

**The Causeway Survey**

It is gratifying to note the action taken by the Diefenbaker Government in allocating \$200,000 for a full-scale engineering study of the proposed causeway to link this Province with the mainland. This expenditure, along with a \$10,000,000 development scheme for the port of St. John's, Newfoundland, is announced as the first of a series of measures in a national program to deal with unemployment. We are not concerned with the category in which the grant is placed, but with the grant itself. It comes at the beginning of a federal election/campaign, and its political implications are obvious. Nevertheless, it is something that we have been urging for a long time and it is much better to have it come late than never.

The delay in presenting the results of the preliminary survey on rock borings during the last session of Parliament was disappointing, and it was feared that the whole project might be shelved indefinitely. Our federal Conservative members had the backing of the Atlantic Premiers, of the Associated Boards of Trade of this Province, the Maritime Boards of Trade and the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council in pressing for concrete action, and they are now to be commended upon the result of their efforts.

This was primarily a Liberal project. Our readers will not forget that it was Mr. Neil A. Matheson, then a member of Parliament for Queens, who first broached the matter in the House of Commons in conjunction with Premier Matheson who dealt with it in a forceful speech in the Legislature, at which he indicated that Hon. Robert Winters, then Federal Minister of Public Works, had shown interest in its possibilities. Despite opposition from other Liberal sources the Premier and Mr. Neil Matheson worked indefatigably on the scheme. From the start they received the full support of this newspaper. We argued then, as we do now, that this was too important an issue to be bogged down in partisan politics. Our Boards of Trade took the same attitude. Soon there was a wave of supporting public opinion which culminated in an assurance from Prime Minister St. Laurent as to his government's favorable attitude if the project should prove feasible, financially and otherwise.

We shall now have to wait the results of the full-scale engineering survey for which money has been appropriated. It is to be hoped that no further time will be lost in pushing this work to completion, with a minimum of talk one way or the other as to where the credit should go. In the meantime, why not release the information available as to the field tests already made? Everything concerning this project is of interest to our citizens, and we see no reason for any further official secrecy.

**Basic To Security**

In recent years, much emphasis has been placed on the protective features of life insurance which are, of course, fundamental. However, when the economic outlook becomes clouded, the advantages of systematic saving through life insurance become increasingly obvious. When measured against the hazards of the securities markets, the factor of safety takes on new importance. This timely point was emphasized in the address of Mr. L. L. Lang, president of the Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada, at the company's annual meeting this week. It is a point well taken, in good times or bad. Life insurance savings provide the strong foundation on which personal financial security can be built.

In national affairs, Mr. Long sees the present period as a transition between two phases of the development of Canada as one of the world's great nations. He is convinced that

the basic factors of population growth, expanding demand from a world bent on industrialization, and the intensity of military and ideological competition will create a long-term problem, not of unemployment, but rather of shortage of capital. This is a problem which, he emphasizes, must not be aggravated by inflation, or the supply of loanable funds on which government, housing and much corporate financing depend, will dry up.

**Disastrous Fire**

Our Summerside citizens will have the sympathy of the whole Province in the disastrous fire which occurred yesterday morning. It has laid waste an important section of the business area of the town, caused damage to the extent of half a million dollars, and put many people out of employment temporarily. Coming at this season, it might have been under more unfavorable weather conditions, and caused much more difficulty to the gallant fire fighters whose efforts were finally successful in getting it under control. That is about the only consolation to be derived from the misfortune, in which many firms have suffered heavy losses.

It will be recalled that Summerside experienced an even more serious conflagration in 1906, and again in 1916, ten years later. On those occasions, the burned out areas soon rose from their ashes, more flourishing than ever. Our Prince County capital has a magnificent community spirit. It has met every challenge to its growth and development, and we have no doubt that the present occasion will be no exception. In the meantime, however, it is a matter of very serious concern.

**Threatened Strike**

The dispute between the railways and the Firemen's Union is back where it was when it started more than a year ago, when it was proposed to dispense with the services of firemen on freight and yard diesel locomotives. The railways plan to go ahead with the proposal, in accordance with the recommendation of the Royal Commission headed by Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock; and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers says it will tie up both systems if the recommendation is followed up.

