

The Coming Session

The opening of the Legislature is always something more of an "occasion" in this Province than it is elsewhere in Canada, or at least we like to think so. The formalities are pretty much the same, and there is actually less fanfare than in some of the larger provinces; but we seem closer to our legislative representatives here where there are no large, sprawling constituencies, where the population is more homogeneous and where most of the members are known personally, not only to their constituents, but to a large proportion of our people generally.

More so than elsewhere, it is a family affair over which His Honour the Lieutenant Governor will preside briefly today. Though the good feeling thus engendered will not necessarily carry over into the subsequent proceedings, it does provide a cozy atmosphere in which to embark upon the serious business of law making.

From the Throne Speech which His Honour will read we shall learn what the Government proposes in the way of important legislation for the session. As already intimated, new acts covering provincial civil servants and trade unions are likely to be introduced, along with legislation for the promotion of industrial development, and numerous minor amendments to existing acts. Also expected is a report from the Royal Commission on Electoral Reform, which was appointed at the last regular session.

While it is not expected that the Speech will be as long as last year's, when it ran to forty paragraphs, there will be enough in it, doubtless, to keep the debate going briskly for some days and to give both sides an opportunity either of pointing with pride and satisfaction to the Government's achievements and intentions, or with alarm to its sins of omission and commission.

That's the traditional pattern which the opening debate takes, after which the House will get down to its real legislative chores, until the Budget is introduced, and formal debate is again the order of the day. The procedure is cut and dried; but what makes the spectacle interesting are the variations that crop up at every session, both in subject matter and in the manner in which the members speak their pieces. Every session has its own tone and tempo, and its own surprises; which is one reason why galleries are provided for spectators and for the press.

Since the last regular session the Opposition leader, Mr. Matheson, has been strengthened in his position by the indorsement he received at his party's leadership convention. This is important, because Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition has responsibilities just as vital, in their way, as the Government's in the affairs of a democratic parliament. It can only discharge them properly when it has unity in its own ranks.

Maritime Winter Ports

A New Brunswick Senator, Hon. Neil MacLean, has taken objection to Canadian taxpayers footing the bill for federal icebreaking services provided in the St. Lawrence River for the benefit of private shipping companies. His contention is that if these private companies need icebreakers they should pay for the service themselves. The Atlantic Provinces have ports open twelve months of the year, and any ice that does accumulate in these harbors can be much more easily and

quickly cleared away than the thick ice which clogs the St. Lawrence during a large part of the winter.

In the past, the Atlantic seaports of Saint John and Halifax have depended upon winter shipping for the peak of their port activity. Moreover, the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways have customarily transported thousands of tons of sea traffic during the winter through Maritime ports. The stepped-up activity of federal icebreakers in the St. Lawrence is hurting waterfront employment in Canada's Atlantic ports and altogether is doing a severe economic injury to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

We strongly indorse Senator MacLean's contention that subjecting the taxpayers of these seaboard provinces to a share of the federal icebreaking service on the St. Lawrence is both unnecessary and unfair. While this Province is not directly concerned in the matter, we are concerned indirectly in the business of our Atlantic winter ports. We would expect our neighbors in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to go to bat for us under similar circumstances, and we believe that this is a case where the much talked-of principle of Atlantic unity could well be put into action.

The Moncton Transcript has urged that all Maritime parliamentarians should unite in this case in demanding that the position of our two principal ports be protected from future detriment. This should not be a partisan matter, and we suggest that our own Island representatives at Ottawa give it serious consideration. The Government, doubtless, is under pressure in making this concession to St. Lawrence River interests, and a strong Maritime reaction would perhaps be welcomed in enabling it to take a firmer stand. At any rate, we see no reason why the case should go by default, or why our own support, for what it is worth, shouldn't be given to those who are endeavoring to maintain the business of our natural winter ports.

A Phoney Issue

Liberal Leader Pearson is reported to have renewed his party's charges at Ottawa that the Government has been violating its obligations by authorizing the export of strategic goods to Cuba. We are surprised that Mr. Pearson, who knows better, should lend his support to this mischievous campaign.

