

Better Than Ever

Amid all the excitement, festivities and celebrations that have attended centennial year so far, next week brings its reminder of that old adage "The more things change the more they are the same."

As always, in special years or ordinary years, Old Home Week and the Provincial Exhibition remain the Island's premier attraction, biggest show and top event—the largest crowd-pleaser.

And, also as always, this year's big show is to be "bigger and better than ever", with all its usual and traditional features somehow stepped up, enlarged and made more attractive, in keeping with the festive spirit already established so firmly by the centennial.

With Island people, of course, there is no need to say anything more about Old Home Week, after mentioning its name, for it is an established feature of life here, with its harness racing events rated among Canada's finest; with its showings of livestock, poultry, home cooking and handicrafts which annually produce an interesting competi- tion; with its midway and vaudeville shows, and with its spectacular Gold Cup and Sauter Parade (to be held next Friday) holding first place among all annual provincial events in its appeal to huge crowds.

Old Home Week is the one sure-fire event exactly in tune with the traditional spirit of Islanders, whether from away or at home. As such, from its opening next Monday, it should be carried along by the centennial spirit this year to the greatest success in its history.

Sort Of A Compliment

After welcoming several recent references to this provincial event by John Lindblad in his column, "Now", in the Windsor Star, there may be room for gently questioning at least one of his observations, under the heading: "Close-Up On P.E.I."

"Probably," he writes, "more Canadians have read and heard about 'Anne of Green Gables' than of the fact that 100 years ago Confederations winding and rocky road started here (in Charlottetown)." It appeared in 1908 and became a sensation. It is still read. Its greatness is that it isn't a period piece. It is as good a story as it was when it was written.

"The strange part is that P.E.I. . . probably hasn't changed much either. Take away the cars, etc. and the quiet people here are the same. . . With little more than 100,000 people they seem to live a life right off the pages of Anne of Green Gables." We mean that as a compliment. They have had the rest of us work toward before retirement.

"It's a nice compliment, too, in itself, but, then, since Mr. Lindblad has undertaken to imagine what the Island would be like, "take away the cars, etc." it would be interesting to speculate as to what his own home city of Windsor would be like if subjected to the same trick of the imagination.

But really, no matter how the imagination is strained, it isn't possible to "take away the cars, etc." from either Windsor or this province, or to deny that either has been shaped largely by the twentieth century.

That doesn't mean that both have been pushed into the same shape. On all islands, and not just this one, there is a special sort of ambivalence. It is the way of Islanders to glory in being somewhat

cut off from mainland pressures and attitudes, and in that sense a "different", while striving to move also in all the main directions adopted by modernity elsewhere.

And it is that ambivalence, rather than any clinging to the ways of 1908, an era that is far too remote for Mr. Lindblad to remember, which gives the distinctiveness he noted to the people of this Island province.

After all, in per capita terms, this province leads all the others in the extensiveness of its highway system. So this is about the least appropriate place in Canada to permit the imagination to "take away the cars, etc."

A Time For Silence

It is not easy to believe any compromise on the flag issue will flow out of the meeting of the leaders of all parties represented in the Commons, as proposed for next week. Still, so long as even an outside possibility of an accord exists, it may be best to withhold detailed comment on the continuing debate, with all the incitement to anger it is providing.

Just in passing, however, room probably exists for expressing some mild wonderment at parts of the performance Thursday by Hon. Hugh John Flemming, former premier of New Brunswick.

He advanced the claim that not one Liberal cabinet minister apart from the Prime Minister had yet spoken in support of the proposed maple leaf flag, and then singled out for particular attention this province's member of the cabinet. While pointing a finger at Hon. J. Watson MacNaught, he asked:

"What about the solicitor-general? Where does he stand?" But when Mr. MacNaught leaped to his feet to reply, Mr. Flemming refused to give him the floor and attempted to continue his own speech.

Ultimately, after a procedural hassle, Mr. MacNaught was able to say: "The stand of the solicitor-general will be abundantly clear when the vote is taken." This brought from Mr. Flemming the comment that all members of the cabinet stood ready to "yield to the crack of the party whip" matter what happened in the country, and an unidentified Conservative called out:

"Trained seals." In all of this, of course, the strange thing is not that Mr. Flemming and Mr. MacNaught should find themselves at loggerheads, but the seeming belief, whether real or pretended, of Mr. Flemming and other Conservatives, that government supporters should be expected to contribute to the prolongation of the debate, or even a filibuster, being directed against them.

