

### A Landmark Gone

The loss of the Charlottetown Market Building is a heavy one to all concerned, for the building served many purposes and was a familiar landmark to everyone visiting the city over the past half century. Remodelled in recent years to provide accommodation for the Travel Bureau, the I.M.T. bus terminal and as a civic centre, it provided for facilities which will now have to be accommodated elsewhere. Coming on the eve of the tourist season, the loss of Travel Bureau literature, files and office equipment is particularly unfortunate.

No doubt full consideration will be given by the civic authorities to the matter of rebuilding. The old-time provision for market facilities is not now the problem it used to be, but there is no question as to the need for a modern civic centre. If such a building were to include an auditorium suitable for concerts and stage productions—we have none at all comparable to the old Opera House in this respect—and perhaps the long-talked-of Provincial Museum and Art Gallery as well, it would be an invaluable asset to the community. Built along these lines, it might be possible to obtain substantial assistance from the Canada Council in its construction. The idea, at any rate, is worth exploring.

### Welcome Decision

The Atlantic and Western Provinces which have been fighting freight rate increases for years have won a substantial victory in the Federal Government's decision to refuse a 3.6 per cent increase to the railroads. Along with the Government ruling will go instruction to the Transport Board to disregard in future payments into tax equalization reserve funds as expenses in determining rates. This is very important. It will no doubt be adopted by all public utility boards and become standard practice in Canada.

In the United States the Interstate Commerce Commission which regulates railways, refuses to allow the railways to increase their rates in order to take advantage of this depreciation provision. But the Federal Power Commission does permit power utilities to do so, in Canada, the tendency has been to permit utilities to profit from the change at the expense of the rate-paying public; but the Alberta utility authority has recently reversed this practice in a gas case.

In 1957, when the C.P.R. added \$9.5 millions to its depreciation reserve, the Transport Board allowed a 3.6 per cent increase in freight rates to meet a deficiency of \$3.3 millions. The argument of the eight objecting Provinces was that no public utility whose fixed charges are assured by public regulatory bodies should be permitted to accumulate interest free capital in this way. And the Board itself seems to have had grave doubts as to the justice of its ruling. In its judgment of Dec. 21, 1957, granting the increase, and in the Bell Telephone judgment of Jan. 10, 1958, granting an increase in telephone rates—which also has been disallowed by the Cabinet—this issue was discussed at length. According to Mr. Grant Dexter, writing in the Winnipeg Free Press, the Board virtually asked for an appeal to the Federal Cabinet so that a final decision would be made. Be that as it may, the Cabinet has now decided; and in doing so it has come down heavily in favour of the Provinces against undue freight rate boosts.

### A Childish Approach

It sometimes seems as though the diplomats who make up the membership of the United Nations' Security Council behave like children sitting in the market place and calling unto their fellows: "We have piped into you and you have not danced, we have mourned unto you and you have not lamented."

Take recent developments, for example. The Russian delegates introduced a resolution calling on the United States to stop sending planes loaded with nuclear bombs in the direction of the Soviet Union. From the start this resolution had not the slightest chance of receiving majority support; since, of course, the Western powers and their allies have the upperhand in the Security Council. Then, the United States introduced a proposal calling for "open-skies" inspection in the Arctic regions. This, undoubtedly, will have majority support, for it has already been sanctioned by the Western powers in general and tacitly approved in the U.N. General Assembly. It is unlikely to become law, however, for the simple reason that the Soviet Union will almost certainly veto it, just as the United States would have vetoed the Russian proposal, had it received the support of the Council.

This leaves matters where they were at the beginning of the controversy. Delegates must have known about all this before the debate began. Yet they persisted in spending time and energy in supporting causes which were lost even before they were placed on the agenda. It's all very puerile—as noted above, like children sitting in the market place or, more literally, "among the bazaars."

### Not Enough!

"It is not enough to point out, which is perfectly true, that the Soviet Union conveniently waited until it completed its most intensive series of nuclear tests before announcing its decision to stop the tests. It is not enough to say this, because there was no reason why the United States should not have announced it was calling a halt after the completion of its own recent tests. A halt must be made somewhere. It is not enough to protest that the Soviet is making a cheap bid for world support. It is not enough, because the world's people are not stupid. They are aware of the spurious aspects of the Soviet bid. They have not forgotten the monstrous outrage of the Soviet violence in Hungary. But they are also aware that the United States has not come to life on this issue of nuclear testing. They are not blind to the fact that we have shown neither imagination nor sensitivity in our approach to this question. There is no point in fooling ourselves."—Norman Cousins, Editor, Saturday Review.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

