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More Adult Training

Federal ministers are getting more and more into the habit of making policy announcements outside Parliament. In any case, the public will welcome the assurance of Immigration Minister Marchand, who has been designated to take over the new federal manpower department when it is formally created, that Ottawa intends to pump another \$29 million a year into the allowances it pays to adults who attend vocational training classes.

The boost is designed to encourage more unemployed and vocationally handicapped people to take training, and is certainly a move in the right direction. The minister stated that all provinces with the exception of Quebec have also agreed to accept a federal offer to establish a pilot program of new vocational training schools for adults.

About \$7 million a year now is paid out by Ottawa to help finance allowances for adult trainees. It covers up to 90 per cent of allowances with the maximum of \$55 applying to a married man with two or more children who must attend classes away from his home.

Mr. Marchand's statement came at a press conference following a closed meeting with provincial labor and education ministers on a number of problems. At the same conference Quebec's Education Minister Paul Gerin-Lagoe announced Quebec's feeling that the whole area of adult education is a provincial responsibility, and could be handled much better by the provinces.

Parliament, which will have to pass on these expenditures, will be meeting in a few days; but evidently Mr. Marchand felt that his news could not wait. Perhaps it was something that transpired at the closed conference that induced him to make his announcement at this time.

The Tashkent Accord

The next few weeks will give clues, Washington believes, on whether the new India-Pakistan burst of friendly phrases means a real thawing of the Kashmir iceberg, or merely a large plus sign for the Soviet Union, which called the conference at which the Tashkent agreement was signed, just before his death, by India's Prime Minister Shastri.

Though there was no specific progress over Kashmir, both nations did pledge themselves not to make war against each other and to settle their disputes through peaceful means. They agreed that their armed forces should withdraw to the positions they held before last autumn's senseless fighting, and promised to restore normal relations and to continue meetings at various levels on matters of direct concern.

India would honor and implement the Tashkent accord.

In promoting this agreement the Russians have reasserted themselves dramatically in Asia, and in a major mediating role in which both the United States and Britain had previously failed. For seven days of dreary disagreement, the Indian and Pakistani delegations argued while Soviet Premier Kosygin shuttled back and forth between them, trying to salvage something.

This, as the Globe and Mail remarks, should cause neither regret nor alarm in the West. With the Soviet Union, we have a shared interest in promoting peace between India and Pakistan. From their continued conflict, only one nation would gain—and that is China.

There is another thought that suggests itself: namely, whether a pact based on the same spirit as the Tashkent could not serve the purpose of helping out the Vietnamese tangle. Cynics might argue that rules applicable to weak nations are not as readily accepted by the big powers; but sooner or later all nations, weak and strong, will need to head in the same direction and renounce war.

As indicated years ago by the Rowell-Sirois Commission, there is no assurance that Maritime Union would be a panacea for our economic ills in this part of Canada. It seems hard for commentators in the big central provinces, however, to get away from the idea—when they think of us at all—that we're much too small, population-wise, to be running our own affairs.

A refreshingly different note is sounded by an Alberta correspondent in the Ottawa Journal, who wastes no time in chiding us for being so small but says that many of Canada's difficulties stem from the fact that Ontario and Quebec have too much population. Too much, that is, in proportion to the other provinces.

Specifically, he proposes that the province of Quebec be divided in a line running from just east of Montreal to the Nottaway River on James Bay with all south of the St. Lawrence going to the western part; though it might be an idea, he adds, to unite Gaspé with New Brunswick since they are a geographical unit.

"If this were done," it is contended, "most of our troubles would be over and we could all work together with no threats of separation that could be effective."

An admirable scheme, though we doubt whether it will appeal to the sentiments of those who are chiefly concerned.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A Georgia university has been experimenting with the effects of alcohol on apes. The results were about what might have been expected. The primates require considerable more alcohol than humans to become intoxicated, but the end results are the same, including the hangovers.

New Zealand's chief inspector of primary schools has been given an impressive new title under amended legislation passed recently. At least, reports the Canadian Press, it was an impressive title until delighted pupils realized that the director of primary education, using the initial letter system beloved of officialdom, spelled: DOPE.



ROCKING THE BOAT

HEADACHE FOR OTTAWA

The Skunk: Federal Or Provincial?

OTTAWA: With ministers busy about new tasks and New Year's resolutions, there has been as yet no official reaction to the depressing news that a skunk shortage has developed in Nova Scotia.

This is, of course, only the latest example of the general problem of poverty amidst plenty. There are "have not" provinces and there are "have not" provinces. There are provinces redolent with skunks and there are those which the skunks pass by.

The plight of Nova Scotia contrasts starkly with the affluence of favored Ontario. It is doubtful if one can find anywhere a more teeming and industrious population of well-groomed polecats, most of them headed for the Ottawa valley.

