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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

Among The Absent

A remarkable feature of this election campaign has been noted by many newspapers across Canada. That is that the Liberal Cabinet which was presiding over the nation at this time last year has, in the political sense, so largely melted away. Many ministers of the Liberal Cabinet were casualties in the June election; but what is remarkable is that so many of them have declined to present themselves for re-election.

In contrast to the usual period of four or five years, the two elections are only nine months apart. It might have seemed, then, that those who happened to suffer defeat under the chances of political warfare might have looked forward to regaining their positions. The elder statesmen, such as Mr. St. Laurent, Mr. Howe and Dr. McCann, would in any case be quitting the field before long; but what of the younger cabinet members, who, it might seem, had still their political life before them?

Hon. R. H. Winters, the Minister of Public Works, a man still in his forties, has taken up business interests. A former cabinet colleague, also still in his forties, has not chosen to seek re-election—Hon. Hughes Lapoint of Quebec, who had been holding the portfolios of Veterans Affairs and Postmaster-General. Two other young cabinet ministers, Hon. George Prudham, former Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, and Hon. Roch Pinard, Secretary of State, both retired shortly before the June election, and have shown no inclination to return to political life. Hon. Milton F. Gregg, the Minister of Labor from New Brunswick, and Hon. Ralph Campney, the Minister of National Defence from British Columbia, are among the casualties in June who are not candidates in March. Then there is the case of the former Minister of Justice, Hon. Stuart Garson, who left his post as Premier of Manitoba to enter the cabinet at Ottawa. He has decided not to contest his former constituency of Marquette. Hon. Walter Harris, the former Minister of Finance, once considered a likely candidate for the party's leadership, is not seeking to regain his old seat of Grey Bruce in Ontario.

As the Montreal Gazette remarks, the example of these former cabinet ministers to abstain, in such numbers, from the present political contest might give the impression that, in their experienced opinion, their party's prospects do not appear, at the present time, to be particularly attractive.

Homeless Men

This may go down in history as the "Century of the Homeless Man." That's the title of a report by Elfan Rees in a recent issue of International Conciliation, supported by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. It's a report on the work of governments and the United Nations in the field of refugee problems.

The mere figures of refugee totals are staggering. Rees estimates that our era has produced 40,000,000 refugees—slightly less than 25% as many people as live in the United States.

Consider some of them:

The 193,000 Hungarians who fled in 1956 from Communist tyranny. The 920,000 Arab refugees in Gaza, Jordan and neighboring states who fled Palestine. The 2,800,000 Germans from East Germany who fled to the west. The 18,000,000 German refugees and expellees from former German areas east of the Oder-Neisse line, Poland, the Sudetenland, etc.—4,000,000 of whom were killed.

Israel has taken in most of the 400,000 Jews who fled from Yemen, north Africa and Iraq and the 20,000 from Egypt. At least 700,000 have fled into Hong Kong from Communist China. Some 15,000 European refugees also help crowd Hong Kong. Finland got 400,000 Karelians after ceding the Karelian isthmus to Russia.

Turkey got 350,000 Bulgarians of Turkish origin after the war. Some 8,500,000 Hindus and Sikhs left what is now Pakistan for India and 6,500,000 Moslems left India for Pakistan. Hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese fled to South Vietnam in the Indo-China wars. The same thing happened in Korea.

There are others. And the amazing thing, as Mr. Rees points out, is that millions of these peoples have become assimilated. The tragic thing is that millions of others have not been, or have failed to attain anything like the economic status they had before they became refugees.

Unconvincing

We see no reason to modify our comments on the absence of the Opposition members from the Legislature on Thursday afternoon. The fact that three of them had other engagements, and that the remaining member, Mr. Myers, was called away to attend another meeting, does not invalidate the fact that their prime duty was to be in their seats. The Throne Speech debate was in progress, and it is likely that one at least of the Ministers of the Crown would have spoken had the House not been adjourned. Mr. Myers has a better excuse than his colleagues, two of whom were attending a students' mock parliament, and the other—the Opposition leader—a fat stock show. Important as these activities are, it is not what they are paid to do when the House is in session. It was the Opposition leader's duty to have made adequate provision for Opposition representation if he thought his own absence was necessary. Instead of rising to a question of privilege in protest of the Guardian's editorial and of the Government's "trickery" in Mr. Myers' case, it would have been better had he apologized to the House. His attitude toward his responsible duties is to be deplored.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The last word in clinics is the one opened in Liverpool, Eng., recently to help smokers overcome their desire for tobacco. The move was made by the Society of Non-Smokers in response to "several hundred" letters asking for help.

