

Question And Answer

In a question-and-answer political advertisement the Liberals have placed this bewildering item: "WHY was no budget presented? Because the results of the Conservatives' 'give-away' program since June 10th would do untold harm to their chances of being returned to Parliament".

If this means anything at all—and, of course, it must—it means that in the official Liberal view the special \$25 million grant to the Atlantic Provinces, including the \$2½ million each year for four years to this Province, was a "give-away" program and, secondly, that it was money wasted.

We do not believe for one moment that the voters of this Province will agree with the Liberal strategists on either count. On the contrary, we believe that most of them, whether Liberal or Conservative, will say that, far from being a "give-away" program, the special grant was a long awaited recognition of the just claims of the Atlantic Provinces and of this Province in particular. It is not full recognition, but it amounts to a pretty substantial payment on account. Furthermore it sets a precedent, based on recognition of fiscal need, which will be permanent value in our negotiations with Ottawa.

Until we saw this "question and answer" we had not thought that one Prince Edward Islander was opposed to the special grant arrangement. But there it is in black and white; and it is reasonable to suppose that it represents official, though not popular, Liberal thinking on the subject. We must confess, however, that we do not see how it can be expected to win friends for Mr. Pearson and Liberal Party candidates on this Island.

Again Quebec

One of the most accurate analysts in last year's federal election campaign was Arthur Blakely, staff writer for the Montreal Gazette. In a recent article in his paper Mr. Blakely attempts to sum up the situation in the Province of Quebec, which he terms "X", the 1958 election equation—the unknown quantity. All calculations and prophecies, he says, begin at this point. And, until the votes are counted, they must inevitably end there as well.

Conservatives look to Quebec to guarantee a clear, over-all majority which would sustain Prime Minister Diefenbaker's government through the five-year life—if it lasts a full term—of Canada's 24th Parliament. Liberal hopes are centred on this province as well. They see Quebec, or think that they see it, as the unconquerable bastion of Canadian Liberalism. Liberal campaigners would like to believe that retaining or expanding their holdings there, they may even yet be able to eke out an election win. Failing that, they pin on Quebec their hopes of being returned with enough parliamentary strength to assure a perpetuation of the stalemate which began after June 10. Or, if not that, then at least enough strength to make them a formidable opposition.

Quebec has 75 seats. The Liberals profess confidence they will get 65 Quebec seats, give or take a couple. The Conservatives are equally certain, in public at least, that they will take 'at least 35 to 40' of these same 75 ridings. These contradictory claims only serve to increase uncertainty about the real value of "X".

One independent organization—the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion—has attempted to peer into the collective mind of the Quebec electorate. The poll was a real shocker. It reported 49 per cent of Quebec's electors were preparing to vote Conservative; only 45 per cent leaned toward the Liberals.

Not since 1887 have the Conservatives won so much as a straw vote from the Liberals in Quebec. If the result of the poll is accepted as any indication of what is likely to happen on March 31, then Conservative claims suddenly seem as moderate as they had appeared, earlier, to be extravagant.

It's an odd thing, though, says

Mr. Blakely, that few independent election experts have been able to detect the swing to the Conservatives claimed by the latter and indicated by the pollsters. The Gazette's Wilbur Arkison for example, took his own soundings in Quebec and emerged with the conclusion that the PCs might win a total of 20 seats. Other native or outside observers have come up with the same finding.

Yet, should the PCs outdistance the Liberals by 49 per cent of the popular vote to 45, or any reasonable facsimile thereof, it is difficult to see how they should possibly wind up with such a small share of the 75 Quebec seats.

If, on the other hand, the Conservatives finish with 20 Quebec seats or less, then the Canadian version of the Gallup Poll has committed a boner compared to which the errors of the Truman-Dewey election and last year's Canadian election pale into insignificance.

