

Liberals Take Over

The old order changeth, yielding place to new. It is a law of nature, and when manifested in political affairs it is well that it should do so with the dignity and decorum that prevailed at Ottawa yesterday. All the amenities were scrupulously observed. The incoming Prime Minister first went alone to see the Governor General and take the oath of office, then presented His Excellency with his list of cabinet members for approval. The ceremony was a reminder that we are living under democratic rule, and that for victor and vanquished alike in electoral contests, it is the people's decision alone that counts.

Prime Minister Pearson is fortunate in having around him a nucleus of men with previous cabinet experience, and others of proven ability—men like Mr. Martin, for example, who now steps into Mr. Pearson's old role of external affairs minister; Mr. Chevrier, new minister of justice; Mr. Hellyer, minister of defense; Mr. Pickerskill, secretary of state, who will also act as government House leader; and Mr. Gordon, who, as anticipated, takes over as finance minister.

There is a strong representation of cabinet ministers from Quebec, many of them close to the Lesage government. The precedent set by the Diefenbaker government of having a woman in the cabinet has been followed in the appointment of Miss Judy LaMarsh as minister of health. It is pleasing to note, too, that Prince Edward Island will have an able and experienced parliamentarian in the cabinet in the person of Hon. J. Watson MacNaught, solicitor general. This, too, follows the example of the outgoing Conservative administration in which Hon. J. Angus MacLean held the portfolio of fisheries. Mr. MacLean was the first native Islander to hold rank as minister at Ottawa for many years, and it is to be hoped now that the practise will be continued by succeeding governments.

That, of course, will depend on the calibre of the representatives we send to Ottawa. There is no obligation on any federal government to follow this rule as a matter of course. It cannot make bricks without straw. In Mr. MacNaught's case, as in Mr. MacLean's, the appointment was made on its merits. We congratulate the Prince County member most warmly on this recognition of his service in public life, and are confident that he will render a good account of himself. Indeed, we should have had something quite different to say about the new setup had his claims been ignored on this occasion.

A Neat Comeback

Government departments at Ottawa have come under fire from a royal commission for being poor hands at running their own business. Waste and extravagance have been scored, and examples have been given that have made headlines across the country. Scathing comments on the subject have been made in Parliament. Reforms have been promised. Everywhere we go, we find that it was the bureaucrats who were brought under control, and conducted themselves more along the lines followed by private industrial and commercial enterprises.

This controversy sparked by the commission reports is still going on. The reports keep dribbling in,

with fresh attacks on governmental inefficiency. But in the meantime the bureaucrats have refused to remain in the doghouse. They've taken the stump in a book issued by the Trade and Commerce Department to show how business should be conducted. Not their business, but private business. The work has come out in a slick paper-back which markets at 50 cents and covers business from beginning to end, from organizing to bankruptcy. Both English and French editions will be sold.

The industrial promotion branch of the department hopes the book "will encourage new business ventures and increase efficiency in old ones." It appears to be a very competent piece of work, and it may well achieve these aims. The items covered include tax laws, insurance regulations, choice of location, type of business, retail policies, accounts, credit business regulations, employee and employer relations. On the other side, placed immediately before the bankruptcy chapter is a section dealing with combines and monopoly regulations, explaining them in easy but precise terms.

The title of the book, "How to Run a Business." Let's hope a copy will be sent to that nose-royal commission that has been so free with its criticism about governmental business, with the compliments of the staff, and the following sentence from the book's keynote message neatly underlined: "Weigh the evidence carefully before reaching a decision!"

Copenhagen Conference

Canada, along with other Commonwealth nations, has a stake in the talks which opened last week in Copenhagen between British and Danish government spokesmen. Both countries are members of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). Both sought to join the Common Market (the European Economic Community, or EEC). Neither could. Each has toward the other the greatest goodwill, but their difficulties as they seek to reach a fresh agreement cast a long shadow over the future.

