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What They Owe Us

One of the iniquitous features of the federal tax rental agreements—supposed to provide an adequate standard of services across Canada...

In a recent letter in The Guardian Mr. J. O. Hyndman noted the close connection between population increase and the Federal policy of centralizing industry in the bigger provinces...

As an example, although we entered the Union in 1873 with the guarantee of efficient and continuous communication with the mainland railways, this pledge was not actually fulfilled until the year 1917...

How many millions in back payments would this amount to? The "refund" now demanded of us, quite improperly, would be a mere drop in the bucket by comparison...

The Scandinavian Position

Current Soviet threats against Norway and Sweden are clearly intended to force them to give up their NATO ties or at least to convince them that friendship with the Soviet Union is more likely to benefit them...

If NATO were as strong in actual military power as it would appear to be on paper, the Norwegians and Swedes would have something to fall back on in their diplomatic defiance of threats from Moscow...

States has never yet said exactly what it would do if Norway or Sweden were attacked. President Eisenhower has spoken frequently of the "unity" that binds NATO members together...

These are well meant sentiments, no doubt; but they do not answer the question: "What would the United States, in fact, do if one or both of these Scandinavian countries were in mortal danger from Soviet missiles and the like?"

"Generous Statesmanship"

The resignation from the British Cabinet of the Marquis of Salisbury is a blow not only to the Government of Prime Minister Macmillan but to British prestige in the political complexities of the times...

Prime Minister Macmillan believes, or professes to believe, that in freeing Archbishop Makarios from detention in the Seychelle Islands, the Government showed "generous statesmanship" which will reap its reward...

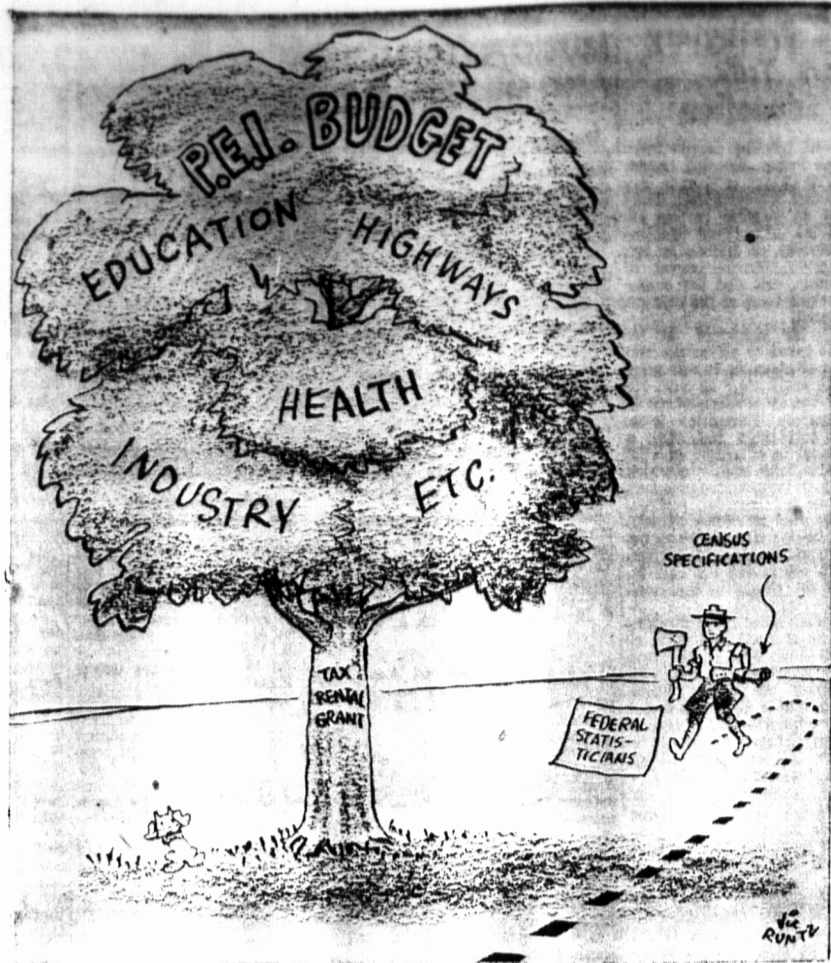
Lord Salisbury made no mention of it in his letter of resignation but it is more than likely that he was thinking of another day nearly twenty years ago when another British Prime Minister entered into an act of "generous statesmanship"...

