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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."



## The Farmer's Viewpoint

One of the strongest protests against Britain's proposal for a free trade agreement with Canada came from the textile industry, which is now seeking further tariff protection at the expense of the Canadian consumer. A letter appealing on behalf of the industry appeared recently in the Ottawa Journal, to which an Almonte, Ontario, farmer replied. After pointing out that New Zealand produce comes into Canada under a mere token duty and vegetable oil is practically duty free, the farmer went on to say:

"Some months ago the Ontario Agricultural College reported that 68 percent of Ontario farmers received a gross annual income of less than $3,700; for dairy farmers a dollar per hour. Out of this they had to pay taxes, any interest owing, maintain machinery, buildings and fences, buy supplies such as fertilizer, buy new equipment and pay hired help. That same dollar must furnish any return on investment and living expenses for himself and family. These people have as much right to cheap clothing as other people to cheap food."

The logic of this statement could well be applied at the forthcoming conference in discussing the claims of this agricultural Province to a fairer share of the tax revenue Ottawa collects and distributes. The free trade that would benefit us must be sacrificed in the interests of secondary industries in other Provinces, and we have a right to demand something in return for the unnecessarily high cost of the commodities our farmers have to buy. The concentration of highly protected industries in the big centres is also one of the reasons why our population does not increase. We are penalized for that too under the tax rental agreements, as if it were a crime for which we were responsible. We have suffered under this discrimination for a long time, and it is to be hoped that the new deal we have been promised by the Diefenbaker Government will put an end to it once and for all.

## Balance Of Nature

A story of what happens when the balance of nature is upset by artificial means comes from Sydney, Australia. It is a story of rabbits, dingoes and scientists.

Until a couple of years ago the rabbit was considered "enemy No. 1" in Australia. Its numbers had increased to the point where the Government had to make war against it. Every insfrument of destruction was brought into action, including bulldozers and machine guns. But it seemed that nothing could stop the great hordes which played havoc with gardens, grain fields and pastures. In desperation, some bright-eyed scientist thought of myxomatosis germs, the traditional scourge of rabbits. These were brought in and set in strategic places, with the result that at the present time the rabbit menace has just about been removed from Australia.

This is good for the farmers who specialize in grain and vegetables; but it is bad for those who deal in live stock. This is where the dingo enters the picture. It is a wild dog which, when rabbits were plentiful, was content to live in the wild places where the securing of food was no problem. However, since the rabbits became scare, the dingoes in large numbers have invaded the cattle fields in search of food. So many cattle and sheep are destroyed nightly that the farmers are wondering if there was any net profit in getting rid of the rabbits. Meanwhile, scientific laboratories which in the past depended on rabbits in various types of research have to pay upwards of $2.00 a pair, when they can get them at all.

The director of one laboratory is that unless some way is found to increase the rabbit supply, some [illegible] may have to be abandoned altogether.

In this part of the world, the crow seems to be the main object of popular scorn at the moment, and in some quarters everything possible is being done to exterminate it. Yet, the experts—as distinct from chronic predator-haters—say that, if there were no crows, grubs, caterpillars and insects of various hues and shapes would virtually take over domination of the farm lands, despite the effects of insecticides.

## Fear Is Dangerous

In a speech before Saskatchewan Liberals former External Affairs Minister Pearson referred to the second Russion satellite as "a piece of metal thrown up by men whom we fear and have some cause to fear." That phrase may indicate some official Western thinking in the present situation. Certainly, it seems to be much in the mind of President Eisenhower. But is there anything to be gained by broadcasting it to the world? Heaven help us if the Soviet leaders get it into their heads that the West is afraid of Russian might and scientific advances!

Reports from London indicate that British Government leaders and the British people generally are a little perturbed over the near panic into which United States leaders, including President Eisenhower, appear to have been thrown by Russia's latest successes in the technical and propaganda fields. They feel that too much emphasis is being placed on Western weaknesses and not enough on positive measures to correct them. Is there not good reason for this view? Viewing with alarm may be all right in its place, but it will never bring about a restoration of Western supremacy. That will take resolution and plenty of it. The time is past when the lamenting of past mistakes and failures was of any benefit. The task now is to forge into one supreme effort all the resources, the scientific abilities and technological powers of all members of the Western alliance. The Russians are arrogant enough as it is. If they were to see confusion and a trend, however slight, towards defeatism, there is no telling what they might do.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

With only a 12 vote majority for the negative view it can be said that the potato plebiscite settled nothing. The Government is justified in proceeding cautiously in the matter.

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Drew Middleton, the London Correspondent of the New York Times, reports that "an American is lucky if he is asked only two or three times a day if he has heard of the new Washington 'Sputnick cocktail'—one part vodka and three parts sour grapes".

