

A Needed Reform

A proposal for cutting down what a Canadian Press item describes as "the daily verbal grilling of cabinet members in the Commons" has been put forward by Mr. Speaker Macnaughton.

If agreed upon it will go into effect today, and will result in putting a 30-minute time limit on the daily oral question period for the rest of the session.

In making his proposal the Speaker tabled a breakdown of the number of oral questions asked by the different parties since Sept. 20 when Parliament resumed after a summer recess.

Of course, worthwhile questions are important, and there is no thought of curtailing members' rights in this respect.

A number of tests for determining whether questions are in order was suggested by Speaker Macnaughton, in conformity with former rulings.

This will be a good move, if it is adopted. Readers of Hansard may have noted, in the reports of the current session, the spate of unnecessary questions cluttering the record's pages.

Who Said Economy?

In a speech in Toronto recently, Mr. J. Grant Glasco, who headed the commission which studied government reorganization, made a progress report on the way his advice is being regarded—or disregarded.

But Mr. Glasco intimated that there are still vast savings to be made. Among them an estimated \$50,000,000 a year through improvement in paper-work and office procedures, and others, amounting in all to nearly \$300,000,000.

The Glasco commission spent two years delving into the methods of conducting public business, employed 197 specialists, and produced five volumes and 2,000 pages of facts and recommendations.

with regard to these recommendations, it is reportedly going ahead much more briskly in planning its new department of industry, which will involve the staffing of some 300 top jobs at salaries in the \$12,000-a-year to \$17,900-a-year class.

The initial salary bill for top executives alone in this department is going to come close to \$4,000,000 a year. If the usual course of organization is followed, an equal amount more will be needed to pay salaries in the lower echelons.

Taking a hard look at this proposition, the Winnipeg Free Press figures, on the basis of an industry's annual pre-tax return at about 10 per cent of its investment, that the new department will have to create something like \$100,000,000 in new investment each year just to pay for itself.

All in all, the new men of the department of industry are going to have to produce some pretty substantial results to earn their keep. Wouldn't it be wise, in the circumstances, for the Government to give a little more attention to making offsetting economies elsewhere—such as those about which the Glasco commission was so much concerned?

Embarrassing Test

An educationist at Glasgow University has given a "literacy and numeracy" test to thousands of British teachers and advanced students—and the results are rather shattering.

The deficiencies were surprising. One first-class honors student in physics thought "harmonic" was an architectural term, and he had never heard of Madame Bovary.

The questions, the examiner claims, dealt only with things "any educated person" ought to know. Yet he says that if 50 per cent marks had been required from both tests, every study group examined would have failed outright.

They're supposed to have pretty high educational standards in Britain, which leaves us wondering about what the result of such a test would be nearer home.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The American Public Health Service has held out hope that the peak of radioactive contamination may have been passed. The last figures for the amount of Strontium-90 in milk are down slightly from those made in the antipodean record.

Agriculture Minister Hayes, says the Ottawa Journal, must be a gypsy at heart. It seems he just won't stay put. On Oct. 15 when the House heard a continued attack on his policies by the Opposition, Mr. Hayes was away most of the time.



SHIP'S LINES

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Need For Planned Government Help

Unemployment, becoming too congested. Unless development is spread out across the country, our industry and hence employment will be reduced.

LOOK AT OTHERS: The following interesting figures showing how Canadians have switched from being agricultural people into city-dwellers.

Overemphasis On Science

When a computer manufacturer deplores overemphasis of science and technology in our society, the situation may indeed be getting serious.

There is the complaint Thomas J. Watson, Jr., board chairman of International Business Machines Corp., brought to an American Council on Education annual meeting last week in Washington.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of public issues of national interest. The Guardian does not accept criticism of any kind or form.

HORRIBLE DISSENTMENT

Sir—As a native and former resident of Prince Edward Island we would like to voice our criticism of the horrible dissentment that the Maritimes are receiving through the publication of the Star Weekly.

Heavy Babies By Diabetics

By Dr. Theodore R. Vandell: Various clues suggest that if your doctor is a candidate for diabetes, it is well known, for example, that diabetic mothers have larger babies than nondiabetic women.

Dr. Henry T. Rickerts, of the University of Chicago, says 17 per cent of those who deliver infants weighing 10 pounds or more become diabetic.

Other obstetrical abnormalities also were of impending diabetes in that the incidence of miscarriage and stillbirths is high in this group.

The malady is inherited a 40 per cent of those who deliver infants who are diabetic, all their children will be expected to develop the condition, provided they are not treated.

Several tests are available to uncover the pre-diabetic. The newest centers about the discovery of capillary abnormalities that are present not only in those with diabetes but to those who are likely to get the disease in the future.

OUR YESTERDAYS

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ANORMAL CURVES

S.E.B. writes: X-rays show I have curvature of the spine. How serious is this condition?

W.L. writes: Will eating liver three times a week help poor circulation in the head and feet?

REPLY

There is a nutritional anomaly responsible for the poor circulation. Eating liver does not dilute the blood mass.

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There can be no doubt about the tremendous scientific advancement of recent decades and its impact they have had on our lives.

At Watson said, the fundamental need of every enlightened society is not merely knowledge of the "right" but an earnest will to do the "right" as individuals and as a society.

Household Items?

A Stockholm department store is likely to its foundations for a national flag.

As a centennial project, Canadian communities might care to take up the idea.

ARRIVED QUICKLY: The first Canadian contingent of troops to go overseas in the First World War, about 33,000, departed from Plymouth, England Feb. 16, 1914.

Factory Outlet Lucky Draw Number 222855 For the Week of Oct. 28 to Nov. 2. The \$50 must be picked up by Tues., Nov. 5 by 5 p.m.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It would be ironic if the first thing Canada's new tax laws had brought down was the government.—Peterborough Examiner—

So often it's the person who says he doesn't believe in advertising who tries to chase the paper out of business.

When nine out of ten voters who attend a political candidate who promises to cut public spending and reduce taxes.

Counterfeit \$10 bills are in circulation as gain. If production costs keep going up and the value of the dollar keeps going down, how long will it be before these crime stops paying?—Ottawa Journal.

George Washington never told anyone to undress, or to be filled out an income tax return, either.—Colburn Journalist—

All businessmen have problems. Imagine an underdog trying to look sad at a \$500 funeral.—Marion Advertiser.

It's funny how you remember the money in a commercial, but not the words for St. Thomas Times-Journal.

A university president, pleading for funds for his institution from a football-minded but tight-fisted board is reported to have said: "Gentlemen, please let me build a campus of which you will be proud."—Ottawa Journal.

For Cleaner Geography

A PROPOSAL has been made to remove Mount St. Helens from the map of British Columbia on more grounds limited to Mount Roosevelt and Churchill mill.

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SEVEN FIVE YEARS AGO: November 4, 1938. The Press Block on Grattan Street has been sold to R.T. Holman Ltd., it was announced yesterday by Hon. T. W. L. Brown, president of Prose Bros. Ltd.

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Sacrifice Prices! ALL STOCK TO BE CLEARED OUT BY MOVING AFTER 11 AM IN THIS LOCATION. IT REDUCED PRICES WHILE THE REST OF THE COUNTRY WAS ASKING FOR THE LOWEST PRICES EVER. ON ALL MODELS IN THE SHOWROOM.

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With this low-cost, life-insured plan, one regular monthly payment covers all your credit needs—and you can take up to three years to pay.

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