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Cabinet's Responsibility

While there has been no announcement as to the decision reached by the Federal Cabinet on the 17 per cent freight rate increase, the impression seems to be that an effort will be made to avert the general strike called for Dec. 1 through a temporary subsidy to meet the union demands...

Nothing short of a full inquiry into the latter problem will satisfy these Atlantic Provinces. The terms of reference for a commission vested with such responsibility will have to be much wider than those under which the Board of Transport Commissioners are operating...

According to Mr. Donald Gordon, president of the C.N.R., "it is not fair to say that an increase in freight rates affects the Atlantic and Western Provinces more than other parts of Canada." We want evidence for that statement, and Mr. Gordon should be obliged to provide it.

We in the Maritimes, of course, have always contended that in so far as the Intercolonial is concerned, cost is not the criterion to be used, and on that ground we have been upheld by the Duncan Commission and the Freight Rates Act.

In addition to the data which the Maritimes Transportation Commission has prepared on the impact of horizontal rate increases on the economy of the Atlantic Provinces, a strong case could be developed on the political and economic aspects of the distribution of prosperity and economic opportunity throughout all sections of the Dominion.

We trust that whatever decision is reached by the Federal Cabinet, this grievance will be taken into account. If not, we can assure the Government that there will be strong resentment in this part of Canada, which gave such generous support to Conservative candidates in the last election.

The E. C. M.

There seems to be some confusion regarding the aims and purposes of the European Common Market. A widely-held view—which probably contains some truth as well as error—is that it is an attempt by a number of West European countries to cut themselves off from trade with the outside world.

that this country's export trade will be seriously hurt by the development.

The situation was briefly summed up, in language that almost anyone can understand, in a recent issue of the "Commercial Letter", put out by the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

"The European Common Market", reported the Letter, "has been founded on acceptance of regional specialization and multilateralism and is expected to grow in economic power as the barriers to the untrammelled working of these principles are progressively lowered. The six countries are France, West Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Italy, all now committed by treaty to a stage-by-stage reduction in tariff barriers among themselves beginning in January of 1959, while tariffs against external countries will be unified. Internal tariff reductions will be accompanied by gradual elimination of quotas and other restrictions on mutual trade, and by growing freedom of movement of investment capital and of labour within the area of the Common Market. At the end of fifteen years, unification will be complete behind the common external tariff."

"The fears which have been expressed that the development of the Common Market will adversely affect the sales of certain other countries (of which Canada is one) within the area are not wholly unfounded. However, this appears to be no more than a special case within the world-wide trend towards a diminishing proportion of world trade represented by raw materials. The increase in real income within the Common Market which is expected to result from unification, and the increase in physical production of manufactures will be reflected in an increasing demand for imports into the area. The composition of trade may undergo some further change, but the total of trade will in all probability continue to rise."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Prime Minister Menzies' victory in last week's election was not unexpected. During his long political career, Mr. Menzies has given Australia good government. He is, withal, a statesman of high international repute.

Dame Flora MacLeod's 23-year-old grandson, Patrick Wolridge Gordon, was the winner in the East Aberdeenshire parliamentary by-election last week. Thus, while still a student at Oxford University, he is on the high-road toward fulfilling his grandmother's prediction that someday he will become the Prime Minister of Great Britain.

According to Veterans Affairs Minister Brooks, the Atlantic Provinces will receive the highest federal assistance of any section of Canada under the National Hospital Insurance Plan. He didn't explain why we, of the four Atlantic Provinces, will receive the smallest per capita federal grant. The figures quoted by Mr. Brooks are: Newfoundland, 68 per cent of the plan's total cost; New Brunswick, 58 per cent; Nova Scotia, 57 per cent; Prince Edward Island, 56 per cent.

Commenting on the impression made by Prime Minister Diefenbaker in Scotland, the Edinburgh Scotsman says: "His joviality, his entire lack of pomposity, his friendliness have won him many hearts everywhere. The infinite pains to see ordinary people, making unscheduled and impromptu stops to talk to them, illustrates in a simple, yet dramatic way, the reason why he has been so widely welcomed here, and is likely to be welcomed everywhere he goes throughout the Commonwealth."

