

Cover Photo: Edward Island like the... every week-day morning at 105 Prince Street...

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Dominion Day

This Dominion Day which we celebrate tomorrow, the 92nd anniversary of our birth as a nation...

There were battlefields nearby where, less than two centuries ago, Canadians, British and Americans fought each other to the death...

Not so many decades before this, Canada was a wilderness. The poet Laureate, John Masefield, describes it in a poem written specially for the Queen's visit on this occasion:

So short a time ago, her vastness lay uncharted, scantily peopled, all unexplored. Her ice untrodden in the Arctic bay...

In the vast perspective of history, this was indeed but yesterday, and our emergence from Colonial to full Dominion status a mere fraction of that short time.

In this Cradle of Confederation, tomorrow's holiday has a double significance, as the anniversary both of the birth of the Dominion on July 1, 1867, and of the entry of Prince Edward Island into Confederation on July 1, 1873.

A Cultural Appeal

The government of the United Arab Republic has asked a United Nations organization (Unesco) for international aid in preserving the historical treasures of Nubia which are threatened by the construction of the Aswan Dam.

The Egyptian authorities have already taken certain steps to preserve this artistic and cultural heritage. Since 1955, a documentation and study centre on the history of the art and civilization of Ancient

Egypt—established with the aid of Unesco—has been using ultra-modern techniques to record complete data on the temples of Ramses II, in the form of photographs, drawings, copies of paintings and plaster casts.

The Aswan Dam, it will be recalled, figured in the Suez crisis, as it was the turning down of promised Western aid for this project that prompted Nasser to seize control of the Canal.

The plan demands extensive preliminary studies that should be completed by the autumn. After that a meeting of experts will be called at Cairo to determine how the work should be carried out—by moving the monuments to other sites or by protecting them on the spot.

Air Force Day

A symbol of our participation provincially in the plans for Commonwealth defense is the great RCAF Station-at Summerside, which is observing Air Force Day tomorrow with an impressive program in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of flight in Canada...

As emphasized in yesterday's account of the program, the ordinary concern of the Summerside Station is not with festivities but with the grim business of military defense. It is so serious that construction activities costing upwards of twelve million dollars are under way to strengthen the functioning of the station as the Operational Training Unit of the Maritime Air Command.