It is the declared intention of many Conservatives to keep the debate going indefinitely, even to the point of forcing an election on the issue, unless the government drops its announced flag proposal.

Nothing really new is being said by either side at the current stage in Liberal debate. But each time a Liberal speaks, the effect is to serve the purpose of the Conservatives. The virtual silence of the Liberals in these circumstances scarcely can be considered surprising. Neither can their refusal to grant individual Conservatives speaking time beyond their 40-minute allotment.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If there should be an end snuff-box amongst your family heirlooms it may not be quite the curio you think, for snuff is still being offered at a great rate in some parts. For instance, there are six million Americans using a little better than five pounds apiece a year of this form of tobacco, and with nary a worry about lung cancer, it would seem.

After a recent visit to Charlottetown, John Lindblad, writing in his column, "Now", in the Windsor Star, had this to say: "Down here as in most other parts of Canada there doesn't seem to be much interest in flags. The flag talk is regarded at ground level as a lot of political bunk. Best joke going around: One Maritimer, with a drinking problem, is all in favor of Lester Pearson's Pennant—because it has a bar at both ends."

The current issue of the Independent Businessman, a monthly publication for retailers, says that the CBC should become like the British Broadcasting Corporation completely free of commercial interests. This, the leading article says, would permit private advertising rates and make a profit. It would permit the Board of Broadcast Governors to set up a high Canadian content in private television broadcasting (the BBC's national content is 85 per cent is suggested) and this, in turn, would stimulate the Canadian film industry.

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on their electronic boxes of tricks produced domestically. They want the popular American programs and the Canadian programs on end and they will simply buy higher rates to bring in American stations.

Robbed of its commercial revenue the CBC would soon be a propaganda machine for the government. The only independent source of income it could have would be radio and television licence fees and the Canadian public has already rejected those.

No, we have a happy balance of private and government broadcasting in this country that is the envy of many other countries. It needs some modification, sure, but they should not be radical.

Amongst these are instant passport photographs, plastic bags full of fruit cocktail, or a variety of other items. Despite the most rigorous tests, we find that the machines are asserting their independence.

A coin-operated tea dispenser in Nottingham has had to be taken to court after spitting carefully measured doses of boiling water at the hands that fed it, while in Canada a vending machine has been bitten by a stamp machine.

Despite the news about automatic martial dispensers, the prospect is grim. The machines seem to start spitting the



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Mr. Nowlan Looks At Confederation

What Hon. George Nowlan had to tell the House was his faith in Confederation.

"For 40 years this Nova Scotia has been a figure in the public life of this country. He knows its personalities, its future, its present problems. He has no doubt about the future."

"When you think of what we have done in 97 years, then to say that Confederation is collapsing is ridiculous. Mr. Nowlan, unlike some colleagues in the House, does not take the short view. His use, in an eloquent speech, was that Canada has travelled a rough road and Canadians should pause and look back along that road to give themselves faith in the future."

Mr. Nowlan called for a Canadian patriotism, a Canadian statesmanship and Canadian pride. He said that Confederation is the second century of Confederation and suggests his province should pride itself on it.

Mr. Nowlan had more to say. He said, much more than the bonds of sentiment. A private railway and a national rail way spanned the continent and so did a private broadcasting system and a national system. He said that Confederation is the second century of Confederation and suggests his province should pride itself on it.

Silencing The Critics

What about Pro Justice, Common Good and Outrage? Will all these faithful writers of letters-to-the-editor hear, a midnight in the not too distant future, ominous thumping on their bedroom doors?

Well about the wiper who meets Prime Minister Trudeau at a restaurant or cocktail party and remarks that, due to overwork, the premier is looking as fit as he should. Is this treason? Is this conspiracy? Northern sympathizers may see that it is not. If they can't say anything nice, to say nothing at all.

Disgraced, Pro Bonno Publico, Pro Justice and even Mother of Five will be content to grind their teeth in private.

Nothing But A Dream

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Man Versus Machines

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Deaths From Intense Fear

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen "Voodoo" deaths have occurred among primitive people and usually are explained by intense fear. However, some have dropped dead when caged, with no possible means of escape. It is not too sophisticated to succumb to these psychological pressures? You can be the judge of the following report that appeared in the journal, Psychosomatic Medicine.

