

Fine Publication

Just off the press is a timely publication in which our Confederation Conference Centennial activities are described, elucidated, illustrated and pinpointed in a very comprehensive and satisfying manner.

This is the official guide to the big celebrations on which we are now embarked, and will surely contribute to a fuller appreciation of their meaning. It is prefaced by messages from Governor General Vanier, Lieutenant Governor Macdonald, Prime Minister Pearson and Premier Shaw, and is larded with historical sketches and other material bearing on the Confederation period as well as on the exhibits and displays, the entertainments, fairs and local events that have been programmed for the season.

Special attention is given to the details of Canada's first shrine of history which we have called the Fathers of Confederation Memorial Building and which will be officially opened here by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on October 6.

Designed and printed by Unipress, Fredericton, N.B., this souvenir is something well worthy of being preserved for its artistic and literary value. Many of the illustrations are in color, some of them are from rare prints obtained through courtesy of the military authorities, the RCMP, the Dominion architect and the New Brunswick Museum, and all are beautifully reproduced.

The book is published in magazine style, is priced at \$1.50 and runs to 96 pages, with a striking cover design of the Confederation Chamber and, on page 2, a fine reproduction of a portrait from the Beaverbrook Art Gallery of the Queen, surrounded by the crests of Canada and the Provinces.

A Grim Picture

Secretary of State Maurice Lamontagne is a Quebecer and an economist, and for these reasons a speech he made in Montreal recently has attracted more than usual attention. In it he pictured what the separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada would mean for Quebec.

First of all, Mr. Lamontagne maintained that such a separation from the rest of the nation would lead to a substantial fall in the standard of living of the Quebec people. If their province were by itself, it would have its own immigration and tariff laws. Industries now located in the province and serving all Canada might find their markets curtailed. New industries would be reluctant to establish in the province, while some established industries would in all probability move out.

So would the head offices of some national concerns—banks, corporations, railways, etc.—that are now located in Montreal. That port would become a Quebec port rather than a Canadian outlet and would suffer in consequence. The upshot would be economic stagnation and massive unemployment.

Nor was Mr. Lamontagne any

more optimistic about Quebec's chances for survival by itself in the cultural field. He pointed out that it is quite impossible, in today's world, to isolate a culture. Even in an independent Quebec the insistent voice of America would continue to be heard. If the province (or nation) was economically weak and its people discontented, it would be even more susceptible to a French voice from across the border. A French-speaking nation of the size that Quebec would be, surrounded by a sea of English-speaking people—those in the U.S. and the rest of Canada—would retain its cultural identity undiluted only at the risk of complete isolation and stagnation.

Even more sombre were Mr. Lamontagne's views of what would happen to Quebec's politics if that province became independent. The economic sacrifices involved would require to be arbitrarily imposed on the population by the government, and this could only be done by a dictatorship which in the end would give rise to a plea by Quebecers for annexation to the United States as a way out of their difficulties.

Protecting Their Honor

According to a dispatch from Athens, Greek politicians will soon have to prove their honesty and integrity if they wish to survive in public life. This is the intent of a draft bill for "the protection of the honor of politicians" which has been prepared by the government.

Greeks who have held the highest political offices in the last 18 years will now have to prove that their wealth, if they have any, was not amassed by abusing their power or authority. If they fail to do so, their property will be confiscated and they will be ousted from politics.

According to Premier Papandreu, Greek politicians have grown poorer, for the most part, in the discharge of their public duties. The exceptions are few. It is against these few that the government bill is directed. If it passes, prime minister, ministers, under-secretaries and top ranking civil servants in office at any time since 1946 must hand in, within 30 days, a declaration to the prosecutor of the Supreme Court details of their possessions and wealth. Those now in office will have to do so once a year. Similar declarations must be submitted by the parents, wives, brothers, sisters and adult children of these politicians.

Anyone will be able to bring charges against a politician or his relatives for graft. If the denunciation is turned down by the Court, however, and the accuser is found to have acted without sufficient cause, he may be sentenced to a year in prison.

Even with this proviso, the proposed measure looks like a pretty drastic way of protecting a politician's honor.

To Fight Forest Fires

Forest fires constitute a multi-million dollar loss to Canada every year, and every province has a stake in combating these disastrous visitations. A new experiment in the Federal Government's forest research station, therefore, is a matter of national wide interest.

As reported from Ottawa, the researchers are planning to use the electronic gadget that guides missiles to their airplane targets. The gadget will become a pod on an airplane which flies over forests in dry weather when the threat of fire is highest.

It is hoped that just as this equipment detects the heat of an enemy aircraft, it will detect the heat of a small fire in the forest—so small it cannot be seen from the aircraft—and thus guide the aerial firefighters to the danger spot before the fire has a chance to spread.

As the news story points out, theoretically the device should be able to detect the heat of a match or a cigarette from a distance of 2,000 feet or more. If the experiment should prove to be a success, the result could be one of the greatest steps ever taken in the area of forest conservation. It could mean the saving of huge sums for the industries which depend on forest growth and for the host of Canadians whose livelihood depends now and in the future on the health of forest industries.



