

Canada And Cuba

"Willing to wound, and yet afraid to strike" would seem to be the attitude of Liberal spokesmen at Ottawa on the question of Canada's trade relations with Cuba.

As Prime Minister Diefenbaker pointed out in the Commons on Thursday, Washington has not yet succeeded in getting even the members of the Organization of American States to agree to a rigid Cuban embargo.

In Canada's case, we export so much more to Cuba than we import that the trade forms a substantial drain on Cuba's dollar resources.

It is understood that the O.A.S. permanent Council in Washington is to take up the question of whether the American states should embargo non-strategic exports to Cuba; and if such a move were decided on, and an appeal made for Canada to join the embargo, it is not impossible that this country would make some move to comply.

In any case, Washington may find that it is only at the beginning of its difficulties in turning to other Western countries that are not members of the Organization of American States—countries such as Britain, France, West Germany and Japan—in making any real embargo on Cuba effective.

New Territories

Canada is still a fast-growing country, as is evidenced by the fact that two new territories will come into being in 1964. The Mackenzie territory will skirt the northern borders of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan to the Arctic Ocean.

New Dictionary Series

Of interest to all concerned with education is the new Dictionary of Canadian English series, the first volume of which—The Beginning Dictionary—has made its appearance from the firm of W. J. Gage Limited, Toronto.

do something which has never been done before.

Their point of departure from other dictionary compilers is the realization that Canadian English has developed in such a way as to become a distinct and recognizable variety of the mother tongue.

The new volumes are based on the Thorndike-Barnhart school dictionaries; and since this first one is for beginners, it contains 67 pages of lessons on the use of a dictionary, designed to teach, in a sequential and logical manner, all the necessary skills for unravelling the information in the text.

First-Rate Publicity

Prince Edward Island has been in the limelight on many occasions in connection with its harness racing events, but the decision of the United States Trotting Association to film the 1962 Gold Cup and Saucer Parade and the race that will be held on the same day for distribution throughout North America opens up wider publicity prospects than anything that has heretofore been attempted along this line.

The wide distribution of these films, in private showings in the United States and Canada, will attract the attention that has been reserved for such big racing events as the Little Brown Jug and the Hambletonian, and will set what is believed to be a precedent so far as a harness race in Canada is concerned.

It is understood that the U.S. Trotting Association will also be filming the 1963 and 1964 parades and races during Old Home Week in Charlottetown, and in 1964 will release a film combining the highlights of all three parades. This, too, will be given distribution throughout North America.

There is no question about the great value of such publicity to our Island tourist trade generally, and it should spur all concerned into making this year's event the success its promoters confidently predict it will be. It represents an achievement in community co-operation which is certainly most inspiring, and upon which the members of the Gold Cup and Saucer Committee are chiefly to be commended for the leadership they have given.

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NOW WHO CAN THIS BE? OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Contrasts In The Public Accounts

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Doctor Claims Color Of Eyes Shows Character

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen THE COLOR of the eyes has a special meaning to psychiatrist Ian Kent of Montreal. He believes, according to Medical World News, that the pigment denotes basic character, the inherited inner self.

The blue eyed tend to be ambitious, competitive, impatient; they are strongly motivated toward power and have a high opinion of themselves. They are mechanically oriented and influenced by public opinion and statistics but do not understand subtle feelings, emotional language, and love.

The person with blue eyes is logical, obeys laws, hesitates to admit defeat, and tends to indulge in self-pity. He is inclined to rationalize and blame weaknesses on others.

According to Dr. Kent, the brown eyed are emotionally and socially extroverted, live in a state of guilt, doubt their intelligence, and are afraid of failure. They fear total isolation and crave immortality.

Dr. Kent describes numerous variations in personality, corresponding to the amount of pigment in the iris. There are many shades between pure blue and brown eyes, varying from clear blue to light brown. Gray, green, and hazel lie between these extremes.

Another interesting contrast is the \$43,714 we paid to our top diplomatic representative in Britain, in salary and entertainment allowance, when set against the \$22,000 we paid to the Queen's Personal Representative as our Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.

I'm not familiar with an examination of this type and see no reason for manhandling the head in this way. Are you sure your neighbor was examined by an M.D.?

Because of allergy to something in the cocktail. Switch to a different form of liquor—or better, abstain.

Yes, because infection is the usual cause of gall bladder disease.

NUMB TOE Mrs. M. writes: What causes numbness in the big toe?

Numbness stems from poor circulation or pressure on the nerve somewhere along its course from the brain to the toe.

Winter sports are fun but follow safety rules.

What things were gain to me, 'cause I counted less for Christ.

A series of six reproductions of oil paintings showing the various types of trees used in the pulp and paper industry of Canada has been received by Premier J. Walter Jones from the Canadian pulp and paper association.

The appointment of Donald N. Matheson as branch manager for H. H. Marshall's wholesale news dealers of this city, was learned today. Mr. Matheson accompanied by his wife, a Cape Breton girl and former employee of the Sydney branch, will arrive early next week.

The sub-urban municipality of Jacques-Cartier has approved spending \$400,000 towards public playgrounds, including a swimming pool. The suburb also is considering construction of combined schools and parks in each parish.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The real oil gushers are the chaps who write the stock advertisements. — Brandon Sun.

Although fools are parting with more money than ever before, they don't seem to be running out of it. It must be that they are doing business with one another. — Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

A Chicago waitress was arrested for speeding. We've known several eating places where we've had been glad to meet her. — Chatham News.

In Florida, an argument has broken out as to whether or not bomb shelters should admit both whites and Negroes. — Financial Post.

