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The Margarine Bill

The bill to repeal the law prohibiting the sale of margarine in the Province has passed the crucial second reading in the Legislature on a vote of 16 to 12, and now awaits third reading and royal assent.

What was it that Edmund Burke said about a member's mature judgment being a trust from Providence, for the abuse of which he was deeply answerable, and that he betrayed, instead of serving, his constituents if he sacrificed it to their opinion?

Our own position in the matter was stated when the bill was first mooted. We believe, with its promoter, that the margarine ban is unenforceable, and that the time has gone by when its retention would be of any practical value to our dairy industry.

We held the fort on this issue in Prince Edward Island longer than any other province in Canada. We did so because we realized how important a factor dairying is in our provincial economy.

Since the ban had notoriously failed in its purpose of excluding margarine importation, there was every reason why attention should now be given to the rights of consumers who had abided by the law and uncompromisingly paid the difference in cost while there was any substantial value accruing to our butter producers.

There has been no betrayal of our farmers' interests in this matter, and it is to be hoped that those who contend otherwise will see that they are doing a disservice to all concerned.

How Is That Again?

It used to be easy, in the old days, for our legislators to discuss budgetary problems. The sums involved were comparatively small; there was not the diversity of expenditures that there is now, and the method of accounting seemed much less complicated.

Take the consolidated balance sheet for the last fiscal year, for example. This showed, as he explained, an outstanding debt of \$50,916,681, but against this were recoverable assets totalling \$11,821,341, leaving a net debt as of March 31, 1964, of \$39,095,339.

This, however, was not the whole story. The consolidated balance sheet included all the direct liabilities of the Province "except those of the Prince Edward Island Industrial Corporation, Public Utilities Commission, Hospital Services Commission and Workmen's Compensation Board."

bank credits and debenture issues for development projects, towns and villages, school districts and others amounting to \$10,428,320, for which the Province was not directly liable "unless the creditor defaults." Which, unfortunately, sometimes happens.

There were also contingent liabilities totalling \$5,983,600 for construction in progress on roads since completed and for the new administration building still under construction. Also, there was a contingent liability of undetermined amount for the guarantee of the solvency of the Teachers' and Civil Service Superannuation Funds.

So much for last year's complicated picture. This year's forecast is that the debt of the consolidated fund will increase by \$3,059,967, and during the next fiscal year by \$7,441,782, and again, presumably, there will be other factors not taken into account which could produce a different calculation.

Not Yet In Sight

Prime Minister Pearson is said to be waiting for new developments in New York and Washington which might indicate a measure of agreement with his proposals for a solution to the Viet Nam situation.

The difficulty of negotiation, notes the New York Times, is that it depends largely on each side's estimates of how the workable guarantees would, in fact, work. The U.S. would want to feel reasonably confident that any South Vietnamese regime could not be subverted by the Communists from within; the Communists would want to feel reasonably confident they could do precisely that.

A Times correspondent in Washington, commenting on the fact that debate on Congress over Viet Nam had quieted down, attributed the lull to two factors. One was the clear indication from President Johnson that he wanted to keep as many doors open as possible.

"The fact is that there is nothing yet in long range planning for a Viet Nam settlement that you can sink your teeth into. For the moment, each side seem to be waiting for the other to cry 'uncle' and is not yet conceiving plausible forms of settlement."

A Nice Gesture

We note from an exchange that out of the welter of projects which will mark Canada's centennial the small Alberta city of Lethbridge has hit upon a unique and praiseworthy program. There it has been decided to build a Japanese garden as a tribute to the 2,800 Canadians of Japanese ancestry who were forcibly moved to southern Alberta after Pearl Harbor.

They arrived there, it is said, in bitterness to be met by suspicious farmers to whom they had been assigned as hired hands. As the war ran its course they came to be respected and liked, and many of them settled in or around Lethbridge when their peonage ended in 1945.

The uprooting of 24,500 Canadians, many Canadian-born, and the order that they move at least one hundred miles away from the coast, was a measure prompted by wartime hysteria. Their expulsion weighs on the conscience of the country, and it is a good thing to know that one of the areas which played jailer to the B.C. Japanese is paying these good citizens a tribute in marking the nation's centennial.

EDITORIAL NOTE

A group of Eskimo women at Tuktoyaktuk have created "Sikusi," a "Friend of Oopkik" and the Northern Affairs Department will help promote it. Sikusi is, of all things, a furry ice-worm.



