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"The strongest memory is neither than
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Our Emblem Dear

Mr. Pearson has announced that we shall have a new national flag before the World's Fair is held in Montreal in 1967. Glad he was to give this assurance, he said, because it was a Liberal Party election pledge last spring that a truly Canadian flag would be introduced within two years. And what are election pledges given for but to be implemented to the letter?

Yes sir, come what may, to the letter. A flag we were promised, and a flag we're going to get. And before the World's Fair in Montreal, of course, so it can fly as a proud emblem of Canada's sovereignty in the gaze of all the nations.

The Royal Canadian Legion thinks we have a good national flag already. A lot of other Canadians do, too. They argue that if it was good enough to fight for in two world wars it ought to be good enough to live under in peacetime. But that doesn't seem to be the point. Not with respect to the kind of flag that's wanted at Canada's 1967 World Fair in Montreal. This is going to be something really big; not like that old wartime stuff; and we need a new Emblem, fresh and uncontaminated by contact with sordid "imperialism".

Nobody, apparently, thought to ask the Prime Minister, in connection with his announcement, just what guarantee there is that this big fair will ever get opened in time. It would be a shame to see the new flag hoisted and the fair still bogged down in acrimonious controversy. According to Mr. Claude Robitich, the fair's director of planning, things are still at sixes and sevens, and nothing but "extraordinary measures" will get them in shape by 1967.

The fact that \$600 million of Canadian and foreign currency is being sunk into this project would seem incentive enough for whatever executives are running it to do some executing. But apparently not. Perhaps they've been waiting for this momentous announcement from the Prime Minister to get started.

In any case, the news is out. Our new Emblem Dear is going to be ready, whether the show starts or not. A Liberal election pledge is going to be kept. The world will then have a chance to pay tribute to our national fervor, and the stars in their courses to signal the event to the universe at large.

Words in Season

New Brunswick's Premier Robitich is of distinguished Acadian stock, a graduate of Laval University and well entitled to interpret French Canadian sentiment in this part of the country. He spoke in Montreal the other day and took occasion to warn all and sundry that separation, as a racial movement, is doomed to extinction in contemporary Canada.

His own province, Mr. Robitich said, suffers from "excessive regionalism" that isolates it from the rest of the country. But it was not alone in this respect. There is need for cultural expansion in Quebec as well. "We are living in extremely important times, but we are living separately," he added. "How can we speak of culture, of national unity, when Quebec knows little or nothing of New Brunswick and vice versa?"

Later, speaking in Toronto, Mr.

Robitich denounced the violent activities of a group of dissidents in Quebec, but stressed that it was wrong to assume that this organization represented the general attitude of Quebec's population. He urged on all Canadians the responsibility of becoming "militant and thoughtful supporters of the Canadian Confederation," and went on to deal with the major contribution which the Atlantic Provinces have to make to the country as a whole.

The New Brunswick Premier is to be commended on the good service he has done to his province, and to the cause of national unity, by his forthright utterances on this occasion.

A Poor Answer

On Wednesday's House of Commons vote to proceed with the Government's tax proposals, there was "virtually unanimous agreement" on the need for a simpler set of income tax laws, wrolded so that ordinary citizens could comprehend them. But nothing appears to have come of this agreement. Reform at this time, said Finance Minister Gordon (who conceded that the complaint was justified) would be "too difficult to achieve".

This was a pretty casual way of dismissing a major grievance of our taxpayers. Difficulties of this kind are there to be surmounted. And, of course, they are difficulties of the tax department's own making, in departing from the golden rule of clarity in framing its forms and regulations.

It doesn't help any that in this connection instructions were reportedly issued from Ottawa recently to tax officials, not to advise taxpayers that they were entitled to reimbursement when they had overpaid their income levies through some misunderstanding or other. The victims of these mistakes were supposed to find them out for themselves, or stay gypped.

Mr. Gordon has a big staff of bureaucrats whom he should put to work on the job of simplifying the whole tax assessment procedure. It is getting more complicated every year, and the taxpayers' patience is running out.

In The Highlands

An organization which deals with the economic and social problems of the small farmers in the highlands and islands of Scotland has been doing very well of late. During the last three years, successful land regeneration experiments have been carried out on the coastal areas of Lewis, in the Outer Hebrides, and reorganization schemes for the enlargement of crofts have been announced for the famous Shetland pony islands of Fetlar and Yell.