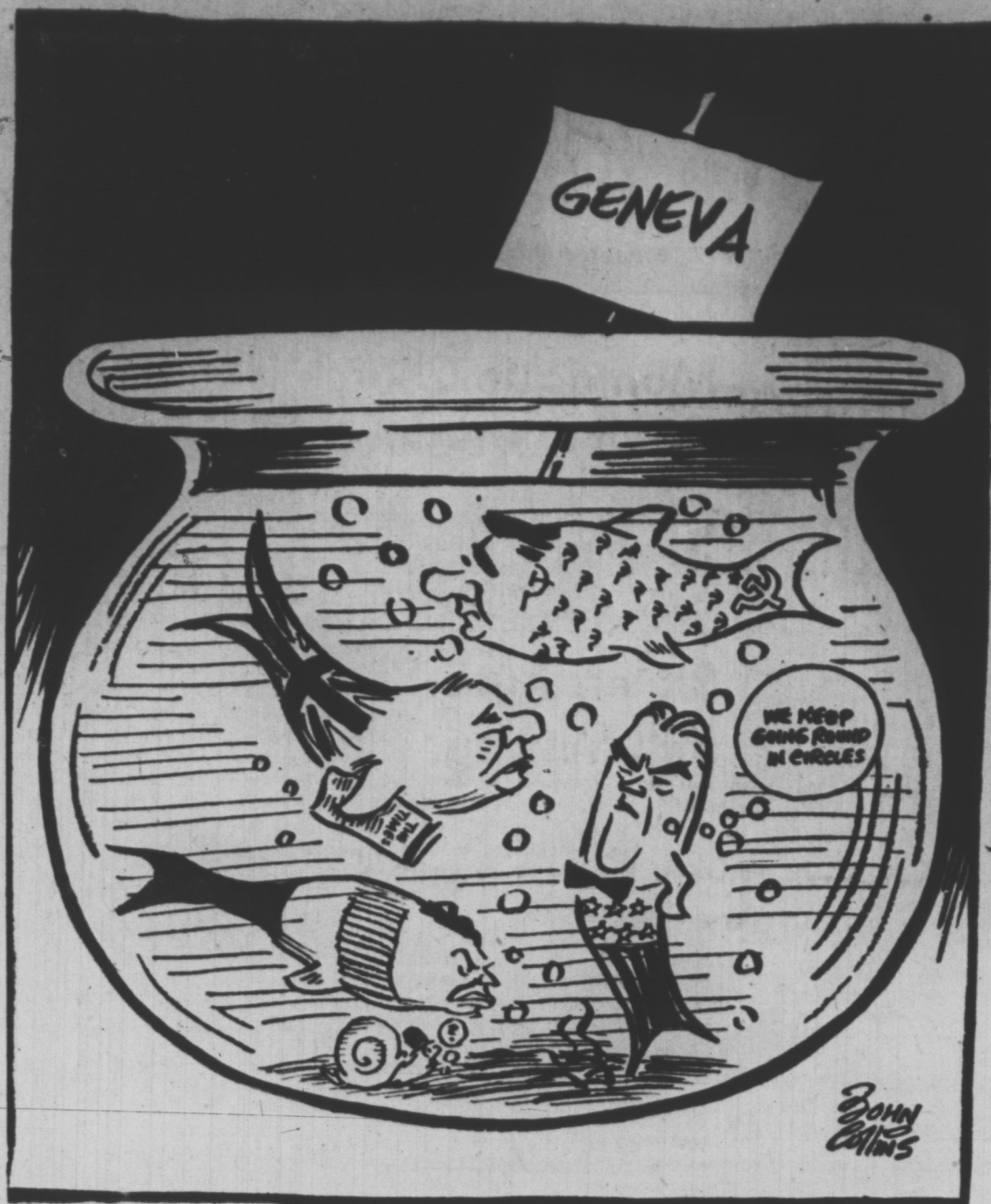
Group Captain Creeper has issued a cordial invitation to all our citizens to attend the Air Force Day events tomorrow at Summerside, and it is to be hoped that as many as possible will avail themselves this opportunity.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Schools have closed down for the summer, but for young and old there is meaning in the adage that education is a continuing process, by no means confined to the classrooms.

It is to be hoped that there will be 100 per cent response to Hon. Mr. MacIsaac's appeal to all employers of labor and workmen to see that they are registered with the Workmen's Compensation Board.

The Atlantic Provinces Young Progressive Conservative Association has expressed support for the proposed causeway linking this Province with the mainland. That is all to the good. What we want, however, is that final report which will establish its feasibility and enable the Government to go ahead with the project.



THE GOLDFISH BOWL DIPLOMATS

OTTAWA REPORT

Living Beyond Our Means

By Patrick Nicholson

Finance Minister Donald Fleming might be expected to be one of the happiest men in Canada. The government's revenue from most forms of tax is running so much ahead of estimates that he will have to borrow less money than he estimated to cover our budget deficit.

And that is just as well, since government bonds are so lowly valued by inflation-conscious investors that the lure of unprecedentedly high interest rates is needed to make them saleable at all.

Yet while our financiers thus deplore the devaluation of our dollar through inflation, our industrialists equally deplore the fact that our dollar is artificially raised above its true international exchange value through the inflow of capital.

Domestically, inflation has slashed the buying power of our dollar in half in the past 20 years. Internationally, inflation is pricing Canadian goods out of world markets, including the Canadian market.

Thirdly, nationally and internationally, inflation has made investors disenchanted with the Canadian dollar as an investment, even when guaranteed by the Canadian government.

The unpleasant truth is that we are living beyond our national means, and have been doing so for years. We are buying more goods abroad than we are selling; we are paying this annual trading deficit each year by selling a bit more of Canada to foreign investors.

It takes little more than a glance at her almost overpopulated schedule to realize that when the Royal Visit is concluded, Her Majesty the Queen of Canada will know more about this land and its people than 90 percent of Canadians. Good it is that this is the case; and good also that she has viewed the great reaches of the St. Lawrence river and its gulf.

Already Her Majesty has seen many facets of the mighty St. Lawrence and more will be unveiled to her when the Royal party moves up the Seaway to Lake Ontario. The Queen has looked on the high cliffs and green seas which met the eye of Jacques Cartier in 1534 and the craggy mountains of the North Shore which led that explorer to speak of "The land God gave to Cain."

