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It Should Be Revised

Isn't it about time this nation's Election Act were revised in order to make our much talked about "universal suffrage" a fact?

There may be sufficient justification for keeping inmates of prisons and mental institutions from voting. The former, for the time being, have forfeited the rights of citizenship; and the latter could hardly be expected to distinguish between the merits of one party or one candidate and those of another.

Issue Still Unsettled

There can be no question now as to who is doing the dictating in the Suez Canal imbroglio. Colonel Nasser says he plans to clamp complete Egyptian control on the canal and the toll money as well.

The American attitude to take the issue to the U.N. but leave it there, without exerting leadership toward a solution, is just what Nasser is banking on.

One thing that should be challenged is Egypt's denial of unmolessted passage to Israel or any other nation. This issue is vital to the status of international waterways.

Britain and France could close the Red Sea to shipping, for they possess the territory on both sides of the entrance, as well as an island in the middle.

could even close the entrance to the English channel.

None of these absurd actions is, of course, going to take place, for the states bordering on each of these narrow channels have long recognized the natural right of all shipping to use them—including the shipping of countries with which they may be unfriendly.

Not Niggardly

It is hardly any wonder that there is a strong movement in the United States Congress to persuade the Government to cut down on its foreign aid program; for the sums of money and the quantity of goods which are sent abroad are tremendous.

55% of the total went for military supplies and services. Exports of farm products, either given directly or sold for the currencies of the receiving countries, came to \$1 1/2 billion. The biggest buyer of these products for local currency was Spain, which received \$129 million worth.

It is, of course, true that these vast sums were not spent entirely on works of charity. The farm products, for instance, helped materially to reduce the vast surpluses in which the United States Government has great financial commitments.

Whether it will eventually pay for itself in terms of political goodwill or peace promotion remains to be seen; but no one can say that the American people have been niggardly with their aid to less fortunate peoples.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Daniel Defoe, author of Robinson Crusoe, died this date 1730.

It is indeed a sign of spring when the C.G.S. Brant leaves Halifax for Charlottetown.

Oklahoma agricultural researchers say that sows given shower baths have more pigs per litter than sows left to their own devices to beat summer's heat.

"Good teachers cost money, but poor teachers cost more." This point was convincingly made at the teachers' convention this week by Miss Carolyn Robins, president of the Canadian Teachers Federation.

The legend that an English army of 100,000 men was defeated by one-third that number of Scots at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314 was shattered by General Sir Phillip Christison in a recent speech in Edinburgh.

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GOOD AS THEY COME

A Forbidden Island

J. S. Adam in The Edinburgh Scotsman

Rum is a comparatively small island on Scotland's Western seaboard. Its name in conjunction with its neighbours in the Small Isles is a joke to the Sasannach.

In the early nineteenth century, Rum had a population of 400. By the 1920s that population was down to 35 and not one was a native.

At one time Rum had a reputation among the island people for the quality of its wool. In 1926 the last sheep was sent off and the island was given over completely to deer.

Rum became the notorious symbol, throughout the whole of the West Highlands for alien landlordism. It was the appalling logical result of the system of sporting estates which were achieving the destruction that the Clearances began.

In Rum the destruction of the Highland way of life was complete. There was no native left. An island was removed entirely from the national economy to become a rich man's plaything.

And playing it was, De mortuis nil nisi bonum but it must be said of the Bulloughs that they guarded their toy like spoiled and selfish children.

No stranger or uninvited visitor was to be allowed on the island to share their play. Rum became the Forbidden Isle.

STOCK SPEECH To anyone who looked like setting foot on Rum there was a stock speech: "You can't stay here. We have no accommodation for you."

One heard stories of passengers unable because of heavy seas to land on Cana and Eig who were refused permission to shelter on Rum being carried protesting across a stormy Minch to the Outer Hebrides and back to Mallaig.

In a country where hospitality and courtesy are qualities of the soil and the air, Rum slammed the door in the face of a nation.

It was an insult that was hard to swallow and there were some who never did. In the 1930's Rum became a challenge to the whole

of the West of the Highlands.

In Mallaig when the younger men were looking for a job, it was easy enough to get a boat and a crew to spend a night poaching deer on the island, a mere 18 miles off. Mallaig's one policeman always knew, of course, for the arrangements were made openly.

There would be occasions, so he told me when he would be officially informed that poachers had been seen operating on the island and when he would have to admit to official knowledge.

SOLUTION So with the solemnity of the law he would confiscate the carcass. He would then go to someone in the village who had a big fish family and maybe not much money coming in and he would say, "I have a carcass here. I want you to take it out into the bay and dump it."

He would then file his report detailing the steps he had taken. The village and Mallaig regarded the solution as satisfactory.

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Our Well-Paid M.P.'s

The Canadian Press

Successful candidates in the June 10 election can look forward to higher indemnities than did those who campaigned in the last election in 1953.

