

Grand Jury Report

In dealing with mental health treatment in this Province the responsible minister, Hon. Dr. Bonnell, spoke very strongly in the Legislature on Monday. Our citizens will welcome the evidence he cited of improved scientific care and facilities, particularly in the new Hillsborough General Hospital.

Dr. Bonnell complains that the Grand Jury saw "everything that was wrong", but apparently "nothing that was right." He says they neglected to ask for explanations and that their criticisms constituted misrepresentation of the worst kind.

Moreover, he says: "What the Jury did not know was the fact that we were about to and are now carrying out an extensive remodelling program to provide more bed room and these kitchens seen by the Jury have now been completely changed."

There have, we understand, been many changes since the Grand Jurors' report was published; but this does not necessarily affect the validity of their findings last January. In view of the seriousness which he attaches to their alleged misstatements, the Minister should now ask for a commission of inquiry into the conditions then existing, based on evidence supplied by the superintendent and all the members of his staff.

If we were surprised at Dr. Bonnell's attitude, we were flabbergasted at the statement of the Attorney General, Premier Matheson, that it is now "time to abolish the Grand Jury—it's just a waste of money."

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adequate and satisfactory. You will report your findings to the Court, and make any recommendations which may be reasonable and practical for the improvement of the living conditions of the inmates of these institutions."

It would seem that the Grand Jurors were very competently instructed on January 14, and that they discharged their duties conscientiously. We think the public will resent any reflection on the conduct of these twelve responsible citizens under oath, and that the Minister's criticism should either be retracted or substantiated by a full and independent inquiry into all the circumstances at the time.

Foolish Notions

At a luncheon meeting in Toronto Liberal Leader Pearson told representatives of various ethnic groups that he had been misquoted following an interview he had given reporters in January. At that time he was quoted as saying that he would not favour the use of force by a reunited Germany in any attempt to recover territories ceded to Poland at the end of the war.

If there is any difference between that version and the one published in January, it is surely so small as to be scarcely worth emphasizing. Everybody knows the difference between using force to gain an objective and submitting disputes to negotiation; and no one supposes that Mr. Pearson—or any other Canadian official—would be against the Germans' receiving lost territories, if that could be done by mutual agreement—which, incidentally, is most unlikely.

Why, in any case, does Mr. Pearson persist in bringing up these well known international problems when he is looking for votes for his party? Is he still labouring under the delusion that only by electing a Liberal Government can Canada be sure of having a voice in international affairs? Or is he nursing the idea that he alone of all free world statesmen is capable of keeping the world out of war? It would almost seem so. They are foolish notions, unworthy of one who aspires to be Prime Minister of Canada.

The electorate is aware of the fact that, regardless of the result of the election, Canada's foreign policy will remain much as it has been all along—close association with the Commonwealth and with NATO. There are indications, however, that Mr. Diefenbaker would be less likely than Mr. Pearson to follow United States policy in every particular, as a matter of course.