IT OUGHT TO BE GOOD

The Price We Pay For Government

Galt Reporter

In response to a number of inquiries, and concern expressed about the cost government spends, this newspaper recently sent a questionnaire to Ottawa seeking information about the salaries and expense allowances of members of the Commons and Senate and other top government officials.

In reply to that query the following information was received. We are informed that it was taken from official government records.

The report lists the prime minister's salary at \$23,000 plus \$2,000 car allowance, plus \$18,000 M.P. The 1964-65 estimates also include an item of \$22,500 for maintenance and operation of the PM's residence of which he contributes \$5,000.

There is a total of 263 M.P.s with two vacancies in the ment. All M.Ps get a basic \$18,000 a year, of which \$6,000 is tax free and is destined to cover their expenses.

M.Ps get free railway passes from Ottawa from the airport to their homes. In addition, Franks pay only to mail from Ottawa and only for the duration of the session plus 10 days after the end thereof. M.Ps pay their own telephone and a telephone bill.

There are 24 cabinet members of which one, Senator John G. Duggan, is the government leader in the Senate and Yvon Dupuis, an minister without portfolio. They receive salaries of \$15,000 plus \$2,000 car allowance, plus \$1,000 M.P. salary for a total of \$35,000.

The Senate totals 102 members whose salaries were estimated at the same time as M.Ps and are now \$15,000 per annum. Of this \$12,000 is indemnity and \$3,000 is tax free expense allowance. Senators get free rail passes and free air transportation between home and Ottawa, the same as M.Ps. They also have a franking privilege is also the same as M.Ps and they pay their own long distance telephone and telegraph.

The Opposition leader gets the same as a cabinet member, which is the \$18,000 basic as an M.P., of which \$6,000 is tax free, plus \$1,000 M.P. salary, \$2,000 car allowance. The \$2,000 car allowance for ministers is also tax free.

The opposition leader gets the use of a limousine, the same as the opposition leader, at no rent or taxes. Some furniture is provided and the cost of the help. But this is not a charge on the government but is paid for by the taxpayers some years ago by a group of Ottawa citizens.

There are about 30 deputy ministers whose salaries are either \$25,000, \$20,000 and a couple at \$27,000. In addition, there are many other senior people such as auditor general, \$25,000. Civil Service chairman \$27,000. BDO chairman \$25,000. Superintendent of insurance \$23,000, parliamentarian librarian \$16,000, etc., etc. The Minister of Finance in addition to his \$15,000, a salary of \$6,000 plus \$1,000 car allowance, plus \$3,000 in lieu of a residence.

The leader of government in the Senate gets \$15,000 and the leader of the opposition in the Senate gets additional \$6,000.

IN THE COMMONS The Commons' Speaker gets salary of \$6,000 plus \$1,000 allowance plus \$3,000 in lieu of residence. The deputy speaker in Commons gets additional \$6,000 salary plus \$1,500 in lieu of residence. The deputy chairman of commons gets additional \$2,000.

The estimates of Senate indemnities total as yet \$200,000. The estimates of Commons' indemnities total as yet \$300,000. The estimates of Commons' indemnities total as yet \$300,000.

Commenting on the cost of government, an Ottawa informant said: "There is no doubt that for a small country, in terms of population, Canada lives on a pretty high plane in this regard. Our federal representatives at least, certainly have no cause for complaint about their financial treatment in relation to what I believe some other countries provide."

Mystery In Whitehall

Christian Science Monitor

What has become of Kate? And who is Peter? Is someone guilty of cat-sniping? Has there been foul play?

This newspaper is investigating a mystery in Whitehall from which, so far, British papers have been averted their usually penetrating gaze. We expect soon to present to the public on both sides of the Atlantic some as yet unexplained developments which concern not only the British Government but the allied American and other people.

A few weeks ago a British paper reported that a cat from the Isle of Man, named Kate, had taken over in the Home Office at London the Mousing Ministry of the British Government. The passing of the venerable Peter, a cat before whose achievements many a man might feel like a mouse. But now in the international press there appear dispatches referring to Peter as Peter's successor.

U.S. Pesticides Bill

New York Herald-Tribune

The House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries recently reported a bill that would kill fish allowed to drain into a neighborhood.

It seems to us that the manufacturers would want to be at least that frank with their customers. However, under a private practice in the registering of chemical pesticides—a responsibility administered by the Department of Agriculture—there has been clearly stated on the labels in the printed directions.

Sometimes such warnings have been omitted entirely. The DDT-sprayer bill deserves passage as a minimal protective measure.

The Case Of Mr. Fisher

Ottawa Journal

Some MPs and others don't like kindly to the idea of Mr. Douglas Fisher sitting in the House of Commons. Neighbourly, a newspaper column about politics and his fellow MPs.

But what is wrong about it, or why? Actually, it's an old British parliamentary trick. Justice Maclean, in his History of Our Own Times wrote a daily lead.

