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The Old Party Game

It used to be a popular move in election campaigns, on the part of the party which happened to be in line with the party in power at Ottawa, to stress the advantages of having both governments of the same stripe politically.

Take for example the humiliation inflicted on a local Liberal government by the St. Laurent administration at Ottawa, when our payments under the tax sharing agreements were curtailed on the excuse that we had been overpaid—just on the eve of the budget presentation in the Legislature.

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Too Talkative

The United States recently received from the Canadian government a tentative promise of water from Canada's vast reservoirs at some future date. At least, it was thought to have done so in a statement made by Jack Davis, parliamentary assistant to the federal minister responsible for national energy administration, who said that Canada eventually will export water to the U.S., though it cannot do so until Canada surveys its own needs.

We may expect, when Parliament resumes, some pointed opposition queries as to what authority Mr. Davis had for venturing into this controversial field. Provincial governments, Mr. Williston insists, have full jurisdiction over all water in their own territory, and so far as B.C. is concerned "there will be no export of water to the United States in the conceivable future." He condemned as impractical and unrealistic the assumption that Canadian water, once diverted there, could be repatriated later on. B.C.'s policy, he said, is to keep its water at home and attract people and industry to it.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The popular trend to TV in classrooms got a knock last week from a member of the Toronto Board of Education. Speaking at the Ontario Education Association conference, he said the impact of educational TV in Canada has been negligible and has not justified the expense.

Bitter Millennium

While we're getting ready to observe our Centennial of Confederation in what we hope will be an atmosphere of cordiality, Poland last week began celebrations of its Millennium of statehood and Christianization. A wonderful occasion indeed; but already the celebrations have been shadowed by the sharpest clash between the secular Communist government and the Roman Catholic Church in 10 years.

Catholic plans for a gigantic religious pilgrimage headed by the Pope and a group of Western cardinals and bishops have been thwarted by the government's refusal of entry visas. The Vatican was told a papal visit would be inopportune. The state occasions began last weekend with public demonstrations in Gniezno—the oldest Polish diocesan see—and Poznan in western Poland.

It was at Poznan where the primate Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, accompanied by his bishops, conducted open air services on Sunday. Between 100,000 and 200,000 Poles attended Mass outside the Poznan cathedral while hundreds of thousands more packed the vast Mickiewicz Square to hear Communist party leader Wladyslaw Gomulka accuse the church of trying to hold ceremonies in opposition to the state celebrations, of trying to weaken Poland's relations with the Soviet Union and of trying to turn the country into a "bulwark of Christianity again."

The same unhappy pattern seems in store as the dual celebrations unfold throughout the spring and summer. Church-state tensions today are said to be as acute as in the last years of the Stalin period.

In 1956, when Gomulka came back to power, Cardinal Wyszynski was released after a three-year exclusion from church life. An agreement was reached which was one of the most hopeful of the "liberalizing" developments, but which has since been the occasion of sharp dispute. The atmosphere has steadily deteriorated in recent months, with defiant church sermons and rebuttals and a barrage of criticism from the government press.

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The international water argument has not necessarily been settled by the British Columbia veto. But what is disturbing is that Mr. Davis is presumed to speak for the federal government. Plainly if it was a federal policy statement he was making, it should have come from his minister or from the Prime Minister himself. Even if he was only attempting to theorize on behalf of his superiors, it would have been better if he had used more discretion.

The Times of London reports an airport manager who has statistics to show that air travel is safer than horse travel. These figures show that in 1909, allegedly the peak year for horse travel, some 25 million horses and mules covered 13 million miles. In the process 3,850 persons were killed in accidents involving horses or mules or horse or mule drawn vehicles. That's 30 fatalities for every 100 million miles. The claimed air line safety rate for the period of 1958-63 was 45 deaths per 100 million miles. Therefore it is at least 60 times safer to fly than go by horse!



BRITANNIA RULING THE WAVES

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Fills New Role With Marked Success

"Mr. Speaker, may I ask the permission of the Minister of Health and Welfare to invite his Parliamentary Secretary to be my Valentine?" That request—unusual because a lady P. S. is exceedingly rare in our House of Commons—was the tribute paid to the Merry Widow from New Brunswick by a fellow MP on February 14.