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Works Minister Green told the Commons that "as yet" he has had no report on the economic feasibility of a causeway to link this Province with the mainland. It seems that this report has been a long time in the making. In any case, it surely will be ready before the present session of Parliament ends.

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It's getting so that even fish can't pursue their way without interference from scientific researchers. In the Gulf of Maine researchers have found that by dropping compressed air hoses to the ocean floor, schools of herring can be made to move in any required direction. There soon won't be any uncertainity or excitement about anything.

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The late Mr. Andrew Robb, board chairman of the Halifax Herald Limited, was well known in Charlottetown in his early days, where he served as boys' work secretary of the Y.M.C.A. At the time of his entry into the newspaper field he was general secretary of the "Y" movement in the Maritimes, and was very successful in this work.

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Justice Minister Fulton has announced that he has ordered prosecution to be started in a combines inquiry begun six years ago into merger and monopoly allegations against E. P. Taylor's Canadian Breweries Limited. His statement that the issue has been referred to counsel with instructions for prosecution is expected to launch a major court battle over federal powers to control large-scale industrial mergers.

IN STORE

## The House At Work

BY HEATH MACQUARRIE, M. P.

There are many forms and rituals in connection with the work of Parliament which may seem strange and unnecessary to the casual onlooker but such is not the case. Indeed the procedure of the Canadian House of Commons and Senate, like that of the British House of Commons and House of Lords, is based on historic precedents which have real or symbolic value and which serve to underlie some of the basic concepts of our political and constitutional structure.

On opening day after the members of the Commons return to their Chamber from the Senate where they listened to the Speech from the Throne they give first reading to a bill which never passes. The same bill receives first reading at every session. Why is it put forward if it is not seriously intended as a piece of legislation? It is done to indicate the right of the Commons to take up business not set forth int he Speech from the Throne. After making this symbolic assertion of rights and privileges the House then takes up a discusion on the Throne Speech This normally becomes the main order of business unless interrupted by emergency legislation as in the present session of the Canadian Parliament.

**USE OF THE MACE**

Another important feature of parliamentary procedure is the use of the mace, the ancient symbol of authority The mace moves with the Speaker and is a symbol of his office. Between sittings it is placed in his chambers. When he is in the chair it is laid on the table; if he leaves the chair when the House goes into the more informal committee stage the mace is placed below the table When the Speaker resumes the chair the mace is again placed on the table as an indication that the Speaker is in the chair and the formality of the chamber proceedings emphasized.

When the Speaker enters and leaders the chamber at the beginning and close of a day's sittings he is preceded by the black gowned clerk and the clerk's assistants and by the uniformed Sergeant-at-Arms carrying the mace.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

But a part of the Commons' procedure which is far more than a symbol of ritual is the daily question period. This is the opportunity for backbench members to try to elicit from the Cabinet Ministers such information as may be of interest to them or to their constituents. These questions may take a variety of forms. Often they will refer to particular cases such as one recently directed to the Minister of Public Works: "Does the government intend to proceed as soon as possible with the construction of a new postal terminal in Quebec City?" On this question the Hon. Mr. Green stated that he would have to obtain information from his department and given an answer later.

Questions may also seek broader information and it often appears that questions are skillfully worded in the hope of causing the government to give away embarrassing information. The question period is a battle of wits between government and opposition and in the present House both sides are well schooled in the art For years the Liberals sat on the government side and were frequently under a barrage of questions from the Prpgressive Conservatives, C. C. F. and Social Credit members. The Conservatives now in office know the tricks of the trade, and recall their own perforance in the opposition role. An interesting example came up the other day when General Pearkes Minister of National Defence, was being subjected to some sharp questions about the joint United States — Canada Air Defence Command. He was asked by the member from Kingston "If there was an immed late attack by air across the D. E.W. line by an aggressor, how could there be consultation with the government of Canada prior to Canadian fighters being put in the air?" The Minister's answer was brief but adequate. He said: "Mr. Speaker, by telephone or other means."

**CONGRATULATES OPPONENT**

That political opposition does not necessarily involve personal Hostility was shown by a question asked Thursday by Hon. J. W. Pickersgill directed to Mr. John Hamilton who had just been appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Acting Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. In a slight violation of the rules governing question time Mr Pickersgill congratulated Mr. Hamilton on his appointment. He then asked if the Parliamentary Assistant planned to go on a trip to aid the work of his Department and observed that it would be a good advertisement Mr. Hamilton thanked Mr. Pickersgill for his question he said he had no plans for such a visit but if he should make one he would ask the honourable member (Mr. Pickersgill) what were the best places to go!