Canadian officials aboard the "Britannia" have been able to tell the Royal visitor something of the saga of the river, the triumphs and tragedies it has witnessed over the centuries in peace and war. And tragedies there were, for the St. Lawrence is a veritable graveyard of staunch ships from the sailing vessels of King Louis and King George to the disaster of the "Empress of Ireland" nearly half a century ago and ships that fell to enemy torpedoes in World War II.

Of triumphs, some were military but most significant was the mastery of the river and its shores by mankind; the dredging of its channels, the mapping of its depths and the building of its harbors.

MUCH OF NEW FRANCE At the great port and seaway engineering works at Montreal Her Majesty will have traversed much of New France and of its key river, as well as a portion of its great tributary, the Saguenay. The river unfolds yet new chapters of history as the Royal party moves westward. There is Gaspereau county, settled by hardy Scots who found almost as many stones when they cleared their lands as they

goods abroad than we are selling; we are paying this annual trading deficit each year by selling a bit more of Canada to foreign investors.

WHO'LL PAY THE MORTGAGE Do we propose that our grandchildren should pay off the mortgage, incurred by our extravagance? Or do we cheerfully face the prospect of that mortgage being foreclosed, and ownership of Canada passing into the hands of the money-lenders?

Various of our governments have believed that, to tell all Canadians that we cannot afford Florida oranges and wage hikes and a plusher welfare state, would be political suicide. But it would also be the truth.

Will we continue rushing downhill to destruction, like the Gadarene swine: Or are we mature enough to be told that certain medicine, although unpleasant, is essential for our survival? Or should our various political leaders act together to declare that we face an acute state of emergency and, as in World War I, form a coalition government to take unpopular but necessary measures?

Mr. Fleming's paradoxical position emphasizes that, although the 20th century is the century of the Common Man, the time promises us no benefits because we are not included in the category of "common man" in the world picture. On the contrary, we are among the over-privileged 5 percent of the world's population who must either accept a smaller piece of cake or lose it all.

Encountered along the 1,000-mile stretch of the St. Lawrence, there is no need to dilate. They are a matter of marvel and pride to Sovereign and subject alike. Some of the vistas of the river are as wild and threatening as they were before the white man came. Others tell in the farms, the towns, the cities, a story of Canada's growth over the years.

When Her Majesty and Prince Philip leave the seaway area to continue their odyssey to the North and West, they will leave knowing that the St. Lawrence is not merely one of the world's greatest rivers. They will know

HOSPITAL INSURANCE DISCUSSIONS

Members and staff of the Hospital Services Commission of P.E.I. will attend the meetings listed below.

The forthcoming Province Insurance Plan will be discussed and questions regarding operation of the plan will be answered. All adults are urged to attend these meetings, which will be held in the hall of each District.

- EAST TUESDAY, JUNE 30—St. Mary's Hall, Souris St. Andrew's Hall, Mt. Stewart Corran Ban Hall THURSDAY, JULY 2nd—Holy Name Hall, St. Peters WEST TUESDAY, JUNE 30th—8:00 P.M. Mt. Carmel Hall Bloomfield Station Hall THURSDAY, July 2nd—8:00 P.M. Egmont Bay Hall Montrose Hall Richmond Parish Hall Mount Pleasant School FRIDAY, JULY 3rd—8:00 P.M. Victoria West Hall Cape Wolfe Hall St. Lawrence Hall West Devon Hall MONDAY, JULY 6th—8:00 P.M. St. Anthony's Hall, Bloomfield

Safety Belts Cut Death Toll

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. SPEED DOESN'T kill, auto safety slogans not withstanding. Actually, it is the violence of reduction of speed which causes most of the highway fatalities.

You could drive across the country at 100 miles an hour (although I don't recommend it) and still remain perfectly healthy. But, crash into a brick wall at that speed and you're likely to wind up in the morgue.

VERY DURABLE The human body is really a pretty durable contraption. It can survive jolts far greater than those experienced in most auto crashes — providing it doesn't strike some hard or sharp object.

For a split second after a crash, a body flies forward still uninjured, until it strikes something solid. It is this impact that causes injury or death.

Now speed is a contributing factor, there's no doubt about that. Nor is there any doubt that safety seat belts would prevent many deaths and injuries in auto accidents.

