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The strongest ink is weaker than the weakest ink

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Father William Again

"You are old, Father William,"
the young man said; "but did you
ever hear the like of the debate
that's going on in the Legislature
these days? They say they're going
to pry the liquor situation wide
open. That means ruining all our
young people with booze, filling our
jails and churchyards, and making
the government rich by forcing the
rest of the population to drink
themselves into prosperity. I don't
understand it at all."

"As I see it," said Father William,
"it's as plain as a pikestaff.
There's the forces of sin trying to
make our people do their drinking
out in the open—shamelessly—in
dining-rooms, lounges and whatnot,
instead of in the privacy of back
alleys and locked rooms, where we
are accustomed to. And there's the forces
of righteousness which are appalled
at the consequences of this kind of
behavior and are going to have on our
public morals."

"People, they argue, can't be
stopped from getting drunk but
there's no need of the government
picking it in front of them—and
incidentally ruining the business of
all the bootleggers in the Province.
If a thing is sinful, why do it in
the open?" they say.

"We've been moving pretty fast
since the Liberals changed the old
Prohibition Act, first by introducing
tourists' scripts and then by
authorizing the Commission to
peddle special licenses on the side,
to cantens and clubs that would
keep their mouths shut and not
allow the riffraff in. Then the Tories
went further and allowed the ven-
dors to sell more booze by the
bottle, and loosened up the club
licenses so that practically every-
body that wanted to tangle in com-
pany could do so without having to
ask a man in the process, as propo-
sed now. That allowed them to keep
their minds on their drinking, which
is what the forces of righteousness
in our Legislature maintain is the
only proper way to indulge in this
sinful practice. But Judge Trainor
put the kibosh on that."

"Was it the same in Confederation
days, that we're doing all this
celebrating about this year," asked
the young man.

"That was before my time," said
Father William. "But I must confess
that I have grave doubts about it
whether those old fellows ever got
into Heaven, despite all the praises
we're giving them now. That John
A. Macdonald was certainly no model
for a young man like you to take
after. Right where our lawmakers
are debating now, he and his cronies
did quite a lot of open drinking.
I've been told."

"Why, they turned the Legisla-
tive Library into a rerun bar, and
the refreshment room they called
it—and they had stronger port
and champagne along with more
respectable drinks like rum, brandy
and gin. And there was no decent
cochaleant at all! The Governor,
the Mayor, the Premier and the
whole local shebang drank openly
with the visiting delegates, and had
what can only be described as a
wale of a sinful time."

"Outrageous!" exclaimed the
shocked young man.
"Funny thing, though," said his
grand sire, "they all seemed able
to hold their liquor and get on with
the business of confederating Can-
ada next day. If they had any hang-
overs it certainly wasn't from a
recess of sin, like you would think."

"What would they say to the
goings on in the Legislature now?"
asked the persistent young man.
"That's hard to say," replied
Father William thoughtfully. "This
was before the days of Prohibition
and its subsequent modifications,
and they had no experience of the
political kudus that could be made
by championing its principles. But
those old boys were politicians be-
fore they became statesmen, you
must remember. They'd probably be
doing as much fence-straddling and
puff-blowing as the best of them
today."

"Anyway, they're not us. They
were the Patriarchs before the
Flood, so to speak. Our drinking
moralists don't apply to them, young
fellow. We're under a new dispensa-
tion, and if ever you want to be
a politician on the righteous side
of this question, see that you don't
forget it. The place for the drink
problem is under the carpet, where
we've been sweeping it these past
years—not out in the open to the
scandal of all our good people!"

"Now you've made me talk my-
self dry. The bottle's in the
cupboard, back on the top shelf. Fetch
me a nip, if you will; but see that
you close the door, then pull the
window shades down. No need of
giving the neighbors a chance for
spying and wagging their tongues."

Lodge Leads In Primary

American electoral practice dif-
fers from ours, and makes some-
what confusing the references to
New Hampshire's Republican primary
which resulted in surprisingly strong
support for Henry Cabot
Lodge, U.S. ambassador to South
Vietnam, as presidential candidate,
over the rival claims of Senator
Barry Goldwater, Governor Rockefeller
of New York, Vice-President
Richard M. Nixon, and others who
are actively campaigning for the
nomination.

The tradition of holding primaries
in connection with party nomina-
tions for the presidency was begun
nearly 60 years ago in Wisconsin,
which will go through the ritual
itself next month, on April 7,
and which became the first state in
the nation to adopt a law for the
popular election of delegates to a
national political convention. The
principle of the direct primary was
approved by the state's voters in a
1904 referendum. In 1910, Oregon
enacted the first presidential
preference vote, along with the
election of delegates.

