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The Speech from the Throne which our legislators will be debating for the next few days contains 48 paragraphs, most of them short and snappy.

The financial details, of course, will not be available until the budget comes down; but the Speech certainly has all the earmarks of a pre-election document.

Here and there we confess to some misgiving as to how the program will work out. It is stated, for example that a medicare plan will be instituted for recipients of old age and disability assistance.

The whole subject of our fiscal relations with Ottawa is left vague in the Speech, it being noted merely that in the past year the government has participated in a number of federal-provincial conferences.

There has been a lot of horse-trading going on at these secret meetings, and too often we have come out of them with precious little to show for it.

ADB Activities

Without attempting to give a complete picture of the activities of the Atlantic Development Board at the Charlottetown Board of Trade meeting Wednesday night, Director Ernest P. Weeks succeeded in presenting a broad and informative summary.

The board has been particularly interested in power, transportation, pure water, industrial parks and sites, and research. In these fields it has recommended, and the government has approved, projects to be financed from the fund involving over \$71 million.

understanding with regard to the provision of basic services for industrial sites or parks. These projects, he emphasized, fall into two district types. In such cases as Georgetown, where the community is small and could not bear a significant share of the costs, the board accepts the main responsibility provided the project appears to be economically sound.

Not so clear—to us at least—was the speaker's explanation of the board's reasons for launching studies on the feasibility of a submarine cable connection to this province. This was to tie us up to the Maritime Grid system.

Actually, the feasibility of the causeway, and the government's intention of undertaking it, was announced in Parliament by Prime Minister Diefenbaker before the Atlantic Development Board was ever established.

In these circumstances, we could never understand the board's purpose in resurrecting the submarine cable idea when it did. It couldn't have picked a more inopportune occasion.

However, that's all in the past now. It's but one of the many misunderstandings that have been ironed out successfully—praise be!—in connection with this great undertaking.

Happy Landing

Congratulations to Hon. J. Watson MacNaught on his appointment to the \$20,500-a-year post of chairman of the Dominion Coal Board. We have no doubt that our former Island representative in the Pearson cabinet will discharge his new duties conscientiously and well.

"When storms blow loud, 'tis sweet to watch at ease From shore, the sailor labouring with the seas;

Meanwhile we note that while ten Senate appointments were announced from Ottawa yesterday, our Island vacancy in the Upper House has not yet been filled. That will mean more suspense for the deserving democrats who feel that they are in line for this appointment.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Everything is going up these days, even in Scotland. At the famous village of Gretna Green, traditional wedding place for elopers, marriage fees have been raised from 15 shillings to 35 shillings.

Science is taking a hand in improving cattle strains. According to the president of the Ontario Beef Improvement Association, computers will soon select the most suitable cows to be used for breeding.



ALL SWEEPED UNDER THE RUG

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Choice Of Next Governor General Difficult

"The King is dead; long live the King." That is an old saying, and an even older constitutional fact. The governmental apparatus must be continued without rupture.

But some "kings" are killed off prematurely in newspapers, as speculation ponders on their possible successors when the time comes. Conservative leader John Diefenbaker's replacement has been a matter of active speculation for years.

Our Yesterdays

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (February 25, 1941) Mrs. J.A. Mathieson announced she was retiring as regent of the Royal Edward Chapter, IOE, a position she held 10 years.

TEN YEARS AGO

During the past weekend Brigadier G.G.K. Peake, Commander 2 Militia Group Headquarters, Charlottetown, attended the annual conference of Militia Group Commanders from Eastern Command at Halifax, N.S.

The 20th Soviet Communist Party congress

closed after electing an enlarged ruling central committee with 53 new members, all strong supporters of the new line laid down by party secretary Nikita Khrushchev.

The Poets Corner

OLD WEST KENT How silent now your empty halls, So like a mother, old and grey, Who's labored long to rear her sons

Pride And Poverty

Agriculture Minister Greene sounded surprised, in his speech at Almonte a few days ago, that pride and poverty could be found hand in hand. He reported that a survey of rural poverty had covered a group of families denied the barest essentials of living.

Bread Is A Yardstick

Canadians, every man, woman and child of them, eat on an average two pounds of bread a week. Give or take a trifle, it remains the same year after year. An increase of two cents on the price of a loaf of bread does not seem much, particularly if one stays with that comfortable "average figure".

