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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

Important Conference

There will be nation-wide interest in the joint meetings of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council and Atlantic Premiers which will meet in Charlottetown on Monday and Tuesday of next week. This conference will be attended by leaders in industry, business, labour, education and other fields and it is fitting that the formal opening on Monday morning should be held in the Confederation Chamber, where this Dominion was cradled. Among the principal functions will be a dinner tendered by the Government of Prince Edward Island, at which the guest speaker will be the new Federal Minister of Transport, Hon. George Hees, whose presence at the conference is of special importance in view of the prominence which transportation will have in the discussions.

It is particularly gratifying to have the four Atlantic Premiers in conference here and to note this evidence of closer co-operation between them. Their deliberations, in conjunction with those of APEC representatives, may well mark the beginning of a new era for these Provinces, not only in ironing out local difficulties but in taking aggressive, concerted action in solving problems of mutual concern, or in presenting them successfully at Ottawa. It is planned to hold meetings of this kind regularly in turn in the four provincial capitals. We are honoured indeed in that Charlottetown should be chosen on this occasion, and our citizens will join heartily in the welcome which will be extended officially to the visitors on Monday.

The Prime Objective

Premier Matheson's statement in Wednesday's Guardian, referring to Prime Minister Diefenbaker's call for a Federal-Provincial Conference in November, was clear and to the point. It shows that he is prepared to go to this conference, as he has gone to similar conferences in the past, in hope and confidence and with determination to do everything possible to arrange a fair deal for the Province. The fact that he is a Liberal should make no difference at all to the way his representations are received. The Province is not asking for charity or a reward for recent political developments. It is asking only that its rights be recognized. Mr. Matheson and his colleagues deserve, and we are confident they will have, the utmost co-operation of the Federal members. It will be time enough to inject provincial politics into the subject when the next election is called. For the present, the fiscal well-being of the Province must be the concern of all.

If the Hon. J. Angus MacLean can persuade the cabinet to wipe out the injustice which the Province suffered when it was obliged to refund to the Federal treasury more than one million dollars which, allegedly, it has received in overpayment under the tax agreement, well and good. At any rate, it is a time for all to work together, for each to put his interest in Prince Edward Island above his political partisanship.

Fish Eating

National Fish Week, which this year was officially opened by our Island Federal Minister, Hon. J. Angus MacLean, stresses the importance of the fishing industry to the economic life of the country. Mr. MacLean's description of Atlantic coast fisheries as a "live and progressive business" is, no doubt, warranted on a general view. There are, however, weak spots which cannot be overlooked. In Newfoundland two large fish plants which used to look after most of the fish caught along the South coast have been closed for some time, the operators having found that they were losing money. Consequently, five or six hundred fishermen have been left with no

way of making a living. Another plant in another part of the Province is also said to be in financial difficulty. The few plants we have on this Island seem to be making out all right; at least we have heard nothing to the contrary.

Perhaps the chief thing to be noted about the fishing business in this country is that Canadians themselves simply do not further its interests in the best way open to them, namely, by eating fish as often as they might. The fact is—and it is a deplorable one from both the economic angle and the standpoint of public health—that Canadians eat less fish than almost any other people in the world. Our per capita consumption is much lower than that of Americans and insignificant compared with European consumption. And it is strange but true that the farther people are from the sea the more fish they are likely to eat, probably because they have to pay more for it. In any event, it has been estimated that if every Canadian family would eat an extra ten pounds a year there would never be any distress in the fishing industry.

It is reported that at the luncheon sponsored by the Fisheries Council of Canada 18 varieties of fish were served. Only bureaucrats, plutocrats and politicians could handle that sort of a feast; but most of us could sample at least one variety three times a week and be none the worse for it.

EDITORIAL NOTES

They have a neat way of avoiding religious controversy at the U.N. General Assembly. Sessions are opened with silent prayer; but those who don't want to pray can just meditate.

"Israel," says the country's chief delegate to the U.N., "is strong and growing stronger; and our neighbors would make a gross error if they did not adjust their policies to this basic fact." That is the diplomatic way of saying "if the Arabs are wise, they will leave Israel alone."

