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Disastrous Fire

Many interests will be affected as a result of the fire which gutted the Oddfellows' Building in the heart of our business centre on Richmond Street over the weekend. The loss is a heavy one for all concerned, as it was impossible, owing to the suddenness with which the flames gained control, to salvage much from the building.

The heaviest loss, and the one of most concern from the public standpoint, is the destruction of the plant and equipment of the Patriot Publishing Company. All our citizens will sympathize with The Patriot publisher, Mr. W. A. Gaudet, and staff in this misfortune. A newspaper is something more than a product of private enterprise; it is in a sense a public utility, for in the dissemination of current news and views it plays a vital part in our democratic system.

This is customary procedure in emergencies of this kind. We are not unmindful of our own disastrous fire in 1923, and the fact that we were able to continue without interruption due to the use of The Patriot press at that time. There have, indeed, been instances of rival papers being published regularly from one press in this Province, sometimes with amusing consequences when partisan controversy was much more in evidence than it is today.

The damage caused by the fire would no doubt have been much greater but for the splendid work of our city firemen. In this congested area a fire could well have wiped out a whole block of buildings, as indeed it did on one occasion many years ago. We cannot praise too highly the skill of our volunteer fire fighters, and the devotion which prompted them to remain on dangerous duty for many hours after the conflagration.

Trade Fair

This year, for the first time, Canada will participate in the Vienna, Austria, annual Fall Fair which is to be held in the week September 8-15. Incidentally, a Canadian Trade Commission was recently established in that country.

Many Canadian-produced articles will be on display, including a gamma radiography machine, manufactured by Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, asbestos, rayon fabrics, hockey sticks and skates, nylon cord, hardware, leather hides, salmon, canned lobster, vegetables and vegetable juices, fruits and whiskey. The metal stands on which the products will be exhibited were prefabricated in Ottawa by the Canadian Government Exhibition Commission. There will be a cinema with seating accommodation for about 100 persons in which commercial and other films will be shown. This is intended to provide visitors with a better understanding of Canada and its people. Another section will tell the story of Canada's way of life, its culture, recreations and entertainments. Personnel from the Canadian Embassy will be on hand to answer questions and give information.

The report we have says that 17 Canadian firms representing various sections of the country will display their wares. We notice, however, the names of only two Maritime firms—Simpson Roberts and Co. Ltd. of Shediac, N.B., and J. W. Windsor Ltd. of Charlottetown, both of whom

are exhibiting canned lobster. It seems a pity that Island grown potatoes are not included, or any of our diary products. Perhaps they are not interested in such things in Austria, or perhaps they produce them themselves in sufficient quantity. Whiskey heads the list in number of exhibits, three firms, all from Ontario, being represented.

Canada's trade with Austria has never been large, although it has developed noticeably in post-war years. Last year our exports to that country came to about \$5 million, chiefly in wheat and base metals, while Austria sent us goods valued at around \$4 million. Now that a Trade Commission has been set up in Vienna, there will probably be an expansion of trade between the two countries. Of course, the Vienna Fair attracts a lot of Europeans besides Austrians.

The Basic Curse

A Canadian newspaper reporter, back from an extended tour of China, reports that "the bulk of the Chinese people are not Communists and never will be." That may well be, since a similar situation exists in the Soviet Union itself. Late figures reveal that only about three per cent of the Russian people are party members. The figures, however, do not soften the tyranny that controls both the Soviet Union and China. All they mean is that a minority possessed of power dominates the whole society.

The report that many Chinese who joined the party did so out of "opportunism" also reflects the Soviet picture. The fact is that membership in the Communist Party is not considered as a right but as a privilege. Reports from Russia say that applicants are screened very closely and that only those who are well recommended and who show promise of usefulness to the machine are accepted. This, of course, is on the theory that the Communist Party is made up of the "elite". And this, it may be assumed, is its appeal and the source of much of its strength.

This pattern is evident in every phase of Russian and Chinese life. In religion, for example. Some Westerners who visit the Soviet Union claim that there is religious freedom there. There is, in the sense that people are permitted to go to Church. The trouble is that if they do go they cannot be members of the party, nor can they hold office of any kind in the all powerful bureaucracy. They may hold religious belief or even democratic belief; but they may not at the same time number themselves among the elect. They are, in fact, ostracized by the elite. This, perhaps, is the basic curse which Communism spreads wherever it has the upper hand.

