

Published every week-day morning at 185 Prince Street... "The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

Changing Commonwealth

Morarij Desai, India's Finance Minister and leader of his country's delegation to the Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference, used an interesting phrase in speaking of the need for sharing the wealth of the prosperous members of the Commonwealth with the poor ones.

It is certainly wrong that while three or four members of the Commonwealth have more food than they know what to do with, most of the others have to face the problem of dire want. There cannot be any true sense of unity and solidarity as long as this disparity is permitted to exist.

Coming back to Mr. Desai's interesting phrase, if the concept of "a single nation-state" can be brought into economic problems, what is to stop it from having a bearing on political problems? As it exists today, the Commonwealth is not a political entity in any sense of the term.

Labrador Resources

Premier Smallwood is a man of unbounded optimism, much given to high-flown predictions regarding the economic prospects of Newfoundland. Even his most ardent admirers admit as much.

It is with this in mind that one must appraise Mr. Smallwood's prediction of a "great industrial empire" in the Atlantic region following harnessing of the estimated 6-million horsepower potential of Hamilton Falls in Labrador and the establishment of an iron ore smelting industry in that region.

As for the Hamilton Falls, their power potential has been recognized ever since the Privy Council awarded the area to Newfoundland some 30 years ago. The difficulty has been to transmit the power great distances.

But, according to some experts, there is no great shortage of electric power in this region. They say that the problem for some time to come will be to establish enough industry to make use of the power that is already available or in process of development.

Irritating Delay

Farmers who have been waiting all summer for the few dollars due them for surplus potatoes under the price support program of the Federal Government are not going to be particularly pleased to hear that a difference of \$8,000 between the amount authorized by the cabinet and that which the program actually cost is responsible for the irritating delay.

These reports suggest that the Government is insisting on adhering to the original \$105,000 figure, although the actual amount required under the formula is \$113,000.

This is a ridiculous situation and one which was not envisaged during the last election campaign, when Conservative candidates promised faithfully to protect growers from depressed market prices.

This is bad enough. The long delay in making payments and prolonged quibbling about a few thousand dollars make the situation not only ridiculous but exasperating.

The Protestant Orphanage

Once every year the Protestant Orphanage makes a public appeal for funds with which to carry on its benevolent work. This year's campaign opens on Monday, and it is to be hoped that the response will be in accord with the pressing requirements which this institution, along with similar institutions throughout the country, is called upon to meet.

It is a tribute to the fine reputation enjoyed by the Orphanage that it does not require any special pleading from volunteer workers. The public is deeply concerned with its problems and appreciative of the work that is done in providing for the care and upbringing of our orphaned children.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Here's an interesting item. It takes 40 gallons of water to grow enough feed to produce one egg and 11800 gallons to produce feed for one pound of beef. That's what the agronomists say, at any rate.

Former President Truman says he has been reliably informed that "the Democrats are going to lick hell out of the Republicans" in this fall's elections. Almost certainly it was a Democrat who gave him that information.

No one can say that U.N. officials are incautious in their dealings with the Middle East. First, they talked about a "police" force. Later, this was changed to "emergency" force. Later still, "peace" force was the designation. Now, it is referred to as a "presence".

United States Agriculture Secretary Benson says there is no truth in the rumour that all farmers get up very early in the morning. While on a trip to Wisconsin he called at a farmer's house at 5.45 a.m. and found him still in bed.

Mr. Khrushchev says that President Eisenhower is "unwilling to listen to reason". That's the very thing that Mr. Eisenhower has been saying about Mr. Khrushchev for years.



THE BABY-SITTER

OTTAWA REPORT

Our Arctic Supply Lift

By Patrick Nicholson Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Frobisher, N.W.T.: The Honorable George Hees, our hard-driving Minister of Transport, ordered a fleet of 121 wartime landing craft and assorted barges into action in our Eastern Arctic this summer. Backed up by a record armada of 30 ice-breakers and cargo ships, and by more than 500 stevedores especially flown up to the Arctic for that temporary work, this fleet of invasion barges has triumphantly recaptured our Canadian Arctic from the Americans, who were already talking about it as "our Arctic".

The big news to this fleet of invasion barges is that through them Canada has for the first time taken on the immense task of shipping supplies to the dew-line radar stations and airfields operated in our Arctic by the U.S. Air Force. Previously the Americans had been operating that vital transportation service in our Arctic.

With this supply system now proven a success under our own management, it is ready to play its essential role in coming years in the implementation of Prime Minister Diefenbaker's "Vision" of northern development.

Railway Rates & Wages

Arthur Blakely in the Montreal Gazette

The calamitous rail strike of 1950 was only a few months in the past when the Royal Commission on Transportation, headed by Mr. Justice W.F.A. Turgeon, turned in its report on Feb. 8, 1951.

One of the questions which the Commission considered was what if anything should be done to avoid similar crises in the future. In the end, the Commission—or a majority of members of the Commission—decided against recommending the adoption of any special means of resolving rail disputes, on the general theory that the 1950 strike, disastrous as it had been, was over and done with that there were no signs of similar emergencies cropping up in the future.

Two battles. That means that the railways were confronted with two battles arising out of every application for a wage increase by the rail unions. One battle was with the unions themselves. The second occurred when the railways went before the Board of Transport Commissioners to seek approval for a rate increase which would provide the funds for the pay hoist.