EDITORIAL NOTES

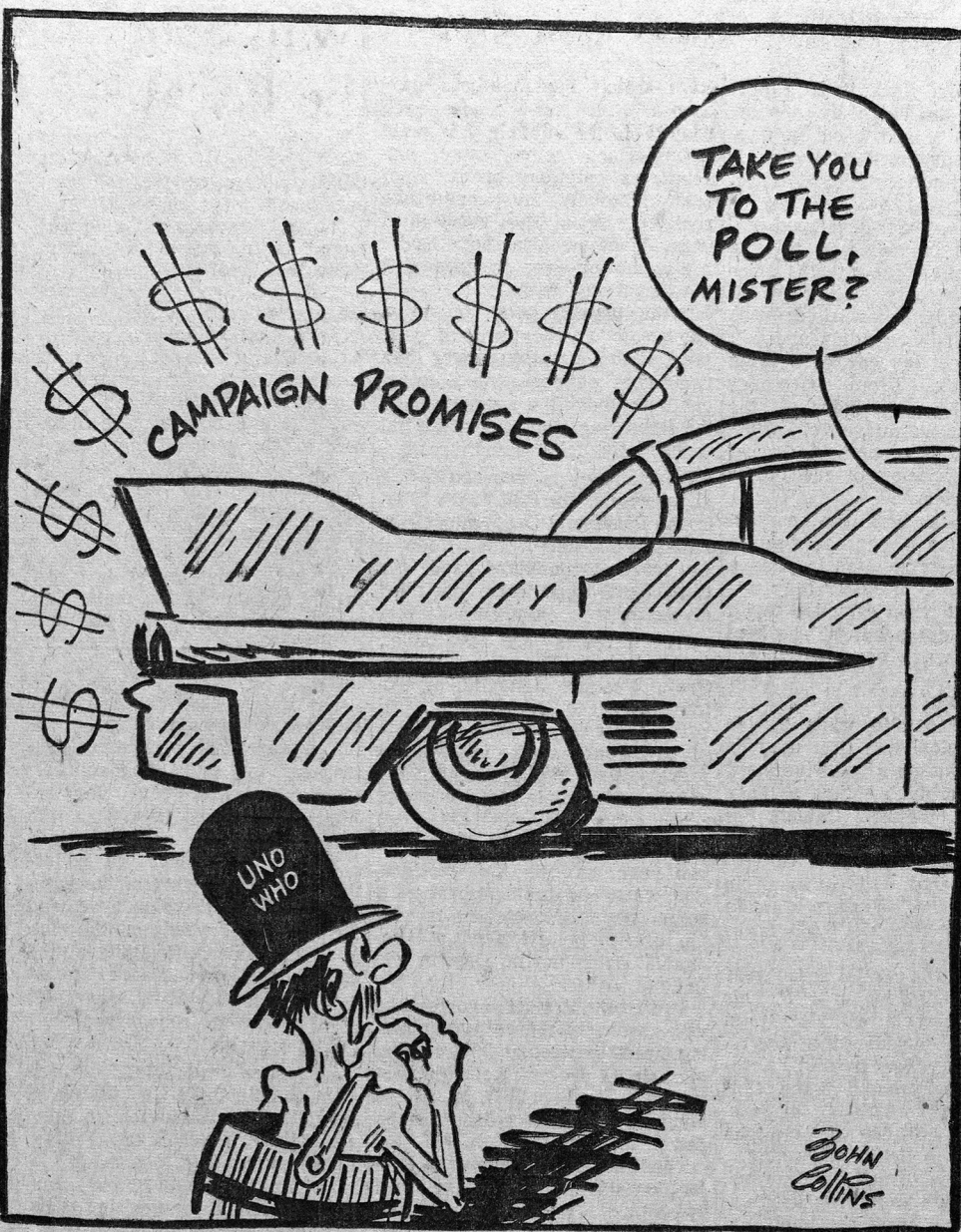
The New York Legislature has approved a bill making illegal any discrimination against persons between 45 and 65 years of age with respect to employment. Several other States have similar legislation.

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According to the late Judge Peters, whose name will ever be revered in this Province, the Grand Jury system is not something to be lightly tampered with. "It has been described by great jurists," he said in a memorable judgment, "as the bulwark of civil liberty." That is about the last thing we should want to abolish on grounds of economy!

Prime Minister Diefenbaker told an audience in Sherbrooke, Que. that he looked forward to the day when "a woman will be appointed to the Senate from the Province of Quebec." He made a little slip there. He should have said "another" woman. Mrs. Marianne Jodoin who was appointed by former Prime Minister St. Laurent is not going to be too pleased over the inference that Mr. Diefenbaker didn't know she was in the Senate.



THE SOLID GOLD CADILLAC

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

MOUNT RYAN MEETING

Sir,—We trust that the candidates attending the meeting in Mt. Ryan last tonight will provide for a period of questions and debate especially on the Government Farm Act and Trade Policies. It would be preferable if this were a joint meeting but since it is not we welcome an opportunity to procure some detailed information. Those questions will be from a group of farmers who are not clear on a number of points involved in the Government Farm and Trade Policies and who are seeking specific explanations and clarification of same.

MERMAID FARM FORUM

Sir,—In the last week of electioneering, speeches have taken on the color of soap operas. At each whistle stop the package offered to the voters is bigger and better. It would not surprise me if before March 31st the Liberals would offer us our tax money back for the past twenty-two years. Don't be fooled by their promises. Nineteen of their party have seen the hand writing on the wall and have gone into moth balls. The old guard that is left is tarred with Uncle Louis' stick.

The only Federal project in this District is the St. Peters Bay Bridge. Mr. Kichham has done nothing about it for eight years. The roadway and the sidewalk had the Burma Road backed off the map. I would watch the seagulls stop when they spotted it from the air. They would start to screech and dip their wings and hit back for Red Head.

I am, Sir, etc., ANGUS DARRAH, St. Peters Bay, R. R. 3.

TEACHERS' INCREASES

Sir,—In your edition of March 19, you published the report of the Hon. Minister of Education to the Legislature. The minister gave a very comprehensive account of the work of his department during the past year and several years preceding it. I notice that his department has proposed several pieces of legislation that will meet with the approval of teachers and public alike. The teachers will welcome the clauses which aim to provide cumulative sick leave and the establishment of a certification board on which they will also agree with the step taken to provide extra remuneration for teachers with higher qualifications and also the increase in number of increments spread over a shorter period of time. I feel sure that all teachers will join me in thanking the minister and his department for proposing this legislation and in expressing the hope that he will have no difficulty in effecting its passage through the House.