Mr. M. J. Coldwell, retired leader of the C.C.F., will carry with him the good wishes of all Canadians as he journeys to India to take up his duties as Chairman of a U.N.-sponsored village planning commission. He will find that he has shouldered a heavy task, for conditions in India are far different from what they are in this country.

Still, the trend of India's community life seems to be in the direction of democratic socialism, a field in which Mr. Coldwell has understanding and competence. Certainly, he can be expected to put the very best of which he is capable into his assignment.



THE TROPHY

OTTAWA REPORT

Government Secrets Tapped

By Patrick Nicholson

When the Toronto newspaper, the "Star", published extracts from a secret government report this summer, a bitter altercation broke out in Parliament, and lasted several days. How come, demanded Opposition M.P.s that a newspaper had been able to obtain a copy of a report which the Government had repeatedly refused to show to Parliament?

In the issue of Friday, 1st August, Mark Harrison of the "Star's" parliamentary staff of reporters quoted several purported and very pertinent extracts from the secret forecast entitled "Canada's economic prospects for 1959". This forecast is a general survey of the year's prospects for business and employment in all parts of Canada, for the confidential guidance of cabinet ministers and senior civil servants.

Prime Minister John Diefenbaker had previously refused demands by Opposition M.P.s that this secret document should be made public at once in the House of Commons. He replied that in his view this secret annual report should be preserved as secret during the year to which it referred; but that when that year had elapsed, and the report had been superseded by the forecast relating to the next year, there would be no objection to the report being made public. In just this way, he himself had made public in the House of Commons in January of this year the forecast relating to last year.

So it came as a shock to find that a newspaper was able to achieve what Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition could not achieve: that by some means undisclosed a copy of this secret government document had without authorization made its way presumably from a civil servant to a newspaperman. A few days later, on 6th August, the Toronto "Star" published another story containing further extracts purportedly from this secret government report, perhaps as a result of a further leak. The discussion of the subject in the House of Commons was given a shot in the arm by this second instalment.

Two months later, the "Star" demonstrated that these two stories were no mere flashes in the pan. Their reporter Mark Harrison had evidently struck a mother-lode of pay dirt, somewhere in the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Yet another story for his type-writer revealed the recommendations of two further secret government reports, whose existence up to that time had been a well-kept secret in itself. These reports related to the economic practicability of building an oil pipeline from Alberta to Montreal.

The popularity of the hard-working Mr. Harrison among some of his colleagues became tinged with the sour green of envy as he pulled these repeated rabbits from his hat, and at about this time he won recognition through promotion to the post of chief of his newspaper's Ottawa bureau.

It is not without significance that these leaks of secret government papers all arose within the Department of Trade and Commerce; or at least all concerned documents issued from that Department. Certain elements in the staff of that Department had long been suspected of being opposed to the political philosophy of the newly-elected Conservative Government. These repeated leaks of government secrets from that Department tend to confirm these suspicions that disloyalty to the present government is rampant within it.

Fortunately for the economic welfare of all of us, no serious harm has been done to our jobs or productivity or exports by these leaks, although they have served the presumably intended objective of embarrassing the government. This further aspect of the civil service again reminds us of the electoral facts that there are 60,000 heads of families in Greater Ottawa; there are 40,000 civil servants in Greater Ottawa; and the five predominantly urban seats in the Greater Ottawa area all returned Liberals to Parliament—as they have done for thirty years past consistently.

May Serve A Useful Purpose

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. GET RID OF THAT COUGH! A constant hacking cough can wear a person down more quickly than diseases. Not only does it interfere with your rest, but it irritates respiratory tissues, tires your muscles and generally weakens your resistance to disease-producing germs.

Serve coughing, in some cases, can even produce hemorrhoids. May Be Symptom. A cough itself, of course, is not a symptom of one. Coughing, for example, might indicate tuberculosis hoarseness sometimes indicates cancer.

In most cases, coughing should be halted. Ordinarily, this is a relatively easy procedure for your doctor. That's why you should call him when you develop a serious cough. He'll probably recommend some newer drug which will do the trick quickly.

Inhaling Helpful Or maybe he'll suggest inhaling any of several easy-to-prepare mixtures. Inhaling steam from a pint of boiling water to which you have added one-half to one gram of menthol might at times even be quite helpful. So might inhaling the vapors from boiling water containing a few drops of tincture of benzoin, of a mixture of boiling water, menthol and tincture of benzoin.

