

Kerala's example, the way will be open to tyranny and freedom-suppression in the best tradition of the conspirators.

Perhaps nothing worse has happened to India since she became a sovereign nation. For there are many millions of Indians whose predilections are on the border line between political freedom and totalitarianism; and it won't take much to entice them into the trap which will be laid out so temptingly in Kerala.

New Poultry-Preservative

After subjecting the treatment to exhaustive experimentation, the Food and Drug Division at Ottawa has authorized the use of Acronize, a derivative of the antibiotic Aureomycin, as a poultry-preservative. It had already been accepted for use on fish; and its use on poultry was authorized in the United States in November, 1955. Canada, the report says, is one of the first countries to accept it for both fish and poultry.

Acronize does not affect the taste, odor or colour of the food product. It merely maintains the fresh-killed condition and appearance. Only about a teaspoonful of the basic treatment is necessary for processing 600 pounds of poultry. It is simply added to the ice and water in which the birds are chilled after slaughter. Cooking destroys it. Officials stress the fact, however, that Acronize is not a substitute for refrigeration and sanitation, nor does it work on birds which have already begun to spoil. It works only on fresh birds by preventing spoilage bacteria from getting a start.

It is hoped that the new process will make possible tastier and fresher poultry and thereby increase Canadian consumption of this very fine food. Incidentally, the per capita consumption is growing all the time. In 1950 it was 19 pounds. Last year it was 30 pounds. During the same period the cash value of poultry processed in Canada increased from \$100 million to something like \$170 million.

It is to be noted that Acronize is to be made available only to processing plants which comply with strict sanitary standards. This is a necessary health measure. In the United States it is now in use in more than half of the country's processing plants.

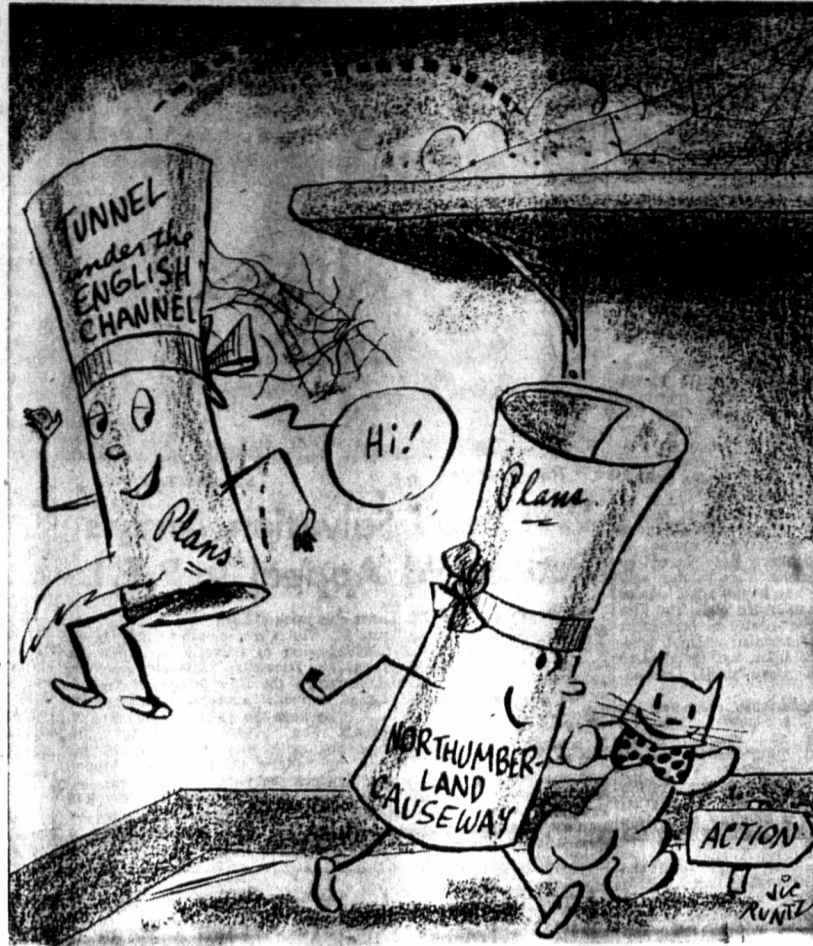
Pasture Protection

It is probably safe to say that most farmers look upon pasture lands as less important in an overall sense and less deserving of proper care than crop lands. According to a report issued by the Division of Field Husbandry at Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa, this is a costly mistake. It says that trials conducted over the past several years show that well fertilized pastures produce on an average 63% more herbage than unfertilized areas. Fertilization also improved the composition of the herbage by increasing the clover stand by 50% and decreasing the weed population by at least 30%. In Charlottetown and other Maritime experimental farms the increase in fertilized areas over the unfertilized ones was more than 50%.