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Zackerie Muise and Leonard D'Eon, both of Lower West Pubnico, N.S., have invented a machine which will press as much dried salt fish in 7 seconds as is pressed by the hand meth in 15 minutes. The machine, which is already being installed in several Nova Scotia fish processing plants, is operated by a 2 h.p. electric motor that gives the piston a pressure of about 7 tons.

A note of desperation has crept into Liberal campaigning. Consider Mr. Jean Lesage, a former minister, who told audiences in Montreal that if there had been a Conservative Government in Ottawa during the Suez crisis, "we would be at war today" and "Canadian youths would be marching to war today." This is the Lesage version for Quebec consumption of the Liberal line heard elsewhere that Mr. Pearson is Canada's (and the world's) sole defender of peace.

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The decline of heckling as an art is deplored, with some justice, by the Windsor Star. This decline has spread across many years. And not only are there fewer hecklers left, but most of those remaining just haven't the gift. The good heckler, as the Star remarks, isn't clumsily boorish, as are so many imitators. He has a fast-working, incisive mind, and a flair for putting the most embarrassing questions or observations in a few colorful words. Some speakers can beat them at their own game, but for lack of practice they're likely to become a disappearing breed, too.

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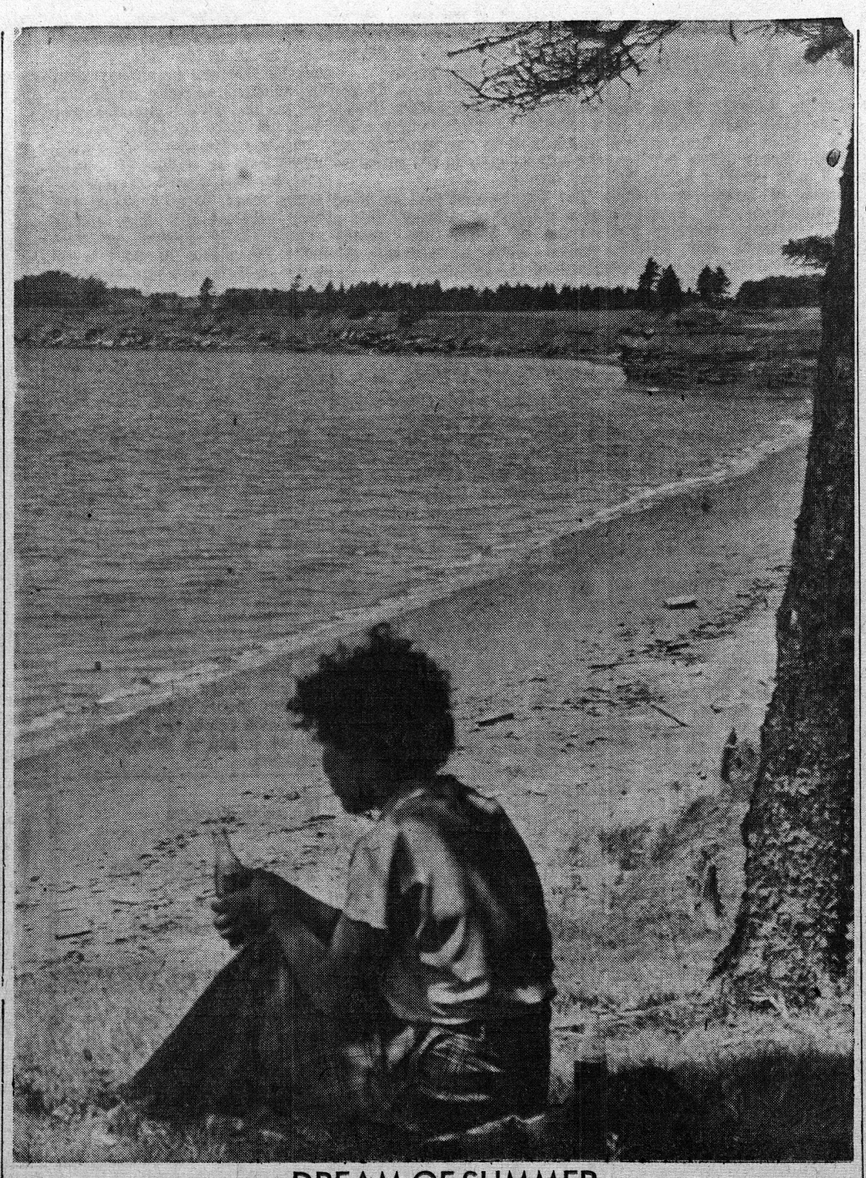
Despite attempts to gloss over the dispute, it is apparent that an order from China for 1,000 Canadian-built automobiles was turned down at the behest of the United States' State Department. As labour union officials have pointed out, this is a hindrance to the Canadian economy at a time when hundreds of automobile workers are unemployed because of slackness in the industry. But this is not the worst aspect of the situation. The worst thing about is the fact that the U.S. State Department, through its influence with American companies which base subsidiaries in this country, can virtually control the Canadian export trade not only in automobiles but in electrical appliances, chemicals and hundreds of other products made by firms which are more or less under the domination of the parent companies.



