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Prime Minister Honoured

All our citizens will join in the good wishes which are being extended today to Prime Minister St. Laurent on the occasion of his seventy-fifth birthday.

The big function, of course, has political significance. It would be extraordinary if it were not made the occasion of resounding predictions of continued success at the polls under Mr. St. Laurent's leadership.

A Change In Thinking

It will be recalled that when the Suez crisis was at its height the British Labour opposition went at the Eden Government with hammers and tongs for having taken military action in Egypt without the knowledge and consent of the United States.

Behold the change that has come to Mr. Gaitskill's thinking! Now that the United States is preparing to take strong measures in the Middle East, if the need should arise, he has suggested that American troops be ordered from British soil, on the ground that their presence might invite an atomic attack by the Soviet Union in the event of hostilities in the Middle East.

It is no secret that last fall some American officials (some say Mr. Dulles was among them) were hoping that the Conservative Government would be defeated in the Commons and replaced by the Labourites. They must shudder as they realize what they would have been up against if their wish had come true.

Parcels For Russia

A news report says that Mr. John Decore, the Liberal Member of Parliament for an Alberta riding, has requested the Government to conduct an investigation of agencies in Vancouver and a few other Canadian cities which look after the sending of parcels containing food, clothing and other necessities to Russia.

Presumably, Mr. Decore's suggested inquiry, if undertaken by the Government, will merely look into the accusation made by an organization in Winnipeg to the effect that the agencies are charging exorbitant fees for their services.

or friend in Russia or one of its satellite states should not be permitted to do so, since the Post Office Department accepts parcels for these countries in the normal course of business. Nor should it be thought that the donors are motivated by Communist sympathy.

The report says that Bibles are among the books which are eagerly welcomed by the Russians. One reason for this is that Bible-printing is not encouraged by the Communist rulers, other books being considered more helpful to the propagation of the gospel according to Khrushchev.

The Franking Privilege

Two members of the House of Commons have been exposed in abuse of their franking privilege—sending out party and personal political propaganda free of postage charge.

"Whether they 'all do it' or any considerable number or only two or a few do it," comments the Ottawa Journal, "the thing should be stopped—for the simple reason that it should be the first duty of lawmakers to set an example in respect for the law and also because MPs have no more right than any of the rest of us to take from the Post Office money which doesn't belong to them."

The Journal suggests that "the man who can stop this filching from the Post Office—for that is what it is—is the Prime Minister. We think he should stand up in the House, make clear to MP's what the franking privilege is and tell them that any violation of it in the future will be dealt with by the House of Commons on Elections and Privileges."

EDITORIAL NOTES

A 77-year-old taxi-driver of North Bay, Ont., has retired after 43 years of service. What an interesting story he could tell! Far more interesting than many of the tales which receive great publicity.

Egypt has threatened to take military action against Israel if the latter's troops are not withdrawn from Gaze promptly. If that's all the Israelis had to worry about they could sleep well. The fact that 5,000 Egyptians and only 4 Israelis were captured in last fall's fighting bears witness to that.

Mr. St. Laurent has eloquently defended Federal grants to universities. "This is something," he said, "that is in the interests of the nation as a whole, that is almost indispensable to the proper development of the nation as a whole."

This week affords the first chance within the lifetime of many of our citizens of seeing a really first class stage performance of Shakespeare. Queen Charlotte High School should be crowded this afternoon and tomorrow evening for the Canadian Players' production of "Hamlet", brought here by the Charlottetown Kinsmen Club as a community service.



AT THREE SCORE AND FIFTEEN

OTTAWA REPORT

Our Diplomatic Service

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: Canada's growing status as an international power is reflected in the annual bill for our diplomatic service.

This has grown faster than the cost of any other federal department over recent years. Two years ago, it was nearly \$44,000,000; but this coming year it is estimated to total over \$58,000,000—an increase of 33 per cent in three years.

Canada maintains diplomatic and at various international organizations such as U.N. and N.A.T.O. These foreign missions range in size from 96 persons in Britain, to 5 in Uruguay. The cost of operating these missions ranges from \$728,356 for that in France, with its staff of 39 persons, to a mere \$41,398 for the staff of 5 in Uruguay.

Our department of External Affairs employs nearly 2,000 men and women, including local help such as typists, gardeners and chauffeurs in foreign countries.

