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The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink.
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Inglorious Conference

As far as one can see, the only tangible result of the Federal-Provincial Conference which has now passed — somewhat ingloriously — into history was the decision to hold another conference if and when the Prime Minister should take the notion.

liamentary leadership of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation in 1940 and became its national president two years later after the death of Mr. J. S. Woods-worth.

A native of England and son of a Devonshire farmer, Mr. Coldwell came to Canada as a school teacher in 1910, and has continued to show a keen interest in educational affairs.

EDITORIAL NOTES

President Donald Gordon of the C.N.R. reports that things are "looking up" for the railway. Yes; and since his 50% raise in salary a few months ago, they are looking up for Mr. Gordon, too.

While the new school at North Rustico cost a good deal of money, it was money well spent, or more accurately, well invested; for, as acting-Premier MacKinnon reminded the people at the official opening, "the greatest asset of any community is its youth."

The Rev. Ira F. Curtis, director of education for the United Church of Canada, who passed away in St. John's, Nfld., a few days ago, was a distinguished son of a distinguished father.

The New York Yankees have left on a baseball tour of the Far East. That's one way of trying to forget their sorrows. However, should they get into difficulty with the Japanese, they can always send a distress call to the new champions, who would rush to their aid promptly.

An Honoured Guest

An enthusiastic welcome is being extended to Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod, 28th hereditary Chieftain of her Clan. It is, indeed, Dame Flora's second visit here. She was the first of a number of Clan chieftains to visit us, in August, 1951.

Today Dame Flora will pay official calls upon His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Acting Premier and Acting Mayor, and will be the guest of the Caledonian Club at a buffet supper and Ceilidh at The Charlottetown. Her visit is unfortunately limited to two days, but it is hoped that as many of our people as possible will be privileged to meet her.

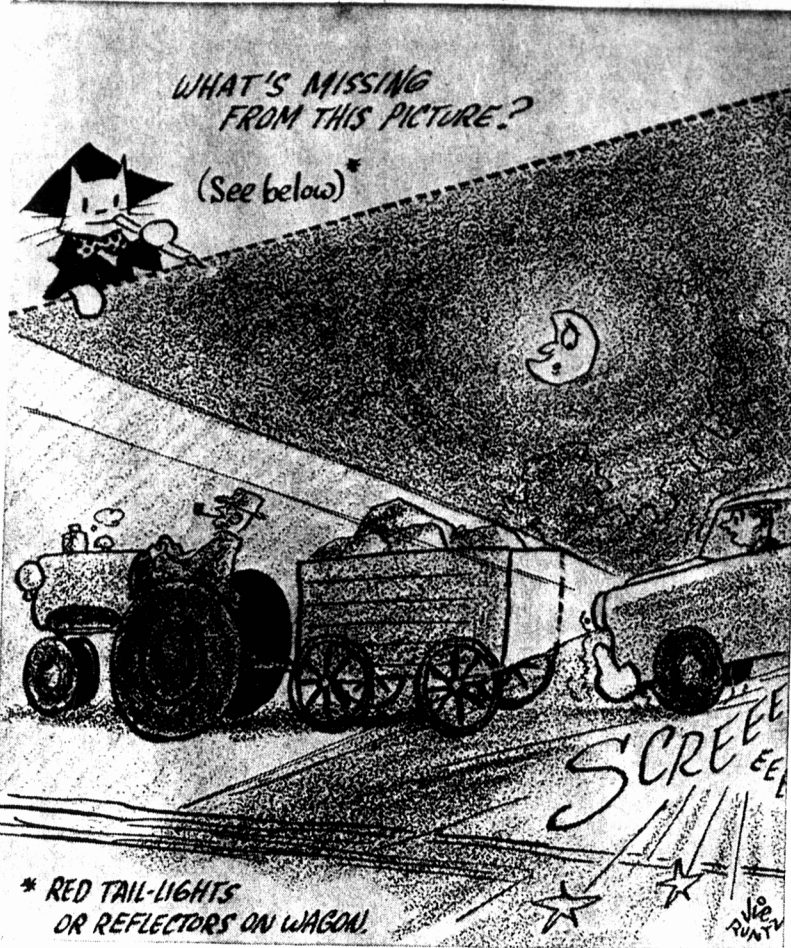
A Distinguished Canadian

Regardless of politics—and there are many in this Province who are opposed to him on that ground—Mr. M. J. Coldwell, M.P., national leader of the C.C.F. Party, is a welcome visitor to Prince Edward Island, and one who is no stranger to us either personally or by repute.

