

who were in the city at 8:15 that morning of the blast are still receiving free city medical outpatient or occasional inpatient care. Government subsidy to finance such a care runs annually to \$2,780,000.

Though careful tabs are kept on victims, many have not reported at all, though fear of being regarded as maritally unattractive if known to have been a radiation-exposed person. Many a victim, on the other hand, has not married fearing that radiation effects might be transmitted to potential children.

So the toll continues, in human suffering, suspense, and death. And the Hiroshima bomb was a small affair indeed compared with the monsters that could be unleashed on the world in this year of grace, 1963.

A timely subject for contemplation, as we prepare once more for the solemn observance of our own Remembrance Day.

Where They Were

Following the defeat of the Government on a procedural motion in the House of Commons last week, the Toronto Globe and Mail published a list of the 89 Members of Parliament of all parties who had failed to vote. It was published under the title "Where Were They?" and it brought some self-righteous replies from a number of the absentees.

The explanations of where the missing MPs were when the vote was taken in the House make interesting reading. Some were at the United Nations, others were off to Malaya on Parliamentary business; a few were sick, a number were attending to urgent private or constituency affairs, and many were in Ottawa, including some paired with members absent from the other side of the House.

Thus it may be argued that many of the engagements that kept the missing MPs out of the House were important, and some even laudable. This the Globe and Mail concedes in commenting on the letters. "But the running of the country through Parliament," it adds, "is also an important and laudable activity, which should take precedence. It is the duty of the party whips to see to it that there are always enough MPs in attendance to insure the proper working of the Commons."

Whatever the excuses now offered, there is need for reform. Why, if Members feel that they have such good alibis for being absent, shouldn't they agree to a daily roll-call that would separate the sheep from the goats? The public expects Parliament to do its own housecleaning in a matter of this kind, and its failure to do so is a standing indictment of its irresponsibility and a neglect.

British Labor Gain

Thursday's byelection result in Kinross insures that Sir Alec Douglas-Home will enter the British House of Commons as Prime Minister. But his entrance will be something less than triumphant as a result of the Conservative defeat in Luton, a small industrial riding north of London whose past voting has led major national trends. It went Labor in 1945, but the Tories had held it, with increasing majorities, ever since.

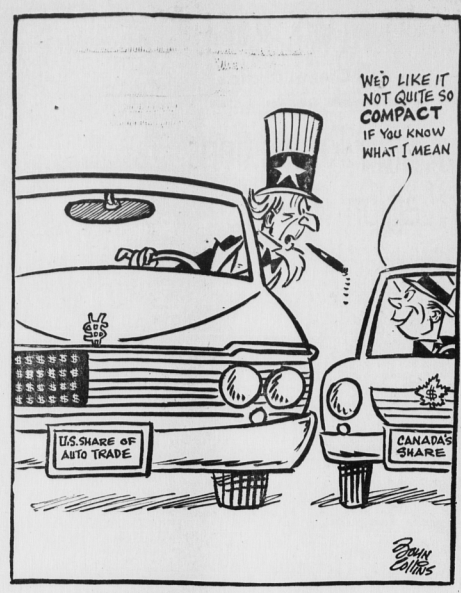
What is most significant about Thursday's Labor victory is that Luton is a bustling town where everybody is reportedly better off than average, and nobody is out of work. It is a car town—a boom town, whose pay rates are 20 per cent higher than the national average.

Doesn't prosperity count in terms of votes any more? That's what the Conservatives must be asking themselves, and the answer is not a promising one in its implications for the forthcoming general election.

EDITORIAL NOTES

On October 1 Canada reached the 19,021,000 population mark—a gain of 39,000 in three months. There should be close to 20,000,000 by the end of the year. Remarkable progress considering that in 1940 we were under 12,000,000.

Mr. Macleod, former co-chairman of the British Conservative Party and group leader of the House of Commons, has been named editor of The Spectator, who—comments an exchange—he can speak his mind freely on Sir Alex Douglas-Home's Government.



BIGGER COMPACTS THIS YEAR BRITISH COMMENTARY

The Commonwealth Scholarship Plan

The Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan is making progress in reaching its target of 1000 scholarships and Fellowships held at any one time in the various Commonwealth countries. It has been announced by the Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee. This was the number envisaged at the inception of the Plan at the first Commonwealth Education Conference at Oxford in 1959.

Although the achievement of this target, which can only be reached by a building up of annual intakes, is now in sight, the third Annual Report on the Plan 1962-63, which is drawn up by the Association of Commonwealth Universities for publication by the Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee, points out that it may take longer than was originally hoped.

It is evident from the Report that some of the countries which have initiated large numbers of awards, like Britain, Canada and Australia, are all now near their quota of awards. Britain announced in September that it had already done so but has had difficulty in reaching their national targets owing to withdrawals too late for re-placement.