Her parliamentary day is long and well-filled. She often gets up very early in her small get-up apartment to have her hair done before breakfast. "I believe that a woman in public life should always appear well-groomed," she told me, and Margaret Rideout never looks less than her best, smartly but neatly dressed.

Updating The Rolls

We noticed a little item in the news the other day to the effect that a new Rolls-Royce, the first updated version to appear in 10 years, will soon be available. We are not thinking of buying one—not when they start at \$20,000, we're not—but it is amusing to note some of the features of this remarkable machine.

PUBLIC FORUM

LABOR SITUATION Sir,—The current labour situation is a matter of concern to all in this community. Believing that the just resolution of this problem will contribute to the good of the entire community, we of the St. Dunstan's University Extension Department have seen fit to involve ourselves in the study and evaluation of the present labour situation.

1. The present situation in which the construction industry finds itself clearly indicates that the structure for carrying out normal labour relations within the industry is far from adequate. Both labour and management have a serious responsibility to themselves and to the community to repair this inadequate structure. It is essential, then, that discussions be held between representatives of workers and management to ensure that the situation of the unskilled workers be understood and that the special problems of management in the industry be recognized. It is necessary that such discussions be held immediately. On such discussion rests the hope for a just and equitable settlement of this problem.

Symbolic Beard

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen In China, oldsters are highly respected and revered by their descendants. In this country, we are accused of going to the other extreme. Much of the difficulty stems from the belief that elderly persons are different. Our young whippersnappers cannot be convinced that age does not eradicate love, hope, joy, hatred, jealousy, and other emotions; they can be as strong in a man of 80 as in a 20 year old.

There is a possibility that our more lenient attitude about retirement may lead the younger groups to drop their prejudices about the capability of the older and return to the attitude of their forebears when a long white beard was symbolic of wisdom and judgment. Millions are living beyond the age of 65. These individuals are not content to vegetate in the green pastures of retirement. An overwhelming majority are too keen and active for a dull existence. Many find the answer in retirement villages where they live in beautiful homes and apartments that are tailor-made for their needs.

Housing projects for senior citizens are cropping up in many cities to handle an increasing demand for such facilities. These buildings are not in the country, but in the middle of town "where the activity is." It is here that retirees mingle with the world they helped to build without being annoyed by responsibility and worry.

MOTHER NEEDS ATTENTION B. N. writes: My 50-year-old mother is active and emotional and worries a lot. Sometimes she does not sleep well for five or six nights in a row. Her prescribed reading is 170-125. Could this be responsible for her symptoms?

REPLY There is enough wrong with your mother to cause concern. She should see her family physician.

TESTS WILL TELL A. E. W. writes: My son has had many nosebleeds. Is there any way I can find out whether he is a bleeder?

REPLY A few simple laboratory tests will disclose whether or not the boy has hemophilia, scurvy, purpura hemorrhagica, or the rare disorder, hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia.

CHUBBY LEGS N. W. writes: Are fat legs inherited? My figure is nice but my legs are hefty. My mother is fat all over, including her legs.

REPLY This particular pattern has been noted in families and in this respect may be considered hereditary.

TINGLING FINGERTIPS A. E. O. writes: I will be 89, and was unusually well until a year ago when my fingertips acquired a tingling sensation which has become worse. What can this be?

REPLY Anemia, poor circulation, or neuritis.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Improper lifting can cause backache. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

Henry Ford's Law

Christian Science Monitor

The other day we saw and enjoyed a fearsome and futuristic British color movie cartoon called Automania. It showed the day when automobiles would cover the earth 20 to 30 deep and families would live their whole lives in them. Fantastic? Of course. But thought-provoking.

On A Cow Moose

Calgary Herad

Written by an unknown child, we found the following essay delightful: "The animal I am going to write about is the skunk. The skunk is a cute little animal but it has a bad smell. "I do not know much about the skunk, so I will go on to the animal I am going to choose. It is the cow moose. The cow moose is a mammal. It has six sides—right, left, back and belly. "At the back it has no tail with which to swat flies, so it runs out on to the highway and wrecks cars and gets killed. The head is for the purpose of growing big ears, and so that the moose can hear the hunters call, and the mouth to answer that call.

