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Such Consistency!

Representatives of contracting firms across Canada will be here to attend the briefing this week by federal officials with regard to the details of the Island phase of our causeway project. Work on this project, it will be recalled, was to have started this spring but was "re-scheduled," as Finance Minister Sharp informed us in his budget speech. In order to curb the inflationary spiral. Let's hope that work will get started before next winter. In the meanwhile, it's time to take another look at that alibi of Mr. Sharp's. In the light of prices that are still spiralling and that will probably have us all feeling dizzy before we get started on our centennial celebration next year.

According to a recent Ontario exchange, Expo '67 is the main villain in this economic drama, which has, alas, produced no heroes yet. The necessity of getting the big show built in time has led to some fabulous wage rates in the Montreal area—\$6 an hour for plumbers, for instance. The same deadline-haunted urgency induced the government to settle the Quebec dock strike on the basis of a 33 per cent wage increase over two years, and to grant an 85-cent-an-hour package of wage and fringe benefits to St. Lawrence seaway workers, which amounts to a 37 per cent increase over two years.

The precedent thus set was quickly applied to the vast timber industry of British Columbia whose workers now receive the highest wage in the world for their trade. It will be applied, in varying degrees, to many other industries, including the railways, as existing contracts lapse. The government's surrender to wage increases entirely unrelated to productivity, and hence certain to raise prices, is complete—and this within three months of Mr. Sharp's budgetary plea for moderation.

It was a plain failure of nerve that caused the Pearson government's capitulation in the cases above cited. But it kept valiantly holding the fort at this end, in its causeway rescheduling, and generally in its treatment of this province since the last federal election. Come what may, it seemed determined that we Islanders should be shielded from the "boom" that was causing such a lack of unemployment in other parts of Canada! Unfortunately, while it has been so solicitous about us in this respect, it hasn't come up with a formula to safeguard us from being victimized by the results of its inflationary policies in other areas of the economy.

Just In Case...

It didn't get any advance publicity, but a huge, new, ultrasensitive electronic eye has just been set up by the U.S. Air Force at the Clear Ballistic Missile Early Warning System site in Alaska. Just another precaution against a sneak missile attack on this part of the continent, though the authorities do not put it in that way. They prefer to call it a device to provide maximum detection capabilities, and let it go at that. But to Canadians as well as Americans, there is comfort to be drawn from the description of this big radar unit—weighing 185 tons—which can detect and track an object as small as a 16-inch piece of wire 1.32nd of an inch in diameter at a distance of 2,500 miles.

The electronic dishes, each costing \$19 million, can scan potentially unfriendly skies from horizon to horizon. They are operated in conjunction with fixed detection radar screens, three at Clear, two at Fylingdales Moor in Yorkshire, England, and four at Thule, Greenland. Should an unidentified object be detected, either by the rotating radar trackers or the fixed screens, the trackers lock on the foreign body until it is determined whether it is a ballistic trajectory. If

so, the tracker backtracks the object and determines its launching point, its point of impact and the time of impact.

The computation is completed within seconds, and the information, transmitted automatically to the Pentagon, to the Strategic Air Command at Omaha, to the North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs, and to England's Royal Air Force. If the object tracked poses no ballistic threat to the United States, Canada, or the United Kingdom, the lock-on is automatically broken and the rotating scanner resumes its detection mission.

This new and amazingly accurate device was being installed just about the time that Canada's Soviet guest of honor, Dmitri Polyansky, was being feted at Ottawa, and those that occasion to sound off about American "aggressiveness"—thus inviting the sharp retort from External Affairs Minister Paul Martin that the U.S. was a good neighbor dedicated to the principle of freedom and anxious to use its resources and power for the good of mankind. It could be that Mr. Martin, who has a good built-in antenna of his own to detect sneak attacks on the propaganda front, had the Alaska operation in mind when he spoke as he did. In any case, we may be sure that his comment was duly noted at Washington and credited to our account.

Worry About Wheat

Canada is in a fair way of being rid of its wheat surplus problem and has actually pledged most of its crops through the 1968-69 crop year to meeting commitments to Russia and Communist China. In addition it has commitments to Britain, Japan, Czechoslovakia, Poland and East Germany—and is literally sold out. France, too, which recently sold wheat to Russia, has little surplus left. Argentina is in the same boat; so is Australia.

Now, from Washington, comes word that our American neighbors are worrying about how they can be assured of ample wheat supplies. This, after years of worrying about what to do with their surplus, shows how quickly and drastically food conditions can change. Given a few years of drought, cold or other natural inhibitors both Canada and the United States could be facing a real shortage—something that only a few years ago seemed impossible. It isn't apt to happen, of course; but it could.