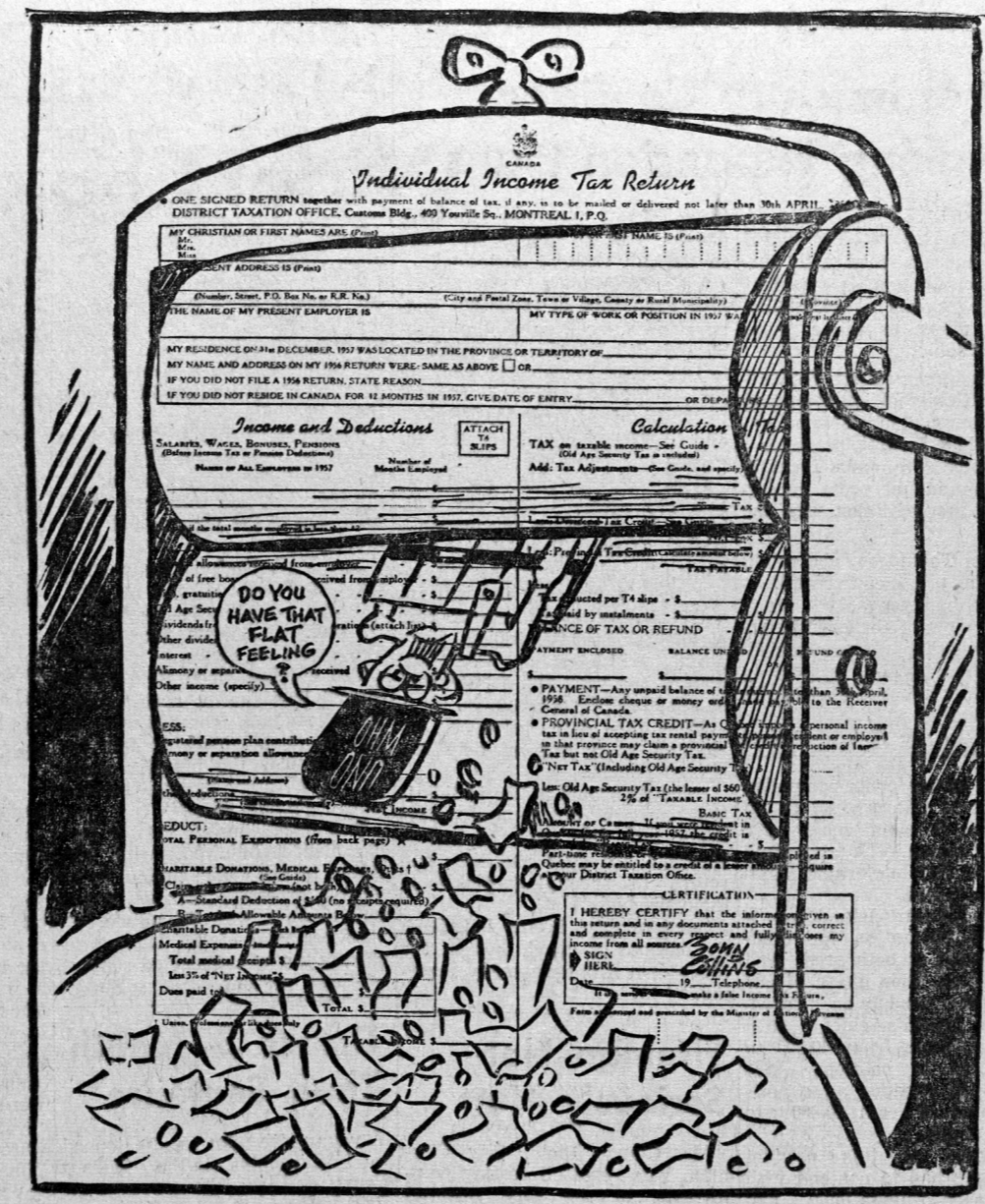
It has been estimated that 1000 acres of forest destroyed by fire cost the Canadian people more than \$1½ million in economic potential. Yet, there are people who seem to think that carelessness with fire in the woods is a small matter.

Not much is heard about smallpox in Canada these days. In Asia, however, it is still a scourge. Reports from Pakistan reveal that 50,000 persons have died of that disease and cholera in recent months. 12 million doses of vaccine were sent from the United States.

Sweetness and light—and smoothness—mark relations between the City Council and members of the press in Miami, Okla. When a reporter complained that he could not hear what was being said because councillors' chairs squeaked, a resolution was passed to have the chairs well oiled. That's co-operation.