What to do about lookers-on at charity sales and the like has always been a problem. The Duke of Edinburgh thinks he has found a way to get rid of them. It's a bit expensive, but it works. At a recent bazaar sponsored by the Royal Family he came across a woman who had been hanging around all morning without buying anything.

The Age Old Story

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.



When Darkness Falls Early

Behind Uncle's Smile

Winnipeg Free Press

One broad national issue stands clearly in the forefront of the Dominion-Provincial Conference. Prime Minister St. Laurent's willingness to please is all very well, but where may it take us, or allow the ten provincial governments to take us? In particular, can it not mean a return to the chaos and confusion of Canada's prewar provincial and federal tax systems?

most important — there is, behind Mr. St. Laurent's wish to please everyone as much as possible, no retreat whatever from the essential federal principle in taxation. The only possible ground for argument and concern is much narrower. It is whether the anxiety to please all the provinces may lead to a variety in tax systems that, without being damaging in the prewar style, nevertheless could be considerably inconvenient particularly for nation-wide businesses.

Challenging The Public

Sydney Post-Record

The Canadian Teachers' Federation has produced a statement of policy that opposes employment of unqualified teachers in Canadian schools. This, surely makes it unanimous, but it's much the same as going on record as being against sin.

These questions have to be frankly faced. The speech made on Monday by Premier Duplessis of Quebec ensures that his manner could not have been more pleasant; the content of his speech could not have been more diametrically opposed to the principles of Canadian federalism and the spirit of the Canadian nation, as they are understood and felt outside Mr. Duplessis's party.

BASIC ASSERTION

This is the basic assertion of provincial "rights" against federal responsibility. Its complete and utter rejection was absolutely clear in all that Mr. St. Laurent said. All the urbanity in the world would not, fortunately, conceal the iron on this fundamental point, which is the very cornerstone of Canadian confederation. To talk about being richer or poorer than each other, and about "subsidies," is to conceal the point. It does not arise from that. It arises simply from the sizes of provinces. It would arise even if the inhabitants of the smaller provinces were actually better off, in income per head, than the people of Ontario and Quebec.

New Members For U.N.?

(Globe and Mail)

There are eighty-four communities in the world, as listed in the Statesman's Year Book, which qualify for the title of nation or state. Of the eighty-four only sixty are members of the United Nations. Thus UN is still some distance from its goal of universality.

The reason for the exclusion of most of the twenty-four outsiders is that the Soviet Union has vetoed numerous non-Communist candidates while the leading Western Powers have abstained from supporting (which come to the same thing as vetoing) several nominees proposed by the Russians. It may be absurd that no new member can join UN without the support of all five countries possessing the veto power. Secretary of State Dulles has suggested that the Charter should be amended so that the veto will no longer apply to elections. But it has applied since the United Nations was founded and it has been used repeatedly.

THERE IS NO RETREAT

The tax rental agreements recognize this. That is their attraction to Manitoba and other small provinces. But the type of equalization arrangement suggested by Mr. St. Laurent, as an alternative to tax rentals, recognizes it just as clearly. Indeed, makes it more explicit. That is undebatable by anyone with eyes to see. On this score — and it is the

The Post's Parody

IN TIME OF "THE BREAKING OF NATIONS"

Only a man harrowing clods in a slow, silent walk With an old horse that stumbles and nods Half asleep, as they talk.

Only this smoke without flame From the heaps of couchgrass: Yet this will go onward the same Though Dynasties pass.

Yonder a maid and her wight Come whispering by: War's annual will cloud into night Ere their story die.

—Thomas Hardy

Medically Speaking

ARE TONSILS NECESSARY

Whether or not tonsils should be removed is still a question in medical circles as well as in the average home.

In fact, a British child health expert is currently checking records of 1,000 children to determine the value of tonsillectomies.

While we don't understand the precise duties of the tonsils and adenoids, we believe that they do help protect children from disease. Since the tonsils are located at the entrance to the respiratory tract, it's generally believed that they help prevent the spread of infection.

During Early Years

This is especially important during early years when a child is more susceptible to disease and infection.

Generally, tonsils, if they are healthy, should not be removed before a youngster has reached the age of six. By this time they have served their chief purpose of adding to a child's immunity.

I doubt whether the protection afforded by tonsils is highly valuable after this age. Tonsillectomy apparently is a popular operation. Removal of tonsils and adenoids accounts for about one-quarter of all operations performed in this country each year.

Far too often, I'm afraid, the tonsils are taken out along with the adenoids simply because it's convenient.

