

Economic Problems

The efforts on the part of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council through its president, Mr. R. J. Rankin, to arouse interest in the Gordon Commission report will, it is hoped, be effective in obtaining federal action. Nothing is to be gained, however, by holding up the report as "the most challenging document ever prepared on the Maritime Provinces"; unless, indeed, one interprets its objectionable features as constituting such a challenge by way of repudiation. These features have already been discussed sufficiently in these columns, and they have been dealt with in similar terms by Premier Flemming of New Brunswick. It is time now to concentrate on the constructive recommendations in the report. The chief value of these is that they indorse, to a large extent, what was already stated at the conference of Maritime Premiers last summer and has been emphasized by our Boards of Trade, our members of Parliament and Provincial Governments on many occasions in the past. The recommendation for a re-examination of the Maritime Freight Rates Act is a case in point. This has been urged repeatedly and Hon. Mr. Marler as good as promised it before the Gordon report was published. The report now leaves the Federal Government with no excuse for further delay.

One new proposal calls for more cautious consideration. That is for a Capital Projects Commission in connection with granting capital assistance to these Provinces. Working with the "advice and support" of the four Provincial Governments, this commission would examine all proposals, decide on priorities and, within the limits of the total amount of funds available, submit recommendations to the federal authorities. There is a danger here to which the Fredericton Gleaner has already called attention. Wedged between the provincial and federal authorities, the Commission might make recommendations which would be far from acceptable to one or other of the four Provinces. It would shield the Federal Government from the rightful demands pressed by the four Provinces, and curtail the authority of the four Provincial Governments. What we want is more, not less, direct contact through our responsible representatives; not another bureaucratic body of which we have too many already.

Over and above the matters dealt with in the Gordon report we have valid claims which we should be pressing on economic grounds at Ottawa. The Atlantic Council was formed to grapple with these problems, and is entitled to the full support of all our people in doing so. It is no part of its job to act as press agent for the Gordon Commission, or bestow indiscriminate praise on a report which, through faulty drafting, has caused widespread misunderstanding and resentment. Let the Council sift the wheat from the chaff in the report and concentrate on the recommendations that are worth while. Valuable time is being lost in trying to explain away its crudities.

Dental Health

Today is Dental Health Day. The dental profession throughout the Province and Dominion is attempting to bring to everyone's attention the serious conditions of dental health generally and suggestions in respect to how these disorders may be prevented.

Dentistry in Canada faces many problems—too few facilities for training dentists and auxiliary workers—far too little research into the causes of conditions which run into expenditures of many millions of dollars annually by Canadian people—too little acceptance by the public of those measures of prevention which are so essential if dental disease is to be eliminated. Only five dental schools exist in Canada, a number which has not increased since 1926. Approximately the same number of dental students are graduating into

the profession today as entered thirty years ago. The death and retirement rate is being barely maintained even though Canada's population has increased since 1926 by over 5,000,000 persons.

Dental research, until recent years, has been almost entirely non-existent. Funds have not been available to inaugurate research programs in three of the five dental schools of Canada and a graduate research program exists in only one of the five schools. The paucity of research is all the more alarming when one realizes Canadians are spending annually approximately \$70,000,000 for grossly inadequate treatment services. Expanded scientific research is urgently needed to help reduce the enormous amount of ill health and disability caused by dental disease.

The third matter to which the dental profession has directed its attention is the enunciation and encouragement of proven methods which aid in the prevention of dental disease. The establishment of preventive educational programs utilizing the services of public health trained dentists, a policy developed by the profession, have proven to be a positive forward step in the never ending battle against dental disease. The profession's assiduous study, from which emanated the unqualified endorsement of fluoridation, has given impetus to one of the great public health measures of our time. Unfortunately, there is a great deal of missionary work yet to be done to overcome the prejudice against this measure in many quarters.

Dental disease continues to reign as one of our major public health problems. Parents can help by inculcating in their children a desire to adhere to dietary and oral hygiene habits which predispose to sound dental health and governmental authorities could assist by making sufficient funds available for provision of training facilities and research.

A Strange Cry

A strange cry is being heard in the corridors and smoke-filled rooms of the United Nations. It concerns a "disarmament" plan cooked up by Egypt, Syria and one or two other militant states for the benefit of the Middle East. The substance of the plan is that Israel be permitted such arms as she can afford to pay in cash but not permitted to purchase any from abroad. The other states in the region would be under no such restriction but would be allowed to obtain arms from the Soviet Union or any other country willing to supply them on whatever terms might be agreed upon. This, the Egyptians and Syrians say, would keep Israel from attacking her neighbours. Of course it would. What they have failed to point out is that it would also enable Israel's enemies to gobble her up at their convenience.