Following a by-election in which it won more than 7,000 votes, the British Liberal Party is reported to be looking towards the future with renewed confidence. Well, strange and unexpected things happen in politics these days; and the British Liberals may yet regain some of their former glory.

There's a lot of discussion across the border about the advisability of putting TV facilities in schools. Commenting on the problems affecting the schools the writer of a letter to the Saturday Review says: "Heaven help us if the taxpayers think that all we lack is television." It was an apt observation.

Real freedom is evidently still something to be attained in Poland. A report from Warsaw says that Po Prostu, a well known student newspaper which played an active anti-Stalinist role last year, has had to cease publication because the official censors did not approve its dealing with "broad views and controversial matters."

The new U.S. Ambassador to Ceylon was reprimanded by the press some time ago for not being able to reel off the name of Ceylon's Prime Minister. His ignorance on that one little point is surely pardonable. The name, Solomon West Ridgeway Diaz Bandaranaike, is not the easiest in the world to remember.

A Japanese astronomer has observed the largest group of sun spots since the beginning of the International Geophysical Year. There are 293 of them in 72 clusters, each cluster more than 20 times the size of the earth. If the Russians let the claim go unchallenged we can be sure that at least one change has taken place in Kremlin policy.

Referring to the integration problem President Eisenhower stated: "I have been trying to convey the idea that you cannot legislate morality. It must come from within." In a limited sense that may be true, although there are many generally accepted laws which have to do with morality. But integration is a legal order issued by the nation's highest court. One would imagine, therefore, that it is not a matter to be left to individual consciences.



SO CHEER UP

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Mr. Macmillan's Holiday Job

By "Onlooker"

Thomson Newspapers, London, England Bureau

Britain's Prime Minister Harold Macmillan has come back from the land of his fathers to his London headquarters to use some of the Parliamentary recess to organize a "genral post" among his team. The changes will not be big ones, but they will have the effect of streamlining his Conservative Party organization, generally tightening it up for the next General Election.

One man shortly to go, experts predict, will be Oliver Poole — not a Cabinet minister or a member of Parliament but in the vital position of chairman of the Conservative Party Organisation.

Poole took over the job from Britain's war-time Food Minister, Lord Woolton, ex-stores boss who made sure that the British were kept fed — albeit in a fairly monotonous fashion — during the war. Woolton was elderly, grey-haired, looking like a Santa Claus in one of his own stores. He was known as "Uncle Fred."

Poole has no such endearing old charms. True, to follow "Uncle Fred" was quite a consolation, but many think he could have been more successful at it.

EX-BATTLE

Into his place may go Lord Hailsham, puddy Minister of Education, who, before he inherited his father's title, was Quinton Hogg, one of the most pugnacious and fiery members of Parliament in the House of Commons. With the title Hailsham had to go to the House of Lords where chances of Parliamentary

mentary cut-and-thrust are diminished.

But if he did go to the Conservative Party it will mean that he will be able to exercise his go-getting talents more — and with more results.

There is likely to be at least one change in the Government as well. Promising 41-year-old politician Dennis Vosper may have to drop out. He is at the moment the Minister of Health. He's been ill.

DIFFERENT OUTLOOK

Macmillan has been a week back from Scotland now, and included in his engagements has been a speech at the Inter-Parliamentary Union conference which has just been opened here by the Queen.

Most interesting aspect of the conference — to me, anyhow — is the fact that of the 21 American coming-over-as-delegates not one is without his wife.

The Russians are sending 20 delegates. And not a single spouse.

Our Foreign Policy Lines

By Bill Boss
 Canadian Press Staff Writer

Canada's foreign policy, unchanged but more vocal since the Progressive Conservative assumed power June 21, may be expected under new External Affairs Minister Sidney Smith to stick to the broad lines followed by preceding Liberal governments.

Independence within interdependence will continue to be the policy towards the United States, Canada's closest neighbor, biggest foreign investor and largest trading partner.

Greater emphasis may be expected on Commonwealth relations, a favorite theme of the Conservatives, but on the controversial issues shortly to go before the United Nations Canada's course will be much as before.

