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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Closing Doors To The Public

Senator J. P. McIntyre last week demanded of the deputy minister of Public Works why the main door of the East Block of the Parliament buildings was sealed up.

The door apparently had been sealed up many years before to provide a continuous suite of offices for the Finance Minister and his deputy.

Publications For French Youth

In July, 1949 the two Assemblies of France passed legislation setting up a commission charged with the responsibility of examining the quality of periodicals intended for children.

A decree which appeared recently in the Official Journal names the members of this commission. The chairman is M. Bacquart, Counsellor of State, and the commission includes representatives of the various ministries, of authors and illustrators, of family and youth welfare organizations, also two magistrates from the children's courts.

All members of the commission are appointed for a term of two years and are sworn to secrecy. They will meet every three months, with the possibility of holding extra meetings if necessary, and the report of each session will be sent to the Lord Chancellor, as will the annual report.

Most Colorful Parliamentarians

Here are the results of a poll among newspapermen and others at Ottawa, made by the parliamentary representative of the Vancouver Daily Province, to determine the most colourful characters in the House of Commons:

John Diefenbaker, Progressive Conservative member for Lake Centre, and Rt. Hon. James Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, both of whom received nine out of a possible ten votes.

George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, who received eight out of a possible ten votes.

Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and Jean-Francois Pouliot, Liberal member for Temiscouata, who tied with seven votes each.

A. L. Smith, Progressive Conservative member for Calgary West, and Clarence Gillis, C.C.F. member for Cape Breton South, who each received six votes.

James Sinclair, Liberal member for Coast-Capilano, and M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. Leader, each with five votes.

Lester B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, who received four votes.

A check of the figures showed that of the 100 votes polled 66 were divided among ten members of Parliament. The other 44 votes were distributed among 20 additional members.

Three votes each were awarded to Finance Minister Douglas-Abbot, Trade and Commerce Minister C. D. Howe, and Hon. C. G. Power.

Two votes each were given to: Ernest Hansell (S.C.-MacLeod), David Croll (Lib.-Toronto-SPadina), Minister of Transport Lionel Chevrier, George Peakes (P.C.-Nanaimo), Minister of Labor Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Resources and Development R. H. Winters, Minister of Health and Welfare Paul Martin, and Stanley Knowles (C.C.F.-Winnipeg North Centre).

One vote each was received by: E. D. Fulton (P.C.-Kamloops), Jean Lesage (Lib.-Montmagny-L'Islet), J. M. Macdonnell (P.C.-

Toronto-Greenwood), Rene Beaudoin (Lib.-Vaudreuil-Soulanges), Earl Rowe (P.C.-Dufferin-Simcoe), G. F. Higgins (P.C.-St. John's East), Ralph Maybank (Lib.-Winnipeg South Centre), Robert McCubbin (Lib.-Middlesex West), and John Blackmore (S.C.-Lethbridge).

With only three Cabinet ministers out of the 19 who are presently in the House included in the top ten "colorful" parliamentarians, one must conclude that the strength of the present Liberal cabinet is to be found in other capabilities and attainments. In all, only nine Ministers were nominated as being colorful. As a group, however, these nine polled 36 out of a possible 100 votes.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Four more days till Easter.

Tomorrow the House of Commons adjourns until April 17 for the Easter recess.

In the event of Premier Jones vacating the Premiership, the two names prominently being discussed as his successor are Hons. Matheson and Darby.

The severe snow and wind storm in the Western part of the Island Sunday serves to show that the success or failure of weather forecasts is not to be judged by city experience only.

Teams were still crossing on the harbour ice yesterday. Someone, no doubt, wants to be the last to get across. It would be a pity to be the one to follow the last to cross.

His Worship the Mayor says the City Council is in favour of all the improvements in public service imaginable, provided the taxpayers are prepared for the increased cost of luxuries involved. That is the customary handicap in attempting to keep up with the Jones' in civic improvement.

Mr. W. N. Macdonald, Sydney, announces that he has been negotiating for the dredging of the channel for the transport of coal between his mine at Mabou and Georgetown where a coal depot will be established this coming summer. Everyone enjoying Government patronage has his own particular axe to grind.