DREAM OF SUMMER

OTTAWA REPORT

Lost Deposits In 1957

By Patrick Nicholson
Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Ottawa: 836 men and women have submitted themslves as candidates for election to our federal House of Commons. Each one of these candidates had to put up a deposit of $200. Any candidate who does not receive at least half as many votes as the winner in his constituency will forfeit that deposit.

The purpose of this practice is to discourage crackpots who have no serious chance of being elected as Members of Parliament. The risk of losing does not keep out all candidates whose hopes are forlorn, but it does keep them to a minimum.

In the 1957 general election, there were 862 candidates. Of these, the surprisingly large number of 342 forfeited their deposit. This brought a little windfall of $68,400 to the federal treasury, but it was a drop in the bucket compared to the cost of handling the election, which was more than one hundred times that figure.

In 1957, the candidates included 365 Liberals; Official Liberals that is, one competing for each of the 265 seats in the House of Commons. There were also 256 official Conservative candidates; 162 C.C. F. candidates, and 114 Social Credit candidates. In addition, there were 27 Independent Liberals, of whom 21 lost their deposit; 6 independent Conservatives, of whom 5 lost their deposit; 11 Labour-Progressive or Communist candidates, all of whom lost their reposit; 14 "Independents" with no stated party affiliation, of whom 9 lost their deposit; and 7 miscellaneous independents tagged with some label other than Liberal or Conservative of whom 5 lost their deposit.

BIG PARTY LOSSES

The C. C. F. ran candidates in all ten province, and in all ten provinces some C. C. F. candidates lost their deposits. All 22 candidates in Quebec lost their $200, and so did 47 of their 60 candidates in Ontraio. Altogether 113 of the 162 C. C. F. candidates left $200 behind.

The Social Credit group met its Waterloo in the 1957 election, when its attempted invasion of the East cost it dear in money and prestige, a defeat from which it will probably never recover. Every candidate east of the Manitoba border lost his deposit, including 38 in Ontario.

No Liberal candidate in Quebec and the Maritimes lost his deposit. But there were casualties in Ontario and all the western provinces. 23 out of 85 candidates in Ontario, and 13 out of 22 candidates in B. C. failing to poll half as many votes as the winner. These were the two worst provinces for Liberal hopes.

The Conservatives numbered 56 candidates who lost their deposits; 11 more than the Liberals suffered. Quebec was their worst province, where 24 out of 68 candidates failed to make that particular grade. 4 out of 6 candidates in Newfoundland represented their highest percentage rejection by the voters, and 9 out of 17 in Alberta their next worse.

