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“The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink.”

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Get The Record Straight

There is need to correct a statement which Liberal spokesmen have been repeating throughout the present campaign. They say, again and again, that Ottawa changed the voluntary hospitalization plan into a compulsory one.

In other words the Act as passed at that time contained powers to make the scheme compulsory.

Both parties regard the provision of hospital insurance as being more important than the details of its operation but certainly it would be a mistake to think that Ottawa could create such a scheme or make it law in Prince Edward Island.

The Progressive-Conservatives, the official Opposition for the past quarter of a century, have lacked the many soundingboards for their views which have been enjoyed by the Government during that time.

Perhaps Mr. Shaw and his party have a real point, that it is time for a change—if only to restore the dignity of the Legislature itself.

Patient Should Know

British and Canadian doctors meeting in Edinburgh at joint sessions of the Canadian and British Medical Associations, agreed in general that physicians ought to tell their patients more about the diseases from which they suffer.

Prof. D.M. Dunlop of Edinburgh accused medical men of having a “Balacava” attitude toward their patients: “Their not to reason why, theirs but to do and die.”

A Canadian, Dr. John Lewis, was among those asserting that patients are often incapable of understanding what is wrong with them, and that the garbled versions they remember do them more harm than good.

During the convention the British Medical Association modified its traditional ruling on professional secrecy—the principle that doctors must preserve their patients' secrets.

It would be the best of public relations, for doctors suggests the London Free Press, to meet their patients' demand for information, and for the logic and argument behind whatever therapy they advise.

Because of the possible contamination of food supplies from radioactive fallout, the department of agriculture has instituted research on the movement of radioactive contaminants, and of prevention of their entrance into the food chain.

Radioactive contaminants fall into the soil and enter the herbage, thereby contaminating not only plant products but also the products from animals feeding on the contaminated herbage.

Research to date, reports Farm News, has resulted in a process of treating milk by which the radioactive isotopes of strontium and cesium can be removed from the milk.

This method utilizes the principle of ion exchange. The substance, similar to water softener, specifically a cation exchange resin, is treated with salts of calcium, potassium and sodium.

All of this is most interesting and not a little horrifying. No doubt farmers are an adaptable breed but it is asking a good deal to suggest that they may have to adapt themselves to the necessity of decontaminating their products from radioactivity.

It seems probable that it would be a good deal easier for Communist and non-Communist powers to get together on means of avoiding the radioactive contamination in the first place than for every farmer to make his farm over into a decontamination station.

Commonwealth Education

A new chapter has been added to the story of Commonwealth endeavour and co-operation by the work of the Commonwealth Education Conference which ended recently.

The conference was called to work out arrangements for the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan, suggested at the earlier trade conference in Montreal, and to recommend ways in which existing arrangements for co-operation between Commonwealth countries in education generally could be improved and expanded.

Britain has already announced establishment of 500 scholarships; Canada 250; Australia and India 100 each; Pakistan 30; New Zealand 25; Ghana and Rhodesia and Nyasaland 10 each; Ceylon 6 and East Africa 4.

The well known Rhodes scholarships no doubt provided much of the inspiration for the present scheme, although the specific suggestion is a Canadian one. Those scholarships have done good service in developing the capacities of young people in this and every other part of the Commonwealth.

The new scheme, however, is much broader. Each country will train students from the others, rather than having all England. Thus each member can contribute not money only but all its resources of mind and spirit to all the others.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The most devastating comment on one aftermath of the Royal Tour comes from the Ottawa Citizen: An English newspaper has called the gifts Canadians gave the Queen during her tour “a cargo of useless junk”.

Perhaps the most revolutionary development of recent years is the discovery of a cell by an English inventor, F.T. Bacon, which makes electricity by reversing the chemical process of storage, thus combining hydrogen and oxygen.



ANOTHER PEBBLE ON THE BEACH

OTTAWA REPORT

Rising Star From Quebec

By Patrick Nicholson

August 20, 1959 may prove to be a very significant date in the political history of Quebec and of Canada, even outranking December 10, 1941.

On that earlier date, a 39-year-old lawyer from Quebec City named Louis St. Laurent entered federal politics, being sworn in as Minister of Justice.

