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Mr. Moore's Loss

The washing out of a dam is always a serious loss to the owner. It takes much hard work and considerable expense to replace it.

The loss of two dams at the Harvey Moore Sanctuary at Milltown Cross is of special public concern, in that the place has become widely known through Mr. Moore's practice interest in wild fowl conservation.

In view of Mr. Moore's great contribution to conservation, we believe that he is entitled to assistance from the Provincial Government, either by a direct financial grant or by loan of equipment and its operators.

Britain A Dying Lion?

Here, from a recent speech by Prime Minister Macmillan, are some timely reminders of the continued vitality, vigor and inventiveness of Great Britain:

"Our factories produce 70% more than before the war. In agriculture output is 60% higher. Since 1945 we have built nearly three million houses.

"One remembers Mr. DeBlois best for his warm human qualities, his invariable courtesy and deep attachment to Christian ideals. He set a great value on friendship and the social virtues, believing firmly that no man liveth to himself alone.

EDITORIAL NOTES

St. George's Day. Shakespeare born, 1564.

Ireland has lost her traditional distinction of having the highest ratio of vocations to the R.C. priesthood, Vatican statistics reveal.

The Newfoundland Federation of Fishermen is asking the Federal Departments of Fisheries and Trade and Commerce to set up a marketing organization similar to the Wheat Board.

Mr. Diefenbaker told the annual dinner of The Canadian Press that he enjoys editorials and cartoons even when they are critical of himself.

His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, has left for Rome to take up his duties as Pro-prefect of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.



GOLFERS AT GREEN GABLES

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HON. MR. DEBLOIS

Sir,—It was with the most profound sorrow that I learned of the passing of my good friend the Hon. George D. DeBlois.

The poet has said that only they who are truly good can be truly great and in reflecting upon the career of Hon. George DeBlois I am convinced that he qualified magnificently for this rigid criterion.

HEATH MACQUARRIE, M.P.

WEST RIVER CAUSEWAY Sir,—I was amazed when I read in the Guardian of April 12th, the answers given to Mr. Frank Myers by the Minister of Public Works.

He implies or states that the opening in the present bridge is only 30 feet, and that the causeway opening is to be 60 feet.

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Now let us take a look at fishing. Fishermen who are familiar with the methods employed in smelt fishing operations on this river, know that if anything is done which interferes with the natural ebb and flow of the water over a twelve hour span, it will sound the death knell of smelt fishing on this productive stream.

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OTTAWA REPORT

Ontario Liberal Convention

By Patrick Nicholson Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Ottawa: The Ontario provincial Liberals rebuffed their federal brothers at last week's convention by rejecting Hon. Walter Harris, the Federal's candidate for the provincial leadership.

Volume of water to be cleared through that 60 foot opening in the 6 hours that will elapse before the tide turns to the flow? And remember that the rate of flow must increase to the point that it will become a veritable maelstrom.

Frankly I am afraid that the speed of the tide would all but eliminate river traffic, except for a couple of short intervals, which would be advantageous only to very small craft of shallow draft or low over-all height.

Another fact that has been overlooked by the experts, is the relative effect of the position and depth of the opening (in the causeway) on the ebb and flow of the tide. Where the present channel is up to approximately 40 feet deep, the bottom of the artificial opening will be about on a level with the mud flats, and it will be surfaced with concrete to prevent erosion.

Let us take a look at what might transpire, if a fishing boat or a pleasure craft of about 4 foot draught approaches the opening from down stream at low water. He will find insufficient water to float him through, but this set back will be remedied after a wait of 2 or 3 hours.

Therefore you can see that the period allowed for river traffic is very brief and of course even that is entirely contingent on the assumption that the rate of flow will be no barrier to such traffic.

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Mr. Harris won many friends and admirers here in past years, as a straightforward and frank Minister of Finance, who put the needs of the national economy ahead of party advantage.