After the breakdown of the Common Market talks, the EFTA set out to prepare a bold program of action to eliminate tariffs by 1966, and to include "arrangements relating to trade in agricultural goods and fishery products." Denmark, which is in the main an agricultural country, is asked to open its small home market for industrial goods before 1967 to the full and advanced productive power of Britain. Unless its own exports can be increased, it faces a severe double trade squeeze. Therefore it is asking, urgently, for "Commonwealth status" in the British market for its agriculture.

A key item is butter. As well as running butter quotas, Britain has a tariff on butter for non-Commonwealth countries. This gives the latter, notably New Zealand and Australia, a preference of 15 shillings (\$2.10) a hundred weight. Besides asking to share this preference, Denmark also urges duty-free entry for cheese, boned ham, and canned ham.

Denmark points out that removal of preferences would not injure any other trades where quotas still exist. But Britain's major difficulty is that the preference is of such a kind that Denmark cannot be given duty-free access unless the Commonwealth countries involved give their consent. This the Commonwealth countries are unwilling to do unless they have some kind of compensating advantage elsewhere in their trade. With other agricultural items the incomes of Britain's own farmers, too, become a major concern.

Meanwhile Denmark has put a 12-mile fishery limit around the Faroe Islands, a major British middle-distance fishing ground; and Norway, another EFTA member, wants British tariffs taken off fish like herring and haddock and oil lobsters and prawns.

EDITORIAL NOTE

A decline in the landings of sea fish and shellfish in the Atlantic Province in March of 11 percent, to some 37,612,000 pounds from 42,310,000 in the same month last year, is reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. However, landed value rose five percent to \$2,384,000 from \$2,181,000.



WHEN I THINK TOO IT COST



BALLOT BOX POST-EASTER REFLECTIONS

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Awaiting Spring's Symphonies In Color

This National Capital has been enjoying the most spectacular display of crocuses ever seen around the National War Memorial, and on the nearby "Laurier Slopes" of Parliament Hill. After one of the most consistently cold winters anyone can remember, the brilliant carpets of yellow and blue and white blooms gave an exhilarating lift to a morosely cheerful population of Ottawans. And the usually short-lived Spring flowers seem to have lasted longer than ever in this late and longer-for relief from winter.

In my own garden I lost a what are probably the very first floral harbingers of Spring: masses of those delicate little white Snowdrops hanging bell-like from their short stalks. The crocuses of Capital Hill literally brightened my day almost the day after the warm-up began on the snow on Easter Sunday. While snow still lay banked in shelters of north-easterly winds, we were celebrating their third Sunday in bloom.

FESTIVALS TO COME

In a month, Ottawa will once again be celebrating its annual "Festivals of the City." It attracts tourists from other parts of Canada and from across the border. Canoe and kayak races along the oceanic Driveway bare licences from the northern States and from Quebec, while tourists' occupants kneel to photograph the prize blooms in the gardens of the Queen's Hotel, and the welcome accorded to her and her children here during the war, when her own country was overrun by the Germans.

So with the advent of warmer weather, Ottawans are beginning to forget the rough, tough winter which saw our bills soaring. From Europe to Florida, in Japan and New England, it has been a savage winter marked by newspaper headlines on rare and bizarre blizzards. Yet such an outrageous winter. The lowest temperature recorded was nineteen below zero on February 6th. Six inches of snow to date are 22 inches below the average (but more than come).

PUBLIC FORUM

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POOR INSPIRATION

Since the first replica of the P.E.I. House of Legislature was seen and admired by many Canadians in other provinces, I wonder what those same Canadians would think if they could see and hear what has been going on in this same "House" during the session of the Legislature? Members rising to their feet (out of order) and carrying on with their little and boring and stupid line dialogues that insure any House has ever witnessed.

A universal complaint these days is that our young people have little respect for authority. Well, if our young people are reading the accounts of the sessions in Legislature, they are wondering if they would be inspired with respect for our Parliament.