MP, Cabinet Minister and Lieutenant Governor in a long life of service to his adopted country. Like him the Montreal neurologist Dr. Wilder Penfield has been suggested, but as a USA baby would not meet the requirement of being Canadian-born.

DEFECTIVE NAILS

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REPLY

Deformities of the nails are caused by injury, infection, and poor circulation. In some instances the nails look like miniature ram's horns.

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Mr. Lippmann & History

Mr. Walter Lippmann, in defending the stand on Viet Nam taken by Mr. George Kennan and Gen. Gavin, rejects the description of them as neo-isolationists. He says that Mr. Kennan himself who used this epithet to describe his political philosophy.

The interviewers perh ap a would have been shocked or surprised had they had an impressionist quote Emerson, who said that poverty consisted in feeling poor.

FEW HOLD OUT

The city of Grand Coulee, has a population of 35,000, of whom 24,301 are Roman Catholics.

Abandon The Ship

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Few people will experience a shipwreck, but it is wise to have some factual information about survival in case it happens. Formerly, most passengers relied entirely on life jackets and lifeboats, but these are of value only in ideal conditions.

How can you increase your chance of survival after being shipwrecked? Should you wear clothing, strip, or put on an overcoat? Is it to your advantage to swim or to float about keatinge of Oxford attempted to answer these questions after making a thorough study of survivors of the Lakonia that sunk in 1958.

The ship, carrying 648 passengers and 376 in crew, was cruising off Madeira in December. The water temperature was 60 degrees. Only 18 of 24 lifeboats could be launched leaving 150 to 200 on board.

There were 124 deaths and only 11 of these were caused by injury or by accident. The other 113 fatalities were caused by a drop in body temperature while floating in the cool water.

Studies on volunteers showed that the body loses considerable heat during exertion and shipwrecked persons should float (preferably near each other) unless land or a rescue ship is within sight.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Two women were comparing notes about their shopping trips. "The thing I hate most about parking a car," said one, "is that awful sickening crash."

The arrival of those personalized income tax forms in the mail is a grim reminder that although spring may not come as soon as we would like, it will probably be here before many can afford it.

Public office has its risks everywhere, but there can be few places where it is more hazardous than it appears to be in Indonesia. President Achmed Sukarno is reported to have offered a cabinet post to anyone who can bring prices down within three months.

Dogs are more pampered and molly-coddled than women. Their owners can buy them leached panties, perfume, pyjamas, nail varnish and neckties. French fashion houses have designed them special winter outfits.

The term, "sales tax," is in error, as it is the buyer, not the seller, who pays the tax. — Gueph Mercury.

He pulled the car over to the side of a lonely road and listened intently to the engine a few minutes. Finally he said to his shapely blonde companion, "I wonder what that knocking could be?" "Maybe," she replied, "it's opportunity." — Toronto Star.

And the White House closed the gap a little between its position and that of the New York senator by stating that the U.S. would abide by the results of any free elections held in South Viet Nam, even if the Communists won seats.

There still exists a major division between the Johnson administration and Kennedy regarding the seating of National Liberation Front representatives as an independent entity at a conference table.

Senator Kennedy's Proposals

The four-day verbal battle between Robert Kennedy and the administration of President Johnson has done much to help clarify the United States position regarding any Vietnamese peace talks.

The battle also has left the New York Democratic Senator, brother of the late president John F. Kennedy, a somewhat larger figure on the American political scene—someone to be taken seriously despite his differences with Johnson.

Administration spokesman immediately rejected the senator's proposals, saying they would weaken U.S. bargaining power and could lead to Communist control of the post-war South Vietnamese government.

What Kennedy has put forward dramatically is essentially suggested by Secretary-General U Thant of the United Nations at a press conference Jan. 20. But Thant's suggestions were immediately turned down by U.S. State Secretary Dean Rusk, and resulted in limited discussion only.

Peace On Wall Street

A simple little thing like a peace rumor gave Wall Street a bad day this week. It all started with a report that North Vietnam president Ho Chi Minh had written the Indian government asking it to use its good offices in peace moves.

Before anyone could check the facts, the stock market's high-speed tickers fell 19 minutes behind the floor transactions, and in about an hour the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged about 8 1/2 points.

Aerospace and war stocks suffered the biggest drops, and commodity markets, too, fluttered downwards. Then, suddenly it was all over. It turned out that North Vietnam's move had been made two weeks ago and Ho's letter, essentially the same as that sent elsewhere from Hanoi, was the same old stuff and held little significance.

Men could breathe again, and the market rallied.

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