A few years ago a middle-aged man was admitted to a VA hospital because of asthma. He was semi-comatose but responded to asthma remedies and was discharged two weeks later. He was hospitalized many times during the next six months. The last time he died.

After the last visit he went directly from the hospital to his mother's home and when she told his mother, she said "Do this and something else will happen to you." He died two days later.

The history of his illness disclosed that the man's mother made all the family decisions and was always right, and never met a situation she could not solve. He had no friends, but owned a night club financed by his mother. It prospered and he became a successful business man.

He received a good offer for the club and when she told his mother, she said "Do this and something else will happen to you." He died two days later.

He subsequently reaffirmed his fear of his mother's prediction. He decided to reinvest in the money in a business in which mother was not included—and told her so over the phone. In her parting words she reminded him that regardless of what the physicians said, it was up to him to decide.

He was dead within an hour. IMAGINATIVE DESCRIPTION Mr. A. F. Fleck: What could cause fears before the eyes and mindy golden flecks like Christmas sparklers?

Gnats and sparklers are quite a combination. Migraine headaches are preceded by severe eye and neurological disorders are heralded by or associated with the appearance of strange lights. Floaters may be mistaken for gnats. These are small blood clots that float about in the fluid of the eye.

ENLARGED CLIP Mr. J. W. Hines: How is being enlargement of the prostate treated in men between 30 and 40?

Enlargement due to infection is treated with massage and an antibiotic or a sulfonamide. Surgery is needed when the enlargement is associated with the aging process.

IMMEDIATE ORGAN Mrs. B. J. Wines: In what way might a split uterus affect pregnancy?

There are different types of double uterus and some function better than others during pregnancy. When both sides are small, pregnancy often leads to spontaneous rupture of the uterus.

WOMAN'S HEALTH HINT—Over exertion can spoil a vacation. To Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed: Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, M.D., Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Our parliamentarians will have to take their summer recess in a series of daily coffee-breaks.—Windsor Star.

Like an improvident heir to a great fortune, Canada is studying every possible way of spending its money, but so far has never seriously considered how to spend it.—Windsor Star.

Whatever happens to the theory that a good, well-running auto engine is the one that runs best, it is not true that a scientist who permits a car to glide like a snowflake? We seem to have a shortage of doctors, dentists, psychiatrists, engineers, dentists and technicians in most of these pursuits. Can't they train sufficient people for our needs, but not all at the same time here.—Peterborough Examiner.

The crisis is upon us, said Dr. John Anderson, associate professor of biology at Carleton University. He was referring to Canada's shortage of trained scientists but he might also have mentioned the shortage of doctors, dentists, psychiatrists, engineers, dentists and technicians in most of these pursuits. Can't they train sufficient people for our needs, but not all at the same time here.—Peterborough Examiner.

Doctors In Four Years?

The question of year-round university education, which keeps cropping up in newspaper and magazine articles, has a growing shortage of medical doctors. The government, through the House of Commons.

Specifically, the issue raised had to do with medical students and the member who raised it had special claim to attention because he is himself a doctor.

Perennial Guff

Some Canadians rebel at it talk of secession or separation and the fact is that in every decade of Canada's history there has been some party men lawyers in some part of the Dominion who talk of about departing from Confederation in a huff.

People in B.C. have talked of seceding. The Prairie provinces have talked of bidding goodbye to "those Ontario shysters" and setting up their own government. Ontario under Mitch Hepburn acted as if he was ready to disavow the province and set up some kind of joint stock company to run its show.

Secession talk is as old as Confederation—older when one thinks of the way Prince Edward Island acted for the Confederation debate.

CANADA PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION IN THE MATTER OF THE Motor Carrier Act (P.E.I.) and/or the Motor Vehicle Transport Act (P.E.I.)

IN THE MATTER OF the application of the under-named persons for licenses to operate as intraprovincial carriers and/or extra-provincial carriers under the said Act.

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Public Utilities Commission has appointed WEDNESDAY, the SECOND day of SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1964, at Ten Thirty O'clock in the forenoon, at the National Film Board Theatre, Dominion Building, Charlottetown, as the time and place for consideration of the applications

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DATED at Charlottetown this 4th day of AUGUST A.D. 1964. (MRS. E. BOBIS PURVEY) Clerk The Public Utilities Commission