When he was one of Parnell's captains, P. O'Connor's once famous column in The Weekly, 'Mainly About People' was mainly about his fellow-M.Ps. Spencer Leigh Hughes, a noted Liberal, wrote regularly for the press. Jenny Bevan (wife of the Irish Army Chief) wrote the House and edited the White Tribune. And there were many others.

And so in Canada. Timothy Anglin (Speaker in the MacKenzie administration) continued to write for his New Freeman of Saint John. Charles Marc, speaker in the last Parliament, wrote for his New Brunswick Herald. Hugh Clark, a veteran parliamentarian, never ceased

Competition

In Japan

New York Times

Soviet First Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan's surprise visit to Japan suggests concern in Moscow over the progress Peking has been making toward a rapprochement with the Chinese.

Chinese wrong of Japan has been going strong for some time now. There is a brief list of visitors between Peking and Tokyo, Chinese propaganda stresses the historic, cultural, religious and racial links between the two countries over the past centuries.

A Chinese trade fair is now displaying a wide variety of industrial goods — from transistor radios to a giant turbine — in the effort to project the image of a new, strong China.

Against these Chinese assets, Moscow's chief available card at present is the prospect of government aid. Soviet-Japanese commerce has increased considerably in recent years, and the prospect of large-scale Japanese participation in the industrialization of Siberia has been dashed.

Mr. Mikoyan's latest version of the Soviet-Japanese pact, however, he sees ten-year credits with which to buy \$300,000 worth of ships and chemical plants, and proposes that repayment come in significant form from the production of the factories that would be set up with these purchases.

Over the long run, both Peking and Moscow aim at the weakening and eventual removal of the present strong political, military and economic links between the United States and Japan. The tactics of both Communist nations indicate that they realize this goal cannot be accomplished soon, and that each meanwhile fears the other may win a major competitive advantage in Tokyo.

The Poets Corner

SUMMER EVENING

IN P.E.I.

The sun sinks low beyond the western hills, And shadows stretch long fingers over the brakes;

The weary world's rest from labor takes, And evening gently melts into the night.

—F.H. MacArthur Charlottetown.

"O Lord, Old Story"

"The Age, too has pleased the cause of my soul; too has redeemed my life," Lamontagne 3:58.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Just give a man credit for something today and he will buy it — New York Times

As the cost of living rises, so does the crime rate. It's the crooks' way of keeping up with the Joneses. — Hamilton Spectator

A local young grandmaster remarked that she didn't mind being a grandmaster, but it was getting tiring to hear that she had to live with a grandmaster. — Door County Ad. vocate

Junior: "Mr. Jones, my father sent me to borrow your corkscrew." Mr. Jones (teaching by his school, she says): "sonny, I'll bring it right along." — Montreal Star

The Birmingham, England meeting which protested to Queen Elizabeth II against abet of "Hit" on British television is a reminder of the actual physical powerlessness of modern monarchs to alter the manners of their subjects. Elizabeth I, or "the Great," abetted it, or "the Great," she could have done it. And though she could have done it by means of a heavy moral hand, she had a heavy moral hand on only hope to reform manners by her example. She does quite well. — Vancouver Province

Some people will fight at the drop of a hat, others at the drop of the suggestion that the local water supply be fluoridated. — Salsbury Star

An observer caught between the two warring armies clashing on the Laotian Plain, des Jarnes this week would find ground for thinking it was still 1962 — or even 1954.

Nothing much has changed. The same generals are still firing the same guns at each other across the same hills despite two conferences at Geneva, innumerable coups d'etat and half a dozen attempts to form a stable coalition government.

The pro-Communist Pathet Lao forces, now reported victorious in the two northern provinces of Laos, in the last few years have seldom relaxed their pressure on the shaky neutralist and right-wing governments that they come and go like summer rainstorms.

Both Britain and the United States are worried that if Premier Souvanna Phouma's government crumbles the extremes of right and left will collide in an all-out civil war. This would make nonsense of the guarantee of independence and neutrality worked out at the 14th Geneva conference of 1962.

Another explanation of the recent fighting is that the Pathet Lao were merely improving their military position before the rainy season starts.

In either case it seems fairly clear that whoever is decided by negotiations, Britain and the U.S. are asking Russia and China to help keep the peace in Laos.

Successive bouts at the conference tables have repeatedly strengthened the political position of the Communists in Laos and they have every reason to gamble for an even more favorable settlement this time round.

ASKING FOR HELP Vietnam to salvage the general agreement, Britain and the U.S. are asking Russia and China to help keep the peace in Laos.

Operation

Cyprus —

Blueprint for service unity

The aircraft carrier Bonaventure, which recently took 95 men of Canada's true-force contingent to Cyprus, was not the right ship for the job — but she got it done with a minimum of fuss and a maximum of efficiency. And her voyage may have pointed the way to a valuable future role for our newly-integrated defence force. This week, Weekend Magazine Staff Writer Philip Smith states why he feels this voyage was a good demonstration of how the services can co-operate to achieve the merging of the army, navy and air force as envisaged by Defence Minister Paul Hellyer in the recent White Paper

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