ENDORSE SEAT BELTS

The American Medical Association, the Public Health Service and the National Safety Council endorse the use of seat belts. And the Department of Health, Education and Welfare recently ordered installation of belts in its 500 automobiles.

A Cornell University study estimates that 5,500 of the 30,000 lives lost each year in auto accidents could be saved by the use of belts. Major injuries could be cut by 30 percent.

The Cornell University study covered two groups of accidents. The accidents were virtually identical except that in one group the drivers wore safety belts.

The frequency of injury was 75.5 per cent in the group without belts and only 29.9 per cent in the group with seat belts.

Pretty strong evidence of the value of seat belts, I would say.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. R. B.: I am 21 years old and have been told that I do not have a uterus. Could this be possible?

Answer: It is possible to be born without a uterus or to have a small infantile uterus. In the latter case, however, therapy may help.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files) (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 30, 1934)

The violent electric storm which passed over the west of the Island between 6 and 8 o'clock yesterday morning did considerable damage. Several places were struck in the vicinity of Port Hill, and Mr. R.R. Ings lost one of his barns. Lightning also struck the Convent at Miscouche and at China Point it burned the barn of Mr. John MacIsaac.

A new store has been opened on the premises formerly occupied by Ed Acorn's Lunch Room. The new store will be known as the Star Shoe Shine. The store has been changed about a great deal to fit it for its new service.

that the "Britannia's" keel has furrowed the very surface of Canada's history.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Nervous Patient—I suppose the operation will be dangerous? Doctor—Certainly not! You couldn't buy a dangerous operation for only \$40.—Galt Reporter

A sign on a Vancouver used car dealer's lot reads: "Trade now. Stupid appraiser on duty."—Edmonton Journal

The United Nations may not realize it, but it has put some mighty potent ammunition into the hands of the female looking for a man. The new weapon is a UN report, said to be based on a world-wide survey. The report says a man lives longer if he is married. What better argument for the preying female!—London Free Press

The difficulties being experienced by ocean ships in using the St. Lawrence Seaway suggest that deep-sea ships should be equipped with wheels.—Cape Breton Post

ices and will be opened today for business.

The only use some women have for their husbands is to flaunt them before unmarried women, as a trophy of no intrinsic value but merely as evidence that they have run the race and won.—Vancouver Province

TEN YEARS AGO (June 30, 1949)

Mr. J.F. MacMillan of the Prince of Wales College Staff, leaves this morning for Halifax, where he will embark on July 2nd for the British Isles. Following his arrival in Southampton, he will visit in Surrey prior to leaving for Scotland to attend courses in History and Archaeology at Edinburgh University.

The houseboat, so common about 30 years ago, is becoming popular again with families which like to live afloat. Thousands of "cruising cottages" have been made in the United States in recent years, and now they are moving into Canada. The average houseboat is a happy combination of a good-sized cruising yacht and a small but well laid out summer cottage. Houseboats are not capable of high speed, but they possess livability and comfort.—CTA Bulletin

The Y.P.U. of Montague United Church held a farewell party in honor of Rev. A.S. Adams who is leaving for St. John. Gifts were presented to Rev. Mr. Adam who expressed his appreciation and thanked the group for the work which they had done during the six years in which he had been in Montague.

When we do not find peace of mind in ourselves it is useless to seek it elsewhere.

Arthur Meighen At 85

London Free Press

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen celebrated his 85th birthday last week. Mr. Meighen's stature is growing with the passing of time. He is recognized as one of the ablest debaters and one of the most incisive and analytical minds in the history of the Canadian House of Commons.

The issue raised by Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King in the 1926 elections, over the refusal of Lord Byng to give him dissolution of Parliament, is recognized today by constitutional authorities as "the sound foundation, to put it mildly."

He was a master of English. He spoke with clarity and logic. He ranks among the great orators of Canada—Howe, McGee and Laurier. His best speeches have been collected by himself in a volume called: "Unrevised and Unrepented," a title typical of him. He was uncompromising in standing by his principles, no matter what the outcome.

The issue raised by the years we believe Mr. Meighen's prestige will increase as a great Canadian statesman and that the judgment of future historians will be more favorable and more kind than in the time in which he lived.

Mr. Meighen was the victim of the reaction after World War I; he bore in Quebec all the stigma of the feeling against conscription. He was impaled in the 1922

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