The stern facts of Quebec political life as they affect Federal parties are, basically, the province's amazing general election record since 1926:

Members of Parliament Elected in Quebec		
	Liberal	Conservative
1926	60	4
1930	40	24
1935	55	5
1940	61	0
1945	54	1
1949	66	2
1953	66	4
1957	63	8

The table reflects, accurately, the relative strengths of the two parties in Quebec in recent decades. And it explains the incredulity which has greeted Conservative claims of massive gains in Quebec. This time however, Conservative gains are strongly indicated even if the exact extent of those gains remains uncertain.

Newsprint Production

A rapid rise in production of newsprint is revealed in a statistical report issued by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization. It states that between 1946 and 1956 (the last year for which figures have been compiled) it rose by more than 50 per cent.

In Asia and the Pacific area, where prior to the Second World War production was negligible, it rose to a point where it made up more than 6 per cent of the world total. Combined output of North America and Europe increased from 6,200,000 tons in 1946 to more than 10,000,000 tons ten years later. Canada still leads as the world's greatest producer. In the last year under review Canadian shipments came to nearly 80 per cent of the total world output. The bulk of it went to the United States.

The greatest rate of growth, however, was recorded in Australia, Japan, France and the Soviet Union, in that order.

EDITORIAL NOTES

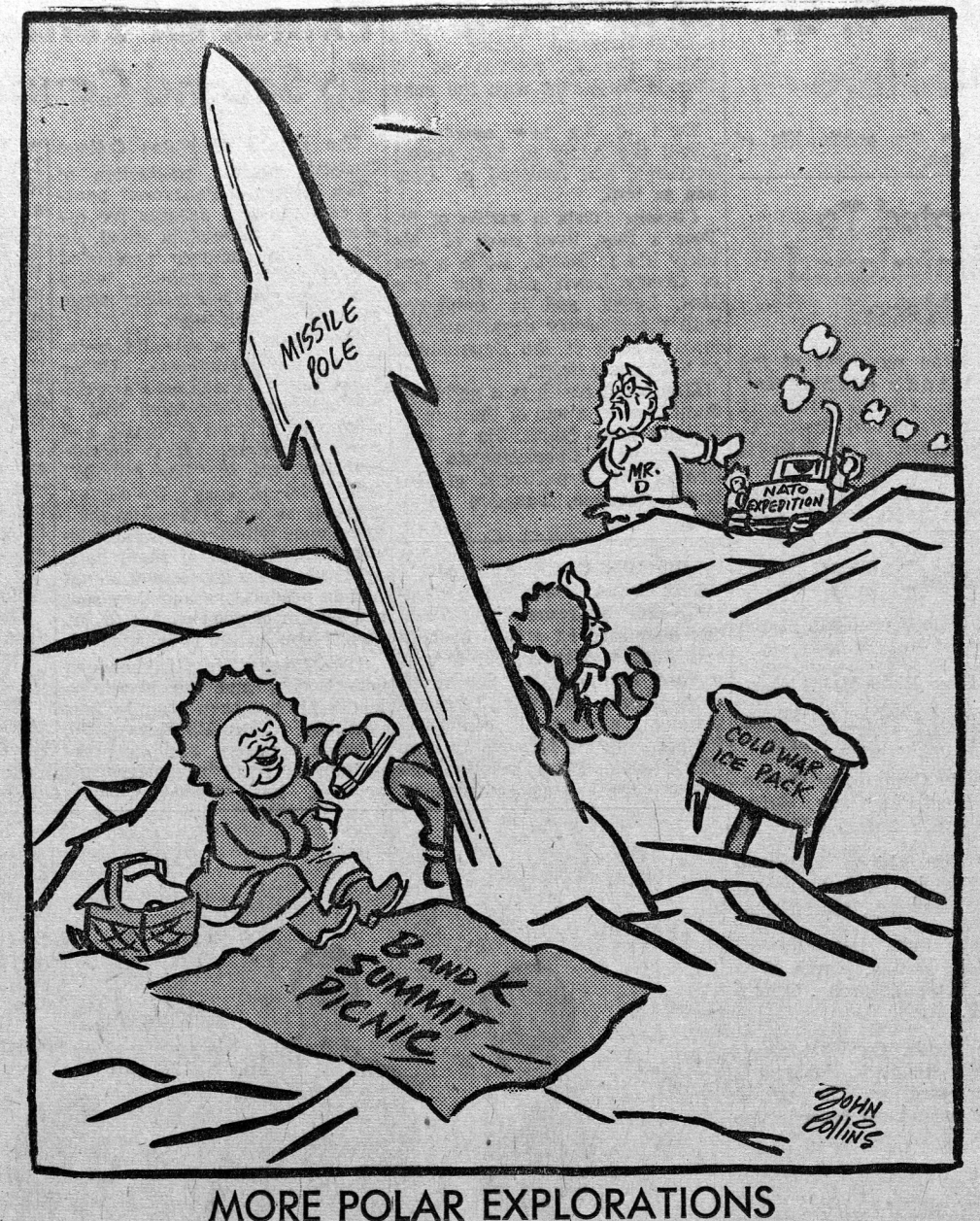
The name of the Federal Building has been changed from "Confederation Building" to "Dominion Building". Now, everybody can keep on referring to it as the "Post Office".

