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The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink

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Economic Problems

The annual review of the Economic Council of Canada properly puts stress on the need for increased productivity through proper use of manpower potential and material resources...

This comment applies to the whole Atlantic area but it is noted, particularly, that Prince Edward Island's economic position in respect to other provinces has changed little in the last 40 years...

We have, of course, shared in the economic growth over the past 40 years and the rates of increase in income per head have been closely comparable for all provinces...

The recession we have been fighting in this Atlantic area over the past four decades has been frustrating enough, goodness knows; but it hasn't been due to an overexpanding economy...

What is needed, says the Economic Council report well says, is that "special attention" be directed in the government's economic planning to the special problems of this area...

Another British First
Conservationists in this country will be interested in experiments now being made in the United Kingdom to determine the extent to which water requirements can be satisfied while still maintaining the natural condition of the river and fish life in it...

perature, air temperature, humidity, water level, turbidity of the water, water head and velocity, dissolved-oxygen content of the water and the barometric pressure of the surrounding air.

Submerged about three feet below the surface of the river is a glass fibre tube, four feet long and 1 1/2 inches in diameter. This is fitted with three stainless-steel electrical contacts. All fish whether going upstream or downstream, must pass through this tube...

Another instrument, a fish length recorder, which is "an electronic strip chart recorder" receives the signals that go to the counter. The strength of the signals is directly proportional to the size of the fish being detected...

Costly Neglect
Another reminder of the high cost of negligence in the matter of pure water conservation comes from Connecticut. Once one of the most prolific sources of oysters in the country, this state will be without a native oyster crop in 1968...

A check of the 64,000 acres of oyster beds on Long Island Sound, said this official, showed "no set, absolutely none." "Set" is the phase of the oyster's development in which the eggs that result from spawning attach themselves to shells and rock...

Year Of Decision
This year, nine centuries after Britain was invaded by William the Conqueror in 1066, government officials in the United Kingdom and France must make a decision about the Channel Tunnel link, which has been a dream since 1802...

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. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary...

In Appreciation
Sir, As in previous years, we would like to express through the columns of your newspaper our grateful thanks to the citizens of Prince Edward Island who have again responded so generously to the White Cross Christmas Gift appeal...

Safety Before Glamor
American automobiles are sold on the basis of glamour, luxury and power. If safety is not a selling point, competing manufacturers cannot very well be blamed for failing to emphasize it...

Tree Farming Trend
Tree farming is one of the most often noticed changes in use of land, especially in this part of the country. Thousands of owners have undertaken to gather regular crops from this slow-growing kind of planting...

Our thoughts go also to those kind people who placed themselves and their cars at the disposal of CMHA on the evening of December 30th so that some 80 patients enjoyed a drive to see the Christmas decorations and lighting in and around Charlottetown...

Executive Director
I am, Sir, etc.
URBAN McQUAID



SOUVENIR FROM THE ISLANDS
OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

An Examination In Canadiana

Inspired by questions from readers of this column, you sprinkle their letters to me with the most intriguing curiosity. I will offer an examination in post-graduate level Canadiana and "Parliamentiana"...

- 1. The work of the Bye-and-Bye Royal Commission has, at an estimated total cost of over \$4,000,000 to the taxpayers, given us a glimpse of bilingualism which many Canadians knew nothing about. For instance, all the world knows - and Canadian are proud of - the initials RCMP and RCAF. What body is represented by the initials GRC (sic), and what do they stand for?
2. What does CARC stand for?
3. Where is L'Hotel du Gouvernement?

Those Canadians who ardently desire annual tests for all drivers may be pulling more bark off the tree than they can chew. Look what happened to Arthur Ries of London, England. Arthur is 66 and he claims to be driven more than 400,000 miles. But for some reason or other, he was forced to take another driving test. And so far he has not been able to pass it...

Tree farming is one of the most often noticed changes in use of land, especially in this part of the country. Thousands of owners have undertaken to gather regular crops from this slow-growing kind of planting. Farmed trees are important to many a new industrial pay roll, especially the paper mills. Last year alone another 17 million dollars was put into industries based on forest products in the valley of the Tennessee River...

However the wooded acreage increased by reason of another change. Owners of 300,000 other acres, previously open land, encouraged or allowed them to revert to forest. This is more than letting the land stand idle. Most owners encourage the natural seeding. But it is less than tree farming, because owners accept whatever variety of tree appears and wait much longer for a crop. It is somewhat surprising to see this increase in natural woodlands after reading so often about cities and industries using up the natural countryside...

