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Atomic Power Prospects

Prospects of the Atlantic Provinces being among the first to share in the benefits of atomic power plant facilities were indicated in an address before the Engineering Institute of Canada this week by a prominent authority on this subject.

The basic characteristics of atomic power plants as compared to conventional fuel-fired power, Mr. MacKay explained, were the negligible fuel cost, the relatively high capital cost, and the great economies attainable in large sizes.

This prospect is something for the Atlantic Economic Council to inquire into very thoroughly. It is generally agreed that high power costs constitute one of our greatest problems, and we can never hope to keep pace with the industrial expansion of other parts of the Dominion unless some long-term solution is found.

A Worthy Development

Berchtesgaden, Germany, was for some years a place of ill repute; for it was in that secluded Alpine village that Adolf Hitler of unimpaired memory mapped his evil plans for war and cruelty.

It was a new experiment in military history, and reports indicate that it has justified the initiative of its sponsors in the help it has afforded thousands of ordinary soldiers and many high ranking officers who guard the frontiers of freedom and keep watch against the possible encroachments of an aggressor.

Berchtesgaden, a spot where infamy was plotted, takes its place among the shrines of the earth where peace and mercy and truth are met together—a notable and worthy development indeed.

Federal Election Prospects

Mr. St. Laurent's statement in the House of Commons with reference to a general election is causing much speculation on Parliament Hill. The Prime Minister was asked the direct question: "Has the Prime Minister given consideration to the calling of an early election?"

He answered without hesitation and in the manner of one who has given thought to this matter. The Prime Minister said that certain matters would have to be dealt with before an election could be considered. Also without hesitation, he identified these matters as the pipe line Bill and the new financial arrangements with the provinces (Plan C).

There are no clear indications of what the Government has in mind election-wise. According to Grant Dexter, Ottawa correspondent of the Winnipeg Free Press, it is likely that the Ministers have open minds on the timing of an election—this fall or next summer.

First, there is Mr. St. Laurent himself—the chief political asset of the party. He will be 75 years of age next February 1. At the present time he appears to be strong and healthy for his years.

Second, there are the economic prospects. The country is prosperous and the danger of inflation is real. The boom is believed certain to become more rather than less pronounced in the next nine months.

Rests With The Driver

A recent News Letter of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce emphasizes that, important as are safety devices in connection with motor vehicles, traffic safety in the last analysis rests with the man behind the wheel.

"More and more, automobile advertising is featuring new safety devices, many of which are designed not to prevent accidents but to minimize their effect. This is all well and good, but there is always the clown who will anchor himself with a safety belt behind the wheel of a car with more than 200 horsepower, low-slung so that it can take the turns without sway, and then proceed to put his deadly projectile through its paces without any regard for others on the road.

"He considers himself a safe driver. Isn't he using all of the safety devices that have been conjured up? Until there is a widespread realization that traffic safety depends upon the individual driving the car, then there will be no diminution in the rate of accidents. So long as there are reckless, imprudent, incapable or drunk behind the wheel of a car, there can be no real traffic safety."

It is too tragically true that all the safety devices in the world are futile, to correct an error in judgment on the driver's part. Traffic safety rests primarily with the driver; and there can be no positive assurance of traffic safety till motorists, as individuals, become safe drivers.

EDITORIAL NOTES

William Pitt, English statesman, born this date 1759.

A correspondent in the London Times points out that the "state lottery" element in the recent British budget is nothing new. The experiment was tried in William III's reign and abandoned, but revived in 1710 in the last year of Godolphin's ministry.



DRAMA OVER THE HILL

OTTAWA REPORT

Costly Headquarters Staff

What are we getting from Hon. Ralph Campney, Minister of Defence, for the extra \$74,300,000 which we the taxpayers must hand over to him this year?

What, we may even ask, are we getting for the huge total of \$1,740,300,000 which we must pay him this year?

There has been a long history of wasteful skeletons in the cupboard of National Defence. On the whole, Mr. Campney has tried to live up to his boast that he would be a Minister of Retrenchment, and his regime has not yet smarted under any scandal to match the Petawawa horses on the Army payroll.

But recent criticisms of our manpower policy by General Simonds are making even more impressions here than those horses did. This extravagant policy was also heavily attacked in a recent book by a leading army authority, who suggested that more than 40 per cent of our army fighting papers in offices instead of shooting wars on battlefields.

Too Little For The Scholar

A great ferment is sweeping the schools and the parent-teacher associations of North America. The bitter debate over methods of teaching reading and writing—whether the sight-recognition method or the old phonetic method—is only a part of the matter. Deeper than this discussion of method is a principle which more and more educators see as vital.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

CHOOSE FIRST AID KIT TO FIT VACATION NEEDS

The summer vacation season is just about here. And when you're planning for that long waited vacation it would be a good idea for you to go down to the neighborhood drug store and pick up a first aid kit.