A more serious problem, however, is that some countries have found difficulty in attracting candidates for their awards, particularly from the more developed Commonwealth countries, and in consequence they have only been able to grant a small proportion of the number of Commonwealth Scholarships they had made available.

On the federal level, Labor Minister Allan McEachen has his department working on studies of social, economic and political repercussions likely to result from a proposed set of labor standards for minimum wages, working hours, vacations and statutory holidays.

The Liberals—among their many campaign promises—pledged to bring in labor legislation for a minimum wage of \$1.25 an hour, a maximum working week of 40 hours, two weeks' vacation with pay after one year on a job, plus seven statutory holidays with pay.

In the United States last

OUR YESTERDAYS (From the Guardian Files)

November 9, 1933. W. Chester S. McClure, Charlottetown and John H. Myers, Summerside, returned Conservative campaigners who represented Queens County in the House of Commons in the Conservative regime and carried the party colors in the 1933 contest, were again mentioned as candidates in the next federal election at a large and enthusiastic convention of the National Conservative Association of Queens County, held yesterday afternoon in the Strand Theatre.

Charles Galbraith, general Scottish professional at the Bellevue Golf Club here, will begin his annual migration south this end of November. He will "pro" at Kingstree, South Carolina.

A memorial page in honor of the late Sir J. Selwyn Selwyn-Elmeton of the City Police Force is to be unveiled in the Magistrate's Court room this morning of Remembrance Day.

Rev. William Eric Johnson was induced into the ranks of New London by Ven. Archbishop G. H. Herron, Summerside and St. Eleonore, under the mandate of the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia at St. Peter's Church, Kensington on Nov. 4.

Heart Attacks Are Sudden

By Dr. Theodore R. Vandellon J. W. writes: "Could a person who never had heart trouble get a heart attack?" Yes, and some physicians have had a patient die this way shortly after telling him his heart was normal. This does not occur often but does happen even though the heart sounds good and the electrocardiogram shows no abnormalities.

Why? The usual heart attack is in reality not a disease of the heart itself but of the arteries which deliver nourishment and oxygen to the cells of the arteries and vessels. Blockage of the flow throbs a small part of the muscle of its nourishment. The tissue cells die and are replaced with scar tissue.

The basic cause is arteriosclerosis of the coronary arteries. Many years and sometimes decades elapse between the time the vessel begins to harden and the actual occlusion. There is no way to predict how a man's passageway is getting until the flow of blood becomes inadequate to meet the needs of the heart during exercise or excitement.

Chest pain (angina pectoris) develops at this time, which is relieved with nitroglycerine, rest or tranquility. But, if too often, the hardening process is painless and the first clue is a heart attack.

Special tests can be done to visualize the arteries and measure the circulation through these passageways, but they are not practicable at this time. On the other hand, several abnormalities increase the likelihood of coronary thrombosis. These are high risk factors include obesity, fatigue, anxiety, hypertension, and a high cholesterol level.

One of my colleagues concludes his consultation by saying, "I can't find anything wrong with your heart. Please don't embarrass me by having a heart attack when you leave my office."

RABIES BOOSTER

Mrs. G. writes: Will you include vaccination against rabies protect a dog for life?

REPLY No. Booster shots usually are given annually.

NOTES BY THE WAY

World - he weight reducers would do well to observe that it takes more than a pen on a knife to constitute a well-balanced diet. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

It is enough to have to worry about the survival of the whooping crane. Now we are told that the Arabian Oryx is down to six. — Ottawa Citizen.

Some songs are a lot more popular than the folks who imagine they can sing them. — Chatham News.

The Commons Defence Committee is going off to Europe, all bills paid, away from its committee-room labors and out over the bright blue sea to find out more about defence than chiefs of staff could tell it.

The Commonwealth have convinced themselves that the trip is necessary. It may be. If the committee on return does show the trip was useful no one will be more pleased than the taxpayer. But if it doesn't — Ottawa Journal.

"The human skeleton has no wishbone," says an anatomist. He's mistaken. Many a person has a wishbone where he should have a backbone. — Chatham News.

If the increase in postal rates will reduce the flood of junk mail that plugs the mail boxes many households will be able to see a silver lining. — Edmonton Journal.

Advertisement for Sterns Limited Launderers and Dry Cleaners. Includes text: 'May They Rest In Peace and Dignity', 'Sterns Limited', 'LAUNDERERS and DRY CLEANERS'.

Large advertisement for Provincial Command Royal Canadian Legion. Includes text: 'THESE SACRIFICES SHALL NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN', '...in Flanders Fields', 'to the glorious memory of those whose sacrifice we acknowledge to the utmost of our being... and remember forever!', 'Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, 1963', 'CHANDLER BROS. LTD.', '1 Plywood Place Charlottetown'.