

Convention Speeches
 Now that the tumult and the shouting are over, it may be in order to say that all the speeches at the Liberal Party Convention with one notable exception, were of a stereotyped pattern. In the main, with an original thought popping up here and there, they were occupied with praising Liberalism and condemning the present Government. Indeed, much time would have been saved for more important matters if the speechifying had been confined to the three contestants for the leadership; and even these three might have been abbreviated considerably without doing any harm to the dispatch of business.

The one bright exception was the address delivered by Mr. St. Laurent. Here was a straightforward, quiet message summarizing without waste of words the political philosophy of a man who had served his party and his country well; not without making an occasional mistake of judgment but certainly without compromising the moral principles for which he has stood all during his career. There was no attempt at theatrical bombast, no effort to exalt Liberal politicians to the pedestal of perfection, no desire to smear or abuse the Government of the day—nothing but a plain, quietly-spoken treatise of what he believes is good for Canadian unity and an expression of faith in the future.

As Mr. St. Laurent goes into retirement from the responsibilities and burdens of leadership—but not, it is hoped, from public life—all Canadians, irrespective of their party loyalties, will wish him well. He has set a good example in political integrity for others to follow. Mr. C. D. Howe's tribute—"He stands in the shade of no man living or dead"—was not an exaggeration.

Plans Going Forward
 Prime Minister Diefenbaker's pre-election promise to work for a Commonwealth trade conference was not given idly; nor has the proposal been dropped by any means. Last summer's preparatory meeting at Mont Tremblant laid the groundwork. It was agreed that the detailed preliminary work should be entrusted to a committee of experts. That committee has been studying the various phases of the proposal ever since.

Now comes a report from London to say that Commonwealth officials and experts will meet in London sometime in February to make the final preparations. The report adds that the full-dress conference at the level of finance ministers or other Government representatives will be held later this year, probably in October, although the exact date has yet to be determined.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Macmillan, who is now on a tour of the Commonwealth—and by all accounts, receiving a warm reception wherever he goes—is talking with various officials concerning specific proposals which might be taken up at the conference. There is no inkling so far as to where the meeting will be held. The fact that Prime Minister Diefenbaker is the author of the proposal does not necessarily mean that it will be held in Ottawa, although, in any case, is not the important thing. The important thing is that Commonwealth Governments believe that the conference will be helpful in stimulating trade among the various members of the association, with profit to all. At the same time, of course, each member nation will have to make certain concessions, if the plan that is finally arrived at is to prove successful.

EDITORIAL NOTES
 Another threatened storm has passed us by. Should this pattern continue for a few weeks longer, it will be a short winter, no matter what March may have in store.

Now that more than 9,000 scientists have testified that hydrogen bomb tests are extremely dangerous to the human race, perhaps the Governments of the world will agree to put an end to the accursed things. And perhaps not.

Secret Report
 Just how serious is the danger that faces the free world today? How good are the West's defences and, particularly, the defences of the United States vis-a-vis Soviet power and technological development? Is it a fact that at the present moment the Soviet Union has the upper hand militarily as well as diplomatically?

These questions and others in the same vein are being asked by many members of the United States Congress and discussed by widely scattered sections of the American press. They seem especially urgent just now in view of a report prepared by a committee of scientists and other experts at the request of President Eisenhower. For reasons known to himself and his advisors, but not made public, the report is being kept secret, at least officially. Certain sections of it, however, have made their way to the press. These indicate that the United States is being exposed to the greatest danger in its history and that unless stern measures are taken to strengthen its defences the Soviet Union will soon be in a position—if, indeed, it is not already in that position—to dictate terms of settlement of international problems.

A copyrighted story in the Washington Post and Times Herald states that the report "portrays the United States in great danger and exposed to an almost immediate threat from the missile-bristling Soviet Union and moving in frightful course to the state of a second-class power." White House officials have neither confirmed nor denied the allegation. The only comment made by the President's press secretary was that the United States is not "at the moment" in a position of weakness. That, even if it represents the actual situation, is not very reassuring; and the fact that the President is keeping the full text of the report under wraps would tend to signify that he is very unhappy over what it contains and is afraid for it to reach the public.