The later date saw the appointment to the federal Cabinet of Pierre Sevigny, who is beyond doubt the most favorably-augured “Quebecois” to enter Canada's Government, since Mr. St. Laurent.

FRENCH MUST BE LED

A quality in people of French blood is their clamorous need for resolute leadership by an inspiring figure to whom they can look up. Only under such conditions do they show their best qualities and move with cohesion.

QUALITIES LATENT

His two recent electoral campaigns showed that he possesses sharp political acumen, organizing ability, confident leadership and a persuasive tongue. He is a deep-thinking man, with vision and a creative mind.

Answer In The Caribbean

Toronto Globe And Mail

No one can dispute the need of the West Indies Federation, and indeed the whole Caribbean area, for large amounts of outside capital to aid development.

Trade offers the most promising remedy to the difficulties which were at the root of Dr. Lacobiniere's proposal for a Caribbean Colombo Plan.

The Amazing Blondin

Ottawa Citizen

In Canada, the centenary of Blondin's crossing of the Niagara Gorge on June 30 inspired stories about the almost incredible feats of the French stunt man.

Blondin crossed the gorge not once, but several times, with fantastic variations in his stunting. He stood on his head on the cable, 170 feet above the swirling rapids.

Canada's Governor-General

New York Times

In the way they govern themselves Canadians draw upon British, not French, precedent, even though they will now have a Governor-General from French Canada.

Britain has a sovereign who does not rule even though, with good reason, they cherish her very much. Queen Elizabeth II, at the end of her six-week tour of Canada last weekend, named a new Governor-General whose powers, if anyone takes the trouble to read the Constitution of 1867 and the British North America Act, are going to make him nothing less than the dictator of Canada for the next seven years.

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opportunity of wider application.

of greater significance in Quebec than in less conservative areas of Canada, Mr. Sevigny also has the advantage and stimulus of an outstanding family tradition in public life.

He has been observed as fluently bilingual in our two official languages; he is blessed with a dominant personality, and an impressive grandeur of physique.

He is a deep-thinking man, with vision and a creative mind. These qualities have evidently been noticed with approval by the Prime Minister. They will now have the

of our foreign purchasing, to relieve our large and increasing reliance on the United States.

If the Caribbean countries would take full advantage of the trade opportunities that wait in Canada and elsewhere, and Canada would seize the trade and investment opportunities in the Caribbean, the area's development problems would become much smaller.

He carried another man over on his back, he lugged a stove onto the rope and made an omelette, dropping it to passengers on the Maid of the Mist.

The Niagara cable was supported by guy-lines going part-way out from each side of the gorge, and except in the middle section the acrobat had some chance of saving himself by grasping one of these if he slipped.

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How To Ease Stay In Bed

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. IN OUR concern over treating a patient's primary illness, we sometimes forget about a few simple measures which will help make a stay in bed a bit more comfortable.

Probably most neglected by the homemaker are the patient's mouth and teeth. MOUTH BECOMES DRY

You know how dry it is for your mouth to become dry during a siege of sickness. Chewing or swallowing some slightly pungent substance probably will relieve the feeling.

A few swallows of orangeade or lemonade, or sucking on a piece of orange, usually will be of help. Not only do such fruits wet the mouth at the moment they are consumed, they also increase normal mucous secretions, thus preventing the mucous membrane from becoming dry and ulcerating.

ALSO HELPFUL A drink of ginger ale or some effervescent water will be of some help, too, although they won't stimulate the continuing action caused by fruit juices.

Chewing mint gum or a peppermint lozenge will often help get rid of that annoying dry feeling.

It is important, too, to keep the patient's teeth clean. If he is able to chew, let him chew a piece of dry toast. This helps clean the teeth. Moreover, it starts the flow of saliva and mucous and sometimes it can be of more benefit than the constant swallowing of even nutritious liquids.

WIPE TEETH If the patient is unable to brush his teeth in the regular manner and you are unable to do the job for him at least wipe his teeth with cotton swabs. You can use them either with or without toothpaste, powder or some cleansing solution, although some dentifrice will help you do a better job.

DENTAL FLOSS I also suggest the use of dental floss whenever it is advisable. Generally, it's a good idea to top off any meal with a little fruit. Not only is this nutritious, but the acids in the fruits help clean the teeth.