A Baptist Church in Texas has the answer to the problem of deficit financing. The minister locks all the doors of the church, puts a wash-tub on the platform and tells his congregation that they are not going to leave until it is full.

It has been a tiring campaign. But one or the other in each riding (2 in Queen's) will be able to take a long rest after it is over. And the opening of the fishing season is not far off. The winners will not be as fortunate; for, of course, they will have to start immediately on carrying out their election promises.

The Suez Canal Company, which controlled the Suez Canal before it was nationalized by Egypt in 1956, is setting its financial sights on Canada. Recently it purchased 250,000 shares in the British Newfoundland Corporation (BRINCO) which has mineral and other interests in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Chief Electoral Officer has ruled that it was permissible for Donald Fleming to list his occupation on election ballots as "Finance Minister". The proper thing would be to have the party affiliation of each candidate marked clearly on the ballots. What would happen if two candidates of the same name and the same occupation were running in the same constituency? How, under the present system, could voters tell one from the other?



MORE POLAR EXPLORATIONS

PUBLIC FORUM

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"NOTHING FOR KING'S"

Sir,—It is the practice of every good member, before going to Ottawa for a session of Parliament to make out—in conjunction with the Federal engineer—a list of the various sums of money, which he will try to secure, and have placed in the public estimates, while the House is in session.

Last session, however, there was not such an amount of money in the public estimates, for the constituency of Kings, yet, in the face of that, the Tory candidate for Kings, on the platform and in the press, enumerates an unusually long list of public works, purported to have been authorized for the constituency of Kings, which, to say the least is absurd and ridiculous. Public works cannot be undertaken with imaginary money. The money must be secured, and placed in the estimates. That was not done at the last session of Parliament.

Now, the Tory candidate for King's knows as well as I know, that there is no money authorized for public works in King's County and I think the electors should also be aware of the fact. Moreover, any money spent in Kings County, on public works, since June 10th election, was money which Mr. Kichham had secured, and which was placed in the estimates, at the last session of the late Liberal Government and which was left over from unfinished public works, undertaken by Mr. Kichham, then Federal member for Kings.

It is well known, that the Tory candidate for King's secured the majority of votes at the June 10th election by a multiplicity of promises, but the question is, can he do it again?

I am, Sir, etc.,
THOS. V. GRANT.
Montague, P. E. I.

(An Ottawa despatch in this newspaper of Feb. 19th, reported the authorization by the Treasury Board of Canada of a \$5,700,000 public works program for Prince Edward Island, including several items for Kings County. — Ed. G.)

CCF ON EDUCATION

Sir,—In reference to your editorial comment in Saturday's Guardian, upon the statement of M. J. Coldwell, National leader of the C.C.F. Party, regarding Federal grants for the purpose of equalizing educational opportunities in Canada, may I say that there is nothing new about this attitude on the part of the C.C.F. towards Federal grants for this purpose. Indeed Mr. Coldwell was reiterating what has long been the stated policy of the C.C.F. on this matter.