The operational kernel of this staff consists of some 320 "foreign service officers". These are our career diplomats. They are normally selected by competitive examination after graduating from university, and join the department as Grade One officers, paid from \$3,900 to \$4,900 per year.

With good luck and good management, the young entrant may climb the ladder grade by grade until he reaches the ambassadorial level, roughly grade 8 (\$11,000 per year), Grade 9 (\$12,000) and grade 10 (\$13,500). Sometimes these top posts are filled by political appointees rather than by career diplomats.

The two plums hanging even higher up the salary scale are the Ottawa posts of Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, namely deputy-minister, (\$18,500) and Deputy Under-Secretary (\$15,000).

Salary alone however is not the only resource available to our foreign officers in their lifelong struggle to keep the wolf from the door. Each may expect to spend approximately half his diplomatic career representing Canada abroad. As soon as he goes overseas to enter the Martinic circuit, whether as Ambassador or as Third Secretary, he has to keep up with Monsieur Jones, Senor Jones, Mohamed El Jones

and all his other fellow diplomats from other countries.

So every member of our diplomatic service draws a representative allowance or, as it is officially called, "allowances for living expenses including costs of representation", while posted abroad.

This allowance is designed to enable our diplomats to live in foreign countries in the standard which we like those countries to consider as the Canadian normal—as misleading as judging the average American living standard from Hollywood films. This allowance is also intended to defray the cost of that occupational hazard of all diplomats—namely winning and dining other diplomats and native celebrities.

In addition, our foreign service officers while in certain countries draw an "allowance to meet higher costs of living abroad".

This scale of allowances gives a combination view of the diplomatic importance and economic inflation of foreign countries. For example, our ambassador in Eire, which our government insists upon incorrectly naming "Ireland", last year received \$11,000 in salary and \$5,112 in allowances. In few countries outside South America did the ambassador's allowance total less than his salary, while in some countries it soared to nearly double.

For example, Ambassador Arnold Heeney in Washington drew \$13,500 salary and \$24,996 allowances; High Commissioner Norman Robertson in London drew \$13,500 and \$24,192; and Ambassador J. Desy in Paris drew \$13,500 and \$27,980, apparently indicating that we rate it important to put up a good front in France, and equally indicating that the French have to pay higher for their highly pleasant standard of living.

In addition to maintaining Embassies and similar offices in many countries, our Department of External Affairs also maintains a fleet of cars. Last year it spent \$81,202 at General Motors, Ottawa, but only \$22,940 at Ford in Windsor, a comparison which might or might not indicate the official view of the Canadian car which best keeps up with the foreign Joneses.

Keeping The Time

National Geographic Society

Washington—The gift watches exchanged by thousands of people during the holiday season are the culmination of 5,000 years of trying to provide an accurate answer to mankind's age-old question: What time is it?

Primitive man estimated time by the length of shadows or the movement of heavenly bodies, sundials, water clocks, and hour-glasses. The forerunner of the modern watch was born in 1505 when a Nuremberg craftsman devised an egg-sized timepiece utilizing a coiled mainspring.

However, the Nuremberg Egg—with its tendency to err up to three hours a day—was valued more as an ornament than a time piece. Not until late 19th century did watchmakers wed convenience to accuracy in the form of the wrist watch.

World War I sparked rise in popularity of the wrist watch as a military gadget. The wrist watch was widely accepted among mounted troops during the Boer War. Its popularity among the heavy-armed soldiers of World War I sprang a meteoric rise to predominance in the watch industry.

During the years after 1918, the wrist watch shrank in size and developed stylish lines; it also became self-winding, waterproof, shockproof, and antimagnetic. The average present day model is comprised of approximately 150 parts and requires some 2,400 separate operations to manufacture. So delicate are the movements that the special oil needed for lubrication

costs \$800 a gallon. Tiny Switzerland is the heartland of watchmaking, producing 60 per cent of all the world's timepieces. One Swiss out of every 70 is employed in their manufacture.

In the United States, the Elgin and Hamilton watch Companies manufacture their own parts and maintain the tradition of fine watchmaking. A number of other companies find it profitable to import Swiss-made parts for final assembly by skilled American watch workers.

Foremost among recent developments is a wristwatch powered by an electric battery the size of an aspirin tablet. Hamilton plans to introduce it in 1957. Because the battery, which is good for a year, supplies power at an absolutely constant rate, the electronic watch is expected to maintain a high degree of accuracy.