Apart altogether from the merits of the Commission's findings, the situation points up the futility of appointing arbitration boards or fact finding commissions whose recommendations are not binding on both parties to a dispute. It is a waste of time and money.

Presumably, the only way now for a strike to be prevented is for the railways to back down on their proposal to get rid of the firemen or alternatively, for the Federal Government to take a firm hand in working out a compromise, if one is possible. This is always a difficult and unenviable task for any government. With an election pending it is, of course, even more difficult. But it is something which has to be done—and quickly—if a crippling blow to the nation's economy is to be avoided.

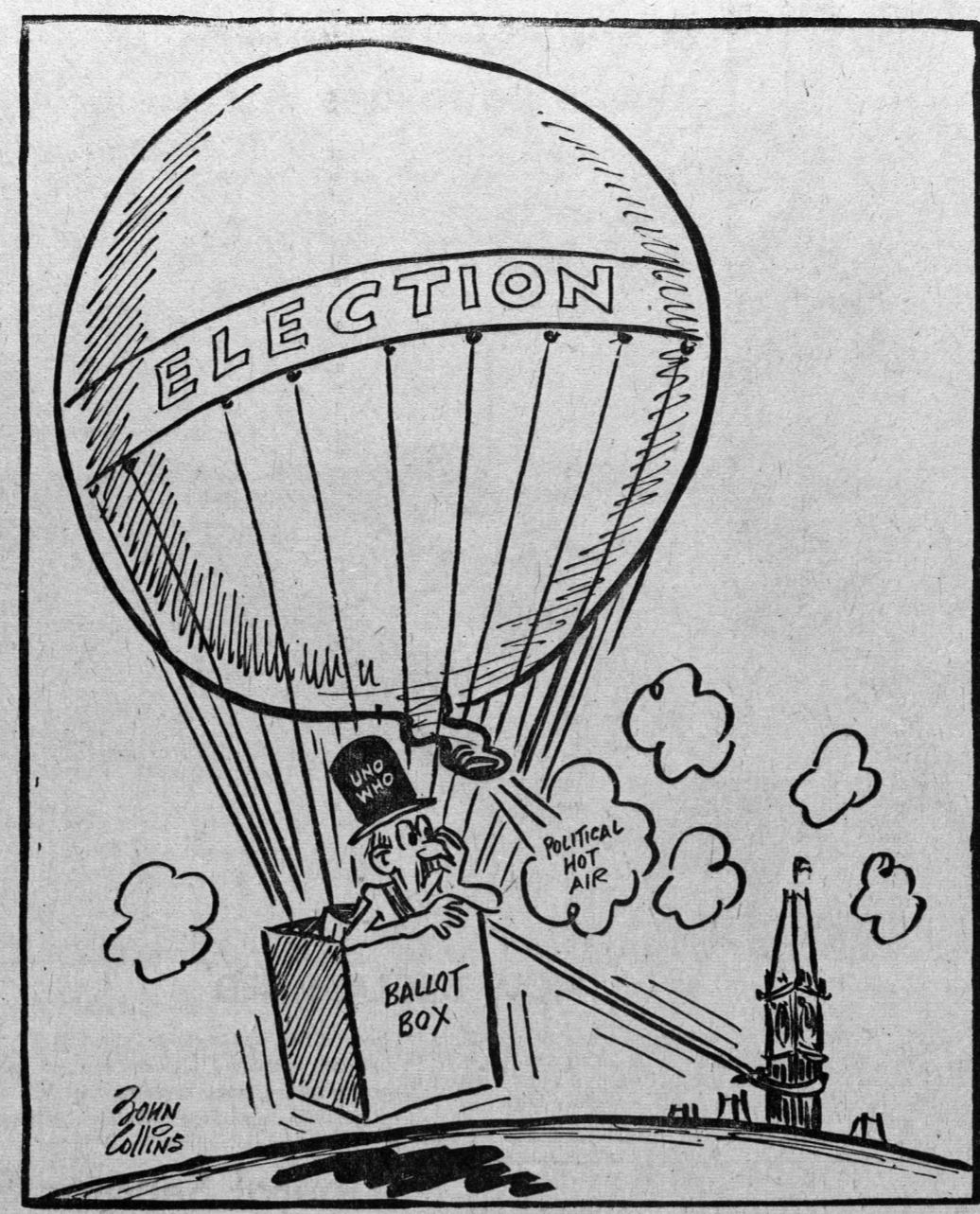
**EDITORIAL NOTES**

There will be contests for every ward as well as for the Mayoralty and board of Water Commissioners in the coming civic election. This is a good sign. It is to be hoped that the vote will be correspondingly heavy and that the qualifications of every candidate will be duly weighed and considered.