I quote from the C.C.F. brief on Education presented last year to the Select Standing committee on Education in the Legislature: "We, of the C.C.F., have long felt, very strongly that Federal aid to education should be granted in amounts sufficient to equalize educational opportunity for all Canadians without interference in provincial jurisdiction." Again from the C.C.F. brief on Health Insurance presented last November to the Citizens Committee on Health Insurance: "... a shortage of trained personnel will doubtless occur in those provinces adopting the (health) plan for the first time and steps should be taken immediately to relieve this shortage by generous grants, scholarships and bursaries to students..."

May I add, that important as Mr. Coldwell is to the C.C.F. movement, he does not make its policies. These are hammered out by democratically elected representatives of the provincial organizations at the National convention which meets every two years.

The officers of the C.C.F. Party, including our great national leader, Mr. Coldwell, are not the masters but the servants of the C.C.F. and are up for election

OTTAWA REPORT

Never Like This One!

By Patrick Nicholson
Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Ottawa: There never was an election like this one.

Never before has there been so much interest among the voters. Never before have the Party leaders travelled so far and so fast. Never before, alas, have so many speakers made so many promises to so many electors with so few hopes of fulfilling them.

This is the first large scale aircraft and television campaign. TV has brought more election speeches into more homes than ever before. This seems to have stimulated interest in meetings, and brought out larger crowds, whereas the campaign managers expected that voters who had already seen the Party leaders on TV, would not face winter weather to travel to meetings to see those same leaders in person.

The greater use of regular every two years. Thus the C.C.F. differs fundamentally from the two old line parties in that it is built democratically from the ground up. There is no "brass" in the C.C.F. There are only individual members working through their provincial and national organizations.

I am, Sir, etc.,
(MRS.) MURIEL MacINNIS.
Borden, P.E.I.

EVILS OF DRUNKENNESS

Sir,—A matter of the utmost concern and one which is on the increase and affects a large number of people directly or indirectly is the consumption of liquor and drunkenness. Drunkenness is on the rampage as is quite evident by observation. The R.C.M.P. report in the House recently stated that the number of convictions on charges of drunkenness has increased. Why have they increased? Liquor is too easy to get, and a member of the local house had the audacity to say that the book permits should be done away with. Why? I would suggest that the liquor shops be closed up and the bootlegger be cleaned up and then there would be too much drinking. If anybody wants a bottle of rotgut and can't get it at the local vendor, he can easily get it at any one of several bootleggers, and willingly pay twice the price. If these bootleggers were caught and penalized heavy enough, maybe they would go to work.

How did the vendor shops become established? Simply by the non-drinkers being indifferent, and others who hate the word liquor refusing to vote against the establishment of the liquor shanties in this province. The ones who did vote for it are the so-called social drinkers of which there is no such a person, some of whom hold positions of authority in schools, business establishments, civic and other positions of importance.

Liquor is flowing altogether too freely and now Premier Matheson has said in the House that Temperance is to be taught in the schools in an effort, I suppose to stem the tide of drunkenness which is slowly but surely engulfing the present generation. The teaching of Temperance should begin in the home with the parents telling their children the damnation caused by drinking, but first of all being an example to their children by not using it.

If people would stop long enough to think, maybe they would realize the foolishness of drinking. After all, what does it all end in; nothing but wasted money, accidents, broken homes, murders, robbery, assault and every other crime under the sun that the inebriate would not do in his sober senses. Liquor is responsible for every act of injustice in one way or another.

Where is any government organization or individual who supported such an issue going to end up?

I am, Sir, etc.,
"TEMPERATE"
Elmsdale, P.E.I.

TRANS CANADA AIR LINES FLIGHTS

and of chartered planes has revolutionized electioneering. I remember, less than ten years ago, how the campaign train of the then Prime Minister, Louis St. Laurent, progressed comfortably and leisurely part of the way around Canada just once. He did not visit the West at all, because he had been there a few weeks before the campaign started.

But this year, in stark and bustling contrast, Prime Minister John Diefenbaker has hopped nimbly between train and plane and car, and has criss-crossed the entire country not once but twice.

Liberal Leader Lester Pearson, showing plenty of bounce for a man in his sixties too, has conducted an equally rugged campaign.