Promised within the next decade are radio-powered watches of still greater accuracy. And in about 1975, stores will feature a near-perfect watch that will run on nuclear energy.

Scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have already constructed an atomic clock that seems able to run virtually forever, and may achieve—if anyone is around to check it—an error of less than one second in 30,000 years.

However, there is surprising evidence that some quarters remain oblivious to all this progress. For in London and Paris, skilled technicians still earn a handsome living turning out pocket sundials.

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.

A LOSS TO BRACKLEY

Sir—In the recent passing of two of its most distinguished citizens, Brackley and the Province in general has suffered a grievous loss. I refer of course to Mr. George Younker and Mr. Arthur Jackson.

In an age when sterling qualities of character are all too rare, the lives of these two gentlemen serve to remind us of the worth of the individual and of his ability to achieve a high ethical and moral standard.

One could not know "Dad" Younker without realizing that he had "charity towards all and malice towards none." Indeed it could be stated without any fear of any contradiction that there would not be any trouble anywhere, anytime, if he were expected to start it. In this respect I am reminded of another great citizen of Brackley, Jack MacLeod, who passed away 16 years ago. In his office at Royalty Jct. (which was open to all comers at all times) Jack had tacked a notice which exemplified perfectly his own outlook on life.

"There is so much bad in the best of us, and so much good in the worst of us, that it ill behoves any of us to find the fault in the rest of us."

It was Mr. Jackson that I knew most intimately. As a next-door neighbor and my Sunday School teacher, Mr. Jackson impressed me with his complete devotion to Christian principles. Despite the passage of many years, the lessons and daily examples he imparted to us will not be quickly forgotten.

In the last five years it has been my privilege on many occasions to give lectures to members of the armed forces on the threat of Communism and of its evil concept of man as an economic animal governed entirely by materialistic motives and designs. I can find no better source of inspiration than my association with the three gentlemen referred to above, as well as the many other staunch members of my home community. In the words of our beloved Lucy Maud Montgomery—"The Island is still one spot where people have not forgotten how to live."

I am Sir, etc. LESTER B. SELICK, Instructor Lieutenant Commander Royal Canadian Navy, Halifax, N.S.

COOPERATION APPRECIATED

Sir—Once again it is my pleasure and privilege to bring to your attention and that of your readers the excellent cooperation received from the public in mailing their cards and gifts early during the recent Christmas period.

Reports which are now being received from postmasters in all parts of the country indicate that not only was the volume of Christmas mail heavier than ever before, but that the handling experience has never been better. In-office after office, it is recorded that because of the high percentage of mail received prior to the recommended mailing date, December 17th, and the steady improvement in the preparation and addressing of mail, the task of effecting delivery before Christmas Day was greatly facilitated.

Based on past experience, it is estimated that approximately 275,000,000 Christmas cards and parcels are received for handling each year, over and above the regular flow of mail. This extra load must be disposed of in the three weeks prior to Christmas Day. While very extensive temporary arrangements are made for the use of additional staff, working space and transportation facilities, the value of a full measure of public cooperation in mailing early is obvious. The assistance we are receiving in this respect is increasing year by year as more and more people become aware of the need, and I can assure you

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

POSTURE AFFECTS HEALTH

Good posture is a habit. Unfortunately, poor posture is, too. Correct posture is desirable for appearance's sake, but it's also essential for good health. Whether you're standing or sitting, posture has a direct effect on your efficiency, comfort and body functions.

If you slump, you not only feel uncomfortable, but your blood circulation is reduced, your breathing is shallow and your abdominal organs sag, and function improperly. You'll probably become tired much more easily.

GOOD POSTURE

Proper posture, on the other hand, permits use of the body in the simplest and most effective way. Because of proper balance, rhythm, timing, coordination and muscle contraction and relaxation, you can do everything much more easily if you maintain good posture.

What is good posture? Well, you should appear to be standing straight when viewed from the side. An imaginary vertical line should be able to pass through the ankle, hip, shoulder and ear.

NATURAL POSITION

You don't have to assume a military ramrod position. Good, straight posture actually is a natural position. Practice it and it soon will become a habit.

First, of course, you'll have to break the poor posture habit many of you undoubtedly have. The backache and foot and leg pains which frequently accompany bad posture will help remind you of the need for doing something about it.

Some persons may be unable to assume good posture even though they try. Luckily they are in the minority. But if you find that it is virtually impossible to stand in an erect position, better see your doctor about it.

