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**Age Takes Its Toll**

Mr. St. Laurent's announced retirement as Liberal Party leader was not unexpected, despite previous statements as to his intention of remaining at his post until another election. He feels, no doubt justifiably, that he lacks the vigor and energy for such a task. Some of his associates have not been hesitant in drawing the same conclusion, and voicing it publicly. This does not detract, however, from the outstanding reputation enjoyed by the former Prime Minister, based on a record of achievement at the polls unsurpassed by any leader in Canada.

Mr. St. Laurent entered politics at a comparatively late period in life, but his success was phenomenal. He is a man of great personal charm as well as of wide experience, ability and conscientiousness. Canadians will not forget his devotion to this country's interests, progress and developments in the critical postwar years. Were he ten years younger there would be no question as to his qualifications for leading his party brilliantly in Opposition as he did when in office. Even at seventy-five, his shoes will be hard to fill, despite the undoubted ability of many of his prospective successors. A party convention will select the new leader. In the meantime, all our citizens will join in wishing Mr. St. Laurent many years of health and well-earned leisure, and in paying tribute to him as a great Canadian.

**A Fine Achievement**

It was drama with a happy ending for rescued and rescuers in the misadventure off East Point last weekend. Picked up twenty-five miles off the Point by Captain Griffin and two members of his crew in the dragger "Harry G", the victims are none the worse for their harrowing experience, after being adrift for over twenty-two hours in a small dory. They were fortunate indeed to survive the ordeal—fortunate both in the weather conditions and in the coincidence that Captain Griffin had had his fishing nets torn by a shark and had returned to Souris for repairs when he learned of the search being organized for the missing boaters. His prompt return to sea, and his skill and determination in continuing the search, were responsible for the saving of three lives.

He and his crew members, including his grandfather Mr. Ernest Griffin, performed a service in accord with the finest traditions of the sea. They will doubtless be duly honoured for their exploit, through the Royal Humane Society or some other organization. In the meantime it is worth pointing out that to the dragger fishermen themselves this was more or less in the day's work. Theirs is a hazardous occupation, and the initiative and endurance required in meeting emergencies are necessary qualifications for their work. Last weekend's incident should serve as a reminder that our Island fishermen are among the best in the world, with a record for unsung heroism going back for generations.

**Favoured Insects**

Certain types of insects at the Entomology Department of the University of Manitoba are having wonderful times these days. They are, in fact, living in great luxury—in the interests of science, of course, and not in the interests of the insects.

The idea is to find out the taste preferences of insects in order to enable plant breeders to produce crops unpalatable to grasshoppers, beetles and leaf-hoppers. It may seem to amateur gardeners that the vexatious things will feed on anything they come across. But this isn't so. They have their likes and dislikes just as the rest of us do. Just what these are the scientists are trying to find out. They hope, too, to find out why they like some foods and reject others.

Three species of grasshoppers are under study. The younger ones

are fed lettuce leaves. Then, as they grow older, they are offered wheat, grasses and dandelions. Beetles are given the best diet—choice, sweet clover. The spotted leaf-hopper carries a virus which attacks some vegetables and leaves others alone. The disease is called "aster yellows" and, so far, there is no protection against it. The tests, it is hoped, will determine what specific plants they feed on and what plants they prefer to lay their eggs on. These mysteries having been disposed of, plant breeders will be able (perhaps) to produce a plant which is resistant to leaf-hoppers.

The insects, of course, have no knowledge of all this. All they know is that they are having the time of their lives, a fact which the less favoured ones, who have to take what they can get, probably resent very much.

**Can Be Profitable**

The experience of bean growers in various parts of the Island this summer has provided proof that this branch of agriculture can be profitable to producers and helpful to the economy of the Province.

One man reports an acreage of 200 acres with an approximate yield of 200 tons and hopes to have more acres in production next year. These are big undertakings and probably beyond the reach of most farmers. But there are many farmers who, in addition to their usual work in such basic products as potatoes and grain, could easily manage a number of acres of beans, perhaps fifteen or twenty, and find them a welcome source of extra income. The extra machinery required for harvesting does, of course, present a problem to beginners, especially those with small acreages. Perhaps the best way to get around this difficulty would be for several farmers in a district to co-operate in providing the machinery, a practice which is becoming more and more common in other phases of agriculture. Alternatively, one farmer could purchase the machinery and undertake custom work among his neighbors, as is done now in some districts with respect to grain combining.