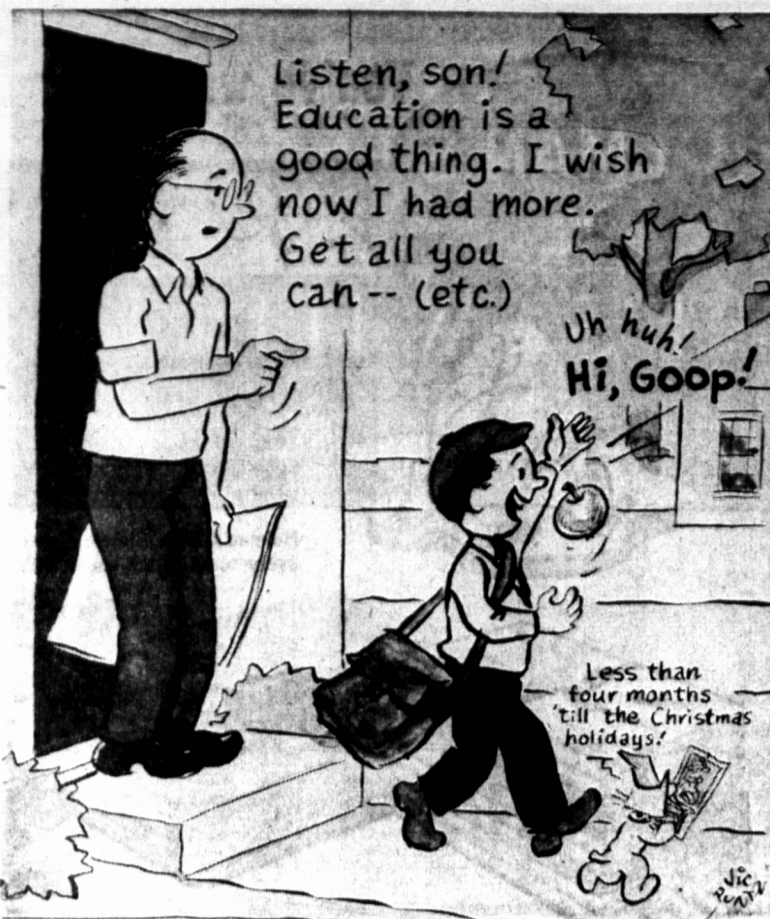
EDITORIAL NOTES

By the looks of things, members of the U.N. Committee on Disarmament may as well pack their bags, return to their respective homes and find more useful, or at least more rewarding, employment. They have been arguing back and forth now for almost six months without making any progress.

Presbyterian Life, official bi-weekly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., has reached a circulation of one million, the largest of any Protestant religious journal in the world. This achievement is all the more remarkable in view of the fact that its first issue came out only a little over nine years ago with a circulation of 69,000.

Mr. C. D. Howe, newly appointed Chancellor of Dalhousie University, says that he considers the appointment "a high honour". It is; and there are many Canadians who will say that by accepting the post Mr. Howe has honoured Dalhousie. He certainly brings to his important office a rich and long experience in public affairs.

The election of a Democratic Senator in Wisconsin, for the first time since 1932, has been attributed by Republican leaders to "dissension" in their ranks. One excuse is probably as good as another. The fact is that what happened in Wisconsin in the special election to choose a successor to the late Senator McCarthy was, in part at least, an expression of non-confidence in the Republican Administration.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

OTTAWA REPORT

Low Cost Housing

By Patrick Nicholson

As extensively predicted in this column two months ago, the new Diefenbaker government's first major change from previous Liberal policy has been to provide more low-cost homes.

At the present time eight per cent of Canadian families have to live doubled up. In some cases this is no doubt by preference, but more often it is through lack of available homes at the right price. There are an estimated 2,735 new homes unsold across Canada today, which may appear to be a paradox.

But Prime Minister Diefenbaker knows the true reason: those unsold homes are nearly all in the \$20,000 bracket price, while the families forced to live doubled up are those of Canada's neglected "Little Man," who is seeking a home within his means, and sure-fire attempt to minimize the effects of our high-priced slump.

So the Little Man's big-hearted Prime Minister has taken steps to fill this need, to the full extent that he properly can do this immediately without the sanction of Parliament.

\$150,000,000 of government money is being made available, to create mortgages on 15,000 low-

cost homes, which will set for the figure the Little Man can afford to buy. What other reason? To help many families acquire a home within their means is the primary purpose and the complete justification of this first step towards the creation of a new Conservative housing policy.