Mr. D. Leo Dolan, Director of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, Ottawa, has called on all tourist bodies to assist the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Canada in its Beautification Campaign this year. The Federal tourist director noted that 1949 had been Canada's greatest travel year, bringing \$288,000,000 into the country, of which \$270,000,000 came from United States visitors.

Newfoundland, has requested and received payment of \$9,000,000 lent free of interest of the United Kingdom during the war. While Premier Smallwood's Government undoubtedly will find good use for the funds received, it would seem to have been a not altogether wise demand to make when Britain is already short of Canadian dollars with which to buy Newfoundland fish and paper.

Washington Irving, American author, born this date 1783. His first literary success was his amusing sketches entitled "Salmagundi" (with the assistance of his brother William and his friend Paulding). In 1809 appeared the satirical history of New York by "Diedrich Knickerbocker", which brought him European fame. He toured England in 1815 and wrote sketches of English life; next visited Spain and wrote a history of Columbus, etc. He afterwards returned to New York and contributed to U. S. periodicals.

The percentage of the cattle population in the T.B. free areas by Provinces are as follows, according to the answer to a question in Parliament: Newfoundland, nil (no restricted areas); Prince Edward Island, 100 per cent; Nova Scotia, 100 per cent; New Brunswick, 100 per cent; Quebec, 83 per cent; Ontario, 97 per cent; Manitoba, 76 per cent; Saskatchewan, 52 per cent; Alberta, 16 per cent; and British Columbia, 34 per cent. The Maritimes certainly cannot be accused of backwardness in that direction.

The growing importance of oil developments in Canada is having and will have an effect on the whole economic life of the country. Alberta is the focal point of this industry. At the end of 1949 potential oil production in the western Province was more than one-third of Canada's requirements. Imperial Oil Limited in a current advertising programme is telling of the vast impact this has not only in the lives of those living in Alberta but in shaping the future of all of us.



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

CIVIC STREET WORK

The first programme of civic street work following the incorporation of the City in 1855, is thus outlined in The Examiner of Aug. 7, 1880:

"That portion of King Street between Mr. K. MacKenzie's corner and Mr. Hugh MacKenzie's corner was raised, and sidewalks formed, making it, what it never was before, a decent piece of street. The east end of Dorchester Street was much improved. Richmond Street from Queen Street, near Mr. Hazard's stationery store, was raised, sidewalks formed and gravelled to the Royal Agricultural Warehouse. On the east end of the street, along the north side of the Jail, past Mr. Samuel Collins' property, was greatly raised and sidewalks formed, and the extreme east end of said street and the foot of Edward Street, near Mr. Conway's, much improved."

"Much was also done on Grafton Street between Mr. William Bevan's and the Temperance Hall, in raising the street, by earth brought from Prince Street, making sidewalks and gutters, some paved, and improving about the Well in that locality. Then again by St. Paul's Church, also Mr. Jonathan Collins, and Rochford Street, past Mr. Dawson's tannery, Kent Street also came in for a heavy share of soil and labour, from Chief Justice Hodgson's corner beyond the residence of the Hon. George Coles, and then on the east end of the street from Mr. Lowe's to Mr. E. Brecken's residence. Some soil and labour were expended on Fitzroy Street between the Scotch Church and Mr. Cahill's property, and again on the east end beyond the residence of T. Pethick, Esq."

"A very great improvement was also made by contract on Euston Street, from Brighton Bridge to beyond Mr. John Heartz's, but particularly between Dr. Mackleison's and Great George Street, part of which, twice in the year, was a complete bog. Here sidewalks have been made where none were before, and an excellent culvert built that will last 100 years. No person who knew that locality five years since, but admits that it is one of the greatest improvements ever made on the streets of Charlottetown."

"Coming to the north and south streets, all these were improved commencing with Rochford Street between the Barrack and Dr. Hobkirk's residence, which includes what is termed the West Bog. Then on Pownal Street, from the wharf at its foot to Spring Park, that part near the Kirk was raised, while near the jail was cut down, leaving good sidewalks and gutters all along. Queen Street next received much labour, soil and improvement, from Admiral Bayfield's to Queen's Wharf; although some of the proprietors on either side of this street may have been a little annoyed at the innovations made in moving steps, cellar hatches, and other obstructions, there is not one of them who wish to fall back on the old system, because their properties have increased 50 per cent in appearance, if not in actual value, by change."