As a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Canada is obligated not to export to Communist countries certain types of military supplies, machinery and the like; and no evidence has been produced that Canada has violated this agreement in any of the goods it has shipped to Cuba.

There is, however, a second and purely Canadian list drawn up under the Export and Import Permits Act of 1954, of goods for which an export permit is required. It is much wider than the NATO list, including not merely strategic materials in the ordinary sense, but anything which the Government may wish to control in order to ensure an adequate supply in Canada. Opposition spokesmen have discovered that permits have been given to export some items on this list, and this is the basis of their charge that the Government is secretly arming Communists.

The Liberals haven't said they want a complete embargo on Cuban exports. Indeed, they maintain that Canada needs more foreign trade. There was general agreement, as Prime Minister Diefenbaker reminded the House last January, that so long as our trade with Cuba was in non-strategic materials there was no reason to interfere. No consideration, he stated, has been given to any change in this policy; and this is how the situation stands today. The only difference is that an election campaign is drawing nearer, and every issue, however phoney, is being canvassed, in one quarter or another, for its vote-catching possibilities.

EDITORIAL NOTES

According to the Canadian Heart Foundation, 50 per cent of all deaths, each year, are the result of some form of heart disease. There is, further, the awesome figure of 1,400,000 Canadians who today have some form of heart disease, of whom more than 350,000 are seriously disabled, and of whom 75,000 are children



TO KEEP IT FROM SPREADING

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Mr. Savigny's Faux-Pas Defended

The Hon Pierre Savigny, associate minister of National Defence, was invited to address the annual meeting of the Quebec Association of Architects in Montreal early this month. That cabinet minister was sufficiently appreciative of his learned hosts to deliver a very profound speech. Unlike the average banquet speaker who says little in many words, Mr. Savigny packed many ideas into a mere 3,000 words.

Among the many points of major concern to Canadians which he reviewed were nuclear warfare, the spread of communism, counter-propaganda and international trade. He persuasively reasoned that a link may exist in solving these worries.

If we can open up foreign markets for two-way trade, Mr. Savigny pointed out, we will not only maintain our own prosperity by selling our immense surplus production; we will help out new trading partners by buying their materials in return and also reveal to them the attractions of our democratic way of life.

Few Canadians will argue against the urgency to expand our foreign trade. All will welcome the novel concept that this could also serve as powerful and needed free world propaganda.

CONSTRUCTION BOOM Praising Canada's domestic development, Mr. Savigny revealed that government experts have forecast that 600,000 new homes may be built in Canada during the next four years. This would indicate a boom for the industry which directly and indirectly employs more Canadians than any other. Our home-builders have never before attained this huge volume.

PUBLIC FORUM

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SENATE VACANCY

Sir,—Through the medium of your Public Forum, I would like to advance the name of Mr. Frank Myers, our Conservative member for First Queens, as candidate for the Senate vacancy caused by the death of the late Hon. George Barbour.

I believe Mr. Myers qualifies for this seat in the House of Senate.

Firstly, in recognition, not only for his services the last two terms as our representative in 1st Queens, but also for the great work done by him on behalf of the party down through the years prior to taking his seat in the Legislature.

Secondly, in recognition of the Myers family's "staunch Conservative record."

One recalls the great contribution made to the political life of the province by his late beloved father, The Hon. John H. Myers, not only as a member of the Island Legislature and government but also as a member of the Federal Parliament.

Mr. Frank Myers, M.L.A. is not only deserving in recognition of his services, but his grasp of provincial and federal issues qualifies him for a top priority rating when the position of the Senator is being considered.

I am, Sir, etc.

VOTER, Charlottetown.

political and newspaper critics focused on just 14 words: "in the past six months communist governments have taken over British Guiana and Ecuador." With a great howl heard across Canada, parliamentary time and newspaper were frittered on what was perhaps a diplomatic faux-pas, yet was a certainly supported by facts, and was in no event a matter of domestic political concern. Liberal and N.D.P. M.P.s criticized Mr. Savigny for that presumed note, but none referred to his very real nugget suggesting a housing boom. Newspapers likewise rated it more important to Canadians that Mr. Savigny be chided for his reference to Communism in two small Latin-American countries.