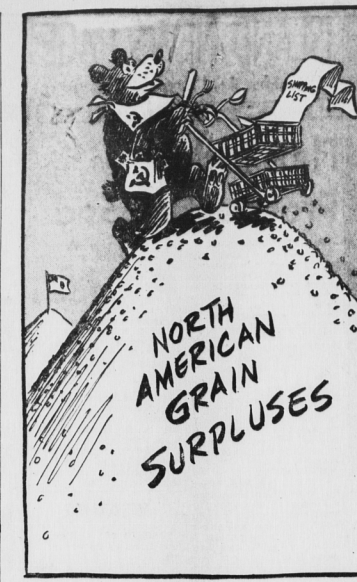
At Lewis, applications of fine shell sand—rich in lime—followed by grass seed and fertilizers, have turned peat into pasture in two seasons. Now the crofters are working on the heavy acid soil of the deeper peatland areas. If these experiments succeed, large herds of cattle and sheep will graze on former wasteland, converting crofting from subsistence small holdings to profitable milk, meat, and wool production.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"We are getting to the point," says U.S. Labor Secretary Willard Wright, "where a boy who drops out of high school is practically dropping out of American life." Words worth considering in Canada, too.

The constituency of Kinross, where British Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home will run for election on November 7, is known now for its linen, plaid and tartan manufacturers. But in the 13th century, it was the principal seat of King Alexander III, who brought the Western Isles under his power, limited the power of the barons and gave Scotland an era of peace and prosperity such as the country was not again to enjoy for some time.

Premier Shaw is "back on the job", looking hale and hearty after his month-long business vacation in the Central Provinces and the United States. He has gathered a great deal of first-hand information as a result of his trip, and may find much of it applicable to his own problems as chief executive minister here. Certainly it is pleasant to welcome him home, and to note the vigor with which he is setting down to the chores on his desk.



BEAR CAME OVER THE MOUNTAIN

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Strengthened Food And Drug Provisions

The Department of Health and Welfare has broadcast warnings to housewives to check their shelves for cans of liver paste sold under the Paragon brand label by Delicious Food Products Ltd. of Montreal. The department has used the radio to broadcast such an emergency warning as quickly as possible. This appears to be a welcome example of the benefits which Canadians may expect

PUBLIC FORUM

DISTURBING FACTORS
Sir,—A number of disturbing factors have manifested themselves on our horizon recently. Factors which do not readily contribute to the economical growth and well-being of Canada, as a young nation seeking to attain to mature nationhood. The recent wildcat strike of the Seafarers International Union was detrimental to the best interests of Canada. It has tended to create misunderstanding between two adjoining countries. Two countries, which must stand together in order to prosper. May it ever remain that way. There are many Canadians in the U.S.A. You can find them in every state in the union.

There are few countries in the world in such close proximity that can boast of the fact that there is no fortress, or a mounted gun along a boundary line of between four and five thousand miles in length. May it ever remain that way. There are many Canadians in the U.S.A. You can find them in every state in the union.

ECONOMIC FEARS
Sir,—I read with considerable interest the general viewpoint expressed by some of the citizens of this country in regard to the report that the RCAF Station might be closed down and the surplus land sold. It would have on the economy of Summerside and even Prince Edward Island.

I was especially surprised with the viewpoint of His Worship Mayor Morrison to which he stated he would be quite willing to sacrifice the cause of the RCAF Station in order to save the jobs of the people of Bordonia. I am sure the people of Bordonia as a whole are very grateful to him for his kind consideration for them.

Maybe some of the other organizations in Summerside who were so interested in pressing for the RCAF Station, will now give the same consideration to the people of Bordonia. And that they will now realize that the construction of a causeway would effect the jobs of around six hundred employees and wipe out a payroll of two million dollars annually, in order to keep the homes in Bordonia worth the price of a few foundations they are sitting on.

CITIZEN OF BORDEN
I am, Sir, etc.

WET SIDEWALKS
Sir—I would like to make a complaint about the sidewalk situation Elm Avenue in the Spring Park area. The sidewalks are fine and dandy when they are dry. When it rains an excessive amount, the water remains on top of the sidewalk for a depth of four or five inches, for two or three days. A person is forced to either plie a stick through this water or walk in the mud between the walks and the sidewalks.