EDITORIAL NOTES

Science Service reports that in El Salvador footprints at least 1100 years old have been discovered. Much older are the "footprints on the sands of time."

In commenting on the flow of American radio programs to Canada the Fowler Commission appeared to believe that the better programs do more harm to Canadian culture than the poorer ones...

A bill has been introduced in the Minnesota Legislature to make it compulsory for all candidates to have their pictures as well as their names printed on ballots. Now, there's a practice, should it become widespread, that will make the going easier for some candidates and harder for others...



WOODMAN, SPARE THAT TREE!

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of current events of national interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

MINISTER'S REPLY

Sir.—With reference to my letter which appeared in this column Monday, March 25th, I have received a personal reply from the Minister of Highways, Hon. J. George MacKay, which reads in part as follows: "I have not issued a special permit to anyone, least of all to any liquor truck. No one else in Government has any authority to do so, except the Premier, and I can assure you, Sir, that he has not interfered with my Department and has not issued any permit to liquor interests or anyone."

I am, Sir, etc., ARTHUR MURRAY, Redoque, P.E.I.

IRISH REPLY TO DR. GRANT

Sir.—It was quite clever for Dr. Grant to deduce that I was of Irish descent. However, I must state that there is a drop of Scotch in my veins, and by that, I do not refer to that liquid from across the ocean which was once obtainable on P.E.I. for medical purposes only. I must not "beat around the bush" in the manner of Dr. Grant. His letter, in no way, refutes my arguments concerning teaching standards or salaries on P.E.I. He declares that I am inconsistent. I state that the introduction of varied courses of study at Prince of Wales College resulted in students having the opportunity of choosing professions more attractive than teaching. He claims that the introduction of the courses resulted in a shortage of teachers. I maintain that if you introduced a hundred new courses, and at the same time elevated the teaching profession in its proper level, you would have a sufficient number of teachers. Apparently the only remedy which Dr. Grant could prescribe for the shortage of teachers would be to eliminate all courses from P.W.C. except teachers' training. Call that going ahead rapidly in education? Then it can be written, P.E.I., which once banned automobiles, outlawed unions, now conscripts teachers.

It seems that Dr. Grant is rather proud of having taught school for \$225 per year. Fifteen years ago I worked for 10 cents per hour. I am not proud of it. I'm ashamed of it. I am confident that present-day P.E.I. teachers are not boastful over their \$27.84 weekly wage which they now receive. While Dr. Grant was teaching he was thinking of the future, thereby admitting that the teaching profession was no place for the enterprising young man. It would appear that the mental health of young Canadian citizens is far less important than their physical health. If everyone regarded teaching as a stepping stone to something else, then we could never hope to get people of the proper caliber to educate our children.

We trust that Dr. Grant left teaching for medicine without thought of remuneration, and that the same applies to his entry into politics and the Senate. We are not all made of the same "stuff" as this man. He says that he was as happy teaching school for \$225 per year as he is in the Senate. I was happy when I was making 10 cents per hour because that is all I could get and I was glad to get it. As Dr. Grant sits contentedly in the Senate straining his wrist rubber stamping Quebec divorcees, let him lean back in his "push" seat and rest assured that P.E.I. teachers would trade places with him at any time.