Could there be any other reason behind this double-quick action on housing? Is there something beside the need for low-cost homes which has prompted this unusual step of encouraging builders to start homes shortly before that cold weather season when building normally tapers off?

I think there is — a very important reason, which has not been spotted. This construction programme is a praiseworthy and sure-fire attempt to minimize the effects of our high-priced slump towards which the policies of the Liberal government had already headed us before the voters threw them out.

What had happened, quite simply, was this. The Liberals had decided to fight inflation by the old-style remedy of restricting

credit. They did not recognize that this new style, or "wages-spiral," inflation could only be encountered by some new remedy.

That old-fashioned remedy of curbing credit has the unavoidable effect of reducing the number of homes. The Liberals began a belated and ill-timed programme of increasing immigration. While unemployment was rising, they set up a record immigration boom unmatched in the past nearly half century.

BEFORE the election, the advisers of the Liberal government warned them that these policies would probably result in half a million Canadians being out of work this coming winter.

Up to the time of their defeat, the Liberals had taken no steps to combat this serious calamity. Now the Conservatives have made this positive move of this imaginative housing drive, as part of a special policy of upgrading that Cinderella of Ministries, the Department of Labour, to the status of one of our major fields of government action.

Under the aggressive leadership of the new Minister, Ontario's Honorable Mike Starr, the civil service staff is being put on its mettle. The Department is causing to be a "Ministry for Lamenting Unemployment." It is instead fast becoming a "Ministry to create Employment."

The construction of 15,000 new homes will give 100,000 extra jobs this Fall and Winter. 45,000 men will get construction work on the building sites; a further 55,000 will be employed elsewhere in preparing the materials and manufacturing the fittings to be used in those homes. In addition, an estimated \$1,600 will be spent to furnish each of those homes, creating more work in furniture factories, blanket mills and so on. Thus this new low-cost housing drive, made possible by the government's release of \$150,000,000 of new mortgage money, has the two-pronged purpose of housing some of those Little Men now unsheltered, and employing some of those otherwise destined for the winter breadlines.

few Negroes. Those with lower incomes are separated only by a street from the Negro districts. But in the years I have been surveying the South and its racial problems, these are the first times I can recall that Southerners have criticized other Southerners along such lines.

And as more communities move towards compliance, this type of bitterness among Southerners may well increase. The Ku Klux Klan, which believes in direct intimidation of Negroes in the night riding the comeback trail in Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia and parts of Florida.

Despite this the Negroes in Alabama—certainly in the urban areas—show few signs of being intimidated. In some places they have effectively turned the tactics of economic boycott against the white citizens councils, which originally advanced them.

PRICE OF SPEAKING OUT HONG KONG (AP)—Red China today appeared to be preparing a purge of "bourgeois rightists" who took advantage of leader Mao Tse-tung's invitation to criticize the Communist regime. The official People's Daily have issued an important policy declaration on "reactionaries who try to turn history backward." People's Daily said the conflict of these "bourgeois rightists" with the masses in China was "irreconcilable and one of life and death."

FORTUNE MY FOE BOMBAY (AP)—An official report received here Friday said seven persons were killed and 78 injured when a heavily laden truck plunged out of control and into a crowd of 5,000 Wednesday night near Indore. The crowd had collected in the town, about 500 miles southeast of Bombay to observe the annual festival of Ganapati, the Hindu god of good fortune. The accident was blamed on faulty brakes. The crowd hacked the truck driver to death on the spot.

Nose Drip Not Harmful

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

Isn't it nice to get back home and relax after a vacation? Well, you probably don't realize it, but your nose actually helps you get rid of that tension which frequently accompanies a home ward trip and the apprehension the end of a vacation sometimes brings.

FAMILIAR SMELL

The familiar smell of your own home can induce a sense of well-being and relaxation throughout your entire body. You don't have to make a conscious effort at sniffing. In fact, you probably won't be aware of any familiar odor at all. But your nose will.

Not only is your nose the only organ that keeps growing throughout your life, it also is one of the most remarkable mechanisms of the entire body.

ANALYZING ODORS

No laboratory instruments can equal the nose when it comes to receiving and analyzing odors at top speed. The nose can detect odors so minute that no scientific instrument can record them. It's been estimated that a nose in good working order can recognize the odor of a strong chemical in a quantity as small as only two trillionths of a gram.

You might want to point this out to your wife, the next time she sniffs a hole ounce of some expensive perfume.