In the final analysis the question period is a most important part of the parliamentary process. Knowing that its acts may be constantly under inquiry' by eager members of Parliament the government must be ever on its guard and alert to its responsibilities. As one student of democracy has writ ten, "The question hour in the House of Commons is well worth all that it costs to the taxpayer. As a palladium of his rights and libertles it is worthy to be ranked with trial by jury and the writ of habaes corpus."

**LEGISLATION**

This past week has seen a good deal accomplished by way of passing legislation. The amendments to the Old Age Security Act and the Old Age Assistance Act have been amended to provide larger pensions and increased allowable maximums on earnings. The War Veterans Act is now before the House for amendments providing for increase in the amount paid to a single veteran will receive $70 per month instead of $60 as under the present Act. There is little disposition on the part of any members to oppose this legislation for there seems general agreement on the need for further assistance to our needy veterans. One of the members who spoke strongly in favour of increase was my friend and colleague, John A. Macdonald from Kings. Mr. Macdonald has been active in the Canadian Legion and was greatly satisfied at this improvement in the War Veterans Allowance Act.

## PUBLIC FORUM

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

**CLOSER THAN EVER**

Sir, -- Don't be so gloomy! Sputnik is a cause for great rejoicing, proving once again that Our God is watching over His people. For some time our enemies have been sowing the seeds of suspicion and animosity between the two main bodies of the Sons of Jacob with the hope of bringing about a fatal rupture. But this God given temporary success has destroyed all their evil plotting and welded the two brothers. The British Commonwealth and the United States closer than they ever have been since their separation.

I am, Sir, etc.,
A BIBLE STUDENT
Charlottetown.

**DOGS**

Sir, -- Now that Russia has led the way in throwing a dog into outer space I wonder if it would be possible to get rid of some of the dogs around here in like manner. Could we not crate some of them and send them to Russia? They are a nuisance in this city which is increasing with the years. I do not know if we have such an official as a dog catcher; if so I wonder what he is getting paid for, or where he has gone to. One thing sure, he has not yet "gone to the dogs". In a short walk up Elm Avenue yesterday I counted twenty dogs and the same thing applies to every street in the city.

How long are we to be plagued by these useless pests? There is a little gesture made in a half-hearted way about them each Spring, then some keep their dogs up for a day or so, and by they go chasing cars, horses and bicycles. It is strange to me that other towns and cities can get along without them. I am not beefing about the little dogs that travel about on leash and that are kept at home, but the big ones that take charge of the street.

I am Sir, etc.,
ACHILLES
Charlottetown.

## Baffin Land's Importance

National Geographic Society

Cold, barren Baffin Island in the Arctic may soon be as familiar to some American travelers as the Eiffel Tower and Buckingham Palace.

The dog - shaped island, about three times bigger than New England, is the site of an airbase now being expanded into a major stop between the West Coast and Europe. Regular commercial service is expected to start this fall.

Baffin Island's importance can be seen by putting a tape measure on a globe. The mountainous, fiord-toothed island lies on the shortest route between San Francisco and London or Los Angeles and Hamburg, the National Geographic Society says. Planes can save time and money by refueling at Frobisher Bay on Baffin Island, instead of flying the longer, conventional routes.

Burly, bearded Sir Martin Frobisher discovered the Bay a generation before the first colonists landed in Virginia. He was looking for a northwest passage to Cathay.

**MAY BUY REFRIGERATORS**

Baffin Island's kayak-paddling Eskimos astounded the Elizabethan adventurer. To him they seemed half — men, half - fish.

The modern traveler may be amazed, too. For air - borne civilization is changing these rugged, lolly people. They are acquiring electric washing machines, and a taste for "civilized" food.

**BAFFIN ISLAND**

Since the food does not always keep during the summer, there may be room on Baffin Island some day for a good refrigerator salesman.

The airfield, built during World War II, lies about 1,000 miles south of Baffin. President Eisenhower has approved use of the all-season field by Pan American World Airways and Trans World Airlines.

The Hudson's Bay Company, established in 1670, is still the major commercial enterprise on the island. The company can no longer hang a man or marry him, but it still buys furs, hands out medicine, and operates the world's oldest chain - store system.

**DROWN IN SEA**

Baffin Island's main commercial product is fur, particularly Arctic fox pelts. Foxes are plentiful only at intervals of about four years, because of their life cycle in the Arctic. The fox feeds on the mouselike lemming that lives in turn on vegetation.

The fast-breeding lemmings rapidly eat all the food in a area and are forced to migrate. Driven by hunger, they may attempt to cross ice-filled seas and drown. Deprived of their prey, foxes starve. As vegetation grows again, so does the lemming population. Thus the cycle is repeated.

## Sometimes Has Real Symptoms

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

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Mystified about what pseudocyesis is? We doctors are a bit baffled by it, too.

