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Fiscal Problems Worsening

Of paramount importance to every Province are the tax rental agreements with Ottawa which it is hoped will be placed on a more equitable basis after the Dominion-Provincial conference this fall.

In this connection the Globe and Mail points out that while Canada's rate of capital expansion and Gross National Product are rising this year faster than expected, expenditures of eight Provinces are rising, and in seven Provinces revenues are falling.

The argument advanced by some Dominion authorities that tax rental payments to the Provinces equal the revenues raised by the latter in taxation, means less than nothing.

Whatever they may have been worth in the first place, argues our Toronto contemporary, the bases of the tax rental agreements are now obsolete.

A Dominion Bureau of Statistics report shows that all Provinces except Nova Scotia, Quebec and British Columbia foresee lower revenues, while all but Manitoba and Quebec forecast higher expenditures.

These are gravely dangerous distortions in the Dominion's fiscal arrangements. Without the tax rentals, they indicate a failure of provisions made for public financing at the time of Confederation.

Against Compulsory Plan

It is interesting to note that the Saskatchewan Marketing Board has recommended to the Douglas Government against proceeding with a compulsory livestock marketing plan for the Province.

A proposal for a livestock marketing scheme was drawn up last fall at the instigation of the Saskatchewan Farmers Union and was presented to the Marketing Board for its consideration.

and, in addition, heard 27 oral presentations concerning the proposal.

Generally speaking, the strongest support for the plan came from the Farmers Union. It felt that a marketing board would help to maintain a fair price structure for the different grades and classes of livestock and would eliminate the day-to-day fluctuations in prices for the same grades or classes.

Other organizations — including the Saskatchewan wheat pool, whose livestock division handles a considerable percentage of livestock marketed in the province—favored the principle of a marketing board.

The New Neutrality

By all accounts, neutrality is not what it used to be. In the old days—before the cold war began, that is—a neutral state, especially a militarily weak one, was that and nothing more.

To confuse the situation still more, what is neutrality in the mind of Mr. Nehru is something quite different in the mind of Marshal Tito. The Indian leader is against all blocs and military treaties of any sort whatsoever.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King died this date, 1950.

What is the oldest living creature in the world? Well, a South Pacific turtle should be nominated for the distinction, though not necessarily elected.

The Charlottetown Centennial booklet, issued by the Centennial Committee, is now available and makes a valuable souvenir for our citizens and visitors alike.

In what promises to be the largest oceanographic survey ever undertaken, the United States, Canada, and Japan are making a joint examination of the North Pacific ocean, beginning next month.

Sound waves we cannot hear, known as ultrasonic waves, may provide an improved method of treating diseases such as bursitis, arthritis, skin infections and ulcers.



Possible Enough Developments

Mr. Gardiner in Britain

Tributes to Britain as a stock-producing country, to the high level of mechanisation on the farm and to the improvement in the people's living conditions, were paid by Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Canadian Minister of Agriculture, before he left Prestwick for Montreal after a 10-day visit.

Mr. Gardiner has made 10 trips to Britain since he became Minister of Agriculture 20 years ago and he has noted the gradual increase in farm production which has reached the stage when output has increased more than 50 per cent above the pre-war level.

He was interested in the diversified output of British farming and said there was good reason why all those who participated in agriculture in the United Kingdom should take great pride in its recent development.

OTTAWA REPORT

Ottawa River Pollution

In this land lush with the bounty presented by Nature, our most widespread and valuable resource is taken for granted and wasted. Human nature being what it is, we tend to value cheaply anything which is coming.

Seven per cent of the whole area of Canada consists of fresh water in lakes and rivers. This great natural wealth covers an area of over one quarter of a million square miles.

Nobody has yet connected pollution with water pollution; nobody has yet blamed our fouled water supplies for the prevalent intestinal disorders which we euphemistically call "Twenty-Four Hour Flu".