Parliamentary pay was boosted in 1954 by the doubling of the annual indemnity to \$8,000. That is paid to Commons members along with a \$2,000 tax-free allowance.

Canadians, in electing a new House of Commons, will be exercising one of their fundamental constitutional rights.

B.N.A. ACT PROVISION The British North America Act of 1867, basis of the Canadian constitution, requires a new Parliament to be elected at least once every five years. The act, passed by the United Kingdom Parliament, incorporated established principles of the British constitution.

Thus Parliament consists of the Queen, represented by the Governor-General; the Commons, and the Senate, each with its responsibilities and privileges. The 265 members of the Commons are elected; senators—a maximum 102—are appointed for life on the Prime Minister's recommendation to the Governor-General.

By custom, the leader of the majority of members elected to the Commons is called by the Governor-General in the name of the Queen to form a new administration, and that leader becomes Prime Minister.

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The choice of cabinet ministers is not restricted to the leader's elected followers. Outsiders may be chosen and, in fact, seven of the 19 members of the present

cabinet have been picked in this way. But they must obtain seats in Parliament as soon as possible.

FROM LAW TO CABINET

Prime Minister St. Laurent was in private law practice in 1941 when the late Prime Minister Mackenzie King asked him to join the Liberal cabinet as justice minister. Others who entered the cabinet before their election to the Commons are External Affairs Minister Pearson, Agriculture Minister Gardiner, Justice Minister Garson, Labor Minister Gregg, Immigration Minister Pickersgill and Transport Minister Marler.

Although there now are three parties on the opposition side of the House there is only one recognized "leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition." He is the head of the largest party in opposition.

The prime minister, opposition leader and cabinet ministers shared in the \$4,000 indemnity increase which went to all MPs in 1954. They also received additional increases in the salary for their positions; the prime ministers' was raised by \$10,000 and that of others by \$5,000.

The prime minister now receives a total \$37,000, including a \$25,000 salary, \$8,000 Parliamentary indemnity, \$2,000 taxable allowance and \$2,000 non-taxable auto allowance.

The opposition leader and cabinet ministers receive \$27,000, broken down in the same manner as the prime minister's pay except that their salaries are \$15,000.

POETIC LAWYER

Louis Honoré Fréchette, French-Canadian poet who died in 1908, was also a lawyer and member of Parliament.

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.

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Sir,—In regard to teachers' salaries: The Legislature could have given the teachers an increase out of their own salary grab. It would work out like this: To 30 teachers it would mean an increase of \$450; to 60 it would be \$225; or give \$100 to 1300 teachers with \$50 over. All they have to do is have an adjournment every year and give the increase to the teachers.

I am, Sir, etc., GEO. P. MATHESON Milton, P.E.I.

EXPEL LABOR PREMIER

BRISBANE, Australia (Reuters) The Labor premier of the state of Queensland, Vincent Gair, was expelled from the Labor party Wednesday on charges of failing to accept its directions. The central executive of the party's Queensland branch voted 35 to 30 in favor of expelling him for refusing to introduce legislation for three weeks' annual vacation for state workers.

POPE SEES THROGS

VATICAN CITY (AP)—In an unusual display of energy, Pope Pius received 30,000 persons in general audience Wednesday, called the roll of 91 pilgrim groups and then walked in their midst for half an hour to greet hundreds individually. During the big general audience in St. Peter's Basilica, the 81-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church praised the work of nuns who worked in hospitals and who aid the sick and old.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sandesen, M.D.

IS WELL WATER BEST FOR YOUR HEALTH?

Popular belief to the contrary, well water as a rule is not any more valuable to you than any other purified drinking water.

Some waters actually contain more minerals than others. And some authorities frankly disagree on the value of such minerals to the body's general health.

But as for well water in general, its mineral content is so low that you would have to consume many gallons each day to get any real benefit from it.

In fact, the Illinois Department of Public Health has some interesting figures on the matter. A study shows that one gallon of milk has the mineral equivalent of a bathtub full of ordinary Illinois well water.

DAILY CALCIUM LOSS We would have to drink 65 glasses of this water to replace the daily calcium loss of a man.

Four ounces of celery contain the calcium equivalent of 30 glasses. And it would take 20 glasses to provide the calcium obtained in 2 1/2 cups of cooked spinach.

The ordinary lunch of potatoes, vegetables, meat and dessert supplies the body with as much mineral matter as we could get from drinking 250 glasses of water.

Now don't get me wrong. Water is vital for life and you should get plenty. But the fellow with a well in his back yard does not have any better water than you city folk who drink your purified water from a lake, river or municipal reservoir.

If you city officials are adding fluoride to the drinking water, it might be a lot more valuable than most plain old well water.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: What are the symptoms of menopause? I have hot flashes and have the urge to keep on walking without ever stopping.

Answer: Hot flashes, suffocating feelings, severe headache and pounding the heart, as well as nervous symptoms, rheumatism in its many forms and upset in digestion and disturbances in the circulation are frequent complaints of women during menopause.