The important thing is that growing of beans has been established as a profitable venture. And what can be done with beans can probably be done with peas and other vegetables. It is hoped that in due course there will be no need of sending the products out of the Province for processing.

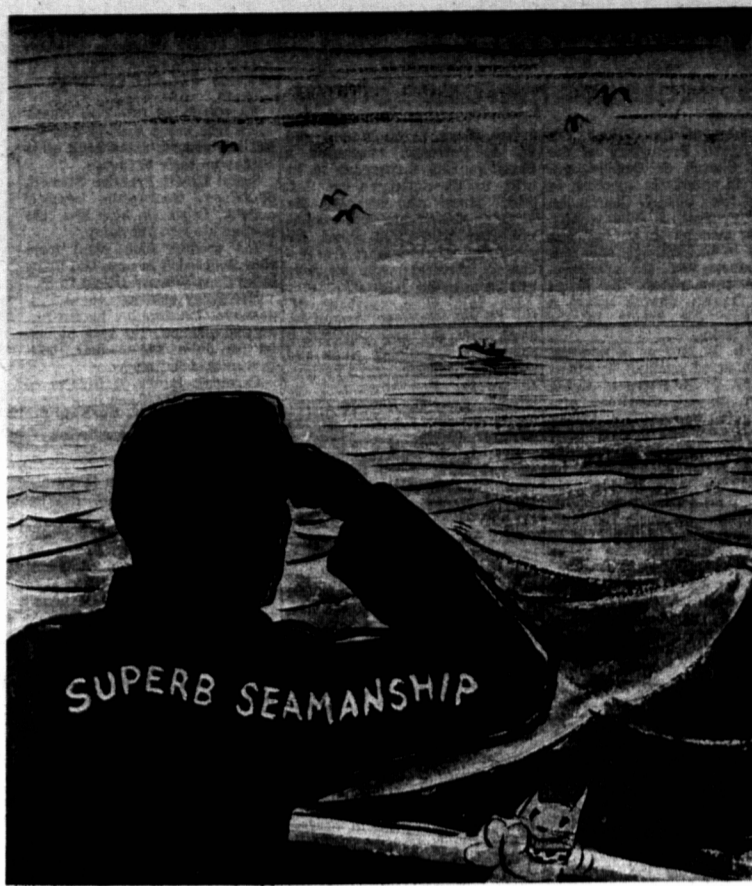
**EDITORIAL NOTES**

A report from Moscow says that "teachers do not rate well if many of their pupils flunk their examinations." That is one branch of social relations in which East and West have something in common.

The Federation of Malaya, the newest member of the Commonwealth, has the distinction of being itself a monarchy, having its own king who was elected for a five year term and who will acknowledge Queen Elizabeth as "head of the Commonwealth", including Malaya, although she will not be "Queen of Malaya". It is certainly a complex set-up, and it shows how adaptable the Commonwealth idea is.

It has been suggested that people who come down with Asian flu would be better off at home than in hospital on the theory that they would be less likely to develop secondary infections from outside contacts. If, as the experts believe, about 25 per cent of the population in any given area can expect to be laid up with the disease, most of them won't have much choice as to where they receive treatment. Most hospitals are booked to near capacity in normal periods and would, therefore, be in no position to look after a large and sudden influx of patients.

The death in London of Sir William Alexander Craigie at the age of 90 has been announced. A lexicographer by profession, Sir William was joint editor of the Oxford English Dictionary from 1901 to 1933. He also edited a "Dictionary of American English on Historical Principles." He once said that the best way to study American slang was to visit the United States Congress occasionally and listen to the speeches. An outstanding authority on Scandinavian and other northern languages, at the time of his death he was working on a dictionary of Gaelic. He was said to be fluent in 27 languages.