Some friends of mine have just returned from a cruise along the Beau River, into Lake Ontario, and up to Simcoe. They report that almost every harbour they entered carried warnings against swimming owing to sewage contamination, while even in the middle of the big lake a scum of sewage floated. The newspapers greeted Marilyn Bell as a hero

Marilyn Bell's Career

Orilia Packet and Times As time goes on it becomes increasingly clear that Marilyn Bell's future is going to be too greatly influenced by the efforts of Toronto newspapers to cash in on her current popularity.

The Telegram scored something of a feat on the Star when they persuaded her handlers to try the channel swim this summer under their auspices.

Marilyn is a sweet, young Canadian girl and she was courageous in swimming Lake Ontario—a most notable and remarkable athletic achievement. But the feat should be kept in its proper perspective. It did not, after all, contribute anything to anyone's betterment or welfare—except her own and those closely associated with her.

Still Exaggerated

Mark Twain might just say that the reports of his death are greatly exaggerated. For as an author, he is still very much alive.

No doubt if he lived today, Mark Twain, like many contemporary writers, would write his books for Hollywood or the television, rather than for his readers.

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Medically Speaking

DON'T TAKE CHANCES WITH APPENDICITIS!

Your life may depend upon what you do in the early stages of an attack of appendicitis. If operated upon early, it's a simple procedure to remove your appendix. But if you wait and the appendix ruptures, it's another matter.

RECOGNIZE SYMPTOMS

It's important that you recognize the symptoms of appendicitis so you will know what to do and what not to do. The appendix is a small tubular structure about three to five inches long attached to the beginning of the large intestine.

SEVERE PAIN

With inflammation you will notice a pain in the middle of your abdomen. It soon localizes in the right lower part of the abdomen. The pain usually becomes dull, severe and continuous and is made worse by coughing and sneezing.

BLOOD COUNT

Unfortunately, your temperature and white blood count might remain normal with appendicitis. Then, too, the appendix is not always located in its normal position. And inflammation of the stomach or bowel might produce symptoms that are similar to appendicitis.

SUMMON DOCTOR

Summon your doctor right away. Don't wait more than a couple of hours at the longest after the symptoms begin. Lie quietly until the doctor arrives. Don't rub or massage the abdomen.

Only if the pain is unbearable should you apply an ice bag or hot water bag to the site. This is dangerous because it might deaden the pain, leading you to think the attack has subsided.

QUESTION AND ANSWER C. B.: I am exhausted most of the time and have pains on my right shoulder and middle of my chest. Could this be due to liver trouble?

Answer: While it is possible that the symptoms you describe might be due to liver disease, it would appear more likely that they come from some other type of disorder, such as some form of rheumatic disease.

The Poets Corner

LET THEM WALK GENTLY Their seasons asked no favor of the sun. Unclad, and whose providential days Forecast no endings, no dark year begun.

Such myths are still believed, still carried on From place to place by those who speak as though In a lost language, who are strangely drawn

was paid a substantial sum for the use of his works, which are still covered by copyright. This total is all the more remarkable because on the most important works the time-limit of the copyright has expired. It is only his later writings that are now earning royalties for his daughter.

NOTES BY THE WAY

For longer than most Ottawa residents can recall, an ancient gun, back of the Chateau Laurier and pointing westward up the Ottawa River, has been barking out a daily time signal.

Children are not allowed to vote. They are not considered good risks by credit managers. They are given a wide degree of protection by the law, because their judgment is assumed to be poor, and their knowledge of the world small.

It is useless to nag at the young to be unorthodox. They don't know how. Modern education has scared all the originality out of them, and if they ever do so. And the unorthodoxy of the young is no of much interest or value. It consists chiefly of attacking sacred cows which all but the stupidest of their elders have ceased to respect long ago.

Nothing positively nothing makes a woman so aware of the heavy work that needs to be done around the house as the sight of her husband doing a fishing reel.—Hamilton Spectator.

Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

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