However, one fact has arisen which has given me cause for alarm. Your headline of the Minister's speech reads as follows: "\$500 Maximum Increase Seen For Teachers". Evidently, a large section of the public has been confused by the headline, with the result that many citizens have congratulated me and other teachers of my acquaintance on the fact that we are to receive a \$500 increase for the coming year. This is not the impression the minister wished to give and it is not as reported elsewhere in your paper. He stated that a teacher with a first class superior license would be receiving \$500 more than when the minister reported to the House one year ago. As you will observe, he does not state that teachers will receive \$500 increase. The \$500 includes

A Right And A Duty

By Patrick Nicholson, Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Ottawa: Vote how you like—but vote.

Unless our national voting record next Monday improves on our performance last June, more than two and one-quarter million adult Canadians will refuse to perform their duty and their right as citizens: their democratic right to say which political party they want to control our destinies for the next five years, and

\$200 which the first class superior teacher has been receiving since last September; an extra \$100 in basic salary; and a \$200 increase in increments if the teacher has been teaching ten years. However, after twelve years experience the amount of increase in increments is reduced to \$100.

This \$300 increase can be received only by first class superior teachers, of whom there were only 28 teaching in the province last year, outside Charlottetown and Summerside, according to the list which the minister prepared for the Legislature. Of these, only teachers of this class who had 10 years experience could receive the full \$300.

Of teachers other than whose with a first class superior license, for most it is possible to receive an increase of only \$150 or less. As in the case of first class superior licenses, the group with experience of 10 years will receive \$200 more than they receive at present. I have not written the above in a spirit of criticism, but because it has become evident to me that a wrong impression exists. I am sure that the minister would not favour the spread of an error in interpretation which would serve to place teachers as a group at an unfair disadvantage when the time comes to renew their contracts with the school districts.

In closing, I wish again to thank the minister for adopting a salary scale which should establish a sound basis for future negotiations. I am, Sir, etc., LESLIE STUART, Montague.

BETTER FARM DEAL

Sir,—It looks as if farmers are in for a better deal which ever Government is elected, and it is about time when you consider only 5 per cent of the farmers in Canada had a taxable income less than 1 per cent. In P.E.I. our per capita income was only half that of Ontario. What about the farmer who was compelled to sell his crop of potatoes "or nearly all" for 75 cents. He should get a deficiency payment. A plan where a profitable price is set in advance would have a tendency to speculate and create a troublesome surplus. The Pearson (a new leader with new ideas) Plan, with a Farmers' Bank to get credit cheaply without a lot of bother and expense along with a Deficiency Payment Plan and Insurance similar to that which 2000 of our fishermen enjoyed this winter to tide over boys and girls over the slack spell of winter so as to be on the farm in busy times, sounds pretty good to me.

Anyway we will need a strong organization such as the Federation to properly implement such promises. It is extremely difficult to get people to leave their television sets and come to district meetings. A suitable advertisement in the local papers whereby members are given an opportunity to vote and become members by mail on important farm problems might be better and not too costly. Membership should, I think, include the household. Womenfolk are more interested in a great many cases than the men. Perhaps the fees are too small. The more you put into anything the more interest you have. I am, Sir, etc., ELDON DRUMMOND, South Freestown.

First Aid In Treating Burns

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

When an emergency confronts you, you must remain calm and act quickly. In the case of injuries, you must also know exactly what to do and what not to do.

That's why the Committee on Accident Prevention of the American Academy of Pediatrics recently issued first aid instruction on what to do in case a youngster suffers a burn. These instructions have been approved by the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons and the Federal Civil Defense Administration. So I'd like to pass a few of them on to you.

THREAT TO LIFE

Even small burns, you must remember, could possibly be followed by infection, lockjaw, excessive scarring and disfigurement. More serious burns, with accompanying shock, may present an immediate threat to life.

If a youngster is scalded, his clothing covering the injured area should be removed, immediately. For all chemical burns, except phosphorus, wash the area with large quantities of running water. In the case of chemical burns of the eye, flush the eye with a saline solution or water.

KEEP WOUND CLEAN

Fresh burns are relatively clean. To keep them that way, cover them loosely with a clean cloth and don't remove it until you get the child to a doctor's office or hospital emergency room.

Don't apply greases, powders or ointments for emergency treatment of burns. The physician who will care for the youngster is better able to determine just what type of treatment is necessary.

REASSURE PATIENT

To help combat shock, keep the child lying down while transporting him to the hospital or doctor's office. Also, keep him warm and reassure him frequently that he is going to be all right.