**PROGRESS COMES**

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Ottawa: The number of voters qualified to write an "X" on a ballot paper on 31st March will for the first time in our history exceed 9,000,000. In the last general election on 10th June of last year, 8,902,125 electors were listed at enumeration. Of these, only 74 per cent, or 6,605,980, took the trouble to go to their nearest polling station to exercise the greatest right which we enjoy in a democracy. Saskatchewan proved itself to be our most politically enthusiastic province, where a top 81 per cent of the qualified electors went to vote. Newfoundland was bottom of the list, with only 47 per cent going to vote. Our three largest provinces all closely matched the national pattern, with 74 per cent going to vote in B.C., 73 per cent in Ontario, and 71 per cent in Quebec.

The official report on the 1957 election is expected to be published by Nelson Castonguay, our Chief Electoral Officer, sometime in April. It will be old history then, with everyone more interested in the results of the 1958 elections. But even though the full result is not yet officially released, it has been possible to put together some interesting statistics about the way Johnny Canuck and his wife voted last year. HOW QUEBEC VOTES The one outstanding fact about last year's vote was the manner in which French-Canada ran contrary to the national trend. To get the correct picture, one must consider not only constituencies in Quebec Province, but

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also certain parts of other provinces where there has been a substantial over-spilling of the French Canadian population. The eastern end of Ontario and the north-western part of New Brunswick offer the classic examples of the "overflow." There are certain other districts, far removed from the boundaries of Quebec, where the population is now substantially French-Canadian. The riding of St. Boniface, part of Greater Winnipeg, is commonly considered to be typical of these. Suppose we consider the seven most predominantly French ridings outside Quebec, and add these to the 75 ridings in Quebec. These 82 ridings returned only 10 Conservative members. The vote in those ridings was 62 per cent for the Liberal Party, compared to a mere 34 per cent which the Liberals obtained in all the rest of Canada.

The Conservatives received only 32 per cent of the vote in French-Canada, whereas in the other parts of the country, which contain nearly two-thirds of our voters, they enjoyed the support of 42 per cent of all those who went to the polls. This made the Conservatives the favourite political party in the non-French areas of Canada. Liberal spokesmen at their convention in Ottawa last month, and Liberal M.P.s in the Commons, have frequently boasted that Liberal candidates obtained in total some 250,000 votes more than those polled for their Conservative opponents in the last election. The claim is correct. Yet in

**Nepal Seeking Tourists**

National Geographic Society

The "forbidden kingdom" of Nepal has opened a tourist bureau—an event that would have seemed incredible only a decade ago. Venetian adventurer Marco Polo reported about the year 1300 that the Himalayan kingdom was "little frequented by strangers, whose visits the King discourages." The description held true until the power of a long-time ruling family was broken in 1951. At that time only a few hundred Westerners, in all the annals of recorded history, has ever visited the Wisconsin-size land. Nepal has let down the bars under the progressive leadership of its youthful new monarch, Mahendra. When he was crowned in May, 1956, many Americans and other Westerners arrived to witness one of the world's most magnificent ceremonies.

**HOME OF GURKHAS**

Visitors to Nepal are struck not only by the scenery of the Himalayas (the name means "abode of snows"), but by the country's sturdy, devoutly religious people. Cities are studded with temples, including special places of worship for people of different trades, such as weavers and brass-makers. Richly carved Hindu temples and Buddhist shrines dot the countryside.

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**OUR YESTERDAYS**

(From The Guardian Files)

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
 (Feb 7, 1933)  
 Another cheque for \$30,000 from the Carnegie Foundation was received yesterday by the Provincial Government for the purpose of library demonstration work in the Province. A further \$30,000 will also be received for this work, \$15,000 in April and the last installment in July.