In the wake of these two giants of the election, younger newsmen have found it tough sledding. Moving in and out of train bedrooms and hotel bedrooms, keeping track of bags and typewriters, locating telegraph facilities to file the stories: this has proved to be a much tougher assignment than the good old days, when one settled into a train bedroom, and stayed put for four or five weeks.

INTRICATE ORGANIZATION

The management of an election campaign involves an immense amount of careful and detailed staff-work. The leaders of each of the two big parties is accompanied by a personal following, headed in this campaign by their wife in each case. Then there are secretaries and public relations experts, local party officials, campaign managers and a back-room boy or two to assist in marshalling facts for speech material.

In addition, of course, there is a large but fluctuating and ever-changing satellite crowd of journalists, some easy-going and others more trouble than a bunch of prima donnas.

NOT-SO-HEAVY GAMBLING

The focus of interest among the newsmen travelling with Mr. Diefenbaker and Mr. Pearson this year has been "the little black book." This is the ten cent notebook belonging to Fred Davis, the well-known Toronto news photographer who has been travelling with the Prime Minister.

Fred organized a sweepstake on the election result. For the modest sum of one dollar, all comers have been able to pick their choice as the number of seats which the Progressive Conservatives will win; after the poll, the pool will be divided among those canny enough or lucky enough to have spotted the correct Conservative total.

At latest look, the bets seemed to range between 109 and 200 seats. There have been lower bets, but any poolster may change his forecast—but not withdraw his buck—up to polling day. The low bet was staked by a well-known writer on a prominent newspaper which favours the Liberals. The high bet was inspired by Doug Fisher, former C.C.F. member and present C. C. F. candidate at Port Arthur, who gave this as his opinion in the Parliamentary coffee shop recently; and he also left behind the impression that he did not rate his own chances very high.

The bulk of the bets ranged from 150 to 180 seats for the Tories. One Liberal supporter refused a side bet that the Liberals would win even 50 seats; another wagered a buck that they would win 90. The C. C. F. and Social Credit groups are both conceded losses, very heavy in the case of the latter.

The winner of this sweepstake, incidentally, does not "take all." He is expected to be "in the chair" as host to his colleagues on the day after the election—if he can be found.

Daily Calorie Requirements

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.
ALMOST everyone is calorie-conscious these days. With all the publicity given to reducing diets of one sort or another, you can't help but be aware of the major role the calorie plays in our everyday health—especially in regard to weight.

But how many of you know your own daily calorie requirements? Probably very few.

MORE CALORIES FOR MEN

Men generally need more calories than do women. People who do a lot of physical work need more than those who are less active. Age also plays a part in determining the daily calorie needs.

To help you find your personal calorie requirements, here is a simple formula used by many doctors:

In a general way, you can determine the basic calorie expenditure of almost any adult during a 24 hour period by multiplying the ideal weight by 10.

If the individual is female, short, elderly, subtract 100 to 200 calories. If the person is male, young, tall, add 100 to 200 calories.

ACTIVE PERSON

For a person who is active physically during the day, add from 50 to 75 per cent more than the basic requirements. If the person had ordinary light activities, add 30 per cent more than the basic calories.

Let's take a couple of examples to show how you can figure your own diet needs.

If you are a man of 25, your weight should be about 140 pounds. Multiplying this weight (140) by 10, we get 1,400. Since you are a young man, add 200. This gives a total of 1,600 calories.

If you carry on a moderate amount of activity, add 50 per cent, or, in this case, 800. This gives you a total daily requirement of approximately 2,400 calories. Consuming many more calories than that will only add unwanted weight.

To cite one more example: Say you are a woman, about 55 years old. In this case, also, the ideal weight would be about 140 pounds. But the calorie requirements are different.

Multiplying 140 pounds by 10 we again get a total of 1,400. But because this is an elderly woman, we deduct 100. A woman of 55 generally is not overly active physically—I know I'll get an argument about this from many of you—so we add only 30 per cent. Thus, consist of about 1,690 or 1,700 calories.