Generally, pain is not a serious problem in emergency treatment of a burn. For this reason, pain-relieving drugs should not be administered by anyone except the physician who treats the victim.

If the burn covers five per cent of the body or more, if the youngster's face, hands or feet are burned, or if the areas surrounding a joint are burned, then the child should be hospitalized.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

R. A.: My dog has jaundice. Is it contagious and would it cause any harmful effects? Answer: There has been no evidence that jaundice or liver infection of dogs is transferable.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(March 26, 1933)

Negotiations for the services of Miss E. Archibald, Librarian at Dalhousie University, to take charge of library demonstration work in Prince Edward Island under the Carnegie Foundation plans were practically completed over the weekend. Her duties will be to take charge of college library work, train librarians and supervise the distribution of books throughout the province.

From reports from Campbellton in the western part of the Island there are thousands of seals on the ice along the shore from Campbellton to Miminigash. Every year a few seals are seen in this locality but never have they been seen in such large quantities.

TEN YEARS AGO

(March 26, 1943)

A "just share" of the 190,000 cases of canned east coast fish to be purchased by the Fisheries

mental institutions, some Indians living on reserves — and the Chief Electoral Officer himself. Members or veterans of the regular armed forces who are still under 21 years of age are the only minors entitled to vote.

So — Vote how you like — but vote.

CONSERVATIVE PUBLIC MEETINGS



HEATH MACQUARRIE and ANGUS MACLEAN

Wednesday at Mt. Ryan Hall 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday at South Rustico Hall 2:00 p.m.

Thursday at Victoria Hall 7:45 p.m.

Friday at Charlottetown Community Centre . . . 8:30 p.m.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

All would be well if the businessman went after business in the same relentless way that the Government goes after the businessman.—Oshawa Times-Gazette

An executive type writes in a magazine that he is going broke on \$25,000 a year. What's he bragging about? It can be done on much less than that.—Hamilton Spectator

If there is any one department of government where there is a possibility for political wrongdoing it is in the treasury. A finance minister has inside information as to changes in tariff and in taxes, which could be used to advantage for himself and his friends. Yet since Confederation there has never been a solitary scandal in the department.—London Free Press

And they say professors are absent-minded. A local railway employee was getting his noon meal ready at the lunch shack in the railway yard. Being fussy about his eggs, he uses his one hundred dollar watch to time their cooking in the boiling water. That is — until the other day when he dropped his watch into the boiling water and started timing by looking at the two eggs in his hand.—Fort William Times-Journal

A well-paid, disciplined, contented police department is the best investment that can be made in the interests of public protection.—Sudbury Star

A bore is one who talks about himself to you. A gossip is one who talks to you about others. A brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about you.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

Never in history has there been greater need for nonconformism and forthright individualism, if humankind is to escape the degradation planned for them by ideological fanatics — and organization men generally.—Vancouver Province

Among the schoolboy "boners" destined to illuminate the humor records of history, is this, recently produced in Owen Sound's public schools. Teacher was asking the class on genders and led for the opposite of "hero." Answer: "chicken."—Owen Sound Sun-Times

The Age Old Story

If a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness.

The Poets Corner

THE PLANET EARTH

Familiar planet turning underfoot.

Earth flies like dust about its nucleus sun. Swept from some ancient corner like a mote. It hangs within a room that has no walls. A trillion other specks suspended there.

Know nothing of Earth's sport of generation. The swelling life beneath its skin of air. The tiny cell grown astronomical.

Within the clouds that cannot long disguise. Earth plots the conquest of unconscious night. Probing the limitless and secret skies.

With its innumerable eyes, its stolen light. The rocket on its fire-doomed scaffold cries. For strange frontiers beyond the zenith's height.

—Eleanor Nudd in the New York Times.

Prices Support Board will be bought from P.E.I. fish canneries; it was learned last evening. The exact apportionment of the new order has not been made, but the order will be spread among canneries to keep the "means of canned fish production up to date."

Six miles of highway on the Western Road to Springfield will be paved this year, it was stated yesterday by Hon. G. H. Barbour, Minister of Public Works. The Minister also hoped to pave the road from Poole's Corner to Georgetown and thereby get clear of maintaining the ferry services there.

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LIFE NOT WORTH LIVING?

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It Could Be Your Daughter

A noted doctor — with two daughters of his own — reports an alarming increase of pregnancies among unwed teen-agers. They occur, he says, "all too often among sweet, nice, normal girls." What can parents do about it?

In April Reader's Digest, this gynecologist gives specific answers. Get your April Reader's Digest today: 39 articles of lasting interest, including the best from leading magazines and books, condensed to save your time.

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