Closing The Space Gap

By Harold Morrison, Canadian Press Staff Writer

John Glenn's successful triple orbit of the globe is likely to lead to a sharp intensification of the United States space effort.

American space men needed a victory to lift their spirits and they got it. But as rocket designer Werner von Braun commented: "This is just the beginning."

Russia still has the lead in rocket propulsion and accomplishment although the Glenn shot has narrowed the gap.

President Kennedy has lamented Soviet lead but he is determined to close the gap not so much because of the Russian-American race for the moon as for the military potential space offers to the power that masters it first.

FEAR BLACKMAIL Top American military leaders have informed The Canadian Press that the ability to operate in space with men and nuclear weapons is a crucial top-priority need. Every effort must be bent in that direction.

But the U.S. military effort in space can only go as fast as its scientist can take it. The American military fear is that Russia may get there first and may use her domination of space to blackmail the West with a threat of nuclear extermination.

Now Glenn has demonstrated that the U.S. has gathered the technical ability and equipment to orbit the earth successfully. He also has demonstrated, in a small, preliminary way, that man can think, live and operate in space for short periods. Yet to be demonstrated—either by Russia or the U.S.—is whether man can operate in space for long periods, say, for weeks or months.

Cold War & Hot Cup Coffee

New York Times

The college students who picketed the White House this week-end may have been wrong in their beliefs about how best to insure peace. But the fact that they felt strongly enough to come to Washington and urge more intensive efforts by the major powers to ward off atomic war is a healthy sign.

President Kennedy made it plain that he did not believe the placards the youngsters carried telling him what to do about fall-out shelters and nuclear tests represented a personal affront or a challenge to government stability.

He sent out some piping hot coffee to warm the marchers and designated three of his key advisers to meet with a student delegation. The meeting seems to have gone a good deal better than one at the State Department, where the students felt they were treated as errand children.

LITTLE APPETITE We have little appetite for government by demonstration, having seen too much of its evil consequences abroad. But the exercise of the right of petition, as practiced in the cause of peace by the undergraduate demonstrators, is a long way from the kind of mass coercion that undermines democratic process.

The students who worry about are not those who have sufficient depth of conviction to stand for something—even a something with which we disagree—but those who do not care about anything.

There was a time when student unrest focused on such common issues as the choice of a new football coach, or an im-

High Cholesterol Theory Unproved

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen FEBRUARY is the month to open your heart and give when the heart association calls. Conquering heart disease may not mean a triumph over the flesh but your outlook on this cause of death could be optimistic.

Who could wish for a more pleasant way to slip out of this world than that of a lord justice of England who died at age 94 of a heart attack, having just landed a large salmon.

What we are more concerned about is the heart disease that kills or disables children and young adults. This means the prevention of congenital defects and rheumatic fever. Cardiac surgery has much to offer the victims of these conditions but we have just scratched the surface so far as doing away with them completely.

Prevention or control of the degenerative diseases of the heart is another story. Success along this line depends upon our ability to keep the arteries from hardening or becoming obstructed by clots. This is the crux of the cholesterol controversy being aired today.

This fatty substance produces atherosclerosis in the arteries in laboratory animals. In addition, 80 per cent of all coronary victims have too much cholesterol in the blood. But there is no proof that lowering the level prevents heart attacks or reverse the arteriosclerotic process in man.

Tissues degenerate rapidly when the circulation is reduced to critical levels. The best we can hope for is to delay the hardening process so that the arteries will continue to supply the tissues with nourishment over a longer span.

A delay of one decade, for example, will add another 10 years to life. But this is only part of the story. The heart and other organs will be in better working order so that the added decade can be lived with pleasure and vigor. In addition, if we can ward off arteriosclerosis 10 years, why not 20 or 30? The aging process is complicated, with many facets. But we can add years to our life by following a few simple rules.

