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Conservative Victory

The fresh mandate which the Shaw Government sought from the people of this Province was accorded it yesterday, and it will now be able to carry on with its program of expansion on which it appealed chiefly for support. Bulking large in this program is resources development, for which the Government expects to receive \$1,500,000 from Ottawa within the next three years, and which will include the establishment of more processing units, large and small, and the provision of more jobs for our young people.

This program, along with increased educational facilities, road building and agricultural development, was emphasized particularly in the Conservative campaign. There were specific pledges, too, with regard to the abolition of hospital insurance premiums, and the payment of compensation to grain growers unable to harvest their crops because of wet weather.

The Liberals set forth a tempting program of their own, and made a vigorous campaign on it. Though they failed to defeat the Government, they did succeed in cutting down its majority in the last House and will have a strong opposition contingent when the next session is called.

Premier Shaw was undoubtedly the biggest asset the Conservatives had in their appeal to the voters. The zeal which he put into the campaign, after his recent serious illness, won the admiration even of opponents. He had a right to emphasize, as he did, his achievements during his brief spell in office. Nor was it necessary for him to recall—for it is well remembered—his outstanding career as Deputy Minister of Agriculture and his intimate association with our farmers and their problems in that connection. Indeed, the Premier is on the way to becoming a "father image" to the younger generation in our rural areas. When he steps down, it is an understatement to say that his place will be extremely hard to fill.

Difficult, too, it will be to replace Mr. McQuaid as Provincial Treasurer, whose defeat yesterday was the worst single casualty the Conservatives sustained. One good result of a quiet campaign is that there will be fewer recommitments to rattle in the minds of the participants. Now that it is over, let us hope that they will be forgotten altogether and that our newly elected legislators, on both sides, will get down to the serious business of serving their constituencies.

A Plea For Charity

The Winnipeg Free Press expresses some concern at the way members of Parliament are getting a bad name these days as toppers, playboys and general incompetents. Its reference is to the reports of travelling newspapermen, that Canada's delegates to the NATO parliamentary conference in Paris knew little about the subjects discussed, and seemed more concerned with having a good time.

No doubt, says the Free Press, some of the delegates visited Paris night spots to the detriment of their work next day. But has there yet been a delegation to Paris that didn't? It takes exception, too, to a criticism of Mr. John Pratt, a former MP, that in Parliament it itself some members lack the ability to handle their jobs properly and spend their time drinking and playing cards in some remote member's office. There are 265 members, and it would be surprising if there were not a few delinquents among them.

"As for drinking and card-playing," says our Winnipeg contemporary, "Mr. Pratt was a member of Parliament in which there were more than 200 government members. Apart from attending to the needs of their constituents, there was practically nothing for many backbenchers to do. Months would elapse between opportunities to make a speech. Committees in which they might be interested were, in many cases, filled. Not unnaturally they turned to other pursuits out of sheer boredom and frustration."

The Free Press maintains that there is "much less of that sort of thing in Ottawa today where the House is fairly evenly divided and there is enough work to keep most members busy." This is a charitable way of looking at it, anyway; and at this pre-Christmas season who wants to be unkindly censorious? Parliamentarians, like the rest of us, are human. Some have more frailties than others; but these shouldn't, in the public mind, be allowed to hide the virtues of the many. And we shouldn't need to be reminded that some of our greatest parliamentarians of the past—whom we dignify now with the name of statesmen—weren't precisely saints when it came to shunning the allurements of the flesh.

New "Home" For Bach

We note from a recent news release from West Berlin that even Johann Sebastian Bach is subject to the harsh facts of a divided Germany, and that more than 200 years after the death of this towering genius in the realm of sacred music the plan of issuing a complete edition of his life work is endangered by political animosities. The two large Bach Institutes in Leipzig and East Berlin are no longer accessible to western musicologists; they have ceased to exist as independent institutions, and have been degraded by the Communists to the rank of mere archives. Endeavors have been made for some time in Western Germany to establish comprehensive archives and a research institute closely connected with them, which would concentrate on scientific study of the work and life of the composer. Ten years ago the spadework was commenced at the university city of Goettingen, in Lower Saxony, and recently a new research centre devoted to Bach's work has been commissioned there.