Will this plan ever reach the General Assembly? It seems hardly likely, unless "judgment has fled to brutish beasts and men have lost their reason." But the fact that such a one-sided and mischievous plan could even be suggested by Arab leaders is proof of their evil intentions against the people of Israel.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Toasts to King Saud at a United Nations luncheon were drunk in water, the father of all the Arabs being a teetotaler. It's a good guess that there was more than one wry face in evidence.

The paper on Educational Problems in Prince Edward Island which appeared in "Widening Educational Horizons" on Monday and was referred to in these columns yesterday, was prepared by Mr. K. A. Parker, Superintendent of City Schools.

The only thing that distinguishes the U.N.'s 6th resolution calling upon Israel to withdraw her troops from Egyptian territory is that no one seems to understand what the vague reference to the U.N. force means. Some think it provides authority for the Secretary-General to place forces in the Gulf of Aqaba and the Gaza Strip to keep the Egyptians from raiding Israel and blockading her shipping, and some think it doesn't. This, incidentally, is the resolution which Canada's Mr. Pearson first refused to support and later, on American prodding, changed his mind.



PUSHING TOGETHER TO HELP SAVE JOHNNY'S SMILE

PUBLIC FORUM

THAT FISHERMAN'S WHARF AT BORDEN

Sir.—This Town has been visited in the past by hurricanes, sleet storms that laid everything flat. Then on February 27, 1956, the great causeway scare that brought almost everything to a standstill in the Town of Borden. On January 23rd, 1957, we see by the press reports that Mr. MacNaught has asked Parliament for a grant of \$100,000 towards the building of a fisherman's wharf at Borden, P.E.I. This news has not struck Borden like a hurricane or a severe sleet storm or even another causeway scare, but has struck the citizens of our Town as a great mystery, or you might class it as an invasion of this Town, for if such a foolish project goes through it would be a charge against the Town of Borden. Many of our residents have the impression that the Borden Town Council have asked for this wharf, and the Cape Traverse fishermen are led to believe the same. I wish to make it plain to our Borden citizens and also the fishermen of Cape Traverse that the Borden Town Council never asked anyone to have a fisherman's wharf built in Borden. Why should we when we have no fishermen residing in Borden excepting one who is a C.N.R. employee and fishes for a few weeks while on vacation.

I have at my elbow as I write this letter a statement signed by the Cape Traverse fishermen and reads as follows: "We the undersigned fishermen of Cape Traverse who waited on Mr. MacNaught last Fall informed him that such a wharf at Borden would be of no use to the fishermen of this locality and if built would not be used by them, and we still vigorously oppose such a wharf being built at Borden where there are no fishermen and would consider that it would be money wasted." It further states that Mr. MacNaught promised to take an engineer to Cape Traverse to look over the prospects of extending their wharf there. This promise was never fulfilled.

The above is conclusive proof that the fishermen of Cape Traverse are opposed to the building of a so-called fisherman's wharf at Borden, and the Town of Borden vigorously opposes the construction of such a wharf. Now the big question mark is for whom is Mr. MacNaught building this wharf. The only favor that Borden ever asked Mr. MacNaught to get for our Town was a Post Office. The people of Borden have requested that for years. There are now two other Federal offices here and the three would make up a Federal building, which could be built for approximately \$25,000 or \$30,000. It looks reasonable to suppose that Mr. MacNaught could have gotten a grant for this amount much easier than the \$100,000 he has asked for which would be of no use whatsoever to this Town. Mr. MacNaught has been holding the cards for Prince County for the past twelve years, and during that time he has dealt out some nice jackpots to Western Prince, but to the Town of Borden he has never dealt us even a deuce or a trey as cards go, and now on the eve of an election it is quite obvious that he does not intend to.

Let us look at the small town in this Province. It is a recognized fact that Borden is the Gateway to the Province, also it is the only town in the Province through which the Trans-Canada Highway passes. On the other hand it is also the only town in the Province that does not have a Federal Post Office building; in fact two villages in Prince County have them. The towns of Kensington and Montague have each had their second Post Office building and now the Town of Souris is to get its first and Post Office building. How fortunate the people of Kings County are to have a representative at Ottawa that does not roll all the eggs to one corner of the basket.