Swollen adenoids frequently cause hearing defects by blocking the eustachian tubes and halting the flow of nasal secretions, causing repeated or continuous head colds. They also interfere with breathing, forcing a child to breathe through his mouth.

This, of course, usually means they should be removed. Snoring or trouble taking food sometimes are other indications for removal of a child's adenoids.

If X-ray treatments fail to relieve the situation, the doctor may recommend an operation even before the age of two.

Sinusitis usually is greatly relieved and sometimes entirely cured by removal of the adenoids. It not only improves breathing, but also helps sinus drainage.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. H. R.: What would cause a swelling on the left side of my stomach which causes a feeling of crowdedness after I have been in a sitting position for a period of time?

Answer: From the description you give it is possible that you have a hernia of the abdominal wall. On the other hand, the swelling could result from other causes, such as a tumor.

It is important that you have an examination made by your physician as soon as possible.

Claiming An Island

(Montreal Gazette)

In the teeth of a howling wind a strange ceremony took place on a tiny North Atlantic rock, some 200 miles northwest of Scotland. Capt. Richardson Harrison, Commander of the Royal Navy, sailed under direct orders of Queen Elizabeth "to effect a landing and hoist the union flag. . . you will then take possession of the island on our behalf."

It might seem strange that there could be any land left in the world unclaimed. But this little North Atlantic rock had been passed over in all the long centuries when men had claimed land for their countries.

It is, indeed, an uninviting spot. A helicopter had to be used for the landing, since the rock is 78 feet high, with a base area no larger than a baseball diamond.

The British Government has explained the annexation of the tiny rock. It is inside a proposed guided missile range.

And yet the centuries seemed to roll away when Her Majesty's officer pronounced the words: "In the name of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, I hereby take possession of the island. . ."

But the ceremony was testimony to how small the world has grown. In the days of the first Queen Elizabeth, awaiting exploration, continents were unclaimed. Today there is only a tiny rock, ignored for being as uninviting as it seemed useless.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

PEN-FRIEND WANTED

Sir—After reading many books in which your Island has been featured, I have been trying to get a penfriend there. As other means have been unsuccessful, I am now asking you to publish this letter in your newspaper. I am 13 years old and my hobbies are, reading, sports, gardening, animals, and hiking. Hoping that this letter will result in many penfriends.

I am, sir, etc., MARGOT KEENAN

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AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE.

Ottawa's statistics on population changes show that an increasing number of Canadians are flocking into the city to make enough money to go back and live in the country. — Hamilton Spectator

A civil servant is stepping out of his role when he comments on a government policy. Civil servants have no business defending policies; their job is to administer laws. And it doesn't matter one iota whether what they say is right. The point is that when it comes to a matter of policy, things which belong solely to responsible politicians, civil servants can't afford even to be right. They can only afford to be silent. — Ottawa Journal

Premier Frost, honored by his Cabinet on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday, said he hopes his government, by its good works, will increase life expectancy to 80. Mr. Frost is a very young man of 60, and in all probability will one day be a young man of 80. Whether a man is old or young, at 60 or at 80, depends on many things: On physiological inheritance, on environment, on fortune, on the mind. The great thing is to enjoy life — for as long as you have it. — London Free Press

Housewives are to get some help in selling their inventive ideas about household appliances. The Canadian Association of Consumers, representing 20,000 women, is coming to their aid. Many a woman may have an idea for an improved clothes peg or a better saucepan, "but for lack of encouragement such good ideas have usually disappeared down the drain," says a communication. So, a committee has been formed on "marketable ideas." — Sydney Post-Record

A warning to the Canadian people has been voiced by A. E. Lanning, president of the Dominion Command of the Canadian Corps Association, that the reserve forces of this country are at an all-time low. With this conclusion, no one can disagree. With this situation, no intelligent citizen can fail to feel concern. The world situation has eased in recent months, but the security of Canada still requires a substantial measure of military preparedness and a national failure to provide it would invite disaster. — Toronto Telegram

At the meeting of the Canadian education Association, in considering the education of children of unusual ability, some fear was expressed that if these were given special treatment, "intellectual snobbery" might result. Now, of all kinds of snobbery, intellectual snobbery is the least objectionable, for it is merely a perversion of a good thing. And of all kinds of snobbery, intellectual snobbery is the least likely to trouble Canada, for a country more bovine in its rejection of whatever seems to tax the intellect cannot now be found on the earth. Perhaps we ought to run the risk of intelligent snobbery in the process of encouraging the development of real intellect. — Peterborough Examiner

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