A few years back the problem was where to find storage space for wheat—it was piled high in open storage, filling every elevator and barn around. Now elevators in the west are starting to empty and much storage capacity is empty. In the U.S. the current crop is expected to be about 150 million bushels short of estimates, due to an early freeze and recent drought—the latter in some areas the worst since 1963, the "dust bowl" period. At present rates wheat stocks may drop to 250 million bushels by 1967—far less than half the recommended minimum needed to meet the country's expected shortage.

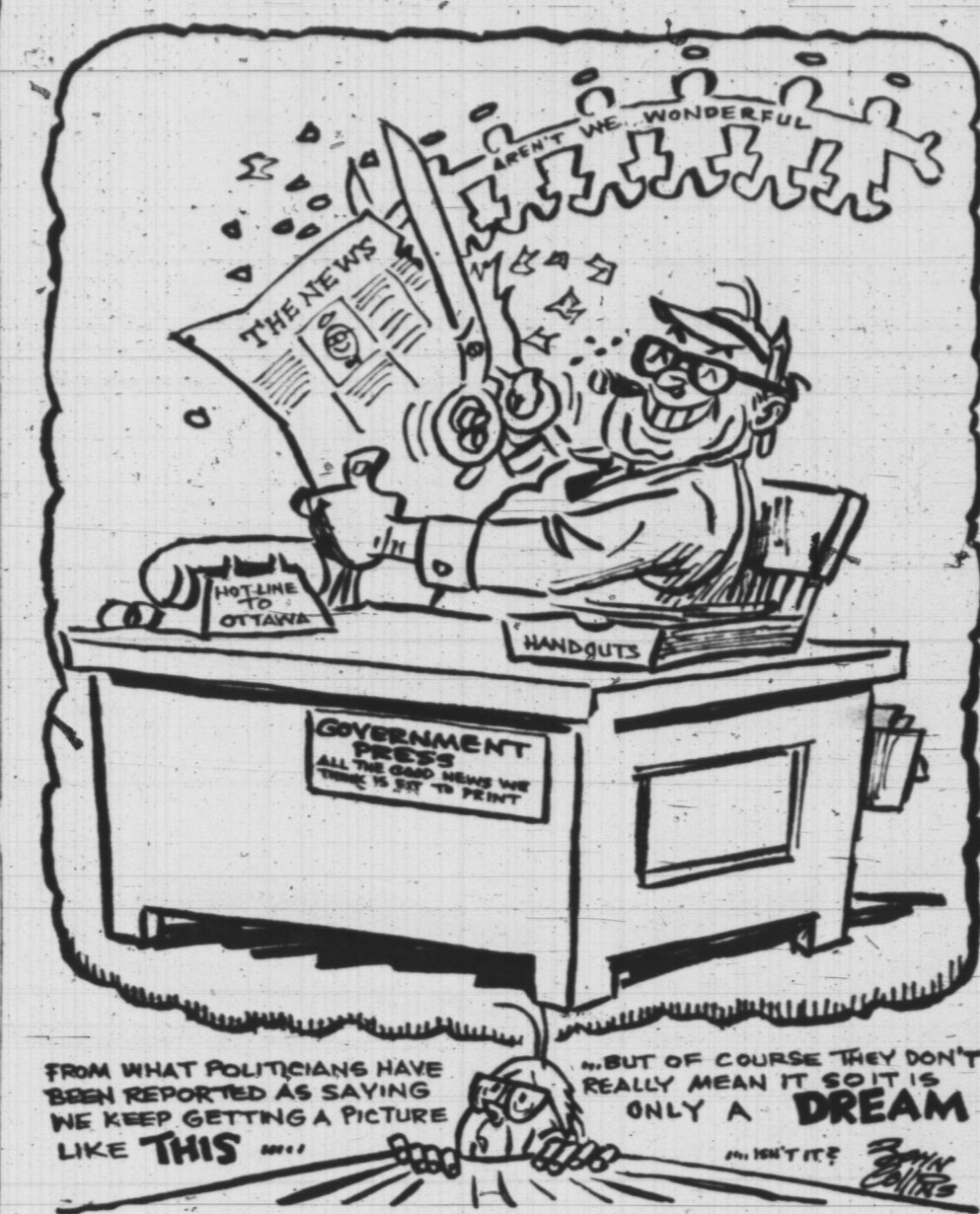
Bad Management

The over-publicized quarrels between the CBC's remote and ineffectual management and its Toronto prima donnas, comments the Financial Times of Canada, have been ridiculously similar to the relations between Ottawa's remote and ineffectual government and the Opposition's prima donnas. But the CBC at least has a board of directors with the power and the duty to clean up both ends of its mess.

