

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew
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the framework of the nation in which it operates. It will not do for the affairs of an industry basic to each state to drift into the hands of an international committee of union and management. But Canada, unfortunately, has already given credence to this concept.

Or does it? More immediately important than sovereignty is the potential effect of wage parity on the rest of the Canadian economy. Canadian auto workers now receive 40 to 50 cents an hour less than their fellow unionists to the south.

The Canadian industry, which generally boasts a lower rate of productivity per man hour than that of the U.S., simply cannot absorb this type of wage increase and remain even remotely competitive.

This Canada simply could not endure for more than a few years without being forced into some form of full economic union with the United States. Whatever the pros and cons of that prospect may be, it is intolerable that it should be forced on us in this manner.

The Hamilton paper urges the governments of both Canada and the United States to take careful note of this situation. The ultimate responsibility for preventing continental bargaining lies with them.

Something it hadn't bargained for, of course; but which might well have been foreseen had the bargaining been done more expertly.

They Earned It

According to reports from Ottawa, Canada's Hong Kong veterans are to be given a new pension deal, early in 1966. A preliminary report on their problems was recently submitted to Veterans Affairs Minister Teillet, based on a two-year survey by the Canadian Pension Commission.

It showed that the survivors of the ill-fated Hong Kong expedition—now numbering only 1,100—had more social and economic problems than other veterans. They also had more medical disabilities and inferior dental health.

The report was received by Mr. Teillet just prior to Christmas, the 24th anniversary of the day when Hong Kong fell to the Japanese. The 1,975 Canadian servicemen, from the Winnipeg Grenadiers and the Royal Regiment of Canada, reached Hong Kong in November, 1941, shortly before the island was attacked.

Auto Pact Fruits

The fruits of the Canada-U.S. auto pact were never very apparent in this part of the country. But something has "cropped up" in connection with this deal that could concern all of us very much.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Proportions of Canada's households with electrical and other conveniences continued to increase in 1965. Television receiving sets were in 92.6 of total households as against 91 per cent in the preceding year.



WINTER SCENE, VICTORIA PARK

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Still Studying Effects Of Miracle Drugs

The new Parliament meeting later this month will almost certainly give further specialized study to the effects, regulation and cost of potent chemicals in our daily life.

But this barrel of bension has been found to contain the usual rotten apple, and this led to the setting up of a special committee of the House of Commons to examine "Pesticides and Drugs".

The specific cause of this special committee was what became known as the "Thalidomide tragedy," which hit many many western countries and hurt most of them more than Canada.

It learned of the danger inherent in inadequate labelling of certain poisonous household remedies. It learned that the federal Health Department was severely handicapped by an inadequate budget and low pay scales.

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Our Yesterdays

Waves of German fighter-bombers aircraft gave London its longest and most destructive daytime attack in several weeks and killed and wounded a number of persons.

Survivors of two Norwegian vessels sunk by German sea raiders were quoted at Hong Kong as saying Count Felix von Luckner, German "sea devil" of 1916-17 was again attacking shipping in the Pacific and Indian oceans.

TEN YEARS AGO

A resolution calling for the formation of a Protestant Family Welfare Agency in the City of Charlottetown was unanimously adopted at a largely attended meeting held last night in the YMCA.

time lost through illness or premature death; thanks to the new "miracle" drugs. Some Canadians are apt to forget the benefits and remember only that a drug prescription, comparable in size perhaps to a nickel packet of candy, costs say \$2.15.

We assume the domestic science girls thought they were doing housewives a favor by increasing efficiency of action and decreasing the number of steps. However, too much efficiency in any line of endeavor seems to take away the job of working; the law of diminishing returns has reacted with deplorable results in enjoyable living.

It is good for a man to stretch out for 40 winks after a hearty meal topped with a quarter of a mince-meat pie. The Fancy Glenham Rocco Couch filled the bill. As the catalogue said:

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The British have begun to use a similar machine adapted from decimal coinage to cope with half-crowns. The latest refinement of motorized self-service in the UK overcomes coinage difficulties. It is a note acceptor.

