

jet aircraft and engines which had been ordered in 1956.

It is expected that this year's exports will at least reach the 1957 figure; and there is a probability that they will exceed it.

West Germany is one of the few countries which have no serious shortage of dollars. This, of course, is an advantage in trading with Canada.

Courteous Gesture

There will be many interesting dispatches from British Columbia during the time of Princess Margaret's visit. But we doubt that any will be more warmly received by the public than this one from Vancouver.

The marine engineer's grievances will no doubt be aired in the courts in due course, unless a settlement can be reached meanwhile.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Parkdale Women's Institute is to be commended for inaugurating the first Provincial Rose Show, which takes place today at the Institute hall and at which a large attendance is expected.

If the situation on Cyprus doesn't improve soon, war between Turkey and Greece is almost certain. Left to themselves, Turkey would probably be the victor—and in a short time.

A visiting artist from Formosa says that he finds it "impossible to understand" the meaning behind much of American painting.

The U.S. Senate has passed a bill to grant government assistance to mining of strategic metals and minerals. It is hoped that the measure, if approved by the House and signed by the President will do away with the need for increasing duties on imports from Canada and other countries.

Indians of the Moose Woods reserve in Saskatchewan resorted to a rain-praying ceremony after pastures had dried up and cattle were on the verge of starvation.

Youngsters have a good friend in Dr. J.L. Dunlop, medical health officer for Hertford, Eng. In a recent report on public health matters, Dr. Dunlop observed that "children should be encouraged to work in school in their bare feet as a means of detecting and remedying foot defects."



SHADES OF BETSY ROSS

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.

WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

Sir,—Much has been written and reported, regarding the new rather famous West River Causeway. Recently, I measured distances and discussed other factors with local residents relating to this rather expensive connection.

The Causeway was built to shorten the distance to Charlottetown for Rocky Point residents particularly, who claimed they had to travel 25 miles to reach the City. The distance has been shortened by slightly over 4 miles, so these people have now to travel only 21 miles.

Rather astonishing the little distance saved, for so great a price, which it has been estimated would pave the road via Clyde River from Trans Canada to Rocky Point with connections to Nine Mile Creek and Canoe Cove, and thus satisfy the needs of all residents in this area.

A rather strange fact about the Causeway, rather difficult to explain is that it was located according to local information in the deepest mud hole in the River and was made much longer than necessary. Instead of being built on the shorter distance from Dickies Point, or at Westville on the old road it was started in a Cove below Dickies Point and almost all of the Point soil was moved to fill the hole and the longer distance. A rather strange Government venture to be sure.

Possibly the most serious result affects the fishermen and farmers above the Causeway who claim that a valuable resource, that has maintained the living standards of this region since the day of the pioneer, will now be destroyed.

The upper river is now an inland lake, with an estimated sluggish tidal flow of about 3 feet, where formerly it was 8 or 9 feet. Gasparaux nets sink to the bottom, so this industry is out. Smelt fishing in the deep tidal channel with bag nets, which gave lucrative returns to many residents, is now at an end; and it is contended that the valuable oyster industry will not long survive, because of heavy silