

Time For A Showdown

Premier Campbell has clarified the situation with regard to the hearings of the Canadian Maritime Commission into the proposed increase in CNR car ferry rates...

Certainly with our farmers being forced to send their livestock to Moncton to be killed, as a result of the tieup in the Canada Packers plant in Charlottetown...

It will be recalled that in 1950 the union leaders were permitted to decide this issue. After tying up the service for a week it was they—not the government—who gave consent to the Abegweit resuming operations...

In January, 1963, when another rail strike was threatened, we could get no satisfaction from Transport Minister Chevrier and it was left to CNR President Gordon to issue a statement...

At the special session called in 1950 the Legislature passed a strong resolution on this subject. In moving it, Premier Jones pointed out that there was in the agreement between the unions and the car ferry crews a section providing that the Government Vessels Discipline Act should take precedence over the agreement...

Raising the issue in the House of Commons at that time, Mr. MacNaught, MP for Prince, put the following question to the Transport Minister: "In view of the recent disruption of continuous transportation connection between Prince Edward Island and the mainland which was guaranteed by Confederation..."

It is indeed time that the issue was being revived, and in a manner that will settle it once and for all.

New British Plan

Following British law, Canada's Criminal Code provides that a jury of 12 must bring in a unanimous verdict, except in Alberta, the Yukon and Northwest Territories where six-member juries are permitted.

ner which would eliminate the necessity for juries in criminal cases to be unanimous in their verdict. A majority of 10 to 2 would suffice, and presumably serve to speed up verdicts and reduce the number of retrials made necessary when juries could not unanimously agree on a man's guilt or innocence.

The reason given for the proposed change is that in trials involving members of organized gangs in recent years, juries have been suborned. Under the "verdict of 12" system it is necessary to have only one bribed or frightened member to upset everything and secure acquittal.

However, it has been pointed out that should the majority rule apply in capital murder cases where the death sentence is mandatory, it could cause grave misgiving. In such cases, it is felt, the Crown should always have to convince every member of the jury that the accused is guilty beyond all reasonable doubt.

The government's plan to modify the English jury system does not apply to Scotland, but it is likely that the decision to make the change was prompted by Scottish experience. From ancient times a jury's verdict in that country has been based on the majority; there has been no need for it to be unanimous.

This last is given when the jury is not convinced of either the guilt or the innocence of the accused (who, in Scottish practice, is called "the panel"). It has been jokingly said that this verdict means: "You're not guilty, but don't do it again." Its advantages to a jury are more obvious, however, than any it may possess for the acquitted.

High Prairie Hopes

All the news from Canada's wheat front, reports the Winnipeg Free Press, continues to be highly favorable. It cites in this connection the Board of Grain Commissioners' preliminary figures for the crop year that ended on July 1, showing that five new records were set in 1965-66.

With the new crop year now under way, there is no sign of any slackening in the wheat boom. Commitments to China and the Soviet Union, as well as to regular customers, must be met. Wheat is flowing from farm to country elevator, from country elevator to terminal, from terminal to ships that will carry it abroad.