If you are experiencing any of these difficulties, it is suggested that you seek the advice of your physician.

The Trees, How Quietly

We start in silence, from the earth We stand in silence toward the sun. None but a wind to tend our birth, How quietly the work is done.

The new leaf flaunts the summer's air, The old leaf starts to earth again, The wind among us moves a prayer, And all the while the work is done.

We stand, a stone in winter's hour, Though tense with life when winter's gone; We're old and young, in fall or flower, And no one knows the work is done.

We spring in silence from the earth, And spring in silence toward the sun, And now a wind attends our death, How quietly the work is done.

In the New York Times.

The Age Old Story

The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(April 26, 1932)

The residence of Mr. J. H. Ford of Mount Pleasant was burned to the ground early Sunday morning. The fire started in the roof, it is thought, from a spark from the flue. When discovered it had already gained considerable headway. The barn also caught fire but with the assistance of neighbors, Mr. Ford was able to save it and its contents. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

At a meeting of the executive council last night Mr. William E. Massey, C.A., was appointed provincial auditor. Mr. Massey has had a number of years experience as accountant and auditor with the firm of Donald S. Hart of Halifax, and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of this province.

TEN YEARS AGO

(April 26, 1947)

The problems of supplying the demands for farm labour and domestic help in the province were considered in the city yesterday by regional officials of the Unemployment Offices who were in conference with officials from the Charlottetown and Summerside offices.

The fourth session of the 45th General Assembly of the Province was prorogued yesterday afternoon by his Honour Lieutenant Governor, J. A. Bernard, after his Honour had given assent to seventy-three bills. One bill, imposing a 3 cents extra provincial gasoline tax, was assented to earlier in the session.

MAXIMS

The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt till they are too strong to be broken.

VITAL AREA

Scene of one of the great battles of the Second World War, the Pacific island of Okinawa, covers

NOTES BY THE WAY

Dr. Lee DeForest, father of electronic, says man's trip to the moon is a wild dream. Still, so were electronics.—Windsor Star

Wastebasket economy is less a matter of what you paid for it than of knowing what and what not to throw into it, and the same goes for the garbage can.—Ottawa Citizen

A writer complains that the word billion is frequently misused "on this side of the Atlantic." He has reference to the fact that in Canada and the United States a billion is a thousand million while in Britain it is a million million. But who is to say which is wrong? —Port Arthur News-Chronicle

A Chicago judge has ruled that children of high school age don't need \$20 a week spending money. In assessing support for a divorced woman and her two sons, he cut down the weekly allowance to \$10 for the sophomore and \$12.50 for the junior. If this judge has any boys of his own, it will serve him right if they insist on the same allowance.—Fort William Times-Journal

One little bit of Canada lies near the village of Hindenborough in Kent, England. It is the burial place of a Canadian horse, who died there after 16 years of service following his duties in the 1914-1918 conflict. Over the grave of "Captain," there stands a stone memorial and an inscription. "Captain: Only a horse. He was brought from Canada and served throughout the Great War. Afterwards he did sixteen years faithful service on this farm. May his spirit graze in green pastures."—Brockville Recorder

The threat of expulsion seems to be staging a comeback in some Canadian schools. Several decades ago it was applied with little hesitation to manifestly lazy or unruly students. Gradually, however, it gave way to a more tolerant official attitude, due partly to the softening of discipline which accompanied the effort to make school more interesting and enjoyable for students, and partly to the belief that the schools ought to try harder to salvage the drones and rebels for their own good.—Edmonton Journal

The frogs have set up their croaking choruses. The next noises will be the blare of auto horns signaling June wedding parties.—Sarnia Observer

A report from the Riviera informs us that Sir Winston Churchill has taken to eating flapjacks smeared with mustard. The six old boy is probably preparing for his 100th birthday, when reporters will ask him to what he attributes his longevity. —Hamilton Spectator

Charles A. Brown, officer in charge of the Detroit office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation says that one cure for juvenile delinquency is more of the old-fashioned woodshed technique. That is not particularly new. The only trouble is that a great many people who should be applying such a technique were, themselves, brought up without too much familiarity with a well-worn seat of the pants.—Galt Reporter

A-STATION IN PACKAGE

LONDON (Reuters)—A British firm announced Tuesday it is in the market to build the world's first packaged atomic power station—an American-designed unit the size of a tennis court—costing \$1,400,000 less than the American price. The firm is Humphreys and Glasgow of London.

How To Be Married

— And Happy!

Do you believe you can't have a happy married life if you're "incompatible?" May Reader's Digest shows you how the very ways you differ from your mate can strengthen your marriage. There's no law that says husband and wife must have the same tastes and opinions. The secret is to stop wasting time and energy fighting your differences. Read it in May Reader's Digest today: 38 articles of lasting interest, condensed from leading magazines and books to save your time.

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