PUBLIC FORUM

CAUSEWAY PROSPECTS

Sir,—I have read with interest, a letter of recent date, written by Mr. C. C. Pratt of St. Peter's Bay, on the subject of our communication with the mainland. It may seem a bit presumptuous for an octogenarian such as I am, to be meddling in public affairs, I have asked myself, Why do it, then I said to myself, Perish the thought, that I should give up interest in my native land. I hope to see a start made on the Causeway project before I leave this mundane sphere. I know that it would give us much satisfaction, even to know that it has been given the "clear."

In view of the advance in engineering, and the modern equipment available, and the assumption that under a toll system, it would in time pay for itself. I believe it to be both practical and feasible.

The ice conditions in the Strait of Northumberland in the latter part of winter and the early part of Spring can be boisterous. But what effect would those conditions have on a causeway? That is the big problem. Some one may know of a similar circumstance, where weather conditions are similar to ours.

I have been informed that a strong tide runs in and out from both ends of the Strait, and that it meets in the vicinity of the proposed site of the causeway. It is reasonable to believe that that would slow down the speed of the tide at that place—in that area. Therefore, my contention is, that the tide's motion would also be slowed down at that point or area.

We are assuming that the causeway is there (a strong assumption) and the winter sets in with its frost. Ice would form on the water adjacent to the causeway and it would extend and become thicker as the winter advanced. This would to a large extent, eliminate the heavy spray over the roadway. It would, in the Spring act as a buffer against the heavy ice moving in the Strait at that time of the year.

I am not unaware of the terrific force of tide, wind, and ice in the Strait of Northumberland. Last spring, a strong running tide and heavy wind drove a "miniature ice-berg" across a sandbar, and cut a canal across the bar. That is the story I was told, and I have no reason to doubt it. But that happened on the side of the Island exposed to open Gulf. It would be different in the Strait.

A factor that should be incentive to its early construction, is the many benefits which would be derived from it. Better shipping facilities. A larger tourist business, and the elimination of much exasperation, caused by long delays at the terminals.

It would greatly enhance the economy of Prince Edward Island. It would, in the long run, be less expensive than our present system. Think of the millions that have been spent on icebreakers, from the days of the old Northern Light to the present day Abegweit; and that which will have to be spent in the future to maintain our present system.

In order to be sure to obtain our Confederation rights, we need a good concoction of Inspiration, Dedication and Determination. I am, Sir, etc., W. D. JOHNSTON, Montague, P. E. I.

TAXES AND PROMISES Sir,—I have for a period of time been watching the handling of affairs by our governments, and to my sorrow gradually see it getting worse. Where is all this going to end up? It is getting to the point where the everyday man to make even a bare living for his family.

Oh, yes, they are increasing ED'S TAILOR SHOP Serving you the best in ladies' and gent's tailoring, alterations and re-modelling. Hours 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Dial 4-8125 100 Fitzroy St. Charlottetown

OPENING SOON Charlottetown's Newest Restaurant DOW'S RESTAURANT 51 Grafton St. Charlottetown

PRE-ELECTION BOOSTS Sir,—I am a faithful reader of the Guardian but I am getting so tired of reading about a boost in Old Age Pensions which convinces me there must be an election coming up soon, as it is always the same cry at election time.

For a change, why not give a boost in Family allowances? I am a mother of a family and I am sure it would be greatly appreciated. I am, Sir, etc., MOTHER Summerside.

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Old Age Pensions, but this isn't going to fix it! Its high time that things were put on an even keel. They pile on the taxes and dear knows the cost of living is out of all reason now without adding further burdens. Where is all the money to come from? It is all very well to increase pensions, etc., but after all for the most part it is we who are paying for that.

Maybe some of our top government officials can't see this, when they draw so much money themselves, a dollar is nothing to them. What is the reason of all the taxation any way but to cover up some of the unnecessary spending on goodwill tours, dinners, etc. I realize that a certain amount of travelling has to be done in order to run our government properly, but I think they are carrying it too far.

If some of our government officials (who draw such large salaries) would take a drive some time out through certain parts of this Island and while on this drive call in and ask the people for their honest opinions on living conditions, believe me they might get an eye opener.

They are offering 55 cents per (75 lb. bag) for potatoes, and eggs, what are they? They are hardly worth the trouble of gathering. Now where is the farmer going to end up? And how is he going to pay his fertilizer and machinery bill at these big prices for his produce?

Why are there so many vacant farms here on P.E.I. which is supposed to be an ideal spot for farming? One just has to take a drive and can easily see for himself the buildings falling down and the land beginning to grow up again. There will be a lot more of these vacant farms unless there is something considered and acted upon.

They make such a big fuss over the tourist trade, but do they ever consider what percentage of the tourists are just plain Islanders come on vacations from other provinces, only to leave again where they can make an easier living without breaking their backs for nothing. There is definitely something wrong when so many have to leave here.

It may be a little surprise to learn I was born of a family of Conservatives for years back, but my conscience won't allow me to vote that way. I used to believe one side was as bad as the other, but what could be worse than those in power now? Oh, yes, the Liberals made mistakes too, but all this promising — Why make promises we can't keep and there is plenty of that done by the Tory's; all they would do for the farmer, but the poor little farmer isn't floating on clouds this winter.

Spring will soon be here so I suggest they start doing some early housecleaning. I am, Sir, etc., A HOUSEWIFE, Wood Islands, P.E.I.

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Plan your future today... visit your RCAF CAREER COUNSELLOR at RCAF ASSOCIATION, CHTOWN TUESDAY, 13 FEB. '62 AND RCAF ASSOCIATION, S'SIDE WEDNESDAY, 14 FEB. '62 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Young men and women interested in learning more about the career opportunities in the RCAF are invited to drop in and talk things over, without obligation.