Sometimes there are physical imperfections which contribute to bad posture. This is a problem for your physician.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

B.B.: What are the symptoms of tumor of the brain?

Answer: Symptoms of brain tumor depend upon the size and location of the tumor within the brain.

Most brain tumors cause headaches, disturbance of the various sensations, and sense organs, such as the eyes; at times, attacks of vomiting may occur.

If a tumor of the brain is suspected, immediate study by a neurologist is advisable.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(February 1, 1932)

At a joint meeting of the Summerside Town Council last night with all councillors present, the assessments for the paving on Central Green and Summer Streets were fixed and passed. The cost per foot, payable by the property owner, was fixed for each of the respective streets and ranged from \$1.05 to \$1.34.

A meeting of the Graduate Nurses Association was held at the City Hospital last evening. The nurses addressed by Dr. W.J.P. MacMillan, Minister of Health and Education. His subject was the "History of Nursing" from its earliest stages up to the present time.

TEN YEARS AGO

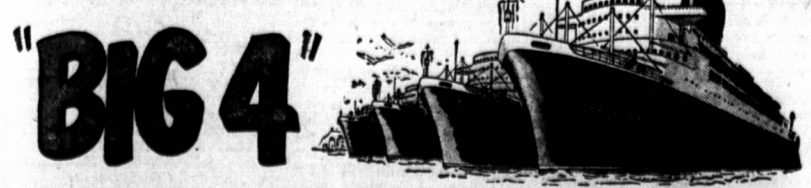
(February 1, 1947)

A closer and more thorough inspection of milk supplied to Charlottetown consumers, coupled with compulsory pasteurization, was recommended in a report of Dr. W. R. Carson, consumer's representative on the P.E.I. Milk Control Board, submitted at last night's annual meeting of the City Council.

Tenders for the erection of a gun battery at H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte have been issued, naval officials announced yesterday. A building, 50 feet long, 30 feet wide and with 12-foot post will be constructed at the rear of the main building at an estimated cost of \$4,800 to house the ordinance.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Middle age: When you're just as young as ever, but it takes a lot more effort.—Saturday Evening Post

Perfume is what wins men, says a writer. We'll bet that the kind that comes from the kitchen stove is still the most frequent winner.—Sherbrooke Daily Record

Celebrity: A person who works hard to become well known and then wears dark glasses to avoid being recognized.—Happy Variety, London

A physical culture expert says we are taller in the morning than in the evening. And most of us are a little short toward the end of the week.—Toronto Star

The list of outstanding news personalities of the past year published the other day presented a terse and significant commentary on our times. Here is the list: Nasser, Khrushchev, Hammarskjold, Nagy, Nehru, Pearson and Elvis Presley.—Winnipeg Tribune

The Age Old Story

At the voice of thy cry: when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

There is not a postal worker in the country who does not appreciate the help and consideration thus accorded.

The newspapers of Canada once again played a notable and generous part in making the public aware of the advantages in mailing early for this the Postal Service of Canada is deeply grateful.

I am, Sir, etc. W.J. TURNBULL, Deputy Postmaster General, Ottawa, Jan. 29.

Not all of the younger generation are being pampered. A lot of them are required to walk to and from school—if the distance does not exceed five blocks.—Kitchen-Waterloo Record

Some thought might be given to the question of whether measles is singular or plural. We look upon measles as one disease, and therefore singular. But we realize that there is room for argument. After all, measles has a definitely plural sound, and there is a plurality of spots. And it may be more euphonious to say "measles are" than to say "measles is."—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph

It is one thing to fly around the world and make a simulated bomb drop over an undefended area. It is something else to drop a bomb over a target that will be heavily anti-aircraft guided, missiles, etc. Furthermore, we would do well to keep in mind the point that if the Air Force claim is literally true, if this flight really demonstrates that we have the capability to drop an H-bomb anywhere in the world, the chances are that the Russians can do the same.—Washington Star

One of the reasons given last year for proposal to discard front licence plates in Manitoba was that elsewhere the trend was toward one plate. New York state was mentioned as an example. The example has boomeranged. After giving the one-plate system a trial, New York has returned to fore-and-aft makers of cars. The New York Herald Tribune commented that with cars getting longer and longer, perhaps it was just as well to have some official connection between the front and rear.—Winnipeg Tribune



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