FOR THE LIFE OF WHOM? Now the interesting point is, what happens to that gift of \$6,000 a year for life, which the Liberal Party bosses offered to Walter Harris or Paul Martin, if either of them would move into the provincial field to assume the leadership?

A similar offer was made for remaining areas where oysters can be propagated.

In support of this contention, let me cite as proof, the fact that ocean going square rigged ships were built and launched at Bonshaw, and sailed down the river from there less than eighty years ago.

I referred earlier to the necessity of consulting "qualified" engineers in this matter, as I am afraid that this was a requirement that was sadly overlooked when "expert" advice was secured prior to the beginning of this project.

Is it too late yet to drop this absurd project, and substitute instead a steel span which was the substance of the dreams and hopes of the sponsors of this project a decade ago?

Dunedin, P.E.I. J.A. BERRIGAN

Eyes May Often Signal Trouble

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. So closely are our eyes related to the rest of our bodies that they are affected by almost every known disease.

They are, in effect, the barometers of the human system. Often, the eyes will signal trouble in some other portion of the body even before it can be detected in a general physical examination.

I've told you previously about some of the body illnesses which can be detected in the eyes. Now I'd like to discuss some others.

DROPPING EYELID If your upper eyelid droops, for example, it may point to a nervous disorder. If not checked, this disorder might weaken other muscles as well.

If the white of an eye is yellow, it might indicate the gallbladder is diseased.

The first symptom of goiter often is protruding eyeballs. And if the pupils are unusually small it may be an indication of morphine addiction, although I don't want you accusing your friends of being dope addicts simply because their pupils may seem smaller than yours.

DETECTS SERIOUS AILMENTS By studying the interior of the eye with an instrument called an ophthalmoscope, a physician or eye specialist may detect other serious ailments.

High blood pressure or hardening of the arteries of the body and brain might be indicated by twisted or narrowed blood vessels in the eye.

If the eye's blood vessels harden or hemorrhage, or if there is a fluid swelling of the retina and eye nerve, it may mean kidney disease.

INFLAMED OPTIC NERVE Sometimes a swollen or inflamed optic nerve indicates a brain tumor in the eye, it may mean there is cancer in some other part of the body.

All of which gives added support to a point which I have been trying to put across for years: Whether or not you wear glasses, you should have your eyes checked frequently, at least once every two years.

QUESTION AND ANSWER G.B.: I am 41. My nose is gradually becoming larger. It is forming lumps and looks somewhat purplish.

Answer: From your description you may be suffering from rhinophyma of the nose, which is due to a disorder of the oil glands of the nose. Usually a plastic surgeon can clear up this disease.

Mr. Lester Pearson if he would accept the Federal leadership, according to information here. The purpose of this offer in both cases was to provide financial security for the leader and for his wife for life; the terms of the annuity being that the widow should continue to receive the full payment of \$6,000 per year for her life if she should survive her husband.

Mr. Pearson has evidently qualified for his annuity. Presumably Mr. Harris will not now receive an annuity, which may have been slightly less than that offered to Mr. Pearson—but will Mr. Wintermeyer, who beat him, receive it in his place?

Mr. Harris already qualifies for the maximum parliamentary pension of \$9,000 a year for life. Mr. Pearson so far has served in Parliament only long enough to qualify for a partial pension of around \$2,400 a year. He is believed to be entitled to a civil service pension of nearly \$5,000 a year from his 65th birthday in 1962.

Three Cabinet Ministers represented Canada at the opening of

NOTES BY THE WAY

OTTAWA: Now that the general election is ended, the normal business of the country is being resumed. One of the first items requiring study and action is the Dominion - provincial taxation policy.—Winnipeg Free Press

In India's northern province of Punjab the petty tax collectors are on strike. They want more money. The starting pay at the present time is 50 rupees a month (about \$12) and it might have been ample if there had not been a decline in the graft yield in recent years.—Hamilton Spectator

The biggest boom in five years has the Canadian cattle industry in its grip. Not since before the foot-and-mouth disaster have the cattlemen had it so good. The best barometer is the Calgary bull sale and, when the sale finished, prices realized this year, were, on the average, second highest in history.—Windsor Star

The Poets Corner

FLOWER SHOW

So much of beauty leaks away to spill Through the frail walls of our capacity.

