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 "The strongest memory is weaker than
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APEC

That was a very fine—and, let us hope, profitable—discussion that representative members of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council engaged in at the annual meeting of the Maritime Provinces Boards of Trade. Perhaps they did not accomplish very much in the way of decision making; for, as Mr. Mann, the executive manager, reminded the gathering, it will take a great deal of hard work and much careful planning on the part of council members to bring about any great economic improvement in the four Provinces. Nevertheless, a good beginning has been made, and there is every reason to believe that the good efforts now being made will be sustained for the ultimate benefit of the whole region. Each Province has its own problems and its own special needs. The function of the APEC is to bring a common front to bear on these problems and needs, in the belief that what is good for one section is bound in the long run to have a broad impact on the general economic situation.

One very interesting point brought out in the discussion was the need for more reliance on local initiative and skill, and less on governmental subsidies of one kind and another. Governments can do a great deal—perhaps more than they are in the habit of doing—to encourage industrial and agricultural development; but any financial aid or technical assistance they can provide is no satisfactory substitute for fully mobilized resources of established industry and labour. "Running to the Government" for everything is as unwise as it is unrewarding.

Another interesting point raised was the need for many more facts concerning the strengths and weaknesses of the Atlantic region. The ascertaining of these facts will be a big job in itself, and until they have been acquired, tabulated, and properly appraised no great advance will be possible. This would seem to be one field in which the government departments, with their facilities for research, could be of real service to the Council.

Canada-U.S. Relations

The second annual Canadian-United States Conference recently held at Rochester, N. Y., so far as one may judge from reports, a great success. There is every reason to believe that delegates from both sides of the border left the conference with a feeling that it had been well worth while and with a better understanding of one another's particular problems, especially with respect to the administration of foreign policy, a subject in which there is considerable disparity as between the two countries. This was discussed at length; and the consensus seemed to be that the Canadian practice of requiring cabinet ministers to be members of Parliament is more conducive to good administration in the foreign policy field than is the American system which maintains a rigid partition between the legislative and executive branches of government.

However that may be—doubtless there is much to be said for both systems—it was brought out at the conference that Canadian officials in general are more familiar with American practices and usages than American officials are with Canadian procedures. One report says that when Dr. Francis Wilcox, chief of staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, addressed the conference, the Canadian delegates were able to discuss intelligently the points he raised; when, on the other hand, Donald Fleming of Canada spoke on various technical aspects of Canadian foreign policy, the American delegates found it very difficult to participate in the ensuing discussion. Whether this implies that the American way of doing things is less complex than the Canadian, or

simply that, man for man, Canadian officials are more politically astute, is, of course, a matter of opinion. But, since for good or ill, the two countries have to work side by side in many matters of foreign concern, it is only good sense that there should be mutual understanding of the techniques under which they operate. Which is just another way of saying that the annual Canadian-United States Conference serves a good and useful purpose. The University of Rochester is to be commended for sponsoring the idea.

The Cancer Fund Appeal

It is encouraging to be told by Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, President of the P. E. I. Division of the Canadian Cancer Society, that results of a nation-wide survey show that the people of this Province have a more comprehensive knowledge of the cancer problem than the people of any of the other nine Provinces. As Dr. MacMillan pointed out in a recent address, much of the credit for this state of affairs is due to Mr. MacInnis, educational director of the provincial organization, whose ability in that particular field of publicity has received high commendation from officials of the parent body. It is only right to add, however, that Dr. MacMillan himself is responsible for much of the good work that has been accomplished. His consistent and indefatigable labours in this field cannot be praised too highly. The fact that they are tied in with a busy general practice and a continuing schedule of public service in many forms does not obscure their altruistic character.

The figures quoted by Dr. MacMillan show that cancer is slowly but surely coming under scientific control. Each year sees new and better means of research. It remains high on the list of medical problems, however, and the need for public support is as great as ever. Once again, as in past years, all our citizens can be expected to give liberally to the annual appeal for funds to aid in this most important work.

Protecting Livestock

Many immigrants entering Canada bring with them meat and food products. Sometimes these are national delicacies for relatives in Canada or the food is to be eaten during the long train journey to their final destination and the immigrants are innocent of any wrongdoing. Unfortunately the virus of foreign diseases may be present in these meats and could be introduced in this manner into Canada. The final result might well spell disaster to our livestock industry.