One of the main tasks facing this centre is a new and complete edition of Bach's works. Twenty volumes have already been completed. Musicologists all over the world have enthusiastically welcomed this edition, which is precisely modelled on the engravings of the first edition, and also contains less well-known pieces for organ and piano. Another ten volumes will be edited and published during the next few years, including several volumes devoted to Bach's instrumental music.

Music circles express the hope that, perhaps, one day, through the agency of this comprehensive new institute, a connection might be re-established with the Leipzig archives, for it is there that very important music scores and first editions are filed. At present, however, the prospect is about on a par with the chances of obtaining a nuclear test ban agreement at the Geneva conference stage.

EDITORIAL NOTE

We haven't reached this stage yet, but in the United States election campaigning is becoming so costly that it endangers democracy. Political parties become debt ridden and thus dependent upon large individual contributors and organizations which too often have axes to grind. This is the finding of the Citizens' Research Foundation of Princetown University, which has just completed a report on the financing of the 1960 U.S. election. It is estimated that \$175 million was spent by all parties at all levels. The corresponding figures for 1952 and 1956 was \$140 million and \$155 million. A major factor in the cost today, it is emphasized, is the increased use of television.

Our Yesterday's

(From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 11, 1937) The great strain in modern passenger equipment as compared with the early days of railroading was commented upon by one of Montreal's oldest newspapermen, H. C. G. Webster, in a column in the Canadian National Railways operating between Montreal and Halifax.

A panel discussion on international goodwill was featured in the Sunday evening show service in Zion Church. Speakers were Stewart High, Maurice Trainer and Frank Storey. George Hart was discussion leader. Rev. G.C. Webster emphasized the church's role and closed the meeting with benediction.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 11, 1952) Mr. Charles H. Moore, C.E. St. John's Newfoundland, as past director of Rotary International and former District Governor, was guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the local Rotary Club held at the Charlotte-Town Hotel last evening. The meeting, which was designed primarily to honor International Director, Percy W. Turner, was attended by over 100 Rotarians.

Ottawa, Dec. 11 (CP)—Two young Canadian farmers from Prince Edward Island and the other from Manitoba, have won scholarships entitled them to six-month courses in agriculture in the United Kingdom. The winners are William Cairns and Frederick Curran, and Herman Arason of Glenboro, Man. They will study at the Nuffield House in London.



THE BACK-SEAT DRIVERS

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

The Cost of Getting Into Parliament

How much does it cost to get elected to Parliament? And is it a profitable financial transaction? These two questions have been raised in the wake of a federal general election once again, as the required reports by candidates are made available in the House of Commons. 105 men and women entered their names as candidates in last June's election. So far approximately four out of five among them have complied with the law in reporting how much was spent in their respective bids to get elected. 196 candidates have not yet submitted the report required by law; these included, as the N.D.P. spokesman Stanley Knowles was quick to point out in the Commons, two defeated Conservative candidates, one of whom has since been appointed to the Senate. Of the 196 candidates, 122 of these candidates expended over \$20,000 each in their bids to obtain a year's pay of \$10,000, but costs anything from \$8,000 to \$20,000. In other words, those candidates who expended in excess of \$20,000 in an endeavour to gain a position worth at most \$10,000 per year after expenses, for a maximum of five years. CRAZY! Real Caouette, the firebrand spellbinder who leads the Social Credit party in Quebec, was a prime target for the Liberals. Their candidate charged with the job of beating Caouette and keeping him out of Parliament was Denis Pilon. He did not succeed in his mission, but he carried a transfery fee by being the most lavish spender in the election. He expended, according to those incomplete figures, the sum of \$29,274 to get elected. He then lost to the Real Caouette spite to beat him.

'Alibi Time' At The U.N.

By Joseph MacSwiney Canadian Press Staff Writer

One delegate remarked that "alibi time" has once again arrived at the United Nations—the time when many countries are in a hurry to get out of refusing to pay their share of peace-keeping costs.

Observers feel that some of these countries merely deflected imposing and involved legal arguments to justify their political positions rather than to defend principles in which they were sincerely interested. "Burma's U Thant, in one of his first acts as full-fledged secretary-general, has urged the UN cannot survive as an effective instrument unless members lay out the battle East, West and help pay the \$120,000,000 peace-keeping deficit in the Congo and the Middle East. PROSPECTS DIM But prospects remained dim when the Soviet Union and France announced they would not be returning to the \$10,000,000-a-month Congo effort. It is not hard to see why. Other countries—out of a total UN membership of 110—were in a delinquent on Congo.