The report points out that it is not possible to suggest any one fertilizer for all soil and climatic conditions. In general, however, phosphorus is required on clay soils where clover grows best. Where clover does not thrive nitrogen is usually recommended. Potassium is good for sandy soils. Perhaps the most economical is an application of not less than 500 pounds of a complete fertilizer, followed by similar treatments every two or three years, with more frequent nitrogen application on pastures as on crop lands.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Some time ago we referred to a Mss. Schoenit, of California, Mo., who refused to send her little girl to school because, as she put it, "public schools turn out nothing but trained seals" and she could give the child much better teaching at home. At the time, it was thought that the courts would rule against her. It did not turn out that way, however. At least, the judge who heard the case granted a month's delay after hearing the 7-year-old girl play the violin and recite up to 100 in Spanish, accomplishments which she learned at home. Mrs. Schoenit says she will take the case to the United States Supreme Court if the lower courts finally rule against her.



ANOTHER REVIVAL

Parliament In Review

By Alan Donnelly, Canadian Press Staff, Ottawa

The final session of Canada's 22nd Parliament saw the federal government for the first time moving in a big way into the fields of power production and culture.

The pre-election session also produced the first major increase since 1949 in the level of social welfare payments and was presented with a record government spending program of \$5,334,000,000 for the fiscal year begun April 1, topping the highest wartime spending.

The opposition parties, with a new Progressive Conservative leader, John Diefenbaker, were unable to whip up any major controversy during the three-month session with the possible exception of charges — denied — that cabinet ministers had tried to interfere with programming by the PIPELINE BIG ISSUE?

The government, eyeing the campaign for the June election, did nothing to help the opposition create issues.

It appeared the opposition would have to fight the election mostly on the basis of the government's record and on issues raised in previous sessions, notably last year's wild pipeline battle.

But this year's closing session of the Parliament elected Aug. 10, 1953, was not without history. It saw establishment of a long-awaited 21-member Canada Council with a \$100,000,000 federal bankroll to promote cultural activities and help expand university buildings and equipment. Operating grants available to universities were doubled to \$16,000,000 a year.

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It signalled a federal move into the field of power production, with its proposal for linking New Brunswick and Nova Scotia electric systems into a single grid and for constructing thermal electric generating plants. Later the government announced it was prepared to build public hydro-electric plants in British Columbia. The budget spread a thin layer of sales tax cuts and improved welfare payments broadly over a large part of the electorate.

Pensions for the aged, blind and disabled, will be raised to \$46 from \$40 a month on July 1, and family allowances will go up by \$1 a month Sept. 1 for selected age groups of children. Scaled upwards were income ceilings governing means tests for federal-provincial pensions to the needy aged between 65 and 69, the blind and disabled. War veterans allowances and veterans disability pensions were also hiked.

HOSPITAL PLAN Parliament also passed enabling legislation permitting a start on the country's first federally-assisted hospital insurance program with the central government standing ready to pay half the cost of provincial plans for standard hospital care and diagnosis. It won't be implemented until six provinces agree and pass the necessary legislation.

But the biggest event in the life of this Parliament was the 1956 Commons pipeline debate which produced outbursts of bitter feelings unmatched in decades of Canadian politics.

The government repeatedly used the rare debate-limiting device of closure to force through a bill to help finance the \$75,000,000 venture of Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd. to pipe Alberta gas to Eastern Canada.

Commons Speaker Rene Beaudin, who consistently ruled in favor of the government on a host of procedural roadblocks thrown up by the Conservative and CCF opposition, faced an unprecedented opposition motion of censure and survived it. He later submitted his resignation under opposition fire and finally withdrew it at the request of Prime Minister St. Laurent.

And Donald Fleming (PC-Toronto Eglinton) defied an order by Chairman W. A. Robinson to be seated and was suspended for the rest of the day on a government

motion—first such occurrence in 12 years.

Trans-Canada did not borrow all of the \$80,000,000 provided in the bill as a loan to build the Alberta-Winnipeg part of the line. Last Feb. 28 the company repaid \$50,716,603 covering what it had borrowed at five-per-cent interest.