Of course, you don't anticipate any accidents; no one ever does. But its best to be prepared. Vacation accidents can be especially serious since you might be out of immediate touch with a doctor and adequate medical facilities. You'll want to be prepared for emergencies.

INDIVIDUAL PACKAGES

One-inch compresses in individual packages, sterile gauze squares about 3" x 3"—in individual packages, assorted sterile bandage compresses in individual packages.

A roll of 1/2 inch adhesive, triangular bandages, sterile gauze in individual packages of about 1 square yard, an elastic tourniquet, burn ointment, aromatic spirits of ammonia.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

A.K.: What causes the skin to crack around the nails? Answer: This is most often due to a form of irritation which may be caused by the use of some type of soap or detergent.

SHOULD USE HOLDERS

COPENHAGEN (Reuters) — A leading Danish cancer expert Saturday recommended cigar holders—the longer the better—as a protection against lung cancer.

TEN YEARS AGO

Reports coming from fishermen of Georgetown and vicinity indicate that the catches of lobsters although not as large as last season, are holding up well. With the good prevailing prices fishermen will realize a good return for their catches.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

What has been forgotten in this conformist society North America is developing, is that democracy is based on the recognition of man's right to equal liberty of conscience, equality before the law, equality of opportunity. This does not mean all men equal. There are still the talented and the dull, the spirited and the listless, the leaders and the followers.

USEFUL PRODUCT

Argentina is the world's principal source of tanning material in leather industries, medicine and manufacture of ink.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A psychiatrist says that small boys set fires because they come from unhappy homes. Well, even if yours is the happiest house in the city, it's a good idea to keep matches on the top shelf.—Hamilton Spectator

According to Senator John T. Haig, the sport of curling can help unite Canada. This being so, perhaps someone will propose a Canadian flag in which the central symbol will be a maple leaf surrounded by a rock with crossed brooms.—Ottawa Citizen

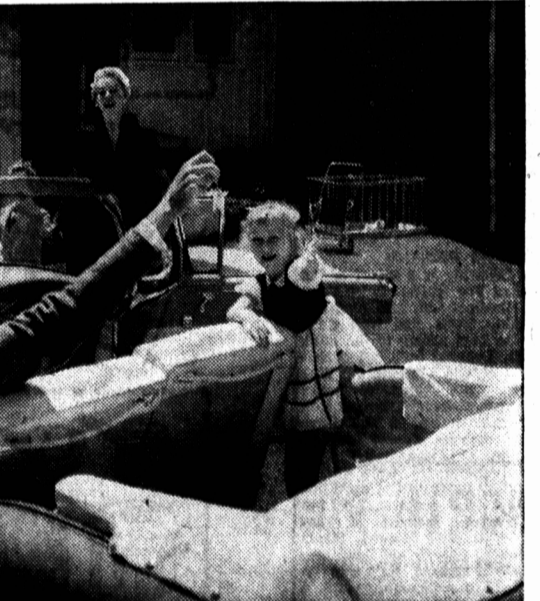
Recalling the old Ford story about Henry telling his painter that the new car could be "any color so long as it's black," we take it that the manufacturers all got together this year and agreed that the cars should be any color at all so long as it isn't black!—Ottawa Citizen

Counting emoluments from appointment to various commissions, the Mayor of Toronto will now receive \$900 a year more than the provincial Premier. This fact should not, of course, rule out the case for provincial help to municipalities, including Toronto, the arguments in favor of aid being based on larger considerations than a mayor's salary.—Ottawa Citizen

Greater Vancouver has an evacuation plan ready for the hideous eventuality of nuclear attack, and its citizens now know it and can take a certain comfort for it. But no thanks to Ottawa. The thanks go to Air Vice Marshal F. V. Heakes, the civil defence co-ordinator, and his chief aide, Group Capt. A. L. Lewis—two dedicated men who became utterly fed up with governmental shilly-shallying and went ahead on their own and did something.—Vancouver Province

At the Highway Safety Conference in Winnipeg, an Ontario traffic engineer presented his own ingenious scheme for reducing the number of traffic accidents. His system is based on the established fact that ninety per cent of all accidents are caused by fifteen per cent of drivers—a bunch who don't know, don't care, or are chronically incapable of doing the sensible thing with a car. It is on this fact that Manitoba's famous "points" system is based. Drivers involved in too many accidents lose their right to drive, on the theory that they belong to this lethal fifteen per cent.—Financial Post

If the government can be said to have any special hoodoo, it is its ferry service. It cannot berth the William Carson property in Newfoundland. Nor can it keep the propeller of the Yarmouth-Bar Harbor ferry in working order. As to the Prince Edward Island ferry, it is getting constant complaints of the Caribou-Wood Island operation. This it does not own, but the Government is expected to give this company some assistance. All in all, the Federal Government's record of running ferries is not a proud one. Their main trouble is that nobody can tell them anything. Department of Transport officials seem born without ears—they cannot listen.—Monetary Times



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