All the towns that have Federal Buildings are getting large Federal municipal grants which are going to be greatly increased next year. What is the Town of Borden getting? Nothing. What we had been taken away from us for much risk as far north as Ontario's Lake Simcoe—where a regular resort industry is building up around providing comforts to the ice fisherman—it's enough of a factor on Wisconsin's Lake Winnebago to establish a good-sized business devoted to fishing sunken cans out again and drying them out.

It is true that on such Federal Government buildings in the different towns they receive a municipal grant. The R.C.M.P. building in Borden was taken over early in 1954 and we undertook to get this grant and after several months

of writing and having sent in our assessment figures, etc., we received word that our grant would be approximately \$30. This report was accompanied by three sets of papers for our Town Clerk, to go before a Justice of the Peace and take an affidavit that he was the Town Clerk. This \$30 grant was some grant on a \$25,000 property! The result was that we mailed the whole mess back to Ottawa telling them to keep their \$30 as our Town was not broke yet.

It is true that last Fall we saw a small scow accompanied by a motor boat working in around the sandbars in the Borden harbour. And from where they were working and drove stakes it would appear that they intend to fence in a small area comparable to a small country millpond and extending out over the sandbars many hundred feet.

We must admit that Mr. MacNaught has done a lot for the fishermen in Western Prince and it is quite obvious that he does not intend to give any assistance to the Cape Traverse fishermen or he would have had a survey made at that locality. I think that I know the Borden harbor and the Cape Traverse area as well as Mr. MacNaught does and I feel pretty sure that an extension to the Cape Traverse wharf that would be suitable to the fishermen could be built much cheaper than a wharf at Borden. At least this should have been found out by a survey of both localities.

Regarding a Federal building for Borden I was looking over my files on this and the last correspondence received from Mr. MacNaught on this matter was to the effect that the village of O'Leary came ahead of Borden in respect of a Federal Building and Borden would come next. As the O'Leary building has been completed and occupied I felt sure that with an election coming on Mr. MacNaught would ask for a grant for a Federal building for Borden, and I can assure you that there is no one in Borden more disappointed than myself. However, it now appears that instead of a Federal building which everyone wants he is trying to shove a so-called Fisherman's wharf down our throats. But do what he may, we will never swallow this medicine without a struggle.

One of the reasons why I am writing this letter is that many of our citizens are not familiar with the true facts. I have placed a true picture before them and in all the years that I have been Mayor of this Town I will defy any Government official to say that I ever asked for any personal gains. I have always worked

for the interests of the Town and every improvement this Town possesses was obtained under my jurisdiction. As long as I am Mayor I shall follow the same policy: the interests of this town shall come first regardless of politics or anything else and you can rest assured that the cause for a Federal Building for our Town will be carried to Ottawa.

This Town has never received one cent from the Federal Government since it was incorporated in 1919 and if the construction of a Federal Building is not started before the next Federal election then the people of Borden can forget about it until we have a change of government or a representative for Prince who will cast his eye in our direction.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.
BUSINESSMEN ARE OFTEN CARELESS ABOUT HEALTH
They say no one can tell the boss what to do. But I'm going to tell all of you executives what to do right now.

If you hadn't had a thorough physical examination within the last year call your doctor—or the company physician—and arrange for one sometime later this week. Statistics indicate you probably need it.

I know a lot more about you executives than you might think. For instance, I know that most of you young executives under 40 are physically strong, athletic, energetic and ambitious. You work from 10 to 12 hours a day because you enjoy the combat of business.

I also know that probably less than 10 per cent of you are in perfect health; the remainder have some sort of disease. And about half of you don't even know it.

PEPTIC ULCER
Businessmen are good candidates for peptic ulcer. Although many of you undoubtedly are bothered with one, the incidence is not so great as the average person might believe. Besides, most of you with an ulcer are well aware of your ailment.

While heart disease is also fairly common among young executives, many victims are unaware they have it. I venture to guess that about 10 per cent of the nation's executives have a heart ailment without knowing it.

About one out of every nine probably has insufficient thyroid gland secretion, with an excess of fatty elements in the blood. This, we believe, is a factor in hardening of the arteries.

About two per cent of our executives have cancer. Again, most of them don't even suspect it.

SPECIAL AGE GROUP
Between the ages of 40 and 45, the executive's health may become even more of a problem especially if he begins losing his hair, puts on excess weight and finally learns what it is to become tired.

Most of you executives in this age group find that you are less active physically and that you are unable to work more than eight hours a day without strain.

