

First introduced to replace the old Prohibition Act, the Temperance Act (as it was then called) professed to limit the sale of liquor to one quart bottle per week. But it contained what appeared to be a deliberate ambiguity with respect to the authority of the Commission to issue special permits for social drinking purposes.

One clause, for example, entitled the applicant to purchase liquor "for the purpose named in the permit and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the permit, and of this Act, and the regulations." But the Act itself did not specify "the purpose named in" this particular type of permit, or the amount purchasable, and the "regulations" were interpreted as being such as the Commission should make with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. It was all pretty vague, and it has been left conveniently vague ever since.

One result was that for several years the clubs and organizations benefiting under special permit provisions sought as little publicity as possible, and indeed were quite unknown to a large proportion of the general public. Of late they have increased in number, have operated more openly, and have become more vocal; and of course the Southport Country Club case has thrown the issue wide open.

It is well that it should be thrown open. The law as it stands has been exposed as far as it presents a challenge to the government of the day, which can no longer be ignored. A challenge which it should act immediately—this time on a basis of equality for all classes of our people, and in accordance with the accepted standards of modern society.

Wide Of The Mark

That usually well-informed publication, "Letter-Review," issued weekly by the Review Company of Fort Erie Limited, surely got off on the wrong foot when it complained recently about the undue cost of the proposed Northumberland Strait Causeway. "Taxpayers in the other nine provinces, who would have to pay the major share of the cost if they were saddled with the scheme," it said, "is not enthusiastic about it." Mr. Diefenbaker made a promise to have the causeway built, but that was a campaign promise that no one outside of P.E.I. could have taken very seriously.

It was more than a campaign promise on Mr. Diefenbaker's part. It was a policy statement made by the Prime Minister of this country on the floor of the House of Commons. And it was preceded by the statement that the project had been found feasible both from the engineering and the economic standpoint. Which meant, of course, that the expenditure, amortized over a period of years, would represent a saving, not a waste, of the taxpayers' money.

"Letter-Review" editors would figure out the cost of maintaining the present CNR ferry service between Borden and Tormentine, plus the greatly increased cost involved in maintaining the service adequately in the years of heavier traffic to come, they would understand what Mr. Diefenbaker was talking about, and why the present Liberal government of Mr. Pearson is now pushing the project through its preliminary planning stages. This is not surprising, in view of the fact that it was the Liberals who proposed the scheme in the first place.

EDITORIAL NOTES

To keep on social welfare services today, comments an exchange, is merely to incur further costs tomorrow for prisons, hospitals, courts and other agencies of last resort—far more costly media to cater for society's mistakes and misfortunes.

In 1963 some 39,700 Canadians, men and women, emigrated to the United States and took up permanent residence. They were attracted by the better conditions of life in the United States, higher wages, and increased prospects. This loss is equal to paying to the United States a bonus of \$188,500,000, the cost to Canada of educating these emigrants that are leaving us.

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WINTER SCENE, BRIGHTON AREA

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Half A Century Of Distinguished Service

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The Alaska Panhandle

The Columbia River power project is going through. The fact that when the scheme was first mooted, suggestions were made that the "Alaska Panhandle" was a dead item in the negotiations. There remained a boundary dispute between the negotiators and the three American "jurists of repute." The three jurists of repute could see only the American side of the question. The two British negotiators, Lord Alverstone, their support to the American negotiator, and the award gave the disputed territory to the United States.

Public Inconsistent

Many people who are getting very tax conscious are inclined to raise a hue and cry when "school fees" is discussed. "Is such criticism justified?" MacDonald, chairman of the Branford Board of Education dealt with this question in a recent meeting. He said that most of the criticism was coming from a public that was inconsistent. "We have equipped our homes with every conceivable labor-saving device on the market, and we still have television sets. And then we wonder why we have to pay for school fees?"

PUBLIC FORUM

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PLANS AND DRIVEWAYS - Premier Shaw speaking to a farmers' meeting in Summerside last night. He is reported to have said that the people now not only request that roads be paved, but also that farm entrances or driveways. Most I ask Mr. Shaw where that does not when an electric typewriter appears on the education budget. "We should accept cultural centres, art galleries, symphony orchestras, drama societies and, yes, even television. And then we wonder why we have to pay for school fees?"

Protective Labelling

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen The federal hazardous substances act, passed in 1960; it is under the jurisdiction of the FDA. This law is aimed at protecting the consumer from products that are "toxic, corrosive, irritant, strongly sensitizing, flammable, or which generates pressure through heat, combustion, or other means. If it is capable of causing injury or illness to man."

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Refuses Humber Role

By Boris Miskew Canadian Staff Writer and a possible source of future diplomatic contact with France. The move by Taipei to break off relations with the Communist government of the P.R.C. has been met with a refusal to exchange diplomatic recognition if it meant that France would recognize both the Communist government and the Formosan regime as representatives of China.

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Busy, Expensive Seaway

A few weeks ago the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority announced with pride that 1963 had been a record year for traffic through the waterway. The heavy movement of troops to Russia was a factor in increasing the tension in the canal in 1963, with much more to follow in 1964.

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In a democracy no one must be allowed to feel himself to anyone else, says a pamphlet Guy, so only feelings of superiority are allowed—Peterborough Examiner.

Bad fortune may follow you all your days—but really, it is not that bad. You may be with you—30 a treat, Star.

The so-called "fresh" of Grade 12 is not to be solved by examinations alone. The real problem is to make the year a test of memory and a student's intellect.—Ottawa Journal.

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