If Dr. Grant answers this letter, I would like to have replies to some pertinent educational questions about P.E.I. teachers. What remuneration do married teachers receive? What allowance do teachers receive for E.A. or M.A. degrees? What salary increase does a teacher receive for each year's experience?

I am, Sir, etc., ALLAN J. CALLAGHAN, Montreal.

OTTAWA REPORT

Unclaimed By Veterans

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa. Why don't our war heroes want their medals? Are you one of those many Johnny Canucks who has not even claimed the dollars which a grateful country has voted to you for your war service in uniform?

These two questions are raised by the advertisement which has been widely placed in newspapers by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. If you have not yet applied for the medals you earned during your service in World War I (C.E.F.), World War II or the Korean operation, please complete the coupon and send it in to the Department, says that advertisement.

There are fourteen medals in this unclaimed bonanza of Remembrance Days jingles. Three from World War I, including the prized Mons Star for service with the Old Contemptibles. Nine from World War II, including six campaign stars, the Victory Medal, and the Canadian voluntary service medal. The merit this latter, a service man or woman must have served for a minimum of 18 months in a voluntary capacity. No zombie need apply. And a class goes with it as well if the applicant served at least 60 days overseas.

More surprising than those unclaimed medals is the sum of millions of dollars in unclaimed Remembrance medals. At war's end, every Canadian service person was entitled to a cash gratuity, based on rank and length of service. This was paid in a series of cheques and could be spent, at the service person's option, on anything at all; even, said a D.V.A. official, on beer. The re-establishment credit was something quite different. Every service person was entitled to receive this additional gratuity, of an amount exactly matching the cash gratuity. But it was subject to this grand-motherly restriction by the government: it could not be spent on beer or on any other sort of spree. It was essentially not intended to be wasted on a good time, but to be prudently invested in a better future. The money could under no circumstances be paid to the beneficiary; it could be paid, on the beneficiary's instruction, to a store supplying furniture, tools, stock-in-trade or other goods to set up the veteran's home or to set him up in business. Or it could be applied against a mortgage on the veteran's home.

Some veterans already had furniture, or were not married, or could use neither tools of a trade nor a supply of stock for a shop, when they were demobilized at war's end. These never applied for their re-establishment credit. Many of these never have done. But that credit is good until January 1, 1960, or for 15 years and now wish to do so, and have an acceptable basis on which to claim it, it is waiting for you at the Department of Veteran's Affairs. I asked an official of the Department a number of other questions about the unclaimed medals and the unclaimed cash, but civil service red tape quickly twined itself around me. The subject is so interesting that the department decided to put out a press release covering the whole subject.

SNOW REMOVAL. Sir.—Please permit me space in your Public Forum to answer a letter of March 28th, headed "Snow Removal". I don't know just what to think of this able writer. Apparently he jumped the rails somewhere around the 30's, he seems to forget that this is '57. Does he not realize that there are as good and as big farmers on the clay roads as on the pavement. How does he propose to get children to schools in districts where Units operate? They live on clay roads and depend on a bus.

It wouldn't be very pleasant breaking roads four or five miles and more every storm to get to school, and still pay a school bus. How about those milkmen that deliver milk to the dairies in town every morning? A lot of them live on clay roads. And where in this world is the plowman that opens a road from ditch to ditch the first trip through? These cuttings are widened as soon as they get time. What we need are more plows. They are doing a good job, so forget the 30's, friend, and go with the crowd.