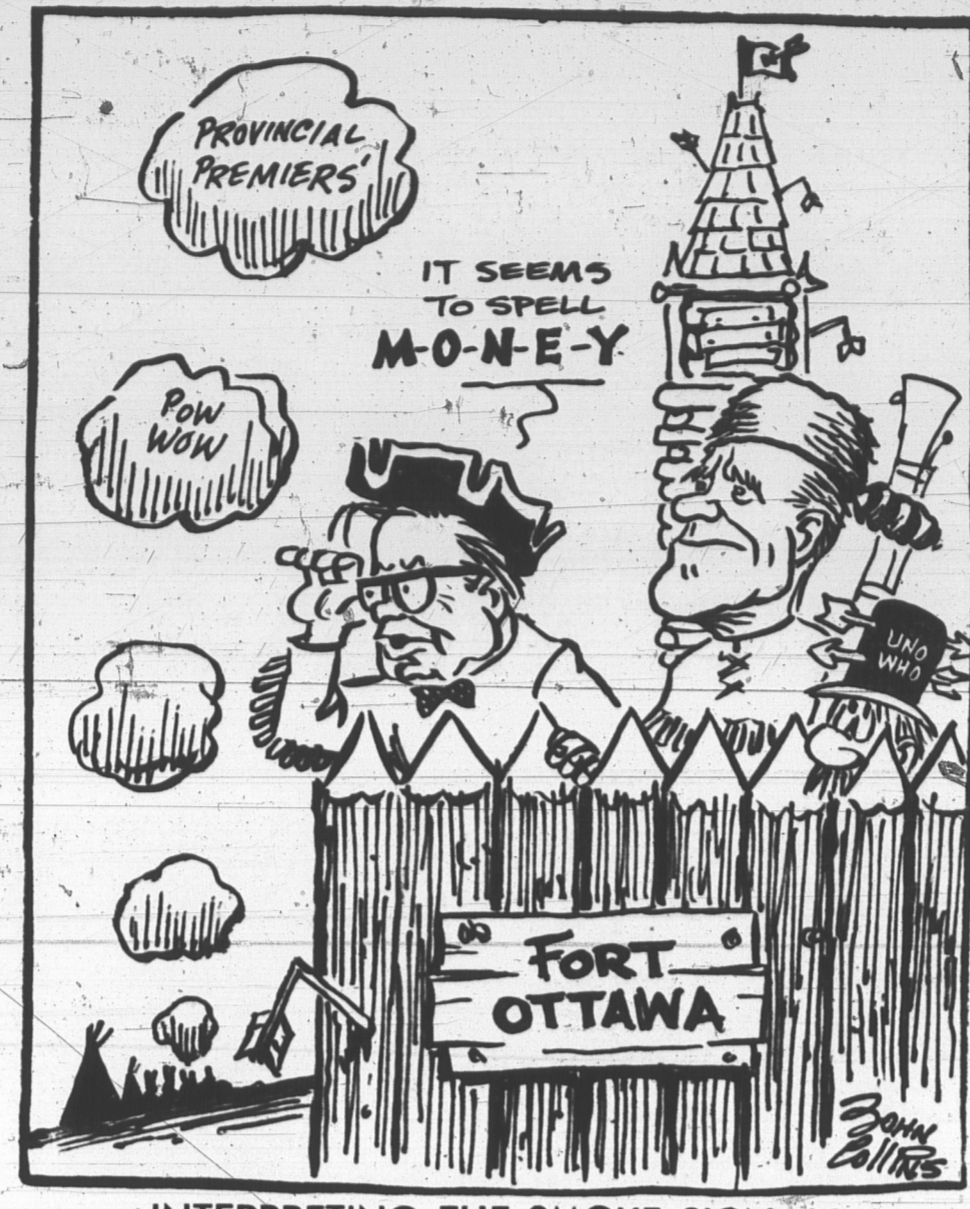
Across the Prairies the 1966 crop is ripening and, at the moment, it looks like a good one. Everyone will be hoping that present hopes are fulfilled, for the Prairies are going to have to raise large crops each year from now on if Canada's wheat customers are to be served.

Status Of Teachers

Scheduled for adoption at the next UNESCO meeting in Paris in September is an international draft recommendation on the status of teachers. The draft aims to improve the lot of teachers worldwide. None of it will be legally binding on any nation, but it will lay out minimum standards recognized by the international community.

Among the many things it will suggest are that all teachers complete an approved course of study and that they be helped financially to do so; that teachers be urged, even helped, to travel widely at home and abroad and that periodically they be granted study leave on full or partial pay.

Other recommendations are to the effect that wives and mothers not only be urged to continue teaching, but that school systems arrange for baby sitting so they can; also that pay be raised to levels comparable with other occupations demanding like talents.



INTERPRETING THE SMOKE SIGNALS

Much Progress Since Munsinger Affair

Hon. Allan MacEachen, Minister of National Health and Welfare, writes today's Guest Column, pointing out that Parliament is doing a better job than some of its critics suggest.

It is perhaps human nature for a politician to view a guest column as an opportunity to turn the tables on his host. Parliament, and politicians generally, have become favourites of whipping boys for the pundits.

Some of our editorial writers and political pundits are wringing their hands and proclaiming that Parliament in its death throes, that it has undergone irreparable damage.