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

GUILT FEELINGS

P. R. writes: After going to a party where I have taken several drinks, enough to make me mildly intoxicated, I spend the next day not only with a hangover but with vague fears about everything. I become so nervous I'm afraid to drive or be driven and have to confine myself to the house. How can you explain this reaction?

REPLY

Many people find the feeling of guilt or fear following a drinking bout more disturbing than the hangover.

LOWERED PRESSURE

F. K. writes: What would cause a 53 year old woman's blood pressure to drop? I was 120 for years but am now down to 102.

REPLY

Blood pressure levels vary considerably and both of these readings are within the normal range. The blood pressure may fall after a heart attack but this woman ought to have the reading repeated before delving into the problem further.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT

So-called whisky nose has many origins.

The Age Old Story

Now unto him that is able to pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(February 22, 1937)

THE BRIT TAKING THE SHORT Course at Prince of Wales College have Miss Jean Rodd for their supervisor in cooking, and Miss Louise Hazard assistant.

Handicrafts, Miss Mary Macdonald; home nursing, Miss Mona Wilson; singing, Miss Lillian MacKenzie. Lectures are given from time to time on various other interesting subjects.

Miss Nan Lightizer of Charlottetown and Miss Eileen O'Brien of Emsdale, have been chosen as representatives of Mt. St. Bernard's Academy, Antigonish, N.S., at the Model League of Nations debate at Dalhousie University this week.

Each has to give a five minute talk on some aspect of neutrality.

TEN YEARS AGO

(February 22, 1952)

A snowmobile driven by the owner, Wendell Rogers, 5 u.m. emergency call from the new hospital in Tyne Valley late last night, where blood was urgently needed to save a patient's life.

It is understood that another snowmobile from the Tyne Valley area was heading east to meet the snowmobile from Summerside.

York Y.P.U. scored a success with their Valentine social and weighing party, held in the Community Hall, Feb. 13. A special feature of the evening's entertainment was a dancing number by the Cornwall High School Dancers, under the direction of Mrs. Gordon MacMillan.

The committee in charge of the social was Mrs. A. Swain, Mrs. and Mrs. Parker Jewell, Miss Catherine Wood and Rev. J. Douglas.

Proviest in the food in the college cafeteria, or whether the administration was right in banning blue jeans in the classroom

NOTES BY THE WAY

When a neighbor's little girl was taken to the drive-in Theatre for the first time, she asked, "How much will it cost?" "Don't worry," her daddy assured her, "you're free." "No, I'm not," she quickly replied, "I'm four." — Montreal Star.

In business, a live wire can be counted on to shine brightly, especially if he has the right connections. — Galt Reporter.

The Health League of Canada says that opposition to pasteurization of milk has not yet disappeared. That makes the fight against fluoridation of water less surprising. — Ottawa Journal.

The really big noises in the business world are those who are usually smart enough to keep quiet. — Windsor Star.

According to a judge, sparing the rod is one reason for juvenile delinquency. In the old days, parents used to thrash things out. — Chatham News.

An Echo Of War Dogs

Chatham Daily News

Although it is now more than 16 years since World War II was ended, the British government still has facing it outstanding claims for war damage which would cost it nearly 120 million dollars. In a government white paper in which this figure appears, it is stated that uncertainty about development plans and intentions of local authorities is a major reason for owners of damaged property not making repairs and claiming the compensation which is owing to them.

World War should begin outstanding repairs at once. If they cannot do so the government feels the owners of the damaged property should become entitled to a value payment instead of the current cost of repairs. A value payment is based on depreciation of value due to unrepaid war damage.

Those who own war damaged property, however, still have plenty of time to do the repairs as far as Canadian standards are concerned. It is pointed out that the work "must be completed within a limited period, generally four years from the date on which the new Act will come into force." The new Act has not yet come before Parliament.

Some months ago, the government announced its intention of winding up the existing War Damage Payments Scheme, and the claims are coming in. It is felt that the owners of property damaged in the Second

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