Still, you are no less ambitious than the younger man. Your preoccupation with your work continues—and you have a tendency to ignore the early signs of disease.

You may be a careful businessman, but you are likely to be careless about your health.

STUDENTS' BEHAVIOUR PRAISED

Sir.—The town is still buzzing about the magnificent performance of Hamlet in the Canadian Play in Charlottetown over the past week-end. The Kinsmen are to be commended for bringing this outstanding event to our Province.

On Friday afternoon over 900 turned out for the Students Matinee. When the curtain rose, there was standing room only, a factor which usually contributes to rowdiness. Attending were children as young as eight years of age, the majority were teenagers with a sprinkling of adults. All seemed spellbound by the exciting performance of Hamlet by our guest players.

On Saturday the youth of our City received a compliment from the Canadian Players on their excellent audience response (probably the teachers can take some credit for this, as many prepared their pupils for this great event, by taking up a study of Hamlet, in advance) However, a spokesman for Canadian Players, when publicly interviewed on Saturday said "we sometimes dread young peoples' matinees; they can be very noisy and make it exceedingly difficult for the actors to be heard during our three hour performance. But your Island youth were exceptional. They gave us such good attention. They were one of the best behaved and responsive audiences we have ever had." All of which proves that we have little trouble with our youth, when we give them worthwhile pursuits and proper guidance.

In these days, when all too often, we hear negative and sweeping statements about the misbehavior of our youth, it is most heartening to hear our young people lauded. Let us try to live up to this good name given to us by our recent visiting celebrities.

I am, Sir, etc.,
HELEN MACDONALD
(Mrs. J. Gordon MacDonald)

The Age Old Story

Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(February 6, 1932)
A comprehensive paper on the Car Ferry "Charlottetown" was read at the annual meeting of the Engineering Institute of Canada at Montreal by Mr. Walter Lambert, naval architect, who gave the history of the development of Ferry traffic between P.E.I. and New Brunswick culminating in the placing into service of the new ferry.

Providing weather conditions are favorable, Pilot Fowler of the plane carrying mails between Moncton, Summerside and Charlottetown will leave Moncton today in the new Amphibian plane with mails for the Magdalen Islands.

TEN YEARS AGO
(February 6, 1947)
Mr. W. N. MacDonald of Sydney, N.S., director of Northumberland Ferries visited Charlottetown yesterday and inspected the work now being done on the Charles A. Dunning, undergoing repairs at Bruce Stewart's wharf, in preparation for its service next summer between Wood Islands and Carleton Place.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Prepared as we are to love our enemies, it's difficult to do in the modern world when you can't tell from day to day, exactly who they are.—Hamilton Spectator
In the United States politics, like the income tax collector, never sleeps. Already there is discussion of the presidential candidates in 1960 and who will carry the Republican banner in place of Mr. Eisenhower—Nixon seems in the lead at the moment.—Ottawa Journal
A fourteen-year-old boy sent out to telephone for an ambulance for his expectant mother, forgot to give his address. Authorities traced the call to a pay telephone, and the ambulance followed the boy's foot-steps in the fresh snow from the pay box to his home. The baby was born safely in hospital.—The Canadian Doctor
It's predicted that under automation the farm tractor will eventually operate by radar control from the kitchen. And boy, will that be something! But, why not from any room in the house, and then the hired man could have his pancakes in bed without getting up at all?—Ottawa Citizen

There is growing public support in favor of a re-examination of all drivers and perhaps an annual examination for aging drivers and those suffering from physical defects. It is recognized that it would be a gigantic task to conduct a re-examination, but if it means a curb on the slaughter on the highways it is well worthwhile, even if it takes two or more years to accomplish.—Sudbury Star

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Offers Two Youth Training Short Courses For Young Men and Young Women in AGRICULTURE and EGG GRADING COMMENCING THE LATTER PART OF FEBRUARY, 1957
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Those who must live away from home while receiving instruction, and who satisfactorily complete the courses will receive financial assistance to the extent of \$6.00 per week.

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EGG GRADING—This (day) course lasting from three to four weeks is designed to train young men and young women in the operation and management of Egg Grading Stations. Instruction is given in Grading of Eggs, Use of Equipment, Keeping Records and Government Regulations.

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TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES
Egg receipts continue heavy for this season of the year, Mr. F. M. Nash, senior poultry products inspector said yesterday. However, packers have discontinued temporarily preparing eggs for export due to electrical power failure, but it is expected that shipments will soon be resumed to Maritime and Upper Canadian points.