Jovial, portly and convivial, Dr. Smith leaves the presidency of the University of Toronto, Canada's biggest, to take over the important external affairs portfolio Friday.

He enters public life with a reputation of being a fine administrator and a forthright speaker, not one to mince words. But department officials say he should be allowed at least a year to read into his job. That may preclude Canada continuing in the forefront of delicate international relations, at least for a while.

After all Lester (Mike) Pearson, his Liberal predecessor, had 25 years' experience as a career diplomat when he entered politics in 1948 to take on the job. And as under-secretary he had played a key role in building the department to its present status. He therefore had the world at his fingertips.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has held the portfolio since taking office. While Dr. Smith's appointment has been freely interpreted

as a concession by the prime minister to newspaper and political criticism that he could not do justice to both jobs, there has been little basis for believing that he intended it to be a long-time arrangement.

As a student of international affairs he was much too experienced to think that foreign policy could long receive only part-time attention.

The world has so shrunk, its problems have become so complex, that Canada's foreign policy chief must put himself personally on the intricacies of diplomatic and political situations arising anywhere. Just Canada's interest be at stake by her almost universally-accepted role of disinterested mediator may be of use.

STRIKING RESEMBLANCES

Dr. Smith and Mr. Pearson bear striking resemblances. Both are 60. Both are companionable college types and First World War veterans of the Royal Flying Corps, though they never met on active service.

Both are good thinkers on their feet, witty and much in demand as after-dinner speakers. And they mince no words when it is a question of stating facts.

Dr. Smith's personal views on foreign policy are not yet well known, but a clue may be seen in a Canadian Club address at London, Ont., last year, when he said:

"We should not get so Canadian that we fail in those international duties now incumbent on every free, healthy and solvent nation."

The ultimate control of Canada's resources must remain in Canadian hands, he said. Canada must not grow into a colony of the U.S.—even the U.S. would not like that.

His words expressed thoughts right along the line put forth by both Mr. Diefenbaker and Mr. Pearson in recent major policy speeches.

The Age Old Story

Send portions unto them for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

GREAT PARK
 Banff National Park in Alberta, established in 1885, covers 2,500 square miles of mountain area.

Forward Step In Dentistry

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.
 I had a rather unique experience at the dentist's office the other day. Recently he procured some new equipment and for the first time he worked on my teeth with his new high speed drill.

NOT REALLY NEW

Actually, this drill invented by Dr. Richard W. Page, of Chappaqua, New York is not exactly new.

He developed it several years ago and some 2,000 dentists have already used it. Furthermore, not long ago, a national magazine devoted a sizeable article to this drill, which reaches speeds up to 200,000 revolutions per minute.

But this is the only chance I've had to give you a first-hand account of what one actually is like from a patient's viewpoint.

The high-speed drill does not eliminate pain. Even the inventer doesn't claim this. It does, however, lessen pain to quite an extent.

LESS VIBRATION

For one thing, there is considerably less vibration than when an ordinary drill is used. Also the high-speed drill generates less heat and the shock to tooth structure is greatly reduced.

Dr. Page recommends, and I agree, that if you normally take anesthesia when dental work is being performed you should continue doing so even when the new drill is used on your teeth. You'll feel more relaxed and the dentist will be able to do a better job if you do.

AWESOME SOUND

The sound produced by the high-speed motor and the continuous blast of compressed air required to prevent tooth debris from fouling up the mechanism, might be a little awesome at first. My dentist prepared me for it by carefully explaining details and advantages of the drill first.

Probably the greatest advantage of the device is that it cuts drilling time in half. Generally this enables a dentist to fill two teeth in the time it formerly would have taken to fill one.

CUTS DRILLING TIME

The drill makes things a lot easier for the dentist as well as for his patients. While a standard drill requires about two pounds of pressure, the high-speed unit needs only two ounces.

It's another big step forward in dentistry.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

T.R.: But my parents are allergic. Does this mean that I will have allergies also?

Answer: Children who have two allergic parents are much more likely to have an allergy, than those who do not or who have only one allergic parent. There is also a greater tendency for the allergy to appear at an earlier age.