Refusal of the "brass" at the Liberal Convention to permit discussion of issues from the floor in lieu of long-winded and wearisome speeches shows that Liberal leaders have not yet come around to the view that close connection with the people is a necessary step towards public favour.

Grand Jury reports are not pro forma documents without any practical meaning. Too often in the past they have been regarded as such and shelved, no attention being paid to their recommendations. It is to be hoped that the latest one will be given careful consideration and that prompt action will be taken where it is clearly indicated.

There's "food for thought" in a survey conducted by the Gordon Economic Commission by Prof. David N. Slater of Queen's University. It reveals that Canadians are spending more money on alcohol, tobacco and automobiles than they did in the 1920's and less on food and clothing. Some statistics: In the 20's alcoholic beverages accounted for 3 cents of the consumer's dollar. Today they take 5 cents of it. Adult "consumption" of tobacco went up from 6 pounds to 9 pounds a person. Automobile expenditure absorbed 10.7 of the dollar last year, compared with 6 cents 30 years ago. Food, 26.96 cents now; 28.89 cents in the 20's. Clothing, 11.5 cents now; 14.8 cents 30 years ago.



PROBLEMS OF A GETTYSBURG FARMER

End Of An Egghead
 By "Onlooker"
 Thomson Newspapers, London, England, Bureau

When Prime Minister Macmillan checked his luggage to make sure that it had a good supply of stiff paper collars, gathered his wife and aides around him, kissed good-bye to a handful of his many grandchildren, stepped into a Britannia jetliner, and took off for points east on a tour of Commonwealth countries, he showed more than a good share of his two-generations - removed Scots caution.

Rarely has a British Prime Minister departed from these shores leaving such a pile of trouble — and brewing — up of trouble than has Macmillan with his departure on this trip. True, he probably went on the trip hoping that the country would regard him as still confident, that the trouble in the Government was of feeble proportions. But it has had the opposite effect among political observers here. Most of them think that, with so much trouble at home, India or Australia is a good place to be right now.

EXIT THORNECROFT
 The trouble, of course, started when Peter Thorneycroft, one of the Government's eggheads — and the Chancellor of the Exchequer — said two words which, first of all, stunned his colleagues in the Cabinet and then stunned the nation when the two words were passed on to them. The two words were simple: "I quit."

Thorneycroft, not popular as a man among his party, quit over \$15 millions — one per cent of the projected British budget which is due to come out around April. The way things are going, it seemed as if Government spending during the next year would be that amount over the April 1956 — April 1957 spending.

And Thorneycroft, who has spent the past year exhorting everyone — private citizens, Government departments, employers and employees — to be content with what they have and not to ask for more right now, felt that he would look pretty silly when he stood up in Britain's House of Commons next April and revealed that after all the appeals the Government was to ask for \$15 millions more.

To save the \$15 millions, he proposed that first family allowable rock available at or near Tormentine.

This is the only phase of the matter that really stands in the way of the proposition and while it is known that large quantities of suitable rock are available further steps should be taken to carry this phase to completion; that is, of proving that there is sufficient quantity available for the work.

The urgency is apparent because the tourist industry is growing rapidly and even if the work is started soon it is going to take years, possibly 4 or 5 years, to carry it to completion.

I am, Sir, etc.,
 ENGINEER.

OVERWEIGHT HOGS
 Sir,—In reply to Mr. Clay's article, telling farmers how they are losing money by not weighing their hogs, I have a statement for hogs I shipped recently, and the weights and amounts paid for the hogs correspond to the figure given by Mr. Clay, so I take it they were my hogs that Mr. Clay was using for reference.

Now I would like to point out that I am very well acquainted with Mr. Clay and I do not doubt his sincerity, knowing what he has done for the hog industry on P.E.I. However, I would like to defend myself and many farmers who happen to be in the same position.

