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Newfoundland Grievances

One thing seems evident in the financial settlement which the Federal Government has imposed upon Newfoundland. That is that Premier Smallwood gained nothing by his insistence on sharing in what were originally intended as adjustment grants for the Maritime Provinces, and which subsequently were divided four ways instead of three, and called Atlantic Provinces' grants.

At that time a Royal Commission was considering Newfoundland's fiscal claims under Article 29 of its terms of union; but Mr. Smallwood declared that this had no bearing on the grants then being considered, and which subsequently were divided four ways instead of three, and called Atlantic Provinces' grants.

In announcing the Newfoundland settlement last week, Prime Minister Diefenbaker mentioned, among compensations received by that Province from Ottawa, "the higher than average per capita benefit extended through the Atlantic Provinces adjustment grants," as well as various increased or new conditional grants. The Royal Commission had recommended additional aid in the amount of \$8,000,000 yearly, including the transitional grants. This fell far short of Premier Smallwood's demands, which were for \$17,000,000 annually. In accepting the Commission's recommendation, Prime Minister Diefenbaker intimated that the payments would terminate March 31, 1962, and would be "in final and irrevocable settlement of the provisions of Article 29 and the contractual obligations of the union consummated in 1949."

This is construed by Premier Smallwood as a violation of the Confederation agreement, and there has been much indignation over the Ottawa ruling. After all, Canada gained, at the time of union, inclusive of Newfoundland-Labrador, 152,000 square miles and control of her eastern gateway. With these she acquired a population now numbering 450,000 and vast natural wealth in forests, fisheries, minerals and hydro-electric potential. Before many years have passed, Canada will be the greatest exporter of iron ore in the world as a result of this transaction. Her export trade has already been greatly increased, and there are other factors, tangible and intangible, to place to the account. Mr. Diefenbaker mentioned none of these things in his statement in the House of Commons, and his abrupt announcement, at a time when the relations between his own Government and that of Newfoundland have been strained almost to the breaking point, leaves much to be desired.

We in Prince Edward Island are perhaps in a better position than any other part of Canada to sympathize with Newfoundland and her needs. We too have experienced the disappointment of hopes deferred, of grievances discounted and claims ignored; and we have been reminded—as has Newfoundland on many occasions—of compensating benefits for which we should be thankful—old age pensions and mothers' and children's allowances, unemployment payments and health services, etc. They all add up to quite a sum, but what of it? We are paying for these things in high tariffs, exorbitant freight rates and other restrictions which have enabled the bigger provinces to forge ahead at our expense, and create their huge industrial fortunes.

We have taken issue with Mr. Smallwood on the division of the adjustment grants above mentioned, for his insistence at that time was

unwise and worked only to our disadvantage. But, in a sense, he has been fighting our battles as well as his own in demanding better treatment from Ottawa and pleading the spirit as well as the letter of the bonds of union. We do not at all agree with those who say that he is too cocky and should be slapped down. Perhaps our ultimate recourse will be a union of the Atlantic Provinces, in pressing our joint claims effectively as partners and not underlings in Confederation. Even then, we shall need Smallwoods to speak out loud and bold!

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Encouraging Progress

Ten years ago only a few cases of cardiac disease could be corrected through surgery. Today the majority of heart ailments can be helped, but the operations involved are extremely difficult to perform. Doctors in Toronto are now exploring a promising way of making the operation simpler and less hazardous. This is by making heart patients "hibernate" in the same way that groundhogs do in winter. The heart of a hibernating groundhog beats only once or twice a minute. If the human heart could safely be slowed down to a similar extent, surgery on it could be greatly simplified.

Other advances are being made, both in treatment and surgery of heart ailments, which hold out the hope that these diseases will soon lose their first place among the causes of death. A number of new drugs have been developed that have greatly reduced the danger of high blood pressure. Diseased arteries can now be replaced by artificial arteries made of nylon. And recently a mechanical heart and lung were invented which can operate temporarily while a patient's own heart or lung is being operated on.

Advances of this kind rarely make the headlines, but they are a true index of human progress and achievement.

Aid For Souris

There was a fine spirit of cooperation in the assistance given in fighting this week's disastrous fire in Souris, and in the Red Cross activities in aiding the distressed families. The rehabilitation required in the weeks and months ahead will provide our citizens generally with the opportunity of showing their sympathy in a practical manner.

Souris is one of the most progressive towns in the Maritime Provinces, and the loss it has suffered will but serve as a spur to further enterprise and initiative. In the meantime, however, the need is urgent and there should be no lack of response to any appeals that may be made. Indeed, we feel that our people will regard it as a privilege to help out, in any possible way, in this emergency. This goes for the Government as well, in any assistance that can be given on a provincial basis.

EDITORIAL NOTES

One of the problems created by the exclusion of Communist China from the United Nations has been underlined in recent weeks. The initial Chinese attack on Tibet, and the subsequent repression of its people, appear fully as high-handed, and perhaps as brutal, as Russia's action in Hungary. But as matters now stand, there is no way by which the U.N. can summon the Peking Government to account for its actions, or focus the spotlight of world opinion upon them.

One would think that a large contingent of school children freed from all classroom chores for a long period would swell the ranks of mischief-makers in the community. Not in Norfolk, Virginia, however, where the city's six secondary schools were closed from September through last January. During that time, the number of juvenile delinquents handled by the police declined. More than 10,000 youngsters were locked out, and their good behaviour is certainly commendable.