And so officers of the Health of Animals Division, Canada Department of Agriculture, however much they may regret it, are forced to confiscate and destroy all such food. That such confiscations reach quite large quantities is shown from a three-day check at the port of Halifax in June when 41 immigrants brought 211 pounds of this illegal food to Canada.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There is something new under the sun, after all. A Dutch economist says that a narrow margin of idle workers is necessary for the full and uninterrupted functioning of the national economy. He figures that 3% of the total labor force should be unemployed at any given time.

Ever since the Voice of America started broadcasting to points behind the Iron Curtain the Russians have been doing their best to keep the messages out. They are still doing it; but since the Geneva meeting they have been rebroadcasting the messages over their own networks: "so that the people can understand it", said one official. The next thing we shall hear is that they have offered to improve the content of the messages.

This is the 15th anniversary of the fiercest day in the Battle of Britain. Hitler sent over 1000 bombers, each escorted by 5 fighters. 430 civilians were killed and 900 seriously wounded. Fires raged all over London. But 185 enemy planes were definitely destroyed; and, for the first time, so the records show, Hitler admitted that the British Air Force was far from defeat. While the attacks continued for some time, the day marked the beginning of the end. The planned invasion of England by sea was postponed indefinitely by order of the Fuehrer.



Welcome, Visiting Bottlers!

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed.

EXHIBITION FLAG

Sir,—Re the Public Forum letter from Mr. A. E. Macdonald, Nine Mile Creek, concerning the flag included in the photo of Premier Matheson opening the Souris Exhibition, your paper on Sept. 8th.

Mr. Macdonald was correct in saying the flag was flying upside down, but the Committee in charge noticed the error and later had it corrected. There was another large flag flown at the Souris Exhibition, but unfortunately the young lad, managed to place it correctly. It would appear to me that a large number of our young people are not aware of the history, the correct use of our flag and just what it really symbolizes. Some years ago I gave a talk before a Service Club on the subject: "The Flag—The Union Jack." While I do not pretend to be an expert on the matter, I believe there was considerable information contained in this paper and would be happy to supply a copy to any school in P. E. Island requesting same.

As soon as they are available I will also send a copy to Mr. Macdonald for his perusal and, I hope, his approval.

I am, Sir, etc.,
 J. BRENTON ST. JOHN
 Presiding Officer, Souris Exhibition
 Souris, P. E. I.

ISLANDERS ABROAD

Sir,—It was very kind of you to print the very accurate account of our return to Boston. Many of the boys here saw them and they come in to comment on them in friendly ways. One such person is the daughter of Mr. Ronald MacDonald of Charlottetown, about whom I sent some verse just prior to my recent visit to the Island. Many former Islanders keep in close touch with their old home events through your paper. This also applies to the many friends of John Gavin MacDonald, about whom the recent verse was published in a double issue. One of his old friends has the first verse I wrote in your paper on him in 1906, when I was about 16 years old. He still has it in his bill fold all tied together with tape.

When I visited Mr. MacDonald he was very happy about the latest verse. He is quite smart for such an old man and still sings his Gaelic songs with much feeling and clarity and truthfulness of tone and lyrics. He is a fine man!

The trip back was quite rugged through New Brunswick where it rained very hard right up to the Border. Many motorists pulled off the traffic lanes to wait it out because it slowed down the wipers to the point of usefulness. It was fortunate that we had a strong electric motor operating ours and we went right through to St. Stephens in sheets of rain with drops as big as hailstones.

Very heavy rain fell here prior to that. Most cellars were flooded and had to be pumped out by power methods. However, it is lovely now after a Labor Day week-end that was the cause of many deaths throughout the country.

I am happy to report the fine time we had on P.E.I. All the neighbors and friends were very kind. It makes it a real pleasure to visit the old home!

I am, Sir, etc.,
 PETER A. REILLY
 Boston, Mass.

The Age Old Story

Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

OTTAWA REPORT

Gargantuan Tax Bites

By Patrick Nicholson

Mr. Johnny Canuck is finding that her already shrunken dollar will stretch less than ever before, as she does her marketing this fall. Creeping inflation and hidden taxes are biting ever deeper into our valued but devaluing dollar.

The typical Canadian earning around \$1.55 per hour, or \$3,300 per year, with a wife and two young children, last year paid \$170 in personal income tax. His contribution to our four billion dollar plus federal budget nicked him less than three and a half dollars a week.