Sure, I knew those hogs were overweight. But on the day I planned to ship them, the roads were impassable due to mud. Even tractors were getting stuck, with the result, that I was forced to hold them over one week. Now, I would like to add, that a few weeks previous to this, I had eight hogs ready for market, with the same road conditions, with the result, hog prices dropped \$2.00 per cwt. How do you think farmers feel when this happens?

It might be interesting if Mr. Clay would compare the amount of overweight hogs shipped from Dec. 1 to April 30 as from May 1 to Nov. 30 especially where farmers are from seven to ten miles from paved roads or shipping centres.

I am, Sir, etc.,
 SHALE ROAD FARMER

HEALTH SPOT
 Harrogate in Yorkshire, England, has been a health resort since mineral springs were found there in 1571.

PAPER TRUCK FIRE
 SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Fire believed caused by a short circuit in the ignition system destroyed a Telegraph-Journal delivery truck in the Anagance woods area of the Saint John-Moncton highway early Friday, but did not prevent delivery to Campbellton, Dalhousie and other north shore points. More papers were run off here and loaded on another truck to complete delivery.

ALGERIAN CLASH
 PARIS (AP)—The Tunisian government charged Friday that French soldiers encircled and "terrorized" a Tunisian village on the Algerian border Friday. It said when the troops withdrew Dec. 13, four Tunisians were found dead, four persons wounded and 13 missing. A carefully worded communique from the Tunisian Embassy in Paris did not directly charge French troops with the casualties.

TEN YEARS AGO
 (Jan. 18, 1948)
 Last night's snow storm caused some trouble with electric light circuits in Summerside. Three town circuits went out for 45 minutes while a line to the Air-

Best Time To Plan For Safety

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.
 A glance at the calendar tells me that it's time to talk about swimming. Oh, I know it's the middle of January but that's the best time to discuss swimming precautions and procedures.

Next summer, all the health writers will be offering advice on what and what not to do in the water. However, reading a piece about swimming in January, might make enough of an impression on you so that you'll remember it.

WINTER VACATION
 Besides, some of the more fortunate among us probably are planning a winter vacation in the sunshine of the South or West where swimming is a year-round sport. They will need some advice at this time.

If you plan to do much swimming this year, it's a good idea to begin limbering up your muscles in the local YMCA or YWCA pool. While you probably never will forget how to swim, you've got to build up your prowess gradually by swimming often during the winter and spring months.

ACCIDENTAL DROWNING
 Unfortunately, some 7,000 Americans will die by accidental drowning during the summer months of June through August this year. Three out of every four of these drownings will occur within 60 feet of shore.

An estimated 90,000,000 Americans use swimming facilities each year. Yet 90 per cent of them are either very poor swimmers or they can't swim at all.

Is it any wonder that we have so many drownings?

USELESS EFFORT
 We are not all heroes. Sometimes it's very foolish to attempt to be one. If you're not a good swimmer, I don't expect you to try to save anyone's life. You may only lose your own in the attempt.

But you can and should know a little about helping to take care of a person who has just been rescued from drowning.

The methods of artificial respiration are too difficult to attempt to explain here. Have someone show you how to perform them.

FOUR POINTS
 But you can learn four simple points of after care.

Once a nearly-drowned person has been revived, he should be:

1. Kept warm and dry. Cover him with a blanket, towels or clothing to keep him from becoming chilled.
2. Given a stiff whiff of spirits of ammonia. This may temporarily help him breathe deeper.
3. Placed on his side, if his condition permits it. This will ease his breathing movements and prevent regurgitation.
4. Removed to a hospital as soon as possible. He must be handled with great care to prevent development of secondary shock.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
 D.G.: What causes a child to have extreme weakness in his arms in spite of the fact that the muscles are extremely well formed?

Answer: It may be that the child is suffering from a form of muscular dystrophy in which there is some wasting of the muscles even though they may appear to be well-formed. This can only be determined by a careful examination of the muscles and nerves.

The Age Old Story

But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty. So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth at their mouth.



FIRE TREE
 The pasture land was powdered dark
 With twilight and with misty air,
 And my path lay up Foxes' Hill
 Where on the sky the trees were stark
 And black in outline. Only snow
 Clung to the shaking branches there.
 The world was lone and dark and chill
 With night above me, ice below.