Several recommendations were submitted to the City School Board on Monday by a delegation representing the executive of the Children's Aid Society. The delegation requested that provision be made for sufficient shelter accommodation for the care of delinquent children, and among other recommendations, that a family court be set up in the Province.

**TEN YEARS AGO**

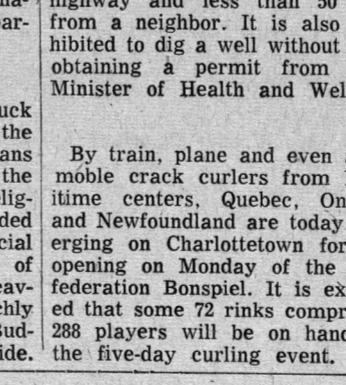
(Feb 7, 1948)

Awareness of the potential danger from contaminated water in areas contiguous to the City prompted the Provincial Government to make amendments to the existing acts. It is now prohibited to erect a building less than 25 feet from the boundary of a highway and less than 50 feet from a neighbor. It is also prohibited to dig a well without first obtaining a permit from the Minister of Health and Welfare.

**CIVIC FINANCING**

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**Wise Rule For Car Drivers Too**

By Herman N. Bundsen, M.D.  
 TAKE a tip from the airline pilots when you get into your auto to drive anywhere. Regulations adopted by the airlines, and supported by the pilots' union, prohibit drinking of alcohol by fliers for 18 hours before flying. COMMERCIAL DRIVERS Now the Harvard School of Public Health has looked into the matter pretty thoroughly and recommends a similar rule for commercial drivers. Let me go one step farther and suggest that all drivers, even you motorists, abstain from alcohol for a minimum of 18 hours before climbing into a car to drive. I'd like to explain why. Alcohol, you see, is eliminated from the blood stream and tissues very, very slowly—at the rate of only one-third of an ounce per hour. And contrary to popular belief, the Harvard investigators say, drinking black coffee or exercising will not speed up this rate. SLEEZY BOOST For example, drinking eight highballs over a period of four hours will boost the blood alcohol content to 15 per cent in about two hours after the first drink. It will remain at this high level for some nine hours. In fact, 14 hours after the final drink the alcohol level still will be .09 per cent. SLOWER RATE Of even greater importance, possibly, is the fact that alcohol is eliminated from the brain and spinal fluid at an even slower rate. All of which means simply that alcohol reduces a driver's standards of performance and his insight into the quality of his performance. Or, to put it more bluntly, you can't drive as well, but you don't know you can't. QUESTION AND ANSWER T.E.: My brother's eyeballs frequently shift horizontally from one side to another. What can be causing it? Answer: From your description,

**NOTES BY THE WAY**

A prophet is usually without honor in any country that keeps a record of his batting average in foretelling events.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record  
 If you have money, it's easy to imagine in what way you are a superior person.—Moose Jaw Times-Herald  
 In the long run ignorance is always more expensive regardless of the increasing cost of education.—St. Thomas Times-Journal  
 Car manufacturers don't believe the human race is becoming lazy. White is forecast as the most popular car color.—Edmonton Journal  
 A doctor says colds cost us a billion dollars a year, but maybe he said million; couldn't tell with the cold he had.—Calgary Herald  
 A Russian scientist says he has seen two Abominable Snowmen. It must be a pretty tough neighborhood, where Abominable Snow men travel in pairs.—Hamilton Spectator

**The Age Old Story**

I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever. It would seem that your brother is suffering from nystagmus. This may be caused by a vision difficulty, badly-fitting glasses or eyestrain. However, some nervous disorder may also be the cause. Better see your eye doctor.

**TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD THREE**

In consenting to the request of many business men, and property holders, I have nominated for Councillor in Ward Three. I sincerely solicit your support on Feb. 12th and if elected I will serve you to the best of my ability. ERNEST H. LORD.

**TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD 4:**

At the request of many Businessmen and Property Owners... I have consented to offer my services as a candidate in your Ward, for improved Municipal Government Administration. It is your responsibility to elect the best men capable of administering your affairs. Should you consider me as one of these men, I would greatly appreciate it, and attempt to justify your confidence. If you do not consider me capable of acting on your behalf... Thank you just the same! EARLE C. BAKER.

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