Six navy men in the United States have completed a seven-day simulated trip to the moon and are reported to be in good physical and mental condition. Whether an actual journey would be just as pleasant is doubtful. Although the men went through all the motions, the knowledge that they were really on the ground must have contributed to their wellbeing.

Miss Yekatrina Furtseva, a member of the Russian Communist Party Presidium, told correspondents in Warsaw that Russia would always be a good friend to Yugoslavia because "always when there are discussions, friendship is strengthened." Yekatrina must have been speaking with tongue in cheek. She knows very well that sometimes discussions lead to big scale quarrels.



### SPRING FEVER

### Significant Resolution

By Patrick Nicholson  
Special Correspondent for the Guardian

WINNIPEG: The most significant national news ever to emerge from a labour congress meeting in Canada was undoubtedly the resolution on political action adopted by this year's convention of the Canadian Labour Congress here.

That resolution declared: "This convention believes that the imperative need of the Canadian political scene today is the creation of an effective alternative political force... a broadly based people's political movement which embraces the C.C.F., the labour movement, farm organizations, professional people and other liberal-minded persons interested in basic social reform and reconstruction through our parliamentary system of government."

### Electronic Fishing

Stanley Burke in the Ottawa Citizen

UNITED NATIONS — The harvest of the sea is being reaped with sea-going vacuum-cleaners and electric Pied Pipers. Soon fishboats will be powered with atomic energy.

So say the men of the Food and Agricultural Organization who add that the sea, which covers seven-tenths of the world's surface, has only begun to be utilized as a source of food for a hungry world.

FAO officials say that electrical fishing equipment is now beginning to be used commercially and they have high hopes for the future. Equipment varies from harpoons to electrocuted whales to electric signals to direct underwater traffic. Electric fishhooks are being used commercially to take the fight out of big fish like tuna. Electrodes are used to attract fish into trawls.

LAMPREY DESTROYED  
Electric gear can also be used to exterminate unwanted fish. The dread lamprey of the Great Lakes the vicious parasite which attacks swimmers and destroys sport fish, is being killed off by electric barriers which kill them when they enter small streams to spawn.

Underwater traffic signals work because, for some strange reason, fish are attracted by a positive electrode and repelled by a negative. This discovery might be worth millions, even billions, to Canada because there's a possibility that it offers a solution to the dilemma of electrification of Western rivers. Development on the Fraser and other potential hydro rivers is being held up because dams would kill off the salmon. Electric traffic control equipment could be the answer.

PROBLEM  
The problem is to get young fish, coming down river from the spawning grounds to the sea, safely around the dams. To divert them into by-passes some way must be found to prevent them going through the turbines or being dashed to death in the spillways. Electric devices may be the answer although FAO men say so far they haven't been successful.

Incidentally, there's no problem in getting the adult fish up over the dams. They go up and over in fish ladders.

Canada's former Fisheries Minister James Sinclair, who toured Russia three years ago, said that the Russians are working hard on electrical fishing gear. He said that, for example, they use negative electrodes to force salmon into traps. Inside the trap a posi-

tive electrode exerts a fatal fascination which draws the fish toward a giant suction hose.

TO CANNERY  
This pumps fish to the cannery where they arrive, still flipping and in perfect condition. Using these methods, two or three Russian fishermen take as many fish as several hundred Canadian fishermen would take operating in boats. In addition the Russians are able to maintain complete control of the number of fish which will be permitted to escape and go upstream to breed.

The Russians are also working on another device even more ingenious than the electric salmon sucker. This is a sea-going vacuum cleaner which attracts fish with powerful lights hung over the side of the ship. When enough starry-eyed fish have been attracted by the electric Pied Piper, a suction pump is lowered into the water and the fish vacuumed into the processing plants inside the ship. Electrodes are also used to attract fish to the vacuum cleaners.

LARGEST SHIPS  
The Russians operate the largest fishing vessels in the world. These ships look like small sleek passenger liners and are used to

### Time For Fun Should Be Taken

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.  
THE trouble with most of us is that we don't play enough. People are so busy making money these days that they just don't take enough time for recreation and relaxation.

Recreational therapy is an excellent way of maintaining good mental and physical health. All of us need it in varying amounts. Now I don't mean that, as a rule, you middle-aged men and women should go out and play a strenuous game of baseball or tennis, or swim two or three miles. Leave such sports to younger persons who are better equipped physically to benefit from them.

But there are various kinds of recreation that help you to relax physically and mentally. I would like to acquaint you with a few of them.

The value of playing golf has been pointed out to good many paunchy businessmen by their personal physicians.