"A large quantity of clay was put at the head of Queen's Wharf, sidewalks formed and gravelled to Richmond Street, gutters opened from the shore up to Euston Street, while from Mr. Skinner's corner on the west side and from the pump above Mrs. Stamper's corner on the east side, the gutters were paved down to the shore."

"Great George Street, from the Churchyard to Queen Square, received much soil, and which of the inhabitants between Mr. John Heartz's and Admiral Bayfield's office, on the corner of Fitzroy Street, but will say that a vast improvement was made in this locality, where it often was the case after thaws or very heavy rains not impossible to travel better in a canoe than on foot?"

"Hillsborough Street also came in for a very heavy share of labour and consequent improvement from the residence of the late Mr. Theophilus Desbrisay to that of the Hon. Edward Whelan. Which of the inhabitants between King's and Hillsborough Squares on this line of streets would now vote to go back to the periodical inundations to which they were subject prior to this part of the street having been raised and guttered? Many persons on Weymouth Street, from Mr. William Crabbe's corner to the shore, have had cause to bless the first Corporation for what was done on it, and so have those on Cumberland Streets, besides very many other localities, at a cost on

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.

STICKING UP FOR ALBERTON

Sir, - A letter appeared in your Public Forum of March 25th, which read in part: "That it was very amusing to read a meek little speech made by our local Member on a certain date. And that it seemed he had an idea of linking Alberton with Newfoundland as a port. And said first things first, give us a road to haul our produce over to the wharf." They finished their letter by saying they were tired of smiles, give us action.

Apparently Sir, the party who wrote that letter was referring to our good member, Mr. Ramsay, as he was the man who recommended that Alberton be made a regular port of call. I also read Mr. Ramsay's speech, and I read every word of it, because it was an excellent speech. It was the reverse of being a meek speech, although Mr. Ramsay is a mild and fair-minded man. And his progress in politics and his private business, has not gone to his head, and he is still one of us. Always ready to lend an ear to help us in our troubles, he has ever been the poor man's friend.

I would suggest that the writers of the letter read all Mr. Ramsay's speeches since he was elected in 1948, and to read again the speech referred to, and they will find that besides asking that Alberton be made a regular port of call, he also asked that the road to the wharf be paved. He is not the Minister over that Department, and can only do what he has always done for us, "worked as hard as he can".

We should be proud to have a Newfoundland vessel call regularly at Alberton. It will be noticed that he said it would benefit both the First and Second Districts, therefore, he was not speaking just for his own District, but the Second as well. Just think what it would mean to all of us! He was also loyal to his Leader, as he praised him for what he has done, but he was not meek in asking the Premier for time to discuss the farmer's problems, or the fisherman's either.

I am, Sir, etc., TIGNISH VOTER

The Poet's Corner

THE SAND GLASS

We've drifted on the face sublime Of Ethiope deserts since the prime And laughed at space and flouted time.

We've felt a royal Pharaoh's shoon; We've flown upon the black smoon To hide the fiery sun at noon.

Grains of red Afric dust are we, And our mysterious destiny: To time the egg Jane boils for tea

-Eden Phillips

The Age-Old Story

The righteous Lord loveth righteousness, His countenance doth behold the upright.

Panama was under Spanish rule from 1538 until it became independent in Nov. 25, 1821.

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"This brings us to the roads through the Common, first of which are those at Brighton. Both were much improved. Then the St. Peter's Road, from the residence of J. Longworth, Esq. to Bloody Bridge, as it is called, near Mr. Beer's lime kiln, will for years retain the soil and macadamized stone placed on it. "But the heaviest portion of labour and consequent improvement of the Common roads was that part between the Churchyard and the north boundary of the Common where on the one hand, was a useless hill to travellers, and on the other a dismal swamp. The hill was divided, part of its soil taken down to raise and improve the swamp, and much of the remainder came into the City. This was done by contract and cost some \$200, including the trucking of a large quantity of building stone quarried out of the said hill."

The Red Cross

(Sydney Post-Record)

Red Cross blood today flows in the veins of more than 100,000 Canadian civilians who have been transfused with free blood or blood plasma since the beginning of the national Blood Transfusion Service in 1947.

More than 173,000 Canadians, in this peacetime period, have given one or more donations of their own blood that their friends and neighbors and strangers they have never seen might have a better chance for life.