**TO THE RESCUE**

**OTTAWA REPORT**

**It Comes And It Goes**

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: Other man's money is always an insatiable source of interest, so the recent changes in the incomes of some of our leading politicians is inevitably the subject of much talk here now.

The ministers in the former Cabinet headed by Mr. St. Laurent are the people most often discussed in this connection. Whether at a lakeside summer cottage or in the parliamentary cafeteria, wherever a group of people are gathered together one hears this talk.

The contrast in fate's treatment is believed to have been most vividly demonstrated in the case of two youngish ministers whose political careers had been very similar up to election day on 10th June. Nova Scotia's Bob Winters was elected to Parliament as an army officer during the war. Now 49, he too has been mentioned as a candidate with an outside chance for one Liberal leadership after St. Laurent. British Columbia's Jimmy Sinclair was likewise first elected to Parliament during the war, when he was in the Air Force. Now 49, he too has been considered as a possible future leader.

But now their paths have parted. One can imagine the differing feelings of the two families after the deluge, when one wife might have thought: "My husband is supported to have done well, he got re-elected with a comfortable majority, yet here we are, with five young children and our income is slashed by almost two-thirds to \$10,000 a year; yet his former colleague is considered to have done badly, he took a thrashing at the polls, yet now he can live a life of greater security, fewer ulcers, and his income has been doubled."

For Bob Winters, who had dropped a hint before the election that his usefulness in public life might be drawing to a close, has been appointed head of the huge British Rio Tinto mining interests here, at a salary said to be \$60,000 a year. This is more than double the \$27,000 he received as a member of parliament and cabinet minister before his personal defeat at Lunenburg on 10th June.

**WHAT AN M.P. IS PAID**

Those former Cabinet Ministers who still managed to win

**The Age Old Story**

A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

**The Poets Corner**

**GREEN FIRE**  
Never so brilliant the delicate new green leaves of elms  
At the river's edge as under a darkening rain-toned sky:  
Soft feathery crowns the color of ripe golden limes  
Against a lowered ink-gray imminence of rain,  
Great luminous clouds of leafage lit with a flickering green flame,  
Alive with an inner fire of smoldering green,  
A golden smoke at the waters' edge:  
Not even the pristine sun of spring could so illuminate  
These gold-green plumes as does this stern backdrop of rain-dark sky.  
As dark velvet would display a burning citrine gem.  
—Frederick Ebricht.

**MAXIMS**

Critics are sentinels in the grand army of letters, stationed at the corners of newspapers and reviews, to challenge every new author.

**LIBERAL PARTY LEADERSHIP**

By John LeBlanc  
Canadian Press Staff, Ottawa

The front-running man as successor to Louis St. Laurent as Liberal Leader and possible eventual prime minister—appears to observers here to be Lester Bowles Mike Pearson.

The 60-year-old Mr. Pearson, noted across Canada for his boyish smile and distinctive bowtie, was the internationally-known external affairs minister of the St. Laurent government that went out of office after the June 10 election.

But his selection may be no shoo-in at the Liberal convention that will choose the successor to the 75-year-old Mr. St. Laurent, who announced his prospective resignation as party leader Friday night.

Some strong contenders are in prospect. One is Walter Harris, 53, the former finance minister, who lost his Grey North (Ont.) seat when the Liberals fell.

Another is Paul Martin, 54, former health minister, who retained his Essex East (Ont.) seat comfortably.

**FISHERIES MINISTER**  
A third is James Sinclair, Liberal fisheries minister before the election, who held British Columbia's Coast-Capilano for the party in the Liberal debacle.

But Mr. Sinclair, 49, already is on record as suggesting Mr. Pearson will get the nod at the convention.

**POSSIBLE CAUSE OF DELINQUENCY**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, by Herman N. Bundgaard, M.D.

Juvenile delinquency is a mounting problem in many communities. In seeking a solution to this admittedly explosive situation, we have blamed environment, the uncertainty of the times and a thousand and one other things.

**WHOSE FAULT?**  
We have said the fault lies with the parents, or with the companions the delinquent child keeps. Occasionally, we've even blamed the unruly youngsters themselves.