The prima donnas started leaving last week. They are, as The Times drily says, not irreplaceable. But unless the CBC directors can also reform its management, there is not much chance of restoring the drooping morale of the program division. This is something that should not be allowed to wait for the new Broadcasting Act outlined in the White Paper. The act is badly needed. But since Parliament is in as unruly a state as the CBC itself, no one can tell when the act may be passed.

EDITORIAL NOTE

To develop tourism to the maximum it is necessary to treat visitors fairly as well as in a friendly and courteous manner. There is a distinction here which the Canadian Tourist Association has underlined with respect to our dealings with American tourists. Make sure, it says, that all U.S. visitors receive the correct premium on the American dollar. All persons doing business with tourists should know the prevailing rate of exchange. To short-change them in this matter is both poor hospitality and poor business.



MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S NIGHTMARE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Too Many Dilettantes In Parliament

How is our Parliament off the beam? Johnny Canuck is vague. He says that all is far from right, but his unfamiliarity with Parliamentary processes handicaps him when he tries to specify his criticism. Thus Canadians deplore the partisan politicking over the Munsinger affair; more recently they ridicule our 265 MPs who are so inept at managing their business that they cannot even plan their own summer holiday to start on a prearranged day. But I believe that the real trouble with Parliament is much deeper than such superficialities, which are merely the symptoms of the disease. The basic trouble, I suggest, is that government has grown to cover so vast and complicated a field that one man cannot make himself an expert in the whole. Hence our Parliament consists largely of a gaggle of scantly-informed amateurs, rushing from one hectic stage to another and able to play a leading role on none. Our MPs exemplify the old saying: "Jack of all trades, master of none." The one field in which they have all obviously graduated is electioneering, hence each tends to lapse back into that familiar field when the topic of debate is beyond his ken. That is why so much of Parliament's time is taken up with sheer politicking, when it should be devoted to informed debates on the great issues of the day. SHOULD SPECIALIZE. The failure of our modern parliaments can be traced to the failure of our individual MPs to specialize in, and master, chosen fields. There are a few MPs who have chosen one important topic and learned it thoroughly, so that they are recognized as an expert in that field. These rare exceptions include Guelph's Alf Hales, who is the best informed critic of government spending of the taxpayer's money; Oxford's

PUBLIC FORUM

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CAR FERRY CROSSING

Sir,—We read with interest a few days ago where there was a line of cars at Borden stretching back two miles long, waiting to get to the mainland. How many cars and trucks, short and long, will it take to reach out that distance? How many weary travellers were there stuned to think their precious time was wasting away? We also read where three boats were working to clear the traffic. If memory serves us rightly we have four boats at Borden on that run. Another trip would be made if enough cars were waiting to go. How many cars are "enough"? If the Prime Minister or some official from Russia came along, would their cars be enough? It seems to me any of us travelling is just as important and one car waiting is enough. It could be some people who were going on vacation or returning home, and their time and money are just as valuable as any others. If there are four boats at Borden, why only three operating? And why someone in Moncton or some place sitting in an easy chair, giving the orders to take some across and let others wait. The time for looking into these things has gone by. Looking in to a dry well will not fill it with water. Action does the job and waiting in a line of cars two miles long sure needs action. I am, Sir, etc. WALTER O'BRIEN, Charlottetown.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY - FIVE YEARS AGO (July 13, 1941) A formal agreement between Britain and Russia for joint action in the war with Germany was signed in Moscow. The armistice ending the hostilities between British and Free French forces and the Vichy French government was signed in Acre, Palestine, on the anniversary of the city's fall to Richard the Lion-hearted in 1191. TEN YEARS AGO (July 13, 1956) "It is not too much to predict that this Province will become a veritable fisherman's paradise with the development of the program which calls for replacement of highway bridges by causeways," said Hon. Douglas MacKinnon, Minister of Public Works and Industry and Natural Resources. Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, MP Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Fisheries arrived home from Ottawa and will remain in Summerside until July 22. JAPAN MOVES FAST Japan's export trade increased 14.5 per cent annually between 1955 and 1964, a world's record.