This is the heartening record of the Canadian Red Cross Society's Blood Transfusion Service, announced today by Dr. W. S. Stanbury, national director, in the second annual report of the Society's annual appeal for \$500,000. Canada's Governor-General has characterized this service, now operating in eight provinces and soon to be extended as "one of the greatest health ventures ever undertaken by a voluntary organization."

In the first 10 months of 1949 alone, 50,000 patients in Canadian hospitals received free transfusions of whole blood or plasma, Dr. Stanbury said.

"More than 83,000 bottles of blood were collected at 805 clinics in the same period. It takes approximately three bottles of whole blood to make one bottle of dried plasma, which is used mainly in cases of severe shock and burns."

Nearly 70,000 clinical Rh tests have been conducted by Red Cross since 1947, insuring that hundreds of new-born babies, among others, get a new lease on life he reported.

"The Red Cross Rh ante-natal investigation service is greatly appreciated by the medical profession, judging from the increased use of Rh clinical tests and the number of requests from physicians for consultative advice from Red Cross medical officers. Another advantage of blood transfusion therapy, he pointed out, is that it shortens the period of hospitalization, increasing hospital capacity and reducing the cost of hospital care.

The service, just begun in British Columbia and Alberta in 1947,

Notes By The Way -

Commenting on the Expositor's suggestion that youngsters should be instructed or taught to have the manners to give up their seats, where necessary, to older persons on buses, The Ottawa Journal agrees that it is not pleasant to see boys and girls occupying seats in public vehicles, while women stand, often with heavy parcels, even though the boys and girls may have been there first.

The Ottawa paper implies, however, that not only the young people, but also some of their elders need a few lessons in courtesy. All this, unhappily, is true. But probably these ill-mannered individuals are that way because nobody ever took the trouble to tell them, when they were kids, how to act properly! - Brantford Expositor.

French folklorists have discovered more than seventy legends in France about the existence of cities or towns which the sea or lakes have covered at some, usually unknown, date, but which are still believed to be sleeping intact under water. The most popular legend in France on this subject is the story of the Ville D'Is. This city, supposedly situated on the very tip of Brittany, is thought to be at the bottom of the Bay of Trepessars. In many parts of France the rivers and lakes are thought to be the last resting place of a town or village. Sometimes a clue to a local legend is found in a hotel sign or the name of a street. An example in the Savoy mountains is found at the confluence of the Arve and Diosaz rivers. A Summer auberge has the name of "Ville de Saint-Denis" in memory of a lost city supposed to have stood there once. - French Information Service.

now operates in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Manitoba and portions of Ontario and Quebec.

For maintaining and expanding this life-giving service, Red Cross has budgeted for \$1,831,803 of its \$5,000,000 campaign in 1950.

My Dear King George: I wish much that you could have been with us during the past 10 days - a truly unique meeting in its thoroughness and in the true spirit of comradeship between each officer and his "opposite number." As for Mr. Churchill and myself I need not tell you that we make a perfectly matched team in harness and out - and incidentally we had lots of fun to gether as we always do - our studies and our unanimous agreements must and will bear good fruit. My wife was thrilled by all that she saw and learned in England - and am most grateful to you and the Queen for all you did for her. My warmest regards to you both. Always Sincerely Yours, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Casablanca, January 24, 1943 - The Roosevelt Papers.

The odds are that this parliament will go on until either the Government's majority melts away in by-elections or else Mr. Atter and Mr. Morrison get tired of the strain of carrying on. That is equivalent to saying that they will get through to the Autumn. But whether they can last much longer is, for a number of reasons, much more doubtful. For one thing tempers may rise. It is not without significance that the Leaders of the House and of the Opposition are Mr. Morrison and Mr. Churchill who do not like each other, and not, say, Mr. Eden and Mr. Churchill, who could maintain the appearance of non-controversiality much more convincingly. Mr. Churchill has more reason than his younger colleagues to be in a hurry and Mr. Morrison, though his is in reality the sanest and most moderate member of the Cabinet can never forget, when he is on his feet, that he is a cockney. Both sides may have the most excellent intentions of doing their duty in the stations to which it has pleased the electorate to call them, but old Adam will not stay buried for long. - London Economist.

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