The public ought to be able to look at the frame and suspension of a car capable of traveling 100 miles an hour is strong enough, that the body is stout enough, and firmly attached, that the tires are sound, that the engine is strongly fixed in the chassis, that the brakes will hold, that the bumpers are sturdy. These things cannot very well be options. They involve engineering oriented toward safety first. If there were some way of insuring that all known basic safety features were incorporated in every automobile, glamour could be built on top of that. Safety is too important to be left entirely to the market place.

Night And Day People

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
Several weeks ago a well-known Chicago insurance man took me into his confidence. His wife takes forever to awaken in the morning but comes alive later in the morning and is at her best during the evening. She often works about the house until 3 a.m. He is just the opposite and frequently gets to work long before his wife arises. By 10 in the evening he is ready for bed.

This man is a matutophilic, and so am I. We awaken quickly and do a day's work before noon. His wife is a matutophilic and has trouble awakening early and cannot do a thing until she has a cup of coffee. She remains disoriented until noon, but from then on she works hard.

Most people fall into one of these broad categories, and if companies with three work shifts might turn this situation to practical account, the "phobes" take the first, the "phobes" the second, and insomniacs or night owls might take the night shift.

Differences along this line may be related to circadian cycles. Most of us are born with a built-in biological clock that governs the action of different organs. Every day the body temperature reaches its highest point at approximately 4 p.m. and its low point early in the morning. A similar daily rhythmicity occurs in the output of urine, gastric acidity, and other bodily functions.

LAUGHING SPELLS
T. T. writes: A person I know laughs unexpectedly two or three times a day. If questioned during these laughing periods, he gives incoherent answers. The rest of the time he acts all right. I'm not trying to make him out insane but would like to help if he has something that should be investigated.

TAPPING DROPSY
D. A. writes: Is tapping still done to relieve the body of fluid?
REPLY
Yes, for diagnostic purposes and to relieve symptoms. This is particularly true of fluid that accumulates in the chest and abdominal cavity.

WHY NOT DYE?
P. W. writes: I'm 40 and my wife is much younger. She does not like to see me with a few hairs. To keep peace in the family I would like to dye it. Is this all right?
REPLY
Go ahead, but let her know it won't make you any younger.

Our Yesterdays
(From The Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 6, 1941)
Light German fighter-bombers attacked London three times—the first time in weeks that the capital had undergone more than one daylight alarm—and dropped bombs on East Anglia and south-eastern points.

TEN YEARS AGO (January 6, 1956)
A resolution calling for the forming of a Protestant Family Welfare Agency in the City of Charlottetown was unanimously adopted at a largely attended meeting held in the YMCA. Sister Mary Henry, of the Catholic Welfare Bureau, was the special speaker.

Sir Arthur Bliss, the Master of the Queen's Music, in London, was commissioned to write an overture to be played on opening night of the Edinburgh festival next year.

Sino-Soviet Relations

Events in Havana and Tashkent—one a Communist outpost in the Western Hemisphere, the other on the Soviet lip of Asia—show the deep impact of the Sino-Soviet split on world communism.

In Havana, Cuban Premier Fidel Castro planned four years for the nine-day, first tri-continental congress of Afro-Asian-Latin American solidarity, which began Tuesday. Just before the start of this meeting of representatives of nearly 100 nations Castro announced China has drastically reduced aid to his revolution.

At Tashkent, the Soviet Union for the first time has assumed a peace-maker's role outside the Communist Bloc by seeking to conciliate the Indian-Pakistan dispute on Kashmir. It is of some irony, as well as a sign of the times, that the United States tacitly wishes Russia luck despite full awareness of how strongly Russia seeks to expand its Asian influence.

From the Soviet standpoint, Tashkent also seems to represent these opportunities: 1. A chance to illustrate, despite everything China says, that Russia is a legitimate Asian power.

REFLECTS STAKES
The fact Russia has intervened despite risks reflects the high stakes the Soviet Union seems to feel exist in competition for world Communist leadership.

IN LOCO GRANDPARENTS
Christian Science Monitor
If there is anything modern society needs, it is more practicing grandmas and grandpas. We mean the kind who have time to read stories to small folk or to show them how to do useful things like whitening or baking cookies. The kind who have the gift of understanding little people.

NEW YORK (AP)—The Congress of Racial Equality announced Monday that Floyd B. McKissick, its national chairman, will succeed James Farmer as national director. McKissick, 45, a North Carolina Negro lawyer, will take over March 1, the date Farmer steps down to become director of a national U.S. literacy project.

JAPAN LEADS IN SHIPS
LONDON (Reuters)—Japan, with 332 ships completed, was the world's leading shipbuilder of 1965, followed by Sweden, Britain and West Germany, the Journal-Motor Ship reported Monday.

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