In most countries the answer to such a problem as this would be comparatively simple. A call would go out to one of the branches of government, possibly by manpower mobility, and in no time at all civil servants would be out in the fresh air, scooping up skunks from behind every fence post and rushing them off to Mr. Stanfield.

The magistrate told the young man he was guilty of a violent assault but that in view of the fact it was his first offence he would be treated with leniency.

Not was this likely. It takes little intelligence to dig what Beatles and Rolling Stones are doing with words and music; their stuff is little more than an updated version of African tribal chants and percussion.

Yesterday, Mr. A.H. Buble, director for P.E.I. of the Dairy Farmers of Canada, left for Saint John, N.B., where he attended the four-day annual meeting of the association.

91 (2) Sea Coast and Inland Fisheries). But this is somewhat restrictive and in any case an encounter with a skunk is regarded by many experienced persons as a matter of a "private nature" and thus provincial (Section 92(6)).

In the face of difficulties such as these, the usual response of any politician in any event that the problem is an ascending scale of federal-provincial conferences, beginning with officials, working through deputy ministers and so on up. The prime minister, as a last resort, would send Mr. Tom Kent to Quebec City but this may no longer be possible.

Leniency is out of place when it is accorded to those who attack policemen. There is a lack of perspective in the \$100 fine imposed on an 18-year-old for repeatedly striking a Vancouver police officer in the face.

The frequency with which police are being attacked in Vancouver suggests a growing disregard for the uniform and the law behind it. There have been other recent assaults on officers in which the fines were small. Indeed, a man with a grudge against the police might convince himself a \$50 or \$100 fine is a modest price for taking a poke at a policeman.

It will be interesting to learn the eventual outcome of a novel deal made by a London school teacher who listened to a girl pupil's collection of rock 'n' roll records on condition that she attend the London Symphony Orchestra's student concert. Neither was converted at first hearing.

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ENFORCE REPAIRS TORONTO (CP)—Joseph Golieb was fined \$150 Tuesday for failing to keep a city-house in good repair.

On a formula to preserve harmony among governments. The most important ingredient of any such formula is the traditional commitment by Ottawa to pay.

Another difficulty Assuming that Mr. Stanfield, like the wildlife biologists at Acadia University, has his heart set on reparations skunks, there is one other, purely practical difficulty. There are so many federal-provincial conferences nowadays that it is not easy from casual inspection to see how a skunk could be squeezed on to the calendar.

Despite the alarming intelligence from Wolfville, it seems probable that the skunks will follow their accustomed way, unseized and unmolested, across the pasture lands of Ontario and through the sometimes fragrant streets of our pleasant capital.

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Canadian Club of P.E.I. Dinner Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 18th 6:30 p.m. Charlottetown Hotel Speaker DR. JOHN DEUTSCH Chairman Economic Council of Canada

Tongue Complaints

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Burning, stinging, and soreness of the tongue are common. The remedy is easy when the cause is known, but such cases are the exception rather than the rule.

The tongue, located in one of the most strategic areas in the body, is subject to mechanical irritation from foods, condiments, smoking, jagged teeth, and pyorrhea. The mouth also ferms with bacteria, yet it is amazing how well the tongue fares in this environment.

Two dozen or more of the usual medical and dental remedies were tried, but nothing really helped. The fact that narcotics and anesthetic ointments failed to offer relief suggests that the source of distress was not of local, but of nervous origin.

MUSCLE TUMORS A. M. T. writes: What do fibroid tumors feed on? I have heard that women with this condition usually feel tired.

FLORIDA FRECKLES J. M. writes: I just returned from Florida with face and arms full of freckles. Is there anything I can do to get rid of them?

SMOKING AND TB John writes: If a person with tuberculosis continues to smoke, will this slow down the progress of recovery?

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THE TEST OF TIME London Free Press student may be fortunate enough to come one day, endures simply because it is good, "not good for you" like a medicine.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The trouble with travel is that it not only broadens the mind, but it also lengthens the conversation—Sparta Herald. Doctor: "I can do nothing for your complaint. It is hereditary." Patient: "Then send the bill to 'my father'—Vancouver Sun.

Johnson's Cardinal Points

WASHINGTON (CP)—President Johnson carefully limited the amount of fresh detail about U.S. foreign policy plans for 1966 in his State-of-the-Union message Wednesday night.

WANTS DARING DIRECTION He also said he will ask Congress to "make it possible to expand trade between the U.S. and Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union."

EDUCATION BY MACHINE If today's student sometimes wears a somewhat glazed look, it may be because he is increasingly buffeted by electronic sounds and dazzled by visual aids.

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