**FALSE PREGNANCY**

Pseudocyesis is a term for false pregnancy. It is a condition is which a woman believes she is pregnant, actually shows the physical symptoms of approaching motherhood.

Generally, women with pseudo cyesis gain weight—maybe even more than they normally would during pregnancy—suffer morning sickness, urinate frequently and halt menstrual activity.

This is not the same as hallucinatory or hysterical pregnancies. In many cases of pseudocyesis, pregnancy tests actually are positive and there is indication of increased ovarian function.

Some patients are even hospitalized with "labor pains."

Manifestations of this false pregnancy, of course, are due to both endocrinologic and psychologic reasons. In fact, pseudocyesis is an excellent example of the inter-relationship of the mind and the body.

Some cases, doctors believe probably are caused by an unconscious desire to a void the feeling of guilt in unsuccessful marriage relations. They could also be due to a strong longing to have children like those of friends and neighbors. In some instances, the trouble may be traced to an actual aversion to childbearing.

**BREAKING THE NEWS**

Whatever the cause, it's a tough problem for a doctor to break the news to a woman that she never really was pregnant, despite the obvious symptoms.

Sometimes this announcement is enough to halt some of the symptoms immdiately. The traditional morning sickness may vanish overnight and menstruation may begin the day after a woman discovers the truth about her condition.

While one session of pseudocyesis is enough for some women, others suffer the same symptoms two, three and even four times.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER**

A.C.: I have a cousin who constantly avoids talking to people and looks out the window laughing to herself. What could be her trouble?

Answer: It would seem that your cousin is suffering some type of mental disturbance, most likely a form of schizophrenia, or split personality.

## The Age Old Story

Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me.

## The Poets Corner

**LUNA MOTH**

Impossibly beautiful, great powdery wings
Compounded of blue moonlight, sheer lace green mist,
Color of seawater, color of pale jade,
Gliding with ethereal delicacy over nocturnal flowers
On slow-moving enormous fragile sails;
Wavering and hesitant, indecisive creature,
Fastidiously choosing this petal or that,
Fluttering all the while its diaphanous fans
The color of moonstones or of nacreous lides:
Quixotically lovely pantomime
How well it compliments the green - silver of evening blooms,
The crystalline beadwork of dew
And how aptly named,
This snow-shimmering moth of the moon.

—Frederick Ebright.
In the Christian Science Monitor.

## OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**
(Nov. 12, 1932)

There was a large turnout of war veterans and the streets were lined with spectators as the veterans paraded, headed by Legion Band, to the War Monument yesterday for Remembrance Day ceremonies. The guest speaker was Rev. R. Moorhead Leagate, Chaplain. Present at the monument was His Honor Lieut. Governor Bulyea and others who took part in the ceremonies.

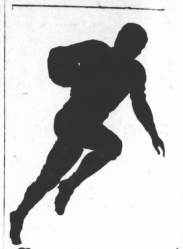
Mr. Sydney R. Murley, managing director of S. H. Murley and Co Ltd., fur brokers London England, was in Summerside for a few days this week and visited some of his clients. Mr. Murley stated that London was still one of the best fur markets and there was every expectation for a good season this year.

**TEN YEARS AGO**
(Nov. 13, 1947)

After conferring yesterday with Dr. A. S. Tuinman, a representative o Netherland's Ottawa Embassy Premier J Walter Jones announced that P. E. Island would participate in a Maritime Province program to establish a Netherlands immigration bureau to bring Dutch farm workers to these Provinces.

Hon. G. E. Bonnor on Monday sent a telegram to the Federal Minister of Transport urging that 100 refrigerator car daily for the next two weeks be made available to Prince Edward Island for the Transportation of potatoes. A telegram from Hon. Lionel Chevrier stated that the situation was being looked into and that further communication would be made.

It will probably have escaped the attention of most Canadians, but 1957 happens to be the 40th anniversary of a particular piece of legislation introduced into the House of Commons by the then Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden. The legislation, it was explained, was intended as a purely "temporary expedient" made necessary by the exigencies of war. With the return of peace it would, of course, be repealed. And that, gentle reader, was how personal income tax came to Canada. — Industry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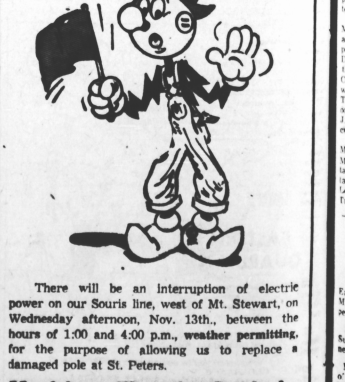
There will be an interruption of electric power on our Souris line, west of Mt. Stewart, on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 13th., between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 p.m., weather permitting, for the purpose of allowing us to replace a damaged pole at St. Peters.
Maritime Electric Co. Ltd.