Both Russia and France were the late secretary-general Dag Hammarskjöld illegally decided what countries should serve in it—again the duty of the Security Council—thus putting the whole affair on an illegal basis.

The Fast And Phony Buck

As counterfeiting is an ancient though not an honourable art, money is probably here to stay. But it is surprising to learn that in Canada there is a counterfeit industry which is growing as largely increased fourfold. According to George B. McClelland, deputy commissioner of the RCMP, the amount recovered (meaning spotted in circulation) from a counterfeit currency of lawbreakers rose from \$132,464 in 1960 to \$294,078 in 1961. \$294,078 is the first ten months of 1962.

"Maybe it just happened this time," said the police officer. "The 'bad paper' artists right after they had printed large quantities of money, and now McClelland's statement that counterfeiting is becoming a big business, and that it is not a dishonest, he says, are so longer required.

Some years ago the Bank of England found a remedy which Canada might look into. Every British bank note now has imbedded in it a narrow paper-thin silver of metal. This device is said to have driven the counterfeiters out of business.

Prevention of crime, as the RCMP chief says, is better than cure. Here is a simple method of preventing one form of anti-social defecation.

Footnote: Anybody accepting a counterfeit bill is stuck with the loss. There is no redress.

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Encephalitis Seen On Wane

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Bellen THE FURTHER ENCEPHALITIS epidemic has been on the decline since Aug. 19, and for practical purposes may be over by the end of October. According to an official Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) report, there were 455 cases during the period from July 1 to Oct. 23, but only 137 were reported. Laboratory tests and 73 had been presumptive laboratory confirmation. Not every statistic had been reported.

This is a common situation whenever an epidemic receives widespread publicity. Physicians and public health authorities don't take chances. They keep suspects under surveillance; during this period, these people are carried on the roster as having the disease so that the total number appears much greater than it is. The true extent of the epidemic comes known after the fire burns out and the ashes can be sifted from the ashes.

More than 630 birds were collected in the Tampa Bay area during the epidemic. Professor John Meisel estimates that the Conservative count of a recent report on infection with the Louisa encephalitis virus, the causative micro-organism in the human epidemic, but officials were unable to identify a single species of bird as the most likely source of the infection.

The laboratory also examined 12,000 mosquitos (another 12,000 were sent to the communicable disease center laboratories in Atlanta). Only 17 viruses were identified.

The public health department expects to maintain a close watch on the mosquito-bay area for several years. They will study several years of domestic and wild birds and mosquitoes for evidence of the St. Louis virus. The project will include a study of migration patterns of the birds that sojourn in that part of the country. Such a study would help to determine if it would not be a repetition of this epidemic.

Up to 500 cases of encephalitis are reported annually from all parts of the country. This does not mean that the disease is so long as the disease is not concentrated in a single area. (Dr. Van Bellen will be questioning on medical topics if it stamped, self-addressed envelopes to the following address: ONE-SIDED SWEATING J.M.C. writes: During warm weather the left side of my body sweats but the right side remains dry. Can you tell me why? REPLY: No, because this type of problem is not a medical area and testing. It may represent an inherent absence of sweat glands in certain areas or a disorder in the nervous system.

OLD VITAMINS S.A. writes: My friend's husband died 1 1/2 years ago. He always took a lot of vitamins and there were at least eight bottles left, which have remained in the refrigerator. She would like to know if they are safe if they are still used.

They should not be used, assuming the bottles have been sealed and the vitamins have not deteriorated. MIDDLE AGE J.W. writes: My sister and I argue about vitamins and she says the late forties and she says 60. What is your opinion? REPLY: Middle age should begin at 30, unless you happen to be so. But definitions vary and may accept the range from 50 to 70.

N.W. writes: Are any of the new freezing techniques for brain ailments of value in epilepsy? REPLY: No, because the cause of epilepsy centers around abnormal brain waves. The freezing technique is most useful in conditions such as Parkinson's disease, which the irritating focus is well localized in an area of the brain.

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