That's what he thinks. Personal income tax accounts for little more than a quarter of the huge revenue collected by the Federal Government. The balance comes from hidden taxes concealed in the price of almost everything we buy. And hidden taxes do not stop at the sales tax and the excise tax and import duties. Somewhere in the cost of every article we buy is a share of the corporation tax which the manufacturer, the distributor and the retailer all pay.

Just how much of our wage dollar is actually nicked for taxes has never been calculated. The typical Canadian mentioned above may blithely reckon that no more than a nickel is nicked from each dollar. My guess is that the true bill is somewhere between twenty cents and two bits.

Then on top of that the Provincial and Municipal governments each levy their toll.

EXPLORING THE TAX DOLLAR

The most widely-levied of these hidden taxes is the sales tax. This yields about one-fifth of the entire Federal government revenue. "The origin of this large revenue in terms of individual products is almost a complete mystery," says the Canadian Tax Foundation. That private detective in the field of taxation has set to work to uncover this mystery. It has come up with some revealing figures. In the year 1953, the Canadian Tax Foundation was entirely unable to trace 10 per cent or a huge \$66,000,000 of this tax revenue.



THORNY BUSH

Give water to the thorny bush. Though it may show no fruit, it binds the flesh and bone of earth.

By shady leaf and root, it cools the fever of the ground and guards the desert waste. Give comfort to the thorny bush. Outside of Eden placed.

Bring home each harvest in its time. And tally plum from pear. But never shun the fruitless one. Which other crop may bear. Not edible to air. —Charles Malam in the New York Times.

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There are no official statistics of this tax, so the survey of the remaining \$668,000,000 revenue which the Foundation could find was largely an intelligent estimate.

The biggest bite in sales tax is taken from the purchasers of clothing and personal effects. This amounted to about \$31 per average family.

The next largest bite falls upon the automobile industry. Motorists using private cars only paid some \$90,000,000 during the year 1953 in sales tax on new cars, parts, and gas.

The price of household furnishings and appliances bought during that year included \$76,000,000 in sales tax, which had to be paid by the manufacturers to the federal government.

Even soft drinks felt this bite. Together with candy and chewing gum, sales of pop netted the government \$17,000,000 in sales tax. This was only one million dollars less than the total of this tax levied on sales of distilled liquors. Beer sales accounted for a larger \$26,000,000, and this was exactly the same as the yield of this tax on tobacco products.

The tax, called the Manufacturers Sales Tax because it is imposed at the manufacturers level, not the retail sales level, was once described by a Minister of Finance as skipping essentials. Yet it falls upon such "luxuries" as coffee, margarine, tea, drugs, soaps and detergents. It collected \$35,000,000 from articles in these classes.

The Tax Foundation does not estimate the average bite made by this tax into the consumer's dollar. It amounts to 10 per cent of the factory price of a very wide range of products. This is possibly equivalent to nearly five cents on every dollar spent by the marketing Mrs. Canuck wherever she goes and whatever she buys. Some articles also carry on top of this the excise tax, while nearly every imported article carries the customs duty as well.

As these taxes are all levied at the manufacturers' or wholesale level, their effect is in nearly every case magnified by the distributors and retailers mark-up. The worst feature of the sales tax is that it is hidden; the second worst feature undoubtedly is that it costs the consumer anything up to \$2 for each dollar yielded to the Federal Government, through this mark-up pyramid.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.
CITRUS FRUIT SUPPLIED SUBSTITUTE FOR NEW DRUG.

Black eyes and other black and blue marks will no longer cause embarrassment, evidently, because of a new discovery.

A New York doctor has found a way to help the body resist bruises and clear them up quickly once they do occur.

Dr. A. Lichtman says the treatments are designed especially for athletes. In fact, many of those treated in the tests, he explains, were hit in Madison Square Garden, down the street from Manhattan's Polyclinic Hospital.

To Prevent Bruises

To thwart bruising, he suggests that athletes be given these treatments with hesperidin—especially in the meaty sections—

Used together, these derivatives from citrus fruit strengthen the capillaries, the smallest blood vessels in your body.

A bruise, you must understand, is mainly a mass of damaged capillaries which permit blood to leak into surrounding tissues.

Even if they are functioning well, capillaries will break under a heavy blow. However, Dr. Lichtman reasons, healthy capillaries will resist damage better than fragile ones.