FINES RECREATION  
Golfing is fine recreation, but so is plain walking. You don't have to lug a bag of clubs and chase a little white ball around to get the exercise, fresh air and mental relaxation that walking brings.

Besides, overanxiety such as that which might be brought on by tough golfing competition will help you relax either mentally or physically.

Few of us can pass a construction job without pausing to watch a power shovel or bulldozer at work. The next time you walk by such a project, linger a while and watch it. For the watchers this actually is a form of recreation. You forget your troubles, you lose yourself in the complexities of the job—you relax.

WATCH IN PERSON  
Watching a baseball game, tennis match—any kind of sport—is also good for your physical and mental health. To get the most benefits, you have to get out into the fresh air and watch in person, not via television from the living room of your home.

Hobbies are forms of recreation, too, valuable forms. Raising flowers, photography, painting—all help you to relax.

And let's not forget dancing. It's a healthy recreation, and it is fun.

QUESTION AND ANSWER  
J.B.: My little girl has mumps. I have had mumps. Is there any precaution my husband should take since he has not had them? disabling to adult males. They may develop a condition known as orchitis and may even lose their reproductive power. Your doctor may suggest that your husband be immunized against the mumps.

The Age Old Story  
For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

OUR YESTERDAYS  
(From The Guardian Files)  
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO  
(May 1, 1933)  
The discontinuance as from May 1st by the City of the dispensing of direct relief to the unemployed, in accord with a decision previously reached by the Council, was proclaimed on Saturday afternoon by a large body of those affected, who staged a demonstration with a view to obtaining their orders for the coming month.

Despite exceptional ice conditions which have held up steamer service, it is pleasing to report that the Bonshaw ferry command of Mr. Beaton is maintaining its schedule trips, to the satisfaction of all in the area.

TEN YEARS AGO  
(May 1, 1948)  
Two planes of the Maritime Central Airways will, beginning today, start to patrol the New Brunswick forest area for the next six months. The planes left Charlottetown for Moncton yesterday. The object is to spot incipient fires and, in the case of larger ones, to report their progress to the forest rangers.

Miss Gerda Hansen of Denmark, who is visiting in the City, visited West Kent School Friday morning. Miss Hansen, a teacher herself, was greatly interested in the work of the primary and junior grades, and commented on the changes and improvements since her visit to the school fourteen years ago.

REST FOR RED SOLDIERS  
PEIPING (Reuters)—The official journal of the Chinese armed forces Monday rapped commanders who train their men so hard that some soldiers yawn and almost fall asleep during drills. It urged officers to see the men had enough rest and vacation.

### NOTES BY THE WAY

Spring sales of women's fashions are said to hold the key to curbing the recession. Prosperity, in other words, is in the bag.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

Cigarette smoking is a sign of weakness, a confirmed addict of the weed confesses. But the fellow who takes a second helping of pie is just a hearty eater.—Windsor Daily Star

Some years ago a popular song was titled "Sing Something Simple." The plea wouldn't be necessary today as many of the currently popular songs range from simple to idiotic.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record

It is generally agreed that with nuclear weapons what they are, a world conflict would be stupid. Still, it's hard to think of any war that was otherwise.—Hamilton Spectator

Former Trade Minister C. D. Howe's remark, "Who's going to stop us?" sounds sillier every election. It might well be inscribed in the halls of Parliament as a warning to all politicians obsessed with their own power.—Sherbrooke Record

Recently a bank was robbed by a bearded man in hunting clothes carrying a shotgun. Just didn't want to face the embarrassment of going home empty-handed!—Brandon Sun

Sometimes, at a party, you go down first when you beat the other fellow to the punch.—London Free Press

Literbugs, of course, are not a new species on the scene. They infest the outdoors in the Summer, Fall and Spring. They travel the highways and sidewalks, leaving their easily-recognized trail behind them. They are to be found on city streets, where edging gusts of wind from time to time "round up" their accumulations and concentrate them. It's a species we can do without.—Sudbury Star

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### Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETINGS

MONDAY, MAY 5, 1958  
8:30 P.M.

(Schoolhouse of other agreed on location)

These meetings are for the express purpose of giving Federation members and their wives the opportunity of renewing or taking out accident insurance with the Federation at \$5.00 per year. Plan for your protection and to attend this meeting.

### RED SHIELD APPEAL

#### SPECIAL NAMES

As canvassers of "Special Names", these busy Charlottetown business and professional men are working with the Salvation Army this week in the first phase of its annual Red Shield Appeal. You are asked to respond to the appeal of "the understanding heart and human touch" . . . by receiving them kindly and generously.

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