GERMANS LOOK TO SEA East Germany's shipyards build about 60 ocean-going vessels a year

NOTES BY THE WAY

Women make up 65 per cent of Norway's merchant seamen. Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of perfume. — Calgary Herald. Then there is the type of person who tries to drown out the voice of conscience by singing hymns in a loud voice. — Guelph Mercury. Parents recognizing the perils which face young people today yearn for the era when the biggest threat was Rudolph Valentino. — Algoma Record-Herald. Young men proposing marriage these days are said to say to their girl friends, "Let's pool our pay envelopes." — St. Catharines Standard. Still awaiting a discoverer an effective liniment for a lan excuse. — Windsor Star. Time was when "A penny saved is a penny earned"; no penny saved is a penny taxed. — Galt Reporter. It's usually difficult to tell a saint from a sinner when they are fishing together. — Chatam News. The leading light at the cocktail party is no longer the male with all the technical details about Viet Nam. He's the one who can list all the inquiries commissions and investigations now under way in Canada. Ottawa Journal.

Another Heart Tonic

Ottawa Journal

In an era of miracle pills that can tranquilize or exhilarate, the countryman takes a neutral position. Pill consumption is a national pastime and perhaps it is better than molasses and sulphur or pissisaw tea. Half a century ago, a foresighted citizen laid in a supply of Wine of Life to banish that tired feeling and put him in fettle for the rush of oncoming work. But there is another tonic—a natural combination of ingredients that man has not been able to duplicate in terms of vitamins, minerals and drugs. It is a heart tonic that engenders renewed faith. This special spring tonic is compounded of many things: the carol of the first robin, the sight of a brown patch along the south side of the woodlot, the drumming of a partridge, the bugle of a jay, a bouquet of pussy willows on a living room table and the song of a rushing brook. The tonic has the feel of spring in the air, gray-purple smoke billowing from old sulphur houses among patriarchal maples, the whistle of the train flogging back over the hills and the low-pitched, impatient moaning of the cows in the barnyard. Man cannot list all the items that go into this heart tonic in the spring. He knows, however, what it does for him. When winter is over and the climbing sun strikes the drifts, lengthens the alders' catkins and swells the maples' buds, he takes his heart tonic and gets a lift that gives renewed meaning to life.

No FBI Agents Wanted

Toronto Daily Star

Agents of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation have no business crossing the border into Canada in search of Americans who have failed to register for the draft. Ottawa is investigating reports that incidents of this sort have taken place without the knowledge of the Canadian government. If the reports prove to be accurate, then the practice must stop. It is worth reminding the U.S. that 154 years ago our two countries got involved in a war, partly as a result of this very type of tactic. One of the causes of the War of 1812 between Britain and the U.S. was the practice of the British stopping American ships on the high seas to remove seamen whom they claimed were British subjects and, in some cases, deserters from the Royal Navy. The immigration department is aware of the presence of so-called draft-dodgers in Canada, but as far as can be determined, their number is very small and does not constitute any great problem. Draft-dodging is not an extraditable offence, and, therefore, no legal procedures are available for the U.S. to get these men back across the border. If they are official landed immigrants, then they have every right to remain in Canada. Washington is entitled to expect co-operation from Canadian authorities in dealing with offenders against U.S. law, but any inquiries carried out in this country should be the responsibility of Canadian agencies.

First In The Woodlands

New York Times

Some call them hepaticas, and they burst bud on hairy stems that rise from winter-worn leaves before the first new leaves appear. They grow on rocky hillsides where rich pockets of leaf mold catch the ooze and trickle of late March and early April. On a sunny day they are like flecks of cloudless sky on the littered floor of the leafless woodland.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 19, 1941)

In the literary competition of the women's Canadian Club of Toronto, honorable mention was given Dorothy Hutchison Duchemin of Charlottetown for her poem, "Ever He Loved the Ways of Birds." The unending mass of men, arms and planes the Germans were able to throw recklessly against the stubbornly resisting allied line in Greece was causing increasing concern over the outcome of the campaign.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 19, 1956)

A most enjoyable concert by pupils of Rena Johnstone and sponsored by the Irwin Christian Fellowship was heard by an appreciative audience in Heartz Memorial Hall. Mrs. Edith Davison was narrator and Rev. G. Howard Christie was chairman. A well attended meeting of the P.E.I. Music Festival Association was held at Prince of Wales College, with the president, Mrs. Preston Beck, presiding.

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