FORGOTTEN INCIDENT

It takes but a sniff or so for your nose to bring back some long forgotten incident. Perhaps you won't consciously recognize any odor at all. But your olfactory mechanism instantly will spur your memory into action.

The sense of smell affects both our emotions and our moods. That's how your nose can detect the familiar soothing surroundings of your own home and let you know its time to relax.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

C. D.: Is it true that older mothers have a great tendency to give birth to twins?

Answer: Yes, there is a slightly higher proportion of twins born to older mothers.



OUT OF THE QUIET

This is the wind, air moving Out of the quiet distance. Over still meadows and waters, Curving and cool and caressive.

Flicking the river with ripples That catch at the light and reflect it, Filling the trees with murmur, Conjuring grass into whisp'ers.

It comes in a mist drifting landward, Thin smoke slanting sideways from chimneys, It fingers the eaves of old houses, And gentles slack doors and loose shutters.

It edges the turn of the evening In an indescribable motion— Sunset and sea-salt resolving The tide of the day and the ocean.

—Sara King Carleton, in The Christian Science Monitor.

OUR YESTERDAYS

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Sept. 3, 1932)

At a largely representative meeting of the business and professional men of the city in the Strand Theatre last evening, the suggestion that Charlottetown hold two or three community days this month was favorably received, and a resolution unanimously passed that the meeting approve that a committee call a meeting to organize the project. The purpose will be, besides bringing some business to the city, to promote a feeling of optimism among the people.

At the annual meeting of the Fish and Game Association last evening in the Board of Trade rooms, a resolution was passed instructing the incoming executive to endeavor to have the province given special consideration as regards the shooting of plover. The President stated that a difficulty lay in the fact that plover came under the Migratory Birds Act and thus under an international law.

TEN YEARS AGO (Sept. 3, 1947)

Illustration Field Days, sponsored by the Experimental Station, Charlottetown, in co-operation with the provincial Department of Agriculture, attracted a total of 1150 citizens during the five field meetings. Farmers displayed a keen interest in the work and took an active part in the discussions. Although harvesting operations were in full swing, the numbers attending were

NOTES BY THE WAY

The distinction is easy: A game of skill, as distinct from one involving blind luck, is any game at which you happen to win.—Hamilton Spectator

Scientists are said to be working on bathos that will weigh only fifteen pounds. Fine, then you can take it to the phone with you.—Toronto Star

It is pointed out that you can rent almost anything from a baby bed to a motor car. Almost anything except, in some towns, a place to live.—Hamilton Spectator

One place where the Russians lagged far behind the free world was in discovering that Molotov and Malenkov were a couple of no-goods.—Winnipeg Tribune

An "electric brain," it is announced has under suitable instruction composed a song called "Push Button Bertha." Dr. Robert F. Rich, of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, says that there may be other Univac songs on the way. Maybe he hasn't time to listen to the radio, but on the evidence we would say that industry is ahead of science in this game.—Baltimore Sun

Houses, we are assured, will soon resemble automobiles. The paint companies, aware of a changing public taste, have started to produce house paints of "turquoise, myrtle green, harvest yellow" and other vivid hues which will make the new bungalows look like the new convertibles and both increasingly similar to fruit salads in a civilization of technicolor.—Victoria Times

most gratifying to the promoters.

Fire of unknown origins early yesterday morning destroyed the roller and grist mill of James A. Dewar at Brudenell, near Montague. The loss, including machinery and over 200 bushels of grain, is estimated at between \$7,000 and \$8,000, partly covered by insurance. Through the efforts of the Montague Fire Department, a saw mill close by was saved.

MAXIMS

Service is one of the ways by which a tiny insect like one of us can get a purchase on the whole universe. If we find the job where we can be of use, we are blessed to the star of the world and move with it.

And even if the five-cent coin came back it wouldn't be the same.—Brantford Expositor

"By whom?" asked one band when told his wife was outspoken.—Brandon Sun

Early to bed, and early to rise and you will not see much of your old friends.—Calgary Alberta

It's tough to have to pay so much for a steak these days, but it's tougher when you pay less.—Calgary Herald

It is from difficult to impossible for parents to understand child psychology—psychology, that is, which their children use on them.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record

Ironic twist of fate: a French paratrooper who jumped, fought and survived in the war in Indo-China, was killed when he fell a mere 20 feet from a gallery—on his wedding day.—Brockville Recorder

The Age Old Story

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

OLD MIGRANTS Large-scale immigration of Arabs and Persians into the Zanzibar area off Africa's east coast started in the 7th century.



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