OTTAWA WINTER CARNIVAL

UNDER THREE FLAGS

Problem For America, Canada And Russia

Christian Science Monitor

Take a map of the world. Pick out the 55th north latitude. This is the imaginary line which circles the globe just south of Moscow, the Scottish border, the southern portion of Hudson Bay and the southern-most part of Alaska's panhandle.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. The Guardian is unable to enter into any correspondence regarding letters submitted.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Sir,—Premier Shaw is reported to be angry about Mr. Ferguson's criticism of the newly created Civil Service Commission and its chairman Mr. Ferguson is right and a full investigation should be made by an independent committee.

Why wasn't the position of chairman advertised for competition with requirements in education and experience set forth, as is the practice for other government positions?

I am, Sir, etc., ERIC MACCALLUM, Marshfield, P.E.I.

STUDENTS' PETITION

Sir,—Several weeks ago I signed a petition circulated among the Islanders studying at Dalhousie. That petition had four numbered clauses. Each clause was included with a particular object in mind.

A fellow Islander pointed out to me an article in The Guardian of March 8. The heading of the article read "Island students at Dal urge SDU-PWC Unity". I immediately wondered what other Island students at Dal have been communicating their feelings on the university issue. Upon reading the body of the article I was horrified to find that the heading in question was intended to be a summation of our petition.

It is my opinion, backed by several senior students both of the arts and law, that the heading of the article in question constitutes nothing but gross distortion. The writer of the heading didn't take his subject from the first (primary) clause of the petition. He didn't take his subject from the second (secondary) clause of the petition. He possibly thought he was taking his subject from the third clause of the petition, but anyone who has a good understanding of the English language can see he wasn't.

Unity of PWC and SDU was not urged in the petition in question, in fact, it was not even recommended, although negotiations towards such an end were recommended. The negotiations were recommended to take place between Prince of Wales College and Saint Dunstan's University "after Prince of Wales is established in a suitable fashion." The suitable fashion meant is quite evident from the primary (first) clause of the petition.

I hope that you will print this to rectify what most of us who signed that petition consider a significant misinterpretation of our view.

I am, Sir, etc., WILLIAM SMITH, Dalhousie University

POLITICAL COLORING?

MOSCOW (AP)—Tass news agency has reported from Dushanbe that an hour-long snowfall on the Darvaz Mountains in the Tajik region of Soviet Central Asia recently was colored red. It said the color came from dust storms in Iraq, some 1,500 miles to the west.

What Is A Laser?

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Laser light rays continue as an experimental scientific tool. No one is sure whether this is a wonder device capable of destroying cancer, hitting the moon or just a dud. Time will tell.

Laser stands for light amplification by the stimulated emission of radiation. It begins as an ordinary light wave that is super-charged or stimulated after passing through a ruby crystal or other substance such as neodymium in glass, or uranium in strontium fluoride. The effect is likened to amplifying the voice by speaking into a megaphone. The ensuing beam is a pure light, thin as a pencil, and many times more intense than the sun.

The rays can be focused to deliver enormous energy fluxes to very small areas. This may explain why they were called death rays a few years ago and considered of military importance.

The amazing laser is being used in experimental laboratories. It has destroyed certain cancers located in areas with an unobstructed view such as on the skin or in a body opening. The rays do not damage healthy tissue surrounding the tumor. The apparatus also is used for experimental welding of animal retinas. The beam acts as a photoconductor when the retina tears away or is detached from the back of the eye. The heat is just enough to create a bubble (perhaps of steam or carbon dioxide) behind the retina that glues the layers together.

Experimental work also is being done on joining small blood vessels without interrupting blood flow to the heart during the procedure. The aim is to correct defective arteries responsible for angina pectoris, stroke, and aneurysms. Many industrial uses of laser rays are anticipated. A complicated lensless camera utilizes these rays to obtain three-dimensional pictures.

TOE DEFECT

J. G. writes: What is hammer toe?

A defect in which the end of the toe is bent downward, so that the part resembles the head of a hammer. As a rule, the digit next to the large toe is involved. Surgery usually is recommended, especially if pain full calluses or corns develop on the upper part of the foot.

CHEMICALS IN FOOD

I write: All foods seem to contain chemicals. Are these chemicals a danger to health?