Once bruises are caused, Dr. Lichtman advises an injection of the purified enzyme trypsin. He prefers to give the injection in the block as soon as possible after the injury. Although medical science doesn't know why, the trypsin speeds to the affected area and reverses the inflammatory process.

He reports that black eyes and other bruises suffered by boxers subsided in one to three days instead of the normal ten days to two weeks.

Immediate treatment is important. Once the black and blue coloring sets in, Dr. Lichtman says, treatment is ineffective.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

C. T.: I had my gallbladder removed about eighteen months ago. Three weeks ago I developed a "pin in my stomach, under my shoulder blades and in the right side. What do you think could be causing this?"

Answer: It is impossible to tell from the description given the cause for the pain.

Frequently, following the removal of the gallbladder, pains due to spasms of the bile duct may occur. It is possible that a stone may have formed in the bile duct.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

An authority on space travel states that the hardest part of a trip to another planet is getting the voyagers back again. If ever this problem also occurs in earthly journeys, and it usually solved by wiring home for money. —Edmonton Journal.

Stratford, Ont., staged a Shakespeare Festival this year and from Stratford, Ont., went emissaries who had part in successful Canadian productions, concerned that the Americans would outdo them. Their telegraphed report was a model: "Conn. can't; Can. can't." —Sherbrooke Record.

It is difficult to realize these days that "adventure" is not always associated with fast planes and automobiles. The spirit of adventure can be just as much a part of "slower" things—in sailing ships, in the years of research spent to conquer disease, or in that adventure open to us all: the acquiring of knowledge and understanding of the tumultuous and fascinating world in which we live.—Hamilton Spectator.

From Australia comes word the New South Wales Milk Board, after much study, has chosen eight cows as the "happiest, most personable, and the best adjusted" in the state. These blissful bovines are to be the stars in a "milky way" exhibition for children. To the many who are no more closely linked to the sources of milk than the milk bottles left on doorsteps, the revelation that cows can be "happy, etc.," might be startling. So great is the power of advertising a great majority would have said cows either are or are not "contented." —Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

Fifty cents per capita per year to develop the country's greatest resource—good brains! It almost makes one cringe for his government to think about it. Many countries with a fraction of Canada's resources and opportunities do better. Generous federal aid to universities would be our great chance to fulfill a basic need to democracy—that the best minds of the country be given every opportunity to develop, wherever they may be found. Federal aid, we believe, should be earmarked for the specific purpose of endowing bright young Canadians who can't find the where-withal to go to university. Our future development, in all fields, will depend about 75 percent on the employment of Canada's best intelligence. —Vancouver Province

Drunk or impaired driving should be heavily punished, but that is not the only kind of driving idiocy which merits harsh treatment. Persistent speeding or persistent reckless driving are almost as bad. In both those situations, in our opinion, repeated offenses should lead inexorably to good, long suspension of licenses, and mandatory, not discretionary, suspension. Insistence on proper driving these days is not a delicate game of patty-cake in which somebody's tender feelings need to be considered; it is a grim business in which the lives of others are constantly involved. —Calgary Herald.

Any parent with a teenage driver or drivers in the family knows the difficulty of keeping control of the family car. It is a problem on which parents need support of each other and perhaps of public officials. Some parents perhaps would welcome the backing of a law which ruled drivers of under 20 off the highway after 12 or 1 o'clock at night. This, however, would penalize many for the offenses of a few. If extreme proposals are to be averted, the answer must be sought first in driver training with an emphasis on safety, in resolute parental control, and in a sense of responsibility—which in this motor age has to be acquired early or else some privileges become too costly for society to sustain. Galt Reporter.

Old Montreal is to lose one of her main characteristics. The city council had decided that in a few years there will be no more of those exterior stairs in certain parts of the city. The ban will not apply to churches and government buildings where the staircases often have a certain beauty, but to those homes which continue to have a staircase for economy reasons. The outside staircases will be missed, not only by visitors who remember them as peculiar to Montreal but by the residents themselves. For they had long outgrown their first purpose as fire escapes. They also saved fuel by saving space inside the building, and they gave privacy to modest dwellings where the apartment-owner could enjoy his own entry to his premises. Every old city tries to treasure its idiosyncrasies. There will be many who will miss the jumble of staircases on an old Montreal street.—Vancouver Herald.

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