

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew
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Should Be Overhauled

The Financial Post reminds us that among the statutes more honored in the breach than in the observance are parts of the Canada Elections Act. Section 49-3, for example, which declares that on election day, and for the 48 hours preceding it, the wearing of party badges is forbidden.

The statute should be given a thorough overhauling by the next Parliament. Its worst shortcoming, probably, is its failure to deal adequately with the need for enlightening the public on the sources of campaign funds.

Another thing that should be incorporated in the law's provisions, we suggest, is a section banning the prostitution of our national flag for partisan purposes on the hustings.

What Was His Point?

Prime Minister Pearson has amended his statement about his government's willingness to negotiate the sale of water to the United States to coincide with the more sensible view expressed by his colleague, Trade Minister Mitchell Sharp.

In any case, the need for a long-term water policy has been underlined by this discussion. The Winnipeg Free Press suggests that it be approached in three steps, two of which will have to be taken before it will be possible to bargain with the United States on any terms.

If their consent is secured (a pretty big if) the next step should be a complete survey of water, and the future need of water, in every part of the nation. This surely will be an extremely difficult one to make. Engineers can calculate the flow of a river to the last drop but they cannot tell, no one can tell exactly, the future demand for water when population growth is incalculable and the new economic processes are unknown.

for; but we shall need to know what we are doing.

Canada obviously cannot afford to export water and nourish American industries at the cost of restricting or prohibiting industries of its own. Water that could be used economically and competitively by potential industries and farms should remain here.

Israeli Vote Tomorrow

Canada is not the only nation that is in the throes of a political campaign. Nearly 1.5 million Israelis go to the polls tomorrow in an election which may decide the outcome of a power struggle between its two elder statesmen, David Ben-Gurion, the patriarch of Israeli politics, and Premier Levi Eshkol.

In July, Ben-Gurion was expelled from the Mapai party, which he himself founded in 1930, and now heads a minority group known as the Rafi which is intent on reform along lines of the British electoral system. He is reported to feel that no party will emerge from the elections strong enough to form a government, and that election reform will follow the deadlock.

Another British First

A lifeboat that will carry crew and passengers across a sea of flaming oil without harm is among the latest achievements of British industry. It is being hailed, indeed, as a unique contribution to notable inventions of the century.

This motor-driven lifeboat seats 20 people, and in a recent test withstood for six minutes a temperature of 1,000 degrees Centigrade, with flames rising round it as high as 250 feet.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In the last federal campaign more than half the total of 1,023 candidates failed to save their deposits and contributed \$103,400 to the national revenue. Could this have been a factor in reducing the 1965 entries to 1,013 although the rewards of election—\$18,000 a year instead of \$10,000—have increased?

There is no doubt that the general sentiment today is in favor of better opportunities for higher education. But the Hamilton Spectator raises a legitimate point when it says that no one wants to see university gates opened to a flood of mediocrities, slackers and free-riders in the sacred and much-abused name of "democracy."



PUSHBUTTON WARFARE

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Buying Their Way Back To Office?

There is a costly new dimension in this election campaign; not only is it the most "promising" and hence the most expensive in our history, but Prime Minister Pearson appears to be committing the Canadian taxpayers to meet large bills whether or not the Liberal Party is returned to power.

"Need" of course includes the local cost of living. So, as Health Minister Judy LaMarsh is reported to have explained, "a pensioner in PEI doesn't need in actual dollars anything like a pensioner living in Toronto."

I'm not going to participate in it. Instead, the Liberal Party proposes a national assistance programme to provide help on a basis of need, up to \$125 per month if necessary.

Survival Insurance

There is an area in northwest Australia which used to support immense numbers of sheep, but now sustains only a few, while it swarms with kangaroos. A study under the aegis of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization concluded that man was partly responsible, but learned in addition that kangaroos are much better adapted to life in the conditions of that particular area than sheep.

The Old Farm Bells

Perhaps you will hear them one day this month. Hear the faint, sweet tones of the farm bells echoing down the corridors of time.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (November 1, 1940) Unofficial reports that fast German troop trains had passed through the western Rumanian province of Banat (presumably eastbound) and that there had been a heavy movement of German war supplies on the Timisoara-Brasov railway circulated at Bucharest.

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One of the distorting influences in current assessments of young people is the inclination of adults to agree that the majority of juveniles are good children and then to devote the preponderance of discussion to the activities of the minority which misbehaves.

"Finest Generation Ever"

One mellow October day as you are walking your acres or working in the garden, stop a minute and listen. Perhaps you can hear the notes on the overhead breeze—a remembrance of the time when life was less hurried and more flavorful.

Give Your Mind A Chance

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Cirrhotic Drinkers

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Chronic alcoholics with cirrhosis of the liver are less likely to develop heart attacks than heavy drinkers without liver trouble.

There are two possibilities as to why the ailing liver protects against heart attacks. The organ manufactures substances that help the blood to clot and when it is deficient in this department bleeding is more likely to occur.

The second reason centers about estrogens which are known to protect against atherosclerosis. Victims of cirrhosis have more than normal amounts of this female sex hormone.

The victim is plagued with indigestion, nausea, and weight loss. He acquires the appearance of gaunt corpulence, a portly and robust frame surrounded by a wasted, wasted, yellowish face and a crawny neck.

Scots Lead The Way

Always a problem for many parts of the world, water shortage is not generally thought of as being of great concern in Scotland where the rainfall can normally be depended upon to keep the reservoirs fairly full.

Yet at the international symposium on water distillation, held in Washington this month, it was a Scots engineer—a leading authority on the conversion of seawater to drinking water—who led the delegation of speakers from the United Kingdom.

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Kangaroo production is much more flexible. They mate in every month of the year, they have a built-in capacity for survival in hard conditions and rapid replenishment of their numbers after a natural disaster.

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The old days of farm bells is an era that is gone. Bells have joined buffalo robes, fringed top hats and beribboned lamp. But many a man now working in a city office can remember the music of the farm bells of yesteryear.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Three things around the house which the wise father shuns: the electricity, the plumbing, and the children's new math.

Broad-mindedness is really high-mindedness that has been flattened by experience.

Sign observed on Lympce Castle, a tourist attraction between Dover and Canterbury: "This castle modernized in 1490."

Credit Manager—"Are you going to pay us something on that account?" Long Overdue—"I can't just now."

Toronto's mayor complains his city draws poor people from all over Canada. Apparently it has drawn a few rich ones also.

A pawnbroker filled his show window with unneeded saxophones, banjos, tubas and shotguns. A friend commented, "Very interesting display, but does it sell merchandise?"

A news item reminds us that golf was made illegal in Scotland in 1457 because it interfered with the clansmen's archery practice. If it was banned now, the North American business system would collapse entirely.

Does it? The pawnbroker enthused. "One day a guy buys a sax or tuba or banjo and then a couple of days later, his neighbors come in and buy the shotguns."

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former director of a Glasgow engineering company, G. and J. Weir Limited, builders of evaporators and marine equipment. This company and another, based at Glasgow have become the spearhead of Scotland's thrust into the field of sea-water distillation.



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