I want to emphasize one more thing. If you think you are getting far too many calories and want to lose weight, check with your doctor before embarking on any stringent reducing diet.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

T. R.: I have a breast tumor I have been advised to have a biopsy made to determine whether it is malignant or not. What would you advise?

Answer: By all means have this test performed.

MAXIMS

The office of government is not to confer happiness, but to give men opportunity to work out happiness for themselves.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Comments of a magistrate on discharging a man accused of stealing petticoats at Taunton, Somerset: "I believe this was a momentary slip!" — Sunday Pictorial, London

The Ontario Legislature is discussing the idea of a law to force pedestrians to pay attention to traffic lights, just as much as motorists must. This is a reasonable attitude and, although it is admitted that pedestrians were around long before motorists, still for their own good, they must regard themselves as part of the traffic to be controlled. — Kingston Whig Standard

The west coast has once again entered the annual period of isolation as highroads everywhere have become virtual seas of thick, gooey mud. The recurrence of this perennial closure of roads in this province points up the fact that Newfoundlanders just don't know how to build roads, or if we do, we are purposely failing to put this knowledge to use. — Corner Brook Western Star

If, in Dante's Inferno there should be a special hell for deceased writers, it would consist solely of an arrangement whereby they would be forced to observe the subsequent fate of their works. Shakespeare would have to hear Sir John Gielgud playing Prospero, Marx to study the works of Stalin, and Shaw to listen to long-playing records of My Fair Lady. As happened to him in life, Shaw would get off 'lighter'. He would probably rather enjoy My Fair Lady. — London New Statesman

OUR YESTERDAYS
(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(March 27, 1933)

More extensive newspaper advertising and vigorous campaign to be carried on by the Government through the Women's Institutes were advocated at a meeting last evening at a meeting last evening at the province a more general patronage of local manufacturing industries, and a wider use or consumption of Island made products.

It is reported that large quantities of oyster mud are being removed from deposits in various parts of Prince County, chiefly from the Bedeque and Melpeque Bay districts. This is the first season for a number of years that any large quantities of this fertilizer had been procured.

TEN YEARS AGO
(March 27, 1948)

There will likely be a considerable amount of construction work done at the Summerside Airport this summer. Under construction is the rebuilding of one runway with cement, construction of several housing units for Air Force Personnel, and the placing of foundations under a number of buildings on the station.

Premier J. Walter Jones announced last evening that he had received word that His Excellency the Governor General and his family will visit P.E.I. in an official capacity this summer and will stay at Dalvay from July 10 to August 30.

Premier Gaillard of France has been given 11 votes of confidence in four months. He's in a rut, you might say. — Ottawa Journal

In England a wife gets a divorce because all her husband ever said to her was "Good-bye" in the morning and "Hello" at night. Also, a man can get in trouble if he tells his wife "Hello" in the morning and "Good-bye" at night. — Winnipeg Free Press

A Jewish gentleman writes: "In English there is one word for 'hello' and another for 'goodbye.' In Hebrew there is only one word for both greetings, 'shalom' (peace) which may mean that we don't know whether we are coming or going." — Toronto Telegram

The public is bound to wonder whether the government should not concentrate its expenditures and its effort on further studies of the caribou, buffalo and reindeer possibilities, or even the native musk-oxen, instead of importing Tibetan yaks. — Edmonton Journal

The notion that "politicians" and "politicians" are dirty words is singularly unfortunate. It has been carried to ridiculous lengths in this country, to the undoubted harm of everyone. For politics is neither more nor less than the art of government. Politicians are the practitioners of the art. They may practice it with varying degrees of skill and integrity. But the art and the practice of it are essential to representative government. — Toledo Blade

The Poet's Corner

PROPER TIME

Touch a word lightly,
Ever and ever,
Nurture it fondly,
Hurry it never.

Let it come slowly.
Find what is needed
after a living
language is seeded,
after the patient
bountiful sowing;
see in the morning
all that is growing:
leaves that were hidden,
green in the shower;
words as awake as
the crowing hour.

— Joseph Joel Keith
in the Christian Science Monitor.

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