In numbers of votes received, the Liberals outstripped the Conservatives in Quebec, by receiving 1,116,028 votes to 562,133 for the Conservatives. But outside French Canada, the Conservatives got the support of 42 per cent of those who voted while the Liberals got only 34 per cent.

NOW FOR THIS YEAR

There will be both a Conservative and a Liberal candidate in each of the 265 contests this year. There will be 169 C. C. F. candidates, seven more than last year. But the Socreds will only run 82 candidates compared to 114 last year.

The biggest surprise of this election so far has been the number of sitting Liberals who are not running again. These total 16 of the 106 previous Liberal M. Ps, of whom no less than 9 are in Quebec. Two of these have understandably retired on account of age, being over 70. But four of the retiring Quebec members are only 50 or younger; however it is perhaps significant that these have all now qualified for the parliamentary pension by sitting in three parliaments. It has also caused surprise that only one of the nine Liberal Cabinet Ministers who were defeated in 1957 is attempting to make a come-back this year; this is Hon. Paul Hellyer, the 34 year old representative of Toronto-Davenport in two parliaments. The others have scattered to business and other occupations, and are apparently taking no part in the election. Mr. Gregg has a job with the United Nations in Bagdad; Mr. Winters has trebled his income by becoming a director of several companies; Mr. C. D. Howe has put his Ottawa house up for sale for $125,000 and is concentrating on business; several others have gone back to legal practice. But seven members of the 1953-1957 St. Laurent Cabinet were still in Parliament in the last session, and are running again.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of question of interest. The Guardian does not neses-sarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

MR. PEARSON'S PROGRAM

Sir,—I was very much amused, though somewhat impressed, by the announcement of the next phase of the "'Pearson for Peace program" which appeared in Saturday's paper. This article had to deal with a six-weeks tax holiday for the majority of Canadians.

This great diplomat has come up with another "boner," who only a few weeks ago condemned the Conservative party for its actions in slicing taxes and government spending. "Lester B." now proposes a 25 per cent tax slash retroactive to Jan. 1, 1958, and later, tax deductions are to be resumed on the new lower tax scale. May I ask, where Mr. Pearson proposes to get the money for 10,000 scholarships and bursaries, not to mention the money for the university student loan fund, interest free, until one year after graduation?

It was very gratifying, if nothing else, to see Mr. Pearson, who criticized the Conservatives' action of cutting the Excise tax from 10 to 7 per cent, now proposing to do away with it altogether. The diplomat who moved an amendment saying "Since the budget is no longer in balance, revenues are declining, expenditures are rising. . . His Excellency's advisers should, in the opinion of this House, submit their resignation forthwith" — which is quoted from page 3520 of Hansard — has now proposed greater slashes in taxes and billions of dollars for universities to make worse the 'declination' of revenue he claimed to be present.

Words cannot be found to express the interpretation of the ad. the Liberals placed Saturday which read in part: "Which party or which leadership is best equipped to use Canada's influence for the cause of peace? Is it then a case of whom to trust —Mr. Diefenbaker the politician, or Mr. Pearson the statesman, the diplomat, the master of negotiation, etc," Is this not (to any person let alone the logician) a contradiction within itself? Here we stand ready to elect a political party and who should we elect but the politician? Of what use would we make of the diplomat in the politician's shoes? Did it ever occur to the Liberals that Mr. Diefenbaker is much more the statesman than Mr. Pearson?

We all congratulate Mr. Pearson for his winning the Nobel Prize, but does this mean he controls the world? Peace has no part in this campaign and anyone foolish enough to think it has, cannot truly be expressing logical thought. If on the other hand, Mr. Pearson is still the great diplomat the Liberals claim him to be, why isn't he in Moscow instead of Dag Hammerskjold? I am sure the U.N. wouldn't object if he is that great. The Nobel Prize is a high honour but there are higher honours, such as gaining the confidence of the Nation as Mr. Diefenbaker did.

I am, Sir, etc.,
FRANK BURKE
Charlottetown.

Where Time Is Vital Factor

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

SOME types of cancer are elatively easy to cure—providing treatment is begun in time.