In spite of eager heart, with will To catch the overflow; to imprint, Fringe and scallop, bell and plume—

Fuchsia shape — freesia perfume Pointed calyx, rainbow tint — In memory, later, only flashes tell

Of scenes caught in such leafy spell. Could searchlights of consciousness converge; Could we but know the inner urge Of seed, bursting the rigid pod: The thrust of rootlets pushing through,

Feel sweet relief of cooling dew, Then we might encompass masterpiece — A flower facing God!

—Alice Behrend in the New York Times.

the new parliament of our northern sister-nation, the federation of the British West Indies. External Affairs Secretary Sidney Smith, Trade Minister Gordon Churchill and State Secretary Elen Fairclough flew down to Trinidad to attend the ceremony performed by Princess Margaret.

Our official delegation did not fill the V.P. airplane for the flight to the West Indies so some seats were offered to journalists in the Press Gallery here. But while transportation was thus laid on, it was impossible to book hotel rooms for the week's stay in Trinidad, for these were far short of the need in the overcrowded little island during inauguration week.

Our diplomatic representative there was asked to do his best to provide beds for our six newsmen. With Canadian initiative, he came up with offers of the best sleeping accommodation available, mostly in private homes.

One journalist was primised a bed in the house of Father George Washington Jones, Bob Moon, of the Regina Leader-Post, never had it so good on the Prairies. He was to be accommodated in "Miss Smythe's Home for Girls." The representative of the Toronto "Daily Star"—hope that my globe-trotting friend Bob Taylor, formerly of Moose Jaw, won that enviable assignment in Trinidad—was tail-end Charlie on the roster. His sleeping quarters were officially described by the Department of External Affairs as "A bench in Lilly Park—for the time being."

Huge telescopes that will enable us to peer into the secrets of Mars are expected to be built soon. And what an eerie experience it will be if we see is another eye.—Winnipeg Tribune

Contact lenses now are available in different shades. Thus a woman may change the color of her eyes to match the color of her costume or mood. "It may offer a hint on whether to proceed with caution, stop, or go. Rose-colored lenses will be reserved for that special occasion."—Illinois Medical Journal

By refusing to let Ottawa put fluorine in its drinking water the private bills committee has put the Ontario legislature in a logically absurd position. Eight municipalities are now allowed to add the chemical to their water to protect their children's teeth, yet the same freedom is denied to others. If fluorine is harmful, then the legislature ought to outlaw its use by any municipality. But if fluorine is beneficial, then every city, town and village should at least be permitted to use it.—Toronto Star

The Age Old Story

God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(April 23, 1933) The outlook for marketing farm products, particularly hogs, was the subject of considerable discussion at a meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Board Friday evening. Government officials interviewed on the subject expressed belief that young pigs should bring prices more nearly in line with prospective values of the finished product and with the number of animals available.

A meeting of the Executive of the P.E. Holstein Friesian Association was held last evening in the office of the Department of Agriculture. Arrangements were made for a Field Day for Holstein Breeders in July and arrangements as to location and program would be announced later.

TEN YEARS AGO

(April 23, 1948) A course in domestic science will be added to the subjects taught at the Summerside High School next year. It has been learned, and Miss Ruby McNeill has been appointed as the first teacher of that department. This is the second course placed in the school. Two years ago a music teacher was added to the staff.

The Mayor and Town Council of Montague have made representations to Dr. T. V. Grant, M.P., for the establishment of a "Landing strip" for light aircraft in the vicinity of the eastern centre. It was learned yesterday.

MAXIMS

He who would acquire fame must not show himself afraid of censure. The dread of censure is the death of genius.

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