The reason for the water remaining on top of the walks is because the sidewalks are too low. In 1962 there were 31,181 traffic accidents reported in Canada, a 14 per cent increase over 1961. The number of injuries rose 16.5 per cent compared with 1961 while the total number of car registrations rose only two per cent.

Wax Gloves For Arthritis

By Dr. Theodore H. Vandellen
Arthritis affecting the terminal joints is well the only form of arthritis that is more common in women than in men. It follows a definite genetic pattern. Many of the small joints of the hands have had sisters or a mother with the disturbance. It usually appears in middle age, but it can appear at the joints as well as in the hands and is extremely tender and painful.

Hard knobs, the size of a pea (Heberden's nodes) develop on the joints as well as in the roots of the nails. They are tender to the touch and ache when the hand is used. They may come on so slowly they progress unnoticed for months. It is important to get them treated as they appear and then in time the joints swell rapidly and are extremely tender and painful.

Regardless of the mode of onset, pain seldom lasts more than six months. But it is so often as relapsing that it is a real nuisance. The only relief is in the form of osteoarthritis. A related disorder is osteoarthritis of the terminal joint. The baseball finger is an example as well as the changes that occur in the thumb and in the index fingers of bowlers.

Treatment should be given. The use of the hands should be restricted when the joints pain is severe. Heat gives relief. The previous generation of physicians often recommended washing the hands in hot water. But paraffin baths are more modern, even though the principle is the same.

Approximately 2 to 4 pounds are melted gently and allowed to cool until the thermometer registers 110 and 120 degrees F. The hands are soaked in the hot water for 3 minutes and the wax dipped immediately into the water. When this wax "glove" sets, dip again and so this 12 to 15 times. Pull the paraffin after an hour and use again the next day. These liners are sold here at the ideal dry condition for the chore of sweeping and burning.

My thanks to a reader in Sarnia's "Blue Water" district, who sent me a welcome suggestion for an interesting column. "I am sure you will find the material so interesting that you will want to see your attention," he writes. "More power to you."

Another reader, Mrs. () is a Black of Quebec City, who sent me a question the report she read somewhere that Robert Thompson, national leader of the Social Credit Party, voted against the increase in Old Age Pensions. This report is an assure Mrs. Black, is not correct. She may be referring to the occasion when the Speaker of the House ruled that a Conservative amendment on the pension matter be put to a vote. The Speaker's ruling, so the House matter, but on whether to uphold the Speaker.

The Conservative amendment was obviously "out of order" as it infringed a basic rule of Parliament, so Mr. Thompson as well as a majority of the MPs in the House were properly voted to uphold the Speaker's ruling. It is an hour in a hot tub can be both relaxing and debilitating.

LONG BATHS
C.E.S. are not a hot tub bath or an hour's duration relaxing or debilitating.

TODAY'S HEALTH
If clothing catches fire, another flames by rolling in a carpet or blanket or on the floor or ground.

ACCIDENTS AT RECORD
MONTREAL (GP)—A Canadian were involved in a record number of traffic accidents last night, 1962 and 1963 provisions to be even worse, the All-Canada Insurance Federation said today. In 1962 there were 31,181 traffic accidents reported in Canada, a 14 per cent increase over 1961. The number of injuries rose 16.5 per cent compared with 1961 while the total number of car registrations rose only two per cent.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Many people take their politics too seriously and their pen and paper too lightly.—Financial Post
There's at least this to be said for Adenauer, a couple of decades ago we didn't even think he was possible.—Windsor Star

Our Yesterdays
(From the Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
November 1, 1938
Trapped by a Halloween barricade on the St. Catherine's road last night, the driver of a car was searched by a Mounted Police patrol was found in possession of three quarts of liquor. The man will appear in Court, Police said last night.

In some parts of Canada this has been a record-breaking year for the production of butter. As a result there is more butter than can be used during the month, and considerable difficulty selling it to other countries, who also have heavy surpluses.

TEN YEARS AGO
November 1, 1953
Rev. Claud Edward Shea, recently assistant curate at St. Dunstan's Basilica, Ch. a right-to-learn enlisted as a chaplain with the RCAF at the Summerside Base and will be posted to Officers School in London, Ont.

Senator Marjorie Ferguson of Fredon, N.B. will be in Charlottetown over the weekend to address a special meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club at the Charlottetown Hotel. Members of the Summerside Club will be guests of the Charlottetown Club on this occasion.

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