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The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink.

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NATO Problems

To say that this week's meeting of NATO is of special importance would be an obvious understatement. It is better to say that not since the organization was established has it faced such problems and irritations as confront it at this time.

Rightly or wrongly, there is a growing feeling in Britain and France, especially and significantly among parliamentary supporters of the respective governments, that American support to Western Europe in the event of Soviet aggression can no longer be taken for granted.

Secretary of State Dulles may talk as he pleases about "the change for the better that will come when American oil begins to cross the Atlantic."

All our citizens are familiar with the outstanding contribution Dr. MacMillan has made, educationally and from the standpoint of public health, not only to this Province but to the Dominion as a whole through his association with leading national organizations.

There is something else, too, troubling the waters of NATO. Judging by press comments in both Britain and France, there is a feeling abroad in Western Europe that American anger against the intervention in Egypt was dictated not so much by veneration of the U.N. charter as by the desire to take over British and French commercial interests in the Middle East.

It is with regret that our citizens will learn of his retirement from the School Board; but they will rejoice that his health is steadily improving after his recent serious illness, and they will wish him many more years of useful activity, and the happiness which he has always found therein, in service to the community and Province.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Is there no limit to Soviet savagery? Not content with shooting down civilians in the streets and carrying off young men to the Siberian mines, they are now reported to be rounding up school children and transporting them to God knows where by the truckload.

An Old Problem

Premier Stanfield of Nova Scotia is said to be considering what to do about those government employees who openly and aggressively campaigned for the Liberal Party in the recent election.

Proof that a tiny spark can lead to a mighty conflagration is found in the big fire on the Brooklyn piers which killed 10 persons, injured 200 others and destroyed property worth more than \$10 million.

Central City is one of the historic old mining towns, and they have done their best to keep it intact. For a mile or two before you reach it you pass mine shafts dug into the hills and the town itself is full of old style American houses.

the result that most employees of the Nova Scotia Government, prior to the last election, were adherents of that party.

There are three alternatives open to any incoming government in dealing with employees not protected by tenure under Civil Service rules. The first is to fire them all and replace them by party supporters.

Government employees who actively and openly take sides in an election campaign have no one but themselves to blame if, after a change in their party's fortunes, they come under the displeasure of their new employers.

By the same token, no government has the moral right to dismiss employees indiscriminately merely to provide jobs for those who covet them.

Well-Merited Tribute

The retirement of Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, O.B.E., from the City School Board after many years of service in that capacity was the occasion last night of fitting tributes from the City Council.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

ELECTROSHOCK THERAPY AIDS SOME MENTAL ILLS

Probably nothing in any field of medicine invokes more misunderstanding and apprehension than electroshock therapy.

Perhaps it can be a dangerous weapon, it also is a very valuable tool in treating many diseases of the mind.

For one thing, there is no shock in the known electrical sense.

DISAPPOINTING RESULTS

It has been helpful in about two out of three cases of psychoneurotic depression, but results have been disappointing in anxiety neuroses and hysterical and compulsive reactions.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A camel's legbone has been found on the Canadian prairies. Has Nasser got his agents here? —Toronto Star

It pays to have a name that fits — in one column of newspaper or space, we mean. For such interested parties as politicians, it means that they get their name in larger type more often. —Suburb Star

A golfer, in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, was shooting for a birdie. His ball in flight hit and killed a woodpecker. It wouldn't be surprising if the gentleman tried for an eagle next time. —Fort William Times-Journal

Indian tribes in Canada will soon have to keep a directory of honorary "white man" chiefs if they keep on with this business of handing out feathered head gear. Every few weeks or months another "white brother" is made an Indian chief. —Suburb Star

The Paris fashion arbiter, Christian Dior, says with reference to forthcoming styles, "Women will wear their dresses longer." But, unfortunately he means that women will wear longer dresses. —Kitchener-Waterloo Record

For the first six months of the present fiscal year, that is up to the beginning of October, all government departments, with the exception of veterans' affairs and mines, spent more than they did in the corresponding period of last year. Once again it is the old story out of Ottawa—ordinary citizens are too stupid to spend their money without official guidance, but government spending goes unchecked. —Winnipeg Tribune

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