Persons with cancer of the face or lip, for example have an excellent chance of being completely cured. In fact, the outlook for victims of this type of cancer is more favorable than that of patients with any other type.

Percentages of cures for basal cell cancer range between 91 and 96 per cent, while treatment of lip cancer is successful in from 65 to 80 per cent of the cases.

SHOULD BE HIGHER

Yet these figures should be even higher. Far too many persons fail to obtain treatment because a lesion on the face or lip does not hurt and appears harmless.

I would like to emphasize once more that pain is not an early symptom of cancer.

In many instances, the dentist is the first one to notice a cancerous or precancerous lesion. He can help save a life by referring patients with these lesions to physicians for immediate treatment.

Generally cancer of the lip and face is found in dry, thin-skinned persons, with little pigmentation, who are constantly exposed to the wind and sun.

OTHER IRRITANTS

We also believe that consistent exposure to some chemical irritants such as petroleum, coal-tar and lead arsenate also helps cause skin cancer.

An irregular tooth, poorly fitting dentures and frequent lip-biting cause chronic irritation which may, at times, speed development of a cancerous lesion.

Most victims of cancer of the lip or face are white males over the age of 40. Most common form of intra-oral cancer is carcinoma of the lower lip. Women, however, probably are more frequently affected by cancer of the upper lip.

FIRST EVIDENCE

In many cases, the first evidence of cancer will be a small, persistent blister on the lip. Some patients have reported that such blisters heal during the winter and ulcerate in the summer.

Basal cell carcinomas generally are lesions on the skin of the scalp, the nose, eyelids, chin, cheeks or forehead. Usually, this type of lesion appears as a nodule which ulcerates and then crusts as it develops slowly.

The prognosis for the majority of these cases, as I have said, is very good if proper steps are taken early enough.

With surgery or X-ray we can generally cure cancer in these areas.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

P.A.: A cousin of mine has tuberculosis of the kidney. Is it contagious?

Answer: Usually tuberculosi of the kidney is not readily transmitted to another person.

The Age Old Story

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The safest spot in a car is the middle of the floor, in the rear compartment. A back seat rider should dive for it, if a crash is imminent.—St. Thomas Times Journal

A hobby has been described as the hard work a man wouldn't do for a living. — St. Catherines Standard.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(March 25, 1933)

At the Convocation to be held on the 7th of April of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, the Degree of Doctor of Divinity is to be conferred upon Rev. R. Moorhead Legate(B.D., Minister of St. James Kirk, Charlottetown, who will be presented for the degree by Hon. Dr. Cyrus MacMillan, Professor of English in McGill University.

Miss Cassie McKay, Post Mistress at Midgell, Kings County, has tendered her resignation, because of poor health, to take effect on or before June 1st. The Post Office has been in her house for over fifty years, and she has been in charge of the office since 1886.

TEN YEARS AGO
(March 25, 1948)

A resolution in the Provincial Legislature yesterday that the Fisheries Prices Support Board be requested to purchase canned fish on P.E.I. when these fish are available and processed and kept in storage for relief purposes or for the supplying of the anticipated requests from relief agencies, was unanimously adopted.

The policy of paying men to turn out to shovel snow on rural roads will be discontinued by the Provincial Government. Hon G. H Barbour, Minister of Highways, said farmers were no longer paying land or road taxes, and he would insist that if they want their roads broken in winter they will have to do it themselves.

WHAT ABOUT THIS?

A Conservative ad, inserted by Kings County Conservative Association, enumerates Public Works Program for Kings Co., and states if your member can achieve this much in 8 months-with what can he do in 4 years.

Electors - do not be again deceived. Here are the undisputable facts! Public works that would have been undertaken or completed in 1957 had a Liberal government been in office as follows:

Beach Point wall	$24,000
Launching landing	$25,000
Montague repairs	$43,000
North Lake extension	$31,000
Red Head Quay wall	$48,000
Souris wharf extension	$23,000

What then has the Kings County representative received from Mr. Diefenbaker out of his one billion dollar public works program? The answer is ZERO!

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