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The White Plaque

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Tuberculosis never has been subdued completely even though the cause is known and good remedies are available. The ancient disease was accurately described on a Babylonian tablet more than 4,000 years ago. The sick one coughs, frequently, his sputum is thick and sometimes contains blood, his respirations give a sound like a flute, his skin is cold but his feet are hot, he sweats greatly, and his heart is much disturbed. Authorities estimate that half the world's population has been infected by the tubercle bacillus. The western nations have made remarkable strides toward control and in many parts of the United States sanatoriums are closing for lack of patients or modern treatment facilities. Those with active tuberculosis are hospitalized and given a combination of isoniazid, para-aminosalicylic acid (PAS), and streptomycin. Surgery also may be needed. Improvement is more rapid than in the past and hospitalization is followed by outpatient treatment. Mass screening by tuberculin testing and chest X-ray is used to detect the disease in an early stage. Tuberculin tests show whether an individual has ever been infected by tubercle bacilli. Anyone with a positive reaction gets a chest X-ray. Most public health agencies concentrate on the high risk segment of the population and especially among those who are exposed to infected persons. In this way 50,000 new cases are uncovered annually. Every year an additional 10,000 with arrested tuberculosis also have a relapse. Case finding is the most important tool in the control of tuberculosis because it brings a potential spreader of the disease to a treatment center. A safe and effective vaccine (BCG) has been available for more than 40 years. It is recommended mainly for children living in areas where the incidence of tuberculosis is high. The principal objection to BCG is that it causes the vaccinated person to react positively to the tuberculin test which destroys the value of the test.

RECURRING POLYPS

E. A. S. writes: I had both nasal and stomach polyps. The nasal polyps were easily and painlessly removed, but it took a distressing major operation to remove those in the stomach. Is it at all possible to prevent the recurrence of polyps? REPLY: Nasal polyps may recur because an allergy is believed to play a causative role. The chance of the stomach polyp returning is almost negligible. EYE DISTURBANCES A. B. T. writes: Is pterygium the same as arcus senilis? REPLY: No. Pterygium is a triangular fold of membrane growing over the white of the eye toward the clear cornea. It is more common in middle aged and older persons. Arcus senilis is a pale halo that follows the rim of the cornea in elderly persons. PINWORMS IN ADULTS R. H. writes: Can adults be afflicted with pinworms? REPLY: Yes, but pinworms prefer children and these pests usually disappear after adolescence. Either a adult's practice better hygiene or the change in the glandular system produces secretions that pinworms do not like. NO BLOOD FORMER C. G. writes: Will drinking lots of grape juice form blood? REPLY: No. Don't be misled by the color. TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Children should not put hands, arms or heads out the car window.

Promotion In School

New York Times The doctrine of "automatic promotion"—letting all children advance to the next higher grade, regardless of their academic achievement—is an unhappy legacy from the excessively permissive days of the nineteenth century. Psychologically well intentioned, designed to eliminate frustrations and humiliations, the procedure proved educationally disastrous. The inability of pupils to cope with advanced materials created many more frustrations and humiliations than it eliminated. The announcement that new and higher standards for promotion have now been introduced underlines the continuing need to implement specific promotion requirements. It is particularly true in the matter of reading—the vital key to all further academic success—which has come under scrutiny in the new promotion rulings. As these new standards are introduced, it is imperative that they be used to improve the education offered by the schools and not as a punitive measure to get tough with youngsters. It is pointless and cruel to pass a pupil along to the next grade without having given him the capacity to deal with the next level of study; it would be just as objectionable if youngsters were to be kept back, without the promise of highly individualized remedial instruction. Merely letting them repeat a grade, with more of the same teaching that failed to take in the first place, invites total disenchantment with learning. Every precaution must be taken to prevent teachers and principals from putting children through cram sessions to enable them to pass the tests and to prevent them from making

Everyone Needs Buddy

Oshawa Times In Ontario's Provincial Parks' public safety program the Buddy system of swimming is encouraged by the use of posters, films and mimeographed bulletins. This technique is a simple extension of the well-known safety practice of never swimming alone. While beach patrol officers are employed where warranted to maintain order and assist in emergencies, it is an impossibility for them to watch every beach user. It may also be difficult for the individual parent with a number of children to properly supervise the family group while in the water, when varying degrees of proficiency in swimming skills tend to separate and divide the family. The Buddy System is an aid in overcoming deficiencies in supervision. Every bather in the group should have a water-buddy. Beginners should be assigned buddies from the non-swimming group. The better swimmers should be paired off in order that they have buddies of comparable ability with whom to compete and enjoy the sport. Instructions should be issued to every twosome that each member of the pair stay close to and watch the opposite member. In the event of any emergency, give warning by shouting or contacting the parent or beach patrol officer. The Buddy System can be beneficial in preventing many of the needless drownings which occur annually. However, the Lands and Forests people stress that children under seven years of age and all non-swimmers should be supervised while engaged in water recreation by a competent adult. Beautiful SILK, COTTON, RAYON, WOOL DRESSES ONLY 99¢ BLOUSES 60¢ COATS \$1.99 SUITS \$3.99 SHOES 99¢ MEN'S PANTS \$1.50 MEN'S SHIRTS 60¢ SAVE MONEY! Buy used clothing for your or the family at amazingly low prices. Money back guarantee. Send 25¢ with self-addressed stamped envelope for complete price list. DRY CLEANERS OUTLET 4 AUGUSTA AVE. TORONTO 28, ONT.