But on the summit of the slope
 The last of sunset touched a tree
 And gilded all its leafless form.
 A fire of celestial hope
 That filled both night and walking farmer.
 A homeward beacon lit for me.
 And though the north wind spoke of storm,
 My way down to the barns was warmer.
 —Margaret McAndrew Dockry
 in the Montreal Star.

OUR YESTERDAYS
 (From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
 (Jan. 18, 1933)
 Prior to the opening of the new Prince of Wales College, word was received from Dr. F. P. Koppel, President of the Carnegie Corporation, of the voting by the Corporation of the following grants: \$60,000 for library service demonstration in P.E.I. and \$75,000 for endowment of a chair of Economics and Sociology at the Prince of Wales College.

Mr. Thomas Perry of Summerside has built an ice plane capable of a speed of over 60 miles per hour. It has a propeller and wings the same as an aeroplane and runs on skis. Mr. Perry may be seen every day running his plane over the harbour ice.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Remember when "Anything you can do I can do better" was just a catchy show tune and not the guiding principle of international relations?—Winnipeg Tribune

A thrifty wife indeed was the one who resurrected her girlhood bathing suit from the trunk — and made from it a bathing suit for each of four daughters.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

King Mohammed of Morocco visited Disneyland twice. He was obviously fascinated by a principally that could make so much money without striking oil.—Calgary Herald

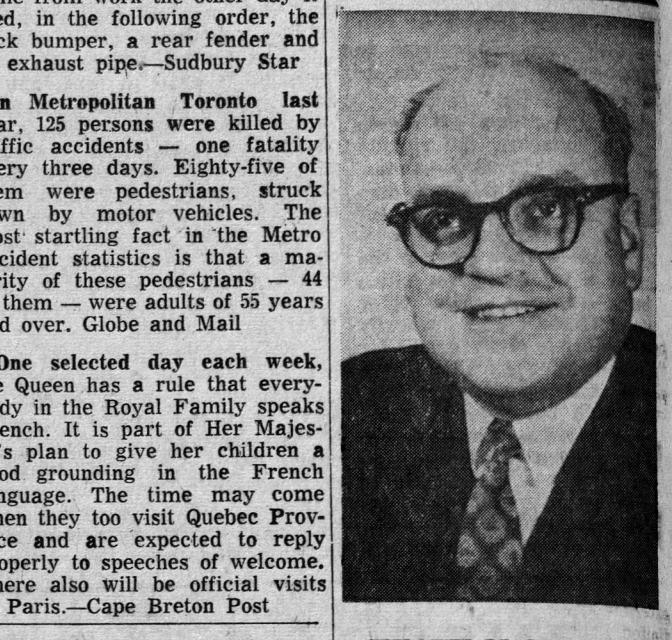
The man at the next desk says those three-stage rockets have nothing on his jalopy. On the way home from work the other day it shed, in the following order, the back bumper, a rear fender and its exhaust pipe.—Sudbury Star

In Metropolitan Toronto last year, 125 persons were killed by traffic accidents — one fatality every three days. Eighty-five of them were pedestrians, struck down by motor vehicles. The most startling fact in the Metro accident statistics is that a majority of these pedestrians — 44 of them — were adults of 55 years and over. Globe and Mail

One selected day each week, the Queen has a rule that everybody in the Royal Family speaks French. It is part of Her Majesty's plan to give her children a good grounding in the French language. The time may come when they too visit Quebec Province and are expected to reply properly to speeches of welcome. There also will be official visits to Paris.—Cape Breton Post

port was out for approximately two hours. At Borden power was reported to have been off during the day but service was restored at night.

It has been learned that the Department of Indian Affairs has started a program to improve the educational and health standards of the Indians on Lennox Island. It is understood that a new two-room school will be erected this year, a convent and a nursing station together with a residence for the Indian Agent.



HEATH MCQUARRIE
 who will be presenting the Report from Parliament Hill over

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Saturday 7.45 p.m.

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NOTICE
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 Velma Wood
 Clerk.

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