I am, Sir, etc., CLAY ROAD FARMER. A MORAL PROBLEM. Sir.—When I read, in these columns, a certain individual's suggestion that we allow the sale of wine and beer to tourists, I was reminded of St. John, 12: 4-8. Read these verses. The solicitude of that particular writer was touching—the tourist must be given every consideration; he must not be subjected to the indignity of being seen in a public place bearing the commodity that is so rightfully his and which we are expected to believe, is a necessity of so great proportion. I have long been baffled by the attitude of those who demand liquor as their own right and that of the country; they pour because they are seen with the stuff before they have it safely home and out of sight. Are we correct in assuming the elbow of conscience must be kept quiet and allow the purchase of liquor to be respectable in every way? If a man or woman is within his or her own rights buying liquor, why should he or she be ashamed or sensitive in being seen with it in the arms? After it has been poured into the stomach, inhibitions take wing and it becomes a case of who-cares-who-sees-who. Liquor is not a physical but a moral problem. Who among us, on seeing someone attempting suicide, will not do all in our power to prevent the rash and unnecessary act? Any person taking a drink of liquor is making the first down payment on an instrument of suicide, yet if we reach out to remove that tool of destruction we are severely criticized for interfering in personal rights. How can intelligent men and women look into broken homes, broken hearts and see the degrading influences of liquor and then arise and publicly announce we should make it easier to obtain? If bread caused mankind to sink lower than the brute and stink away whatever talents it was endowed with, who would partake of it? We seek for safety on the highways and many are the slogans we hear on the radio and read in the press, not the least of these being: If you drive, don't drink; if you drink, don't drive. Yet today, we have men making an about face by saying we should allow our tourists all the wine and beer they wish. In a year, I dare say, the same parties would, probably, be advocating hard liquor. To the tourist who comes to Prince Edward Island and is not content to drink in the unspoiled beauty of its countryside and the refreshing hospitality of its people, I say: You may leave as soon as you wish. Here on this lovely little island we pride ourselves that we are, indeed, apart from the world in that the "gray sickness" of other

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

IS IT WISE TO HAVE BABY "BY APPOINTMENT"? It's entirely possible, in many instances now, to "have a baby by appointment." Parents actually have arranged to have their babies born on a specific date as a wedding anniversary, or at a time when it is convenient for their vacation plans.

TO REDUCE TAXES. Some have gone so far as to insist that their baby be born in time to claim him as an income tax deduction. As I said, all this is possible. But is it advisable? Except the certain special cases, it is not.

Recently, a panel of distinguished doctors charged in a national magazine that some of the nation's obstetricians are endangering the lives of their patients by allowing them, without proper indication, to follow this fad of having babies by appointment.

INDUCED LABOR. By appointment I mean by induced labor. The obstetrical practice doctors call elective induction of labor. This is a procedure to induce premature labor in pregnant women.

The panel of experts reported in the magazine that, "In some hospitals one out of every three private patients now has her baby by appointment. This seems to be far too many. Of course, some few patients might be suitable for elective induction."

As a guide for doctors and expectant mothers alike, the board listed the following criteria as essential before elective induction can be used safely: The patient must be pregnant with her second or third child, not her first or fourth.

WITHIN NORMAL RANGE. She must be within the normal child-bearing range. Women over 35 may have lost muscular suppleness and be more prone to rupture. The patient must not be having twins or triplets.

The unborn baby must be lying in a normal position. A doctor with considerable obstetric experience must be willing to remain constantly at the patient's side during elective induction.

QUESTION AND ANSWER. Q.—Can prostate gland trouble be cured without surgery? Answer: Various forms of treatment are suggested for this condition. Massage of the prostate is usually advisable when the enlargement is due to infection. Surgery may be necessary to completely relieve some prostate gland disturbances.

OUR YESTERDAYS. From the Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 3, 1932). Two old landmarks at the cross roads at St. Eleanor's were erased by fire yesterday morning when Mr. J.H.C. Creswell's house and Mr. W. Cannon's store and dwelling house were burned to the ground. The fire started in the upper part of Mr. Cannon's store. Mr. Cannon estimates his loss at \$12,000 and Mr. Creswell also considers his loss to be a heavy one.