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Gloomy Peace Prospects

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON (CPL)—Peace probably never has been further away in Viet Nam than right now. This is the view of some qualified non-American observers as the United States pushes President Johnson's official line that the military tide has turned and the North Vietnamese are beginning to hurt and lose hope. The president, George Ball, undersecretary of state, Defence Secretary Robert McNamara and others have taken turns in what has been called a "sustained celebration of progress."

Yet, no one here has seen anything to indicate that North Viet Nam's 18,000,000 residents are anywhere close to laying down their arms—halting aid to the southern insurgents. Bernard B. Fall, the noted French authority on Viet Nam who teaches here and who visited the North last year, looks at the impact of the increased American bombing of the North. He writes in the New York Times: "It will take a great deal more and no doubt something other than bombing" to convince such men that their tactics may be wrong; that the war they are engaged in has become hopeless. Roving Ambassador Averell Harriman said Sunday that increased American bombing does not appear to have changed Communist intransigence and that this was not the aim of the new attacks. JOHNSON MORE POPULAR The latest public opinion poll by Louis Harris also shows that President Johnson's popularity rating has shot up in the wake of the escalation. Fifty-four per cent of the public now apparently supports his handling of the war in anticipation of a shorter one. In any event, there is no conviction of any depth here that assorted diplomatic flurries are going to lead to meaningful new peace moves, or that these are being conducted with any such hope. Prime Minister Wilson of Britain is deemed to be going to Moscow before coming here July 28 as a sop to his restive anti-war left wing. There also are pressures of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi

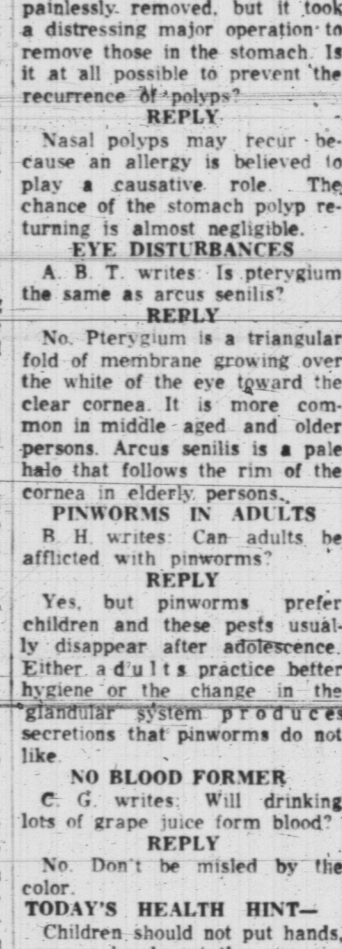
who has talked about Viet Nam with President Nasser of the United Arab Republic and President Tito of Yugoslavia, and who also is going on to Moscow. But External Affairs Minister Paul Martin's candid statement to the Commons last Saturday—discouraged India's call for a renewed Geneva peace conference—indicates the lack of prospects for any negotiation. Both sides appear to have hardened President Johnson, partly for domestic reasons and partly to counter any doubts in Hanoi about American staying power, stepped up the bombing June 29 and lashed out anew at war critics. WAR, POLITICS MIX The war has become fully entangled now in the American political scene, with all the ramifications that means at least until the congressional elections in November. At the same time, says the Washington Post, North Viet Nam has taken comfort from widespread criticism of the expanded American bombing. It has "stiffened its resistance to negotiations and is now stressing a theme... that world opinion... will seriously isolate the U.S." Prof. Fall in his latest article says the North is glued together by the people's army—a force of more than 500,000 first-line troops and 1,000,000 reserves which is "probably man for man one of the finest infantry forces in the world today." Comparatively few have been committed yet in the South. Their leaders have been at war steadily since 1944, he notes, and their record speaks for itself. He says that on that basis, "it seems obvious that the further escalation of the bombing of North-Viet Nam has made it almost impossible for the Hanoi regime to abandon the South Vietnamese liberation guerrillas in 1948-49. The Vietnamese war now has graduated into a sacred cause." The increased bombing by the U.S. may, "by an incredible irony," says Fall, have further unified the Communist war effort and increased Hanoi's commitment to what it regards as a just settlement north and south.

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