The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company—popularly known as A and P—recently observed its 100th anniversary. It began as a small tea store on a side street in New York. Today it has a chain of more than 4,000 supermarkets extending throughout the United States. In addition, the company operates scores of warehouses, bakeries, coffee roasting plants, milk plants and a salmon fishery fleet and canneries. It employs more than 145,000 persons. Its annual sales come to about \$5 billion.



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OTTAWA REPORT

NATO Trade Alliance

By Patrick Nicholson

Canada, as this column recently pointed out, has long ago agreed to form a trade alliance with her allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization — (NATO) to improve the living standards of all.

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.

COSTS OF EDUCATION

Sir,—In a recent letter to the press, Mr. E.C. Johnstone, Mayor of Charlottetown, presented some observations pertaining to City finances, particularly referring to the rapidly mounting cost of education in this City. Among other matters he stated that in 1956 the Provincial Department of Education contributed \$398,000 to rural school districts, or \$34.50 per pupil, implying that Charlottetown, under the present Act, did not receive similar consideration.

Unfortunately the figure was inaccurate as was correctly pointed out in the Legislature the following day. For any embarrassment caused, Mayor Johnstone is my duty to take full responsibility for the error inasmuch as the figure used was taken from a survey of provincial education finances which I had prepared and given to him for information. The misinterpretation of the item was due to careless wording in my report.

However, in expressing regret I wish to take the opportunity presented to give your readers, particularly the taxpayers of Summerside and Charlottetown, the reasons for instituting the financial survey in the first instance. Both Charlottetown and Summerside were included in the report as these two urban centres administer their schools under a special section of the School Act, Part 5, Paragraph 102-116.

In 1955 Summerside built a new high school with auditorium-gymnasium costing \$550,000. The only assistance available from the Department of Education under the present Act was \$25,000 and this because the academic building provided classrooms for Grades 11 and 12. During the past five years the City of Charlottetown has provided funds totalling \$1,400,000 for the building and equipping of two new schools. Charlottetown, not having the two grades, was not eligible to receive any capital grants. It should be stated, however, that the interest-free loan of \$153,000 repayable over a ten-year period received from the Provincial Government did save the City considerable interest charges.

Children May Have Diabetes

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. ALTHOUGH we generally think of the overweight adult past 40 as the typical diabetic, children suffer from the disease, too. As with any other disease, you should be on the alert for the first symptoms. You can't expect your youngsters to come to you and complain: "I think I have diabetes."

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Signs on the back of a truck: "This truck has had eight accidents and hasn't lost one yet."—Edmonton Journal. There are two ways of taking care of your teeth—brush them every day and don't call a parson who can lick you a liar.—Stratford Beacon-Herald. An expert on etiquette writes that an insult is a sure way to lose friends. It's almost an equally sure way to win a punch on the nose.—Ottawa Journal.

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Labor Victory In Norfolk

By Ed Simons Canadian Press Staff Writer The contrary electorate of Norfolk South-West, emerging from its hole like a groundhog, has probably assured Britain of another six months without a general election. Before this week's byelection, the constituency's chief claim to fame arose from the 1955 contest, when it turned out its Conservative member of Parliament in favor of a Labor man while the rest of the country was busy throwing out Labor MPs and putting Tory candidates in.

SEVENFOLD INCREASE

Most of the experts had predicted that Labor would scrape through in the byelection, but the sevenfold increase took almost everyone by surprise. It now appears probable that the Conservatives will spend some time in exhaustive research as to what hit them before Prime Minister Macmillan dissolves Parliament and asks for another term. The vote came 24 hours after Macmillan returned from Washington on the last leg of a round, of diplomatic activities that promised to lead to a summit meeting and had brought his personal prestige to its zenith. The commentators were quick to observe that foreign policy doesn't win elections, particularly in peacetime. But the constituency had no obvious domestic grievance that would account for the result.

NO SPARKS STRUCK

It farmers had recently benefited from an increase in agricultural subsidies. The light industry in its towns was unaffected by the unemployment which has

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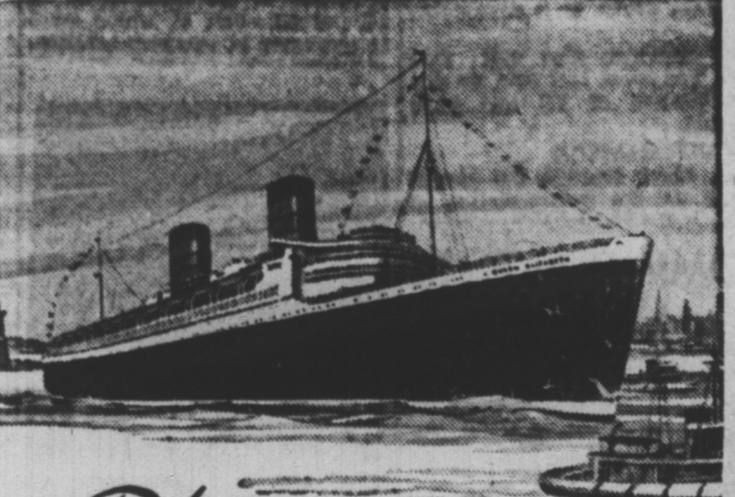
MAXIMS

While we cannot endure to be deceived by our enemies or betrayed by our friends, we are often content so to serve ourselves. FAMOUS TRACK Horse-races were held at Epsom Downs in England as early as 1730, or 50 years before the first Derby was run.

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