The Liberal government won the pipeline fight, but it yielded in 1955 to a Progressive Conservative filibuster against a bill to extend indefinitely the wide powers of Defence Production Minister Howe. The government finally agreed, after 10 days of debate, to put a three-year limit on the powers.

Last year also brought enactment of federal-provincial tax sharing proposals, to take effect April 1, 1957, and replace the last five-year tax rental agreements.

CABINET SHUFFLE There were many political changes during this Parliament's life span.

In the biggest cabinet shuffle of postwar years, Defence Minister Claxton, Finance Minister Abbott and Transport Minister Chevrier stepped out of politics in 1954. Associate Defence Minister Campney moved into Mr. Claxton's job, Quebec Liberal Leader George Marler took over the transport portfolio and Immigration Minister Harris became finance minister. State Secretary Pickersgill became immigration minister and awaited 21-member Canada Council with a \$100,000,000 federal bankroll to promote cultural activities and help expand university buildings and equipment. Operating grants available to universities were doubled to \$16,000,000 a year.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

TRIBUTE TO LATE SENATOR MCINTYRE

Sir—The members of the Prince Edward Island Fisheries Federation want to join with others in a tribute to the late Senator J.P. McIntyre.

Senator McIntyre was the first President of the Fisheries Federation when it was formed in 1945. The following year, he was one of the first National Directors to the Fisheries Council of Canada.

In these capacities, as in many others, his greatness served Island Fisheries in a two fold manner reaching out on the one hand with unmistakable ease, to Federal Departments at Ottawa when some problem needed his attention, and on the other hand, getting back, by his intimate contact with the fishermen, to the basic problems of shore fishermen.

The Fisheries Federation is proud to remember the late Senator as having served his Province so faithfully and well as its first President and the country as a member of the Board of Fisheries Council Directors.

Mrs. McIntyre and his family is expressed our sympathy.

We are, Sir, etc., THE P.E.I. FISHERIES FED. S.H. Burhoe, President.

APOLOGIES

For an article on Painting. Sir—If the exhibitors understood that the last half of my article applied to their works, I do feel sorry, and am most willing to take the blame for not having been more specific.

The article, as the title indicated, was written about painters in general, taking advantage of the present exhibition as a mere occasion for writing about painting, devoting to it the first third of the article. That those painters can paint, as was said, is indeed a rare compliment here.

I am, Sir, etc., A.A.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 12, 1932)

At the stormiest session of the City Council held in many years—a session which lasted for four hours and a quarter—the civic estimates for the year 1932 were put through and after a great deal of controversy a resolution to arrange for an outside audit was carried.

A delegation from Elmira and vicinity has arranged for a conference with the Superintendent of the Island Division of the C.N.R. and with President S. A. MacDonald and other members of the Associated Board of Trade. The proposed cancellation of the train service between Souris and Elmira will be dealt with.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 12, 1947)

A proposal that one of the Initial Regional High Schools planned by the provincial Department of Education be established in Charlottetown was laid before the provincial government yesterday by a large and representative delegation from Charlottetown and twenty-four surrounding school districts.

Two steamers that loaded Island potatoes at St. John have arrived in England with their cargoes in good condition according to word received here yesterday. It is understood that three steamers from England will arrive at Island ports shortly to load potatoes for Great Britain.

MAXIMS

A statesman is a successful politician who is dead.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

STRAWBERRY BIRTHMARK WILL USUALLY DISAPPEAR YOU don't always have to undergo disfiguring surgery to get rid of a strawberry birthmark.

Scientists now say this bright red marking frequently found in infants is a benign tumor of arterial origin. And they have shown it can be treated in various ways.

SOON DISAPPEARS This mark, which may appear anywhere on the body, occurs in about one out of every 10 or 12 births. Generally, it disappears spontaneously within a few months.

Occasionally, it grows for six to 18 months and then gradually begins to vanish.

A survey by the New York State Department of Health failed to show a single case among 4,892 babies in local hospitals in which the mark was present at birth.

TRADITIONAL BELIEF In most cases, the investigators report, the tumor usually is noticed from one to six weeks later. This evidence, contrary to traditional belief, is reported in a recent issue of Cancer, a journal of the American Cancer Society.

Not all of these marks need treatment. But, generally, their disappearance can be hastened by controlled application of dry ice. Needless to say, this procedure must be conducted only by a competent medical man.