Now, finally, let's put at least part of the blame where it belongs on specific physical handicaps.  
Let me make a flat statement so there will be no misunderstanding: seeing and hearing difficulties, I firmly believe, are responsible for at least a portion of the juvenile delinquency in the United States today.

Some 8,000,000 American children—one out of every four of our school-age youngsters—have some defective vision and need some form of eye care.  
More than 3,000,000 children have hearing difficulties. Undoubtedly, there are many more cases which haven't been noticed yet, even by the youngsters' parents and teachers.

**AFFECTS SCHOOL WORK**  
Unquestionably, seeing or hearing difficulties affect a youngster's school work.  
From 24 to 35 per cent of all first grade pupils fail to be promoted. These are only first graders, remember!  
It is estimated that 90 per cent of these failures can be blamed directly on poor reading. However, in a large percentage of these cases, it is really poor vision that is the basic trouble. Substandard reading ability is tied in closely with a child's entire make-up. It is frustrating for a child to be unable to read as well as others in his class. This often leads to development of a sense of inferiority.

**NOTES BY THE WAY**

The bonds of matrimony are not worth much unless the interest is kept up.—Brandon Sun  
Spinach, we read, came to the western world from Persia. Where we presume it was used for dyeing rugs.—Peterborough Examiner  
Those who suffer from nagging can console themselves with the thought that the tongue of the giraffe is 18 inches long. It might be a lot worse.—Galt Reporter  
The recent report that the Niagara Falls Illumination Board is to double the intensity of the lights which nightly show the falls in many hues will be of general interest. The only question in the minds of those from this area will be where to park the car in order to watch the changing lights. During the Summer months the parking areas in the vicinity of the falls are packed to capacity, and cars move slowly bumper to bumper through the park.—St. Catharines Standard  
Hundreds of cars from Ontario and the eastern provinces have raced across the Prairies this year, and a very substantial number of American cars as well, all carrying camping equipment. All over the continent, it has become fashionable to camp, and the camp grounds in the national parks of Canada are crowded with the tourists who are staying longer this year than for several past seasons.—Moose Jaw Times-Herald

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However, since 1949, this metal has not been used in their manufacture.

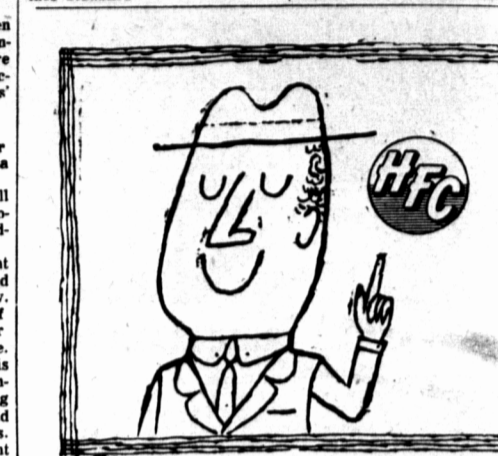
**OUR YESTERDAYS**

**FROM THE GUARDIAN FILES**  
**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
(Sept. 9, 1932)  
Lt. Col. John Bladen, who will be visiting here for the next six days is a highly placed officer of the Salvation Army, who has had a great variety of experiences in many different countries. The Colonel is now engaged in touring Canada in the interests of Army work and lecturing on subjects of world wide interest.

Repairs on the Rocky Point Wharf still continue. New piles have been placed around the end and on the inside of the two wings, the purpose being to strengthen the wharf for the ferry and to provide easier docking facilities during the fall months.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
(Sept. 9, 1947)  
Acting Mayor W.R. LePage appointed the Public Property Committee at last night's regular monthly meeting of the City Council to confer with the Town Planning Board respecting the erection of a suitable bus terminal for the city. Councillor Douglas said that the L.M.T. had been asked to vacate their present terminal some time ago but that they were unable to find another location.  
Mr. T.W. Cope, refrigeration engineer at the Provincial Government Cold Storage Plant on Escher Street said last evening that he expects two ten-ton freezing units to arrive for installation at the plant within the next few days. These units, Mr. Cope said, will give the plant a freezing capacity every 24 hours of 15,000 pounds.

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