No, some diseases are traced to a lack of certain chemicals such as iodine or copper in foods. This stems from a deficiency in the soil. We obtain our foods from different areas of the country so that our diets are balanced.

FIBROIDS AND THE MENOPAUSE

Mrs. B. writes: Do fibroid growths in the uterus disappear after the change?

No, but they usually become smaller as the glandular secretions diminish.

INFLAMED COLON

D. B. writes: Is dieting the best treatment for colitis?

A bland diet helps because it leaves little residue and gives the bowel a rest. Diet is not the sole treatment because there are various types of colitis (spastic, bacterial, and infectious), each requiring specific care.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—

Treat mental illness early. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 12, 1940)

A very pleasant social was held in St. James Hall last evening by the Kirk Auxiliary in honor of Mrs. Alex. Scott who with her young daughter Janet, are leaving shortly for Halifax to join Mr. Scott.

Mr. James Haslam was guest speaker at the regular Wednesday night supper meeting of the Hi-Y Grads Club. His talk on "Parliamentary Procedure" was both interesting and helpful. Harold Rodd led the singing and Donald Stewart was in the chair.

TEN YEARS AGO

(March 12, 1955) Miss Mary Thompson, 17-year-old grade XII student at Summerside High School was selected as the Summerside Rotary Club's representative in the 1955 adventure in citizenship to be held during the summer in Ottawa. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Thompson of Spring Street in Summerside.

Mrs. Les Cameron has been elected as president of the Maple Leaf British Columbia Board of Trade. She is the only woman ever to be elected to this office in the province of British Columbia. Mrs. Cameron and her husband resided at Kensington in 1945 where Mr. Cameron operated the Cameo Theatre.

GURKHAS CAPABLE

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—The first U.S. Army specialists assigned to train Nepalese soldiers have left here two months ahead of schedule. The Americans, all medical corps men, said their students in the homeland of famed Gurkha warriors were so alert and capable that training went faster than had been believed possible.

U.S. Aid Program

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff Writer United States business and industry have a steadily-rising stake in the huge American (foreign aid) program.

Latest figures show 94 per cent of the money spent for foreign aid commodities such as textiles or cars—exclusive of military arms—goes to American producers.

This is one factor on the side of the 1966 budget of \$3,400,000,000 as it begins its usual tortuous course through Congress. The U.S. aid program grew from the Lend-Lease arrangements of the Second World War. It combines the aims of strengthening U.S. Allies militarily with helping the less-developed countries economically and socially.

DOUBT ITS WORTH

While the 1966 budget has been pre-trimmed, some members of the Senate and House of Representatives as usual would like to cut more. Others are openly dubious about the worth of the programs in view of recent hostile experiences with Indonesia, Egypt and other recipients of substantial benefits.

Respected Democratic Senator William J. Fulbright, the Arkansas internationalist, holds a minority view that arms aid should be separated from the foreign aid package and handled separately this time from the proposed allocation of \$2,210,000,000 for economic help.

Learning A Lesson

London Free Press

It is as difficult for a nation as for an individual to be someone who doesn't want to be loved—to admit that the courtship has become a one-sided affair. One of the more painful lessons being learned in Washington is actually one of the world's oldest truths: doing someone a favor seldom makes him your friend.

By deciding to close its U.S. Information Agency libraries in Indonesia, maintained at a cost of more than one million dollars, Washington has finally faced up to the fact that U.S.-Indonesian relations could hardly be worse.

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P.E.I. Fluid Milk Association NOTICE

Semi-Annual Meeting

Members, both producers and processors are advised that the semi-annual meeting is called for Wednesday, March 17th at 2:30 p.m. at the Charlottetown Hotel.

All fluid milk producers are invited to attend.

P.E.I. Fluid Milk Association

Prince Edward Island Dairymen's Association

NOTICE OF 66th Annual Meeting

Wednesday, March 17th

10.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Charlottetown Hotel

Charlottetown

Dairy farmers and the accredited delegates of all dairy plants are advised that the following matters will be dealt with:

Receiving: Report of the Dairy Superintendent.

Report of the President.

Report of the Secretary.

The Financial Statement.

Election: Three Directors of the Association.

Officers for the current year.

Voting: Funds for the Association.

Consideration of Policy for the Dairy Industry

The Annual Meeting will conclude with a banquet in the Charlottetown Hotel at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker Mr. George R. MacLaughlin, Vice-President Dairy Farmers of Canada.