INJECTIONS MAY HELP The larger growths may require injection of a solution into or about the artery to halt the flow of blood feeding them.

If such an injection fails to stop the blood supply of the tumor, the artery can be closed by surgery.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. H. R.: What would Cause a swelling on the left side of my stomach which causes a feeling of crowdedness after I have been in a sitting position for a period of time?

Answer: From the description you give, it is possible that you have a hernia of the abdominal wall. On the other hand, the swelling could result from other causes such as a tumor.

It is important that you have an examination made by your physician as soon as possible.

The Poets Corner

APRIL SURPRISED April surprised, Tries hard to compromise; Winter stubborn, Sulkily bears dripping trees. His robes all ragged-edged, While April tries hard To hide her tears And waits. —Wm. H. Doucette Charlottetown.

The Age Old Story

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him... reckon... yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin... yield yourselves unto God.

about. Beyond this, I do not like to talk about painting as one does about a bride's new dress.

I certainly did not intend to signify that the paintings exhibited were of the same low caliber as those poorly painted spruce trees and sea scapes which are unforgivably selling as works of art. If it seemed thus to the reader, I do apologize for lack of clarity.

As to the place of landscape painting in contemporary art, even though I am willing to admit that the last word is not been said, it would demand too long an article to expound with any accuracy and justice the particular topic. However, I do not retract the statement and remain firmly convinced that landscape painting is, for the present, doomed to the same fate as music written in Mozart's style by living composers. Not because Mozart is easier or more difficult than Prokofiev, but because what he says is not any more what the modern man can say with sincerity.

I am, Sir, etc., A.A.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The silliest expression of the season is worn by the bird which has been around all Winter but is trying to give the other birds the impression that he wintered in Florida.—Hamilton Spectator

The forty years ago column of the Dutton Advance contained the session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, London, that steps must be taken to combat and oppose Sunday automobilism and was approved at the annual meeting of the church. Present-day comment is unnecessary.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

No one has the right to set out poisoned food for a dog just because he doesn't like dogs in the neighborhood. The animal eating poison suffers extreme agony before death. The dog prisoner is certainly something less than human and is a greater nuisance to the community than the dogs.—Owen Sound Sun-Times

Single-shouldered, a Washington man put his back into it and pushed a friend's stalled car into a filling station. He was tagged for operating a car without a driver's licence on the ground, that, though he was a foot outside it, he was reaching in the window to steer. The fine was \$50. Honestly, not everything that happens in Washington. It just seems that way.—Detroit Free Press

Among the melancholy items in the news is that from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. A whistling sawn has been jilted. One of the rare birds was being brought from Philadelphia to mate with a lonely whistler at the university. The swan, somehow escaped enroute, was last seen with a bemused look in the vicinity of Bethlehem, Pa. The crate arrived empty at Cornell. Being turned down is not the unusual fate of a whistler—bird or man. And there is nothing to be done about it except to go on whistling.—Cape Breton Post

If anyone would like to buy a steam locomotive the CNR has some for sale in Newfoundland. The only difficulty is that the purchaser in Canada would have to build his own line to run it on, as the Newfoundland line is of a narrower gauge than in the rest of Canada. The locomotives have been replaced by diesels, which may be taken as a sign of the times. It won't be long before all of the old iron horses are headed for the scrap heap.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph

The members of Fort William's city council are to be furnished with a parking meter "frank" in the form of a sticker, on which the name of the owner of the vehicle will be designated. It will permit the aldermen to park their private car in a parking meter stall without having to put a penny into the slot.—Moose Jaw Times-Herald

There are two kinds of income-tax form-fillers—those who leave the job to the last minute, and those who expect a refund.—Hamilton Spectator

This is the time of year when the leathers' friends to which you have been tossing crumbs all winter show their gratitude by eating your grass seed.—Hamilton Spectator

NOTICE

ATTENTION MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS AND OPERATORS

Due to road conditions, the use of all 1956 motor vehicle licenses has been extended until midnight, April 30th, 1957.

After that date no person shall operate and no owner shall knowingly permit the operation of a vehicle without having first obtained a 1957 license.

Registration offices are located at the following centres: Charlottetown... 136 Prince Street Summerside... Court House Building Montague... Masonic Temple Building Souris... Star Grocery Alberton... Wesley Hardy's Store (Saturdays only)

Dated at Charlottetown, P.E.I. this 9th day of April, 1957.

J. A. GALLANT, Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

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