Chewing an apple also more or less simulates a brushing action.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. D. M.: Does erosion of the cervix cause sterility?

Answer: Although erosions of the cervix do not necessarily cause sterility, they should be treated whenever found, to avoid more serious complications.

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.

REPUDIATE LETTER

Sir,—As I have received several complaints regarding the letter published in yesterday's papers by Alex MacLean, regarding the criticisms directed at the Department of Labour in this Province, I feel it is my duty as President of our Local to let the public know that the views expressed in his letter are not necessarily the views of the members of our Local.

I am, Sir, etc., J. F. HENNESSEY President, Local 20, Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Bridge party comment: She came from the shady side of the family tree.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record

In America we have complacently accepted the notion that right will prevail if only our hearts are pure. We have fooled ourselves. If we don't get out and work for the right, it most certainly will not prevail.—Denver Post

August 15 is V-J Day, a holiday kept in Newfoundland (and nowhere else as far as we know) to mark the Allied victory over Japan and the end of the Second World War. In 1980, this particular holiday will no longer be observed. V-J Day is one of the holidays which will be eliminated in the new schedule of public holidays recently adopted by the House of Assembly.—Corner Brook Western Star

Scientists at McGill's Hypersonic Research Laboratory expect that in the future aircraft powered by ramjet engines will attain a speed of 5,000 miles an hour at 120,000 feet, three times as high as present jet liners fly. But probably people will still complain about the time it takes to get from the heart of an eastern Canadian city to an appointment in St. John's or Vancouver. The whole trip may take all of a couple of hours.—Ottawa Citizen

There is one area of Canadian education that seems to need careful scrutiny. Large numbers of children and youths in schools across the country spend up to five years studying French, for example. Yet when they leave a school, they cannot speak French or read French. The same is true on a lesser scale of German and other languages. Surely something must be wrong with the methods used to give these children a second language?—Winnipeg Tribune

A London outfitter, Mr. Cecil Gee, reports a significant change in the men's neckwear business. A few years ago, he dreaded selling ties to women because the men for whom they were intended usually brought them back. “But,” he adds, “women's taste in ties has so improved that we now have to change only one in 50.” Perhaps, more likely British husbands, like Canadians, are just becoming better trained.—Toronto Globe and Mail

The Poet's Corner

NIGHT The gentle hands of twilight, Reaching out to touch the night, Hold the silent hill in shadow— Speed a weary bird in flight; Softly brush the tranquil river. Where a branch and water meet, Where a lazy wave laps softly On the stingle at your feet.

There is peace along the valley, When twilight's on the hill, And each wild thing seeks its shelter. As all nature's world grows still, Softly, softly comes the darkness While the world suspends its flight. And another day slips from us Through the silence of the night.

—Constance Troy, in the Ottawa Journal

FRANKLY SPEAKING

by Freedom

Have you noticed lately that the big flash in the pan which the Conservatives made to pay teachers' supplements has fizzled out and that little or no mention is made of it when any party candidate speaks in public or over TV?

Do you know the reason why? Well, I'll tell you. The party stalwarts admitting that this was only a political dodge to win votes asked the advice of several experts on the matter and when they were told that the plan was unworkable both from an administrative and practical angle, they saw they were in hot water.

May I predict that whatever is told electors in private it will be soft pedaled or not spoken of at all for the rest of the campaign.

Do you know that John A. MacDonald's statement that the Island would have received money from Ottawa for the roads to resources program if they had asked for it, is absolutely untrue and that the Minister of Highways has a letter dated less than a week ago to prove it.

Do you know that Mr. Hamilton has informed the Minister that no money will be received until Ottawa signs the agreement with the province and a proposal from the Island Government sent to Ottawa last November still remains unsigned.

Who is right, John A. or Alvin Hamilton? Surely it would be a happy occasion if the Cardigan member would clarify this matter on which he has been so vocal during the past few weeks. Perhaps he is saving the million dollar cheque to wave at one of the political meetings just before the election or probably he will leave it in the Premier's mail box.

Do you know the Conservatives believe they haven't got a chance but are whistling in the dark to keep up their courage.

(adv.)

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