Let's make our voices heard in condemning this mockery of our House of Legislature. We are a young and energetic representative and demand that he conduct himself according to parliamentary procedure, and whoever voted for the "speakers" for pity sake write to him and ask him to speak out when required! I am Sir, etc. ROWEN M. Stewart

Increase in TB Alerts Officials

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen TUBERCULOSIS IS A COERCIBLE disease and health authorities became alerted when there is a sudden increase in the number of cases in a certain area. This took place in New York in 1959 when the disease jumped to 100,000 of the population. The national average was then 17.7. The increase was due to one school district and it was obvious someone with active latent tuberculosis was passing infection to others. According to Dr. Evelyn P. Rogers of the New York State Department of Health, the culprit turned out to be the driver of school bus No. 226.

The 226 pupils who rode this vehicle attended five of the school's classes. A statistical analysis revealed that 32 per cent of these youngsters had a positive tuberculin test and 19.5 per cent had active tuberculosis. This was in contrast to the outcome of the children who rode other buses. Of these, the tuberculin rate was 1.8 per cent and active tuberculosis was present in only 0.1 per cent.

What about the bus driver? The school district requires a chest X-ray every year for every person seeking employment for this job. The man had contracted a tuberculosis infection several months before his employment. X-rays at that time showed a small, inactive lesion. Several X-rays were taken at monthly intervals and the lesion cleared progressively. It was completely gone by the time of his pre-employment X-ray.

Five months later, the driver became ill. He had a fever, night sweats, fatigue, cough, and weight loss. He was hospitalized and diagnosed as having tuberculosis. He was treated with isoniazid, streptomycin, and rifampin. He was discharged after six weeks and returned to work. He has remained well since then.

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Volcanic Outbursts

The explosions were heard as far away as western and southern Ontario, New Brunswick, and the Philippines. Particles of dust from the eruption were borne by winds around the world. Awful tidal waves, or tsunami, destroyed a thousand lives and drowned more than 36,000 human beings in western Japan.

Our Yesterday's

Clarence Siple, of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, was presented with a remembrance gift and address by workers in the Department office yesterday afternoon. Mr. Siple has been in charge of the department since 1958 and leaves today to take up his duties in the Western Capital.

ESTERN TRUST

Large and small depositors come to the future with EASTERN TRUST. Eastern Trust your savings earn 4%, with interest calculated on the minimum monthly balance. Steady Eastern Trust interest payments add to your account and help you to save faster for the things you need. Savings are safe with EASTERN TRUST, one of Canada's senior trust companies with branches from coast to coast.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It's no longer enough to build a better mousetrap. The price has to be low enough to attract wide competition. — Edmonton Journal. Children all share one good habit. They do not go about town with their parents. — Stratford Beacon Herald. Visitor — "What became of that wild animal that was here last year?" Native — "There was only one. It was so tame, so we took it down." — Hamilton Spectator. You can't stop progress: Halvar Maazel, an electronics expert, has succeeded in condensing sound. He can now offer it in pills the size of a headache tablet. — Berlingske Tidende. Some married men are born with cold feet, some acquire cold feet and some have cold feet thrust upon them. — Stratford Sun. The most annoying thing about a practical joker is his belief that those who do not laugh at his pranks have a sense of humor. — Stratford Sun. "Since he lost his money, half his phlegm when it rains, and his hair when it rains, you don't know yet that he has lost it." — Vancouver Press. Boss: You feel psychiatrically helped you? Secretary: Yes, a few months ago I was so tired I was afraid to answer my telephone. Now, I answer it whether it rings or not. — Montreal Gazette.

No Early Happy Ending

Britain and France have taken the first tentative steps toward a common market, but the happy ending may be a long way off. The meeting in Paris between President De Gaulle and the Earl of Home, Britain's foreign secretary, was a welcome improvement in relations, and encouragement can be gleaned from the bumper crop of British tourists bent on spending Easter in the French capital.

Grey Owl 25 Years After

The last most Canadians who remember him at all heard of Grey Owl was that he was a fake, no Indian but an Englishman named Archibald Belaney who had carried off, as the London Times termed it, "one of the greatest massacres in history."

WALLEY WOMAN

H.W. writes: Can walleye in a woman of 60 be operated on for a better life? It alone? REPLY: It alone unless the condition is causing pain. Relief of pain is the aim of the operation, not the gain of weight. The added fat holds the kidney in place.

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