But don't do anything but take good care of yourself without consulting your doctor. While most coughs should be halted, there are some instances when a cough is an externally helpful remedy. Some Causes Generally speaking, a doctor will try to discourage a cough if it is caused by thick dry secretions in the air passages, allergic conditions, or by air which is too dry.

Coughing is a relax action by which the body tries to remedy matters itself. If the coughing does help alleviate the trouble your doctor probably will not want to stop it, at least not immediately.

We even have machines at our disposal for special cases in which we want the patient to cough. One of them, which operates something like a vacuum cleaner, may even produce a more effective cough than the body could produce alone. QUESTION AND ANSWER D.B.: I have what the doctors diagnose as "tennis elbow". They have treated it with shots of codine but it did not help. Do you know of any cures for his ailment?

Answer: "Tennis Elbow" is an inflammation of the tendons and ligaments around the elbow due to a strain or sprain. Proper physical therapy is usually helpful and injections of hydro-cortisone are often curative.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Nov. 26, 1933)

Four hundred dollars reward was being offered for information regarding the theft of thirteen foxes on the night of November 24th at three ranches of Messrs. Arthur T. Dawson and Ross L. Dawson of North Tryon. The ranches are situated about one-quarter mile from each other, and it is believed the thieves visited both ranches at the same time.

Mr. Russell Reeves, Carleton, was injured on Saturday afternoon while working in the gravel pit at Off's Bridge about eleven miles from Alberton. Mr. Reeves was working in an excavation fifteen feet deep, when the sides

MAXIMS

No thoroughly occupied man was ever yet very miserable.

29, 1788, in his 81st year and is buried in City Road Chapel, London. The lengthy inscription on the memorial tablet that adorns the Chapel wall describes him as "eminent for ability, zeal, and usefulness, a firm believer in the doctrines of the Gospel." Like his brother John, he was, ironically enough, never a Methodist, for to their dying days they both remained avowed members of the Established Church of Eng-

Guinea & The Commonwealth

By Ed Simon Canadian Press Staff Writer

The accidents of history, which have always played a decisive role in the development of the Commonwealth, appear to be presenting it with its first major transfusion of French-speaking citizens since the fall of New France 200 years ago.

The unexpected announcement of the merger of Ghana and the newly-independent state of Guinea has virtually forced the hand of Ghana's Commonwealth partners. They are confronted with the choice of admitting Prime Minister Nkrumah's new partner to membership or forcing Nkrumah out of the club.

While the actual merger awaits one or two constitutional steps, the formal declaration of Guinea's independence by her former French colonial masters and ratification of the agreement by the parliaments of Ghana and Guinea can be taken as a foregone conclusion. PROS AND CONS The question remains whether the reservations entertained by some Commonwealth members as to the unprecedented admission of a state with no previous British ties are likely to outweigh the probable consequences of refusal.

Such reservations undoubtedly exist. Britain is already uneasy about the problem of unrestricted immigration from non-white Commonwealth countries. South Africa acquiesced reluctantly to

NOTES BY THE WAY

A car of the future with push-button controls and no steering wheel has been unveiled in Detroit. The way some people drive, you'd think there wasn't any steering wheel in today's cars. —Sherbrooke Daily Record.

When you've done with all the fal-de-val and fiddle-faddis from the medical "experts" advising on how to cut down your weight, why don't you try a simple formula? This is it: Don't munch between meals. —Branford Expositor.

which he was undermining caved in and buried him. Other workmen in the pit immediately rushed to his rescue.

TEN YEARS AGO (Nov. 26, 1948) Installation of parking meters will likely be made in Charlottetown by early spring, Coun. M.A. Farmer, chairman of the Police Committee said yesterday. He stated that a representative of a company had discussed the installation of meters with the Mayor and members of the City Council and that most councillors were favorable to installing the system.

The effect of the longshoremen's strike on the east coast of the United States is being felt in Summerside. A 3,500 ton ship, the Rita, chartered by MacFarlane Produce Ltd., of Summerside, to load potatoes for Jacksonville, Florida, is tied up at Philadelphia. Word that the strike may soon be broken has been received in Summerside with pleasure since the boat will be loading about 100 carloads of potatoes.

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