PROUD PAGAN

We have not tamed the earth. For all we spend Such toil and care upon her, craving more Of her rich fruits, she will not wholly bend — Is still a savage at her inmost core; Full of strange moods and unsuspected power, Fond of bright feathered plumes and petaled gauds, Warlike or indolent as suits the hour, Is faithful still, to her primal gods.

Looped round with motor roads and clad with towns, With concrete or with gleaming asphalt bound, Earth may seem civilized, but when the crowns Of trees taste death, and frost lays across our sober custom, kindles fire, And mourns her children at a crimson pyre.

—R. H. GRENVILLE, In the New York Times.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Sept. 21, 1932)

After spending two weeks in Prince Edward Island making a survey of library conditions on behalf of the Carnegie Corporation, Dr. G. R. Lomer has returned to resume his regular duties at McGill University. Dr. Lomer stated that his visit here was entirely satisfactory, and that a plan was being formulated to provide books in communities where they are not now available and increasing the number of books where libraries already exist.

Mr. Major Noye of Enmore lost his fine new residence and barn by fire yesterday. The fire began somewhere upstairs but was not noticed until the roof was in flames, which spread so rapidly that only a few pieces of furniture from downstairs were saved. A barn nearby also caught fire and was destroyed, together with the season's entire crop.

TEN YEARS AGO (Sept. 21, 1947)

Messrs W. Chester S. McLure, M.P. and J. Lester Douglas, M.P. have sent a strongly worded



Puberty Rites

Associated Press

Modern Washington Sociologists were told recently that juvenile delinquency might be curbed if American society adopted some equivalent of the rites which primitive tribes initiate boys into manhood.

Arthur Niederhoffer of the New York City Police Academy and professor Herbert A. Bloch of Brooklyn College described such primitive puberty rites as scarification (marking with scars), tattooing, trial by ordeal, and a host of other painful and exotic practices.

In a paper prepared for the American Sociological Society Niederhoffer and Bloch said that through these customs certain societies "have laboriously contrived to discipline their young for the great adventure" of manhood.

"When adolescent youths, as in our own society, find it difficult to enter the adult status . . . because of the lack of an orderly facilitating process, they will attempt to embrace the symbolic equivalents of the adult status denied them . . ."

Thus can be explained the adolescent drinking, sexual escapades, wild automobile rides . . . which to the youth at any rate appear to be the prerogatives of the mature adult.

MAXIMS

Whenever a man's friends begin to compliment him about looking young, he may be sure that they think he is growing old.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A house that is spic and span doesn't usually have much going on in it.—Brandon Sun

Texas man, bitten years ago, has just had a dog's tooth removed from his leg. Technically, it still isn't news, though interesting.—Windsor Star

A school principal tells us parents shouldn't tell their children's homework. After wrestling with some of those tough questions, the parents will agree.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

The most sensible description of education was given by Einstein in his book, "Out of My Later Years," when he remarked: "Education is that which remains when one has forgotten everything he learned in school."—Niagara Falls Review

telegram to Hon. D.C. Abbott, Minister of Finance, Ottawa, protesting the withdrawal of the branch of the Bank of Canada from this Province which they said is entitled to such service under the terms of Confederation.

A barn, the property of Ambrose Doyle, Pleasant Grove, and a house occupied by Mr. Adolphus Murray of the same community were burned within two hours of each other yesterday afternoon. Not only the barn, but also the season's crop of hay and grain was lost, as well as considerable machinery. The house occupied by Mr. Murray caught two hours later and efforts to put out the fire were hindered by lack of water.

Can-opener wives and cork-screw husbands, it is said, make bad matches. — St. Catharines Standard

People who make a habit of diving into strange waters should be born with a spare neck. — O-hawa Times - Gazette

The Queen Mother is making do with little more than a lady-in-waiting or two, a maid and an equerry.—Manchester Guardian

Austria's oldest citizen, who celebrated his 105th birthday in Klagenfurt gave out his advice about how to achieve longevity: "Drink milk until you die, but stop having girl friends at 80." That's a pretty tough assignment.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

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