I disagreed with this assessment and predicted that Parliament was made of sturdier stuff than that time would prove the Cassandra's wrong.

My optimism and suggesting I was a fool to think that anything worthwhile could come out of the present Parliament. We haven't heard much recently from the political pundits but I think any objective observer must concede that the 27th Parliament has come a long way and accomplished a great deal since the Munsinger diversion.

Our Yesterdays (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 17, 1941) The Red Army has withdrawn from Nikolae, Black Sea naval base and industrial centre.

legislation in many fields processed. In addition, there have been debates, of a very high quality, indeed, on such things as capital punishment and the war in Vietnam.

And of course, members at times will be inclined to approach issues in a partisan fashion; this is unavoidable in a parliamentary system based on political parties.

There are not many second and third generation welfare households across the country.

DISSENTING VIEW Sir,—"Hospital Board considers merger." What a horrible idea! Must we always have experts brought in from outside?

TV OUTLET Sir,—"In reference to recent reports regarding a new television outlet for this province. I am delighted and hope it will happen."

SEES TRUSCOTT KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—Steven Truscott was visited in Collins Bay penitentiary Monday by his lawyer, Arthur G. Martin of Toronto, who is preparing his case for a Supreme Court of Canada review into Truscott's conviction for murder.

Of course, there is time wasted in Parliament and there always will be; this is one of the prices we pay for democracy and it's a very small price, indeed.

Hard Core Cases Problem Toronto Star It will be a tragedy, an expensive one, if the federal government's plan to assist the provinces in trying to free hard-core welfare families from the psychological bondage in which they live fails because of public misunderstanding.

Blindness at Birth Mrs. L.L. writes: When can blindness in a newborn be diagnosed?

Today's Health Hint—Sunburn is easier to prevent than to treat.

Dollar Was Solid Thing Ottawa Journal Four years ago Ottawa hummed with the excitement of the "dollar crisis." The Conservative Government had set the dollar value at 92 1/2 cents U.S.

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Methods Of Keeping Cool

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen EVERY summer we are asked how to keep cool when the thermometer hits 100 degrees.

Air conditioning may be the answer to problems in our living quarters, factories, offices, and stores but the majority of us have little inclination to re-arrange our lives in our spare time.

Appropriate clothing will help us bear the heat better. The material should be light in weight and color as well as porous and loosely fitted to permit aeration and ready evaporation of sweat.

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Summer Heat Waves

This year's dog days have a sharper bite than usual. Since July 3, the traditional start of the dog days, much of the United States has sweltered in continuous 90-plus and 100-degree temperatures.

Instead of worrying about mad dogs and other odd legends, dangers of the season present-day Americans are concerned about power failures caused by overloading of air conditioners.

Those without air conditioning follow the advice given 2,800 years ago by the Greek poet Hesiod: "When Sirius parches head and knees, and the body is dried up by reason of the heat, then sit in the shade and drink."

BRIGHT DOG STAR Sirius is the name of the brightest visible star—28 times brighter than the sun. Its clear blue-white light marks the constellation Canis Major, "the Greater Dog," so Sirius became known as the Dog Star.

The Greeks and Romans noted that Sirius rose with the sun at midsummer, the hottest time of the year. Thus the Romans called this period dies canicularis, or dog days.

Slow—children playing—is a sign that should be more common along New Brunswick highways. It is confined to residential areas now, but the tremendous increase in the number of motorcycles and autos in the hands of teenagers is putting a whole new complexion on the idea of children playing in the streets.

Tourism Needs Fair Dealing Moncton Transcript To develop tourism—to the maximum there is one sure way—to treat our visitors in a friendly, courteous and fair way.

ALPINISTS KILLED CHAMONIX, France (CP)—Lightning struck a group of alpinists, killing three and seriously burning two others on the Praignan glacier in the region of Mont Blanc Monday.

Likes Flamingos MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP)—Visitors to the Milwaukee zoo are taking a puzzled gander at a Canada goose which thinks it's a flamingo.

Supplementary Examinations GRADE XII Supplementary examinations in the subjects listed below may be written at Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown by students of Grade XII who have attained no less than 35 per cent in the June examinations.