's something else again. NECESSARY FOODS Each day — with a few exceptions, as I have said — your youngster should have a minimum of two glasses of milk, one egg, a potato and at least one or two green or yellow vegetables, at least one serving of meat, cheese or beans, two servings of fruit juice or whole fruit, some whole grain or enriched bread and cereal and butter or fortified margarine.

TAKE ACTION When he starts turning down the food repeatedly, you've got to take some action.

For one thing, don't let anyone at the table — father, sisters, brothers, even yourself — refuse to eat the dishes you want your youngster to eat. Children love to imitate others. Don't even discuss your likes and dislikes at the dinner table.

VARY THE MENU Try serving your vegetable and meat dishes a little differently. You'll find several good suggestions in your cook book. After all, we all get tired of the same food prepared in the same way.

Serve new dishes, too. Offer them to your youngster in small amounts at first and if he doesn't take to them right away, don't force them down his throat. Wait a few weeks and then try them again.

One more thing. Many parents have trouble getting their children to drink enough milk. Usually, it is both fresh and cold, kids love it. But if your child doesn't, give him flavored milk drinks once in a while. And see that you use plenty of milk in preparing cereals, soups, vegetables and creamed. Then he'll get it one way or another.

QUESTION AND ANSWER V.L.: About once a week my husband wakes up at night with a dry cough. This cough lasts about five minutes, it is cutting down on his cigarettes. What causes the cough?

Answer: The condition you describe could be due to excessive smoking, or a smoker which has been called "a smoker's asthma." However, it would be advisable for him to have a careful examination.

SHELF FULL OF SUMMER Old magazines have no regard for weather. I turned a page and orchards spread wide bougts. Long-legged colts cavort in blue-grass pastures. A boy in faded jeans drives home the cows. Past fields where cornblades sigh in rustling cadence. And, lacy windows flow from leafy loom: Impervious to winter at my window I bask, heartbeep, in warmth of clover bloom! —Addie M. Hedrick, in the Christian Science Monitor

OUR YESTERDAYS From the Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 2, 1932) The usual keen interest was manifested yesterday in the opening of the Provincial Legislature.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 2, 1947) Some thirty cattle breeders of Charlottetown, and vicinity met yesterday at the Department of Agriculture to discuss with Mr. Davies of the Dominion Department at Ottawa a proposal to institute an artificial insemination unit here.

BACK TO DOBBIN BLAIRMORE, Alta. (CP) — Vince Kotas, 66, created a stir in this Crownsnest Pass town when he parked his horse and cutter on the main street on a trip from nearby Frank. He says he still feels that a horse and cutter is the only sure way of getting in and out of the farm in winter.

MAXIMS Let thy speech be better than silence or be silent. DOROTHY LANTZ (MRS. J.P.), President, P.E.I. Federation of Home and School Associations.

TO AID 154 ACCUSED LONDON (Reuters) — The general council of the Trade Union Congress announced Wednesday it will send £500 to help pay legal fees of 156 persons accused of treason by the South African government.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Everything designed to speed up the cooking of foods, but at least one bride wishes they'd think of ways to slow it so that every thing wouldn't burn during a little, old 45-minute telephone conversation. —Hamilton Spectator

A Branford pastor, exasperated one Sunday by the aimless of the collection, preached a brief memorable sermon. "Ninety-seven percent of the nickel the world needs is produced in Ontario," he said acidly, "and about 50 per cent of it seems to get into the collection plates in this church." —Branford Expositor

Visitors to Detroit or Buffalo who may hope to see a good stage play in a theatre, are surprised to find that these big cities — Detroit nearly 2,000,000, Buffalo about 600,000 — have no theatres in regular operation. Presumably radio and television have killed the theatre, which is a great pity. —St. Thomas Times-Journal

Cheaper animal feeds are coming, made from old newspapers, wrapping paper. Paper doesn't need much processing, because, like hay, it's mostly cellulose; ink and sizing apparently have no effect. Researcher reports that cows really enjoy newspapers shredded and mixed with molasses. —Financial Post

In Windsor four young thugs, described as teenagers, beat with a pistol a woman storekeeper until she revealed the hiding place of her money. And still there are persons who would abolish the lash as punishment for crimes of violence! These criminals would laugh at a jail term. They would not laugh at a sound whipping. —Ottawa Journal

What a fine world this must have been when there were only ten commandments. —Calgary Herald

These guided missiles are so unpleasant-looking, they scare you even when they're pointed the other way. —Winnipeg Tribune

A lot of bills, it is suggested, puts a crimp in the cooling in a love nest. St. Catherine's Standard

The fellow at the next desk wants to put in his obituary that he was married to a woman who was never president of anything. —Brandon Sun

The pace of modern life is so fast that you're lucky if you get three snow shovelling jobs out of a son before he's grown and moved away. —Brandon Sun

Mr. Dulles has found a formula for getting his name in the papers twice as often as any other politician — every time he makes a statement, he has to issue a retraction. —Sherbrooke Record

OPPOSE SPEIDEL THE HAGUE (Reuters) — Forty-nine Dutch university professors have petitioned Prime Minister Willem Drees for the withdrawal of the appointment of German General Hans Speidel as commander of NATO land forces in central Europe.

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