Mr. Roderick D. Donaldson, vice-president, and Mr. Douglas D. Slotman, director of the Associated Gas and Electric System are presently in Charlottetown in connection with power rates. The two men had interviews with power users yesterday and hope as a result of further meetings to adjust rates satisfactory to all concerned.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 3, 1947). Imposition of an extra 3 cents per gallon provincial tax on gasoline, made retroactive as from April 1, when the 3 cent Federal tax was discontinued, was passed in the Legislature yesterday. The effect of the bill is to make the total provincial gasoline tax 13 cents a gallon.

A change in the present system of Government grants to Hospitals in P.E.I. from "fixed" amounts to one dollar per patient day was requested in a brief presented to the Government Tuesday. It was pointed out in the brief that the present grants amount to about 20 cents per patient day.

lands has not fallen upon us. Let us keep it so. Tourists would not be the only individuals to guzzle the wine and beer we are told our visitors need. Instead of writing letters to the Editor of the Guardian, we should name a date and all converge upon Charlottetown and cause its very foundations to ring with our protests.

I am, Sir, etc., S. BARLOW BIRD, Freetown, P.E.I.

WANTS BEVERAGE ROOMS. Sir.—I would like to write about the liquor control in Prince Edward Island. Now, Canadians what do you say we get together and get some taverns open, so that when the tourists come this summer they will have a legal place to go and have a refreshing drink, without asking some person in which alley they can buy a bootleg drink.

Now speaking from experience, I have travelled across Canada and parts of the States, and I have never yet seen a town so backward as Charlottetown. Even our Indian friends out in Western Canada would never stoop so low as to drink the rotgut that Prince Edward Islanders drink.

So, why don't we wise up and bring this Province ahead with the rest of the world? In regard to the teetotalers that have been written in the papers—they have never been anywhere, and never had a drink, so they don't know the score.

Man has drunk since the beginning of the world, and shall drink to the end, so why not let him drink a legal drink, instead of having to buy bootleg liquor. So, Canadians, let us get together for public beverage rooms.

I am, Sir, etc., W. J. CHOWAN, West Royalty.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"Some men get into trouble by having two wives." We know many who find they're in trouble with only one.—Woodstock Sentinel Review.

Some of our Canadian economists are concerned because money is tight, but a lot of us have never known it to be exactly loose.—Hamilton Spectator.

It may be of course that Mr. Nehru is far too bothered about the state of the world to worry overmuch about the State of Kashmir. All it would take, though, to prove that he can practice what he preaches about the democratic principle, of the right of all peoples to self-determination in government, would be a nod of the head.—Wall Street Journal.

A delightful story comes from Nigeria concerning the Royal Visit of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to the colony: "The Scouts of Calabar in Southeast Nigeria were to be on duty along the Royal route, and as the rehearsals demanded long periods of standing, the Scouts had been warned not to go to their posts without having taken breakfast, lest one of them should faint and have to be carried off by the police. The airport contingent came back from the dress rehearsal full of glee, to announce that a policeman had fainted and been given first aid by the Scouts."—Boy Scout News.

MOLLY ON THE SHORE. When Molly danced along the shore, The little cockles ran before Her, skipping over kelp and shells And so black-haired Molly tells She followed, while the climbing sun, Pulled taut the silver cobwebs spun Across the driftwood, blanched and dried.

The fluted cockles that the tide Had left; yet true as she was born No sight the glimpsed of hoof or horn. When from the warm sand, suddenly The goats prints vanished in the sea, And mocking laughter pealing near, Was nuth a mortal dared not hear. For may be true—I cannot say, For Molly's eyes are Irish grey! —Lenora A. Pratt, in the Ottawa Journal.

MAXIMS. Learn from the mistakes of others; you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Advertisement for Trans-Canada Air Lines (TCA) featuring a woman in uniform and the slogan "Fly TCA". It lists flight routes and times, such as Montreal to 3 hrs. 45 mins. via Maritime Central Airways.

Advertisement for X-Tite Coater, a product for basement waterproofing. It includes the slogan "WET basement? make it bone DRY with..." and shows images of the product being applied to a basement wall.