Worthwhile Aid Program

Canada is still a long way from wringing the most possible food out of every ounce of tillable soil. The country now produces between 400 million and 700 million bushels of wheat annually.

How much more could be grown, if Canadian land still undeveloped were turned to grain production because of urgent need, is anybody's guess.

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An informative fact book is being circulated in Ottawa—and elsewhere by the professional association of the drug industry, the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association. This indicates that the manufacturer receives only 37 1/2 cents of the prescription retail dollar, while his profit on sales averages about 6 per cent which is not out of line.

From corn flakes to life insurance, from books to gasoline, the enormous Canadian retail "mark-up" if the offender which should first be studied by all who complain about prices.

Sofa In The Kitchen

We were happy to read recently that sizeable kitchens are returning to favor. For some years it has been the style to promote small, chromium-plated, antiseptic areas, where one could reach everything by turning on one's heel.

A man is obliged to spend a good part of his working hours either vertical or semi-vertical in a chair. It seems to us that the tempo might lessen and perspective get somewhere back to normal, if more men had the opportunity to take a horizontal position for half an hour after a meal.

banknotes on a metal plate, whips them into a scanner, which rejects counterfeit and, if the note is genuine, switches on the pump to deliver the correct volume of fuel. Still another development is an American oil company's "key club" for commercial watercraft crapping the Missouri River.

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Controlling The Girth

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen In the past year we have reported several dramatic ways to lose weight. Starvation for days to weeks and the removal of several feet of the small intestine head the list. These methods are aimed at those with intractable obesity—fat individuals who could not lose weight via conventional methods.

This chemical, better known as the pep pill or goof ball, has been used for treating mental depression and narcolepsy for many years. The compound is used to help lose weight but is of questionable value in curbing the appetite. This is the first time, to my knowledge, that it has been given hypodermically and, according to Dr. David B. Gilbert of Payson, Ariz., is better tolerated than when taken orally.

The unpleasant side effects mentioned previously did not take place. According to Dr. Gilbert, the dextro-amphetamine had no effect upon the blood pressure or coronary arteries. In his opinion, it should not be given to obese individuals suffering from marked agitation, anxiety, overactivity of the thyroid gland and Raynaud's disease.

Time will tell whether this remedy is worthwhile. Heroic measures are recommended for serious conditions but I doubt if obesity is in this category. Furthermore, dextro-amphetamines is only a crutch and does not teach, hobbles but does not sensibly. A most remedial for obesity have a temporary effect; the lost weight is regained within a year or two.

POLLUTION OF STREAMS

Sir,—I would like to take exception to a couple of statements in the Hunter's Corner in your Dec. 31 issue. It was in 1964 we had a bumper crop and price of potatoes, not 1965. And washing grayers in brooks is not the habit of farmers but would be the exception.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Beauty may be only skin deep, but with modern cosmetic aids, who can tell how deep?—Ottawa Journal. A car runs better when the nuts are tight—except, that is, the one at the wheel.—Brandon Sun. On his deathbed a manufacturer named six bankers as his pallbearers and explained that as they had carried him for so long they might as well finish the job.—Financial Post.

Need For More Patience

An undercurrent of frustration lies behind the vigorous United States peace offensive in Viet Nam. Following the impatient escalation of the Southeast Asian conflict in the last year, this frustration was intensified with each new American effort to turn the tide of the war, until eventually the U.S. forces practically assumed the entire burden of battle.

Unable to get out of a frustrating situation by means of battle, President Johnson launched a major peace drive with a renewed call for peace negotiations. But with whom would the U.S. negotiate? The U.S. position is that negotiations can only be conducted among governments, which would exclude the National Liberation Front—the political arm of the Viet Cong—from the conference table.

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