This year there are presidential
primaries, more or less meaningful,
in 15 states and the District of
Columbia. Voters in Alabama and
New York also elect convention
delegates, but the states run un-
pleasured so there is no reliable way
to measure the showing of the candi-
dates.

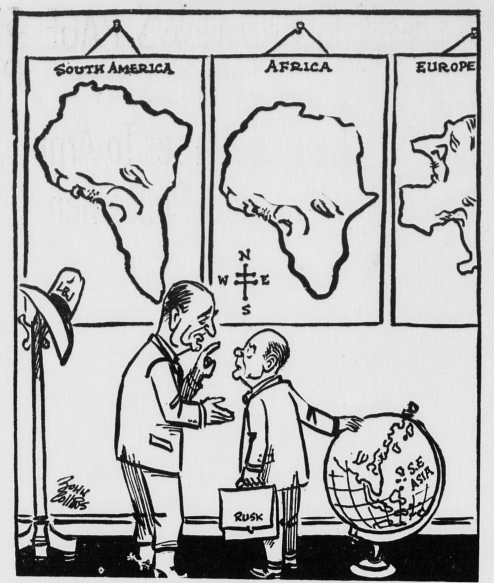
Despite its small size and only
four electoral votes, the New Hamp-
shire primary attracted unusual
interest this year. It long has had
the advantage of being the first
in the nation, but this time was
one of three, along with Oregon
and California, where Senator Gold-
water and Governor Rockefeller
clashed head on in their campaign.

As pointed out in yesterday's
report from Concord, Mr. Lodge's
victory on Tuesday undoubtedly
projects him into the heat of the
coming U.S. presidential contest;
but it remains only a New England
stamp of approval in a race that
will require widespread support to
win the nomination.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Having conducted their first
Canadian Toy Fair ever held in
England, members of the Canadian
Playthings Manufacturers, Inc. did
a fine thing. They gave away every
last toy that had been placed in the
exhibit. More than \$5,000 of merchan-
dise was handed over for distribu-
tion to handicapped children in Brit-
ain.

The first World Cup Fair will
be held in Engand in June. Spon-
sored by the Publishers Association
of Great Britain, it has already at-
tracted much attention; firm book-
ings for space have come from
Canada and from Czechoslovakia,
Poland, Hungary, Eire, France,
Germany (East and West), Italy
and Sweden; and publishers in other
countries are negotiating. About 130
British publishers have taken
stands.



HAVE YOU NOTICED ANYTHING LATELY?

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Reassuring Statement By Quebec Senator

By PATRICK NICHOLSON
Senator Cyrille Vallanceau,
leader of the Quebec Liberals in
the Senate, has brought some
comfort and sense of balance to
a Parliament Hill which was
deeply puzzled and worried by
the sordid voice of Separatism.

Headlines right across Canada
have been captured by the time-
ly and fortuitous plea for the
preservation of "United con-
federation" which this 72 year
old veteran delivered on the
20th anniversary of his appoint-
ment to the Senate.

Senator Vallanceau has served
as deputy leader of the Lib-
erals in the Senate for a num-
ber of years and is a promi-
nent in the credit union move-
ment in Quebec; he is a well-
known and successful contract-
ing engineer.

He said that the province of Que-
bec will receive our Queen "with
happiness, dignity and pride"
and that his expressed conviction
that the province of Quebec
is about our Queen "as a for-
eigner." He also said that he
is "a symbol of our common-
wealthism" and "a symbol of our
unity" by a very young, very Lib-
eral M.P. from Lotbiniere whose
name is forgotten.

Shortly after he had delivered
his speech in English, his
often witty and always warm-
ing extemporaneous speech,
Senator Vallanceau received
sincere congratulations from
several senators from many
Ministers, and from the Govern-
ment Leader in the Senate, Hon.
John Comely, at a big recep-
tion given by the latter that
evening in the House of Com-
mons. Present were Prime
Minister Pearson and his Cab-
inet.

While this French-speaking
Senator deservedly gets the
plum for the season's most
eloquent and interesting
speech, the most eloquent and
interesting appeal to the heart appropria-
tely came from his English-speak-
ing leader, Senator Comely;
he reviewed the history and
the philosophy of a senatorial
chamber, by constitution and func-
tion, and by democratic legisla-
tive assembly.

PUBLIC FORUM

ECONOMY THREATENED
Sir:—The economy of P.E.I. is
threatened, by a surplus of pro-
duction, which has a selling price
25 per cent below the cost of pro-
duction. This surplus is not
caused by the bona fide farmer,
and my definition of a bona fide
farmer is the man who handles
the bags, greases the machin-
ery, and works nine hours every day
with his hired help.

The records show that 30 per
cent of the farm income during
the past year came from the po-
tato industry. This financial vic-
tims of a affecting, either
directly or indirectly, every
bank, machine company, phar-
macy, merchant, finance com-
pany, and individual in our pro-
vince.

When I liquor is abused, surely
better that pure, good drink is
included in than the flint that is
made in the bars and flavoured
with our beautiful honey; then per-
haps the Islanders will learn how
to drink in a sociable and reason-
able manner and learn when to
stop.

I am, Sir, BREN T. CARLSON
Carlson, Siding, P.E.I.

WHAT KIND OF WINE?
Sir:—"Expatiate Islanders" in
your issue of the 10th instants
to justify the use of intoxicating
liquor by employing the misre-
ports of James changing water into
wine. Might this not be a case
of fables rushing in where angels
fear to tread?"

My authority enables me to re-
fute his insinuation that the
wine thus referred to was intro-
duced by Paul was other in effect
than grape juice commonly
used as a communion wine now-
adays.

The "bee wines" of that day
were not the fermented kind but
those which were especially pre-
pared to make them smooth and
digestible. This was accomplished
by slowly simmering the grape
juice and in other ways treating
it to develop the flavor. Such a
tasty boiled wines were non-intoxi-
cating. The heat killed the fer-
menting bacteria and prevented
its multiplication. Its pure undrug-
ged quality was immediately recog-
nized by the governor of the
last.

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LIGOR INLET:
Sir:—Three cheers for "Pro
and Con" in your issue of Feb-
ruary 1st. I am, Sir, etc.
I am right behind you Rodney,
Duff, etc.
A past resident of Rome, Italy,
W.C. LAWSON
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Diarrhea And Weaning

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
Weaning is responsible for
many deaths of infants. The
diseases that plagued infants at
the turn of the century. We do not
know the death rate from
diarrhea during the first year of
life was \$,600 per 100,000 live
births. This still is much too high
but is a great improvement over
today's mortality rates. From
this cause in underdeveloped
countries.

NOTES BY THE WAY

For exercise, a lot of people
are content with jumping at coun-
trymen, sending down their
friends, adiabating their luck-
iness and pushing their way.
—Chatham News.
A hopeful poet submitted to a
magazine the following poem. The
poem entitled "Why Do I Live?"
It was returned with a note read-
ing: "We regret we cannot use
your poem, but we can answer
your question. It is because you
mailed the poem to us instead of
delivering it in person." —Toronto
to Star.

Diem's Tragic Legacy

By Doug Marshall
Canadian Press Staff Writer
In war - weary South Viet-
nam, it is an old custom for
men with troubles on their
mind to go to a bar.
Premier Nguyen Khanh, who
served in the military, began grow-
ing a black goatee when the dicta-
torship and corrupt regime of
President Ngo Dinh Diem was
overthrown last November.

Diem's tragic legacy is only
now being revealed. His pro-
gram was a failure. Strategic
hamlets has collapsed, confi-
dence in the government is at
its lowest, and it is probable
another civil war will break
out.
The U.S. now has about 16,000
servicemen "advising" the
200,000-strong South Vietnamese
Army most of whom have
modern health facilities, sanitation,
and education.

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Our Yesterdays

(From the Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(March 15, 1939)
Bertha LeClair, 13-year-old
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter
Leclair of Chestnut Street, was
in critical condition in the City
Hospital from injuries received
in an accident on the harbour
isle. The girl was injured when
she was struck by an automobile.

At a meeting of the Boy Scouts
District Council for Queen's
County the following officers
were elected: S.M. Martin, E.A.
Driscoll, Ruth Vinnicombe,
Mrs. W.E. Scantbury and Mrs.
B. Frank Tynes.

TEN YEARS AGO
(March 12, 1954)
Mr. W. Stuart Chandler was
elected president of the B.C.A.Y.
Association at their annual meet-
ing held in the Clover Club when
speakers of 60 sat down to a
lovely lunch dinner prepared
by the Ladies Auxiliary of the
Canadian Legion.

The disastrous results of
lober poaching and the need of a
winter ferry connecting George-
town and Pictou were stressed
by George E. Saville, Liberal
member from Fifth Kings as he
spoke at the Draft Address in
the Legislature.

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