The strike of 1950, the Commission's majority report states, "is the first general railway strike in Canada's history, that is, in all the 83 years since Confederation. It has served one good purpose in that it had made all Canadians, railway officers, railway employees and citizens in general, realize what a disastrous occurrence such a strike is. We are not likely to have another such experience in the near future.

But Dr. Angus noted that the history of such proceedings indicated that the railways might be in a difficult position if, on applying for a rate increase, weren't able to demonstrate conclusively that any pay increases which they had made had been held to a bare minimum.

From this, Dr. Angus concluded that the system was an invitation to trouble. He felt that since rail strikes were in a class by themselves—as had been demonstrated by the fact that the Federal Government had been compelled to intervene in the 1950 dispute and others before and since, special conciliation procedures might well be adopted.

He pointed out that the real collision in railway pay wrangles was not between unions and companies but between those unions and the users of railway services.

Care Of Child's Eyes Important

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. THE youngsters have been back in school now for a few weeks. How is yours doing? Is there any indication that his reading ability might not be up to par? Does he seem to be falling behind in his class work? Does he hate to do any reading at home, whether for homework or for pleasure? Does he tire easily? Any of these signs might be an indication that your child needs glasses. A large proportion of children who have reading trouble can do better in school with the help of professional eye care.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Sept. 26, 1933)

About forty-five men are now employed in reconstructing Falconwood Hospital. The work which was held up for a week because of a delay in shipping the steel, is now progressing rapidly. Steel workers are putting the final touches on the huge steel girders bracing the walls and supporting the three floors. On top of these girders steel joists will be placed and then iron matting to hold the concrete.

TEN YEARS AGO

(Sept. 26, 1948) A gathering of close to 2,000 people attended the opening of the new private airport, built and owned by Mr. Elton Woodside of Clinton yesterday. Seventeen planes from various parts of the Maritimes brought thirty-six pilots to the new airport for the opening. Mr. Woodside's air strip, which he built himself, measures 1900 feet in length and 300 feet in width.

An augmented production schedule for the local plant of the American Can Company, under which certain types of food cans will be made at Ch'town for customers of the firm's Montreal factory, was announced yesterday by "Canco" officials. The new schedule which calls for a million cans a month for Montreal, follows announcement by the company last month of plans for improvement of the plant and its facilities.

Longbow Drawn Again

By Ken Methel, Canadian Press

The famous and historic English longbow is experiencing its greatest popularity since Robin Hood and his merry men were making life miserable for the Sheriff of Nottingham. Archery, almost a forgotten sport in Britain by the end of the Second World War, is enjoying a spectacular revival that shows no signs of abating. More than 200 new clubs have been formed in the last 12 months, and the twang of the bow is heard from the Sussex Downs to the Highland Glens.

"Nobody really knows what started the revival," said Charles Edwards, secretary of the Grand National Archery Society, governing body of the sport in England. "We haven't had a big advertising drive or anything like that."

"Our growth is almost wholly due to personal contact. Each new member we get seems to attract four or five more."

Archery, however, is no Johnny-come-lately to the British sporting scene. The first national championship was held in 1844 and the Grand National Archery Society was formed in 1861, two years before the Football Association came into being. But while soccer grew, archery declined.

The sport reached its lowest ebb in 1945 when the number of clubs affiliated with the society dropped to 10. "Things started to pick up after that but it wasn't until 1956 that the revival really got under way," said Edwards.

Today, from his home at Ashford, Kent, Edwards looks after the needs of more than 500 affiliated clubs with a total membership of about 10,000.

"More and more people are beginning to realize that archery is not just an old-fashioned, romantic pastime, but an exciting and fascinating modern sport," he said.

REAL EXERCISE The standard competition round for men is a "York" in which they shoot with six arrows, 24 each arrow. The bow takes a pull of 35 to 45 pounds. It's exercises. Age limits for the archer hardly count. At the national

NOTES BY THE WAY

Rocket airliners, shooting passengers across the county in 30 minutes, are predicted within a decade. This way you can have breakfast in Montreal and bicarbonate in Vancouver.—Winnipeg Tribune

Those who find the sound of falling rain helps them drop off to sleep can now buy for \$125 a gadget to attach to the bed that reproduces the sound. But wouldn't the price keep them awake?—Hamilton Spectator

Shooting all the politicians and diplomats in the world would bring permanent peace, but it would be a long drawn-out process, as those who shoot them would take their places and others would have to shoot them, and so on.—Woodstock Sentinel

According to J. Ralph Dulude, president of the Parks and Recreation Association of Canada, the back yard should be preserved for the benefit of the growing child, and should even take precedence over the playground. Perhaps, Mr. Dulude might have to say something about the passing of the old-fashioned woodshed, which also bringing of growing boys a generation ago.—London Free Press

We make hold to suggest less fuss and fewer feathers when Her Majesty the Queen visits her Canadian subjects next year. Who ever dreams up the protocol for these events had better wake up. Some previous royal visits have made less than the desired impact upon people who regard a constitutional monarchy as a democratic institution.—Vancouver Sun

A Tampa, Florida, criminal court judge has recommended the scrutiny of a person's teeth to determine his or her age, "just like a horse". He passed along this suggestion at the trial of a truck driver charged with contributing to the delinquency of a 15-year-old girl. The accused pleaded in his defence that he thought "the girl was older". "Didn't you look at her teeth?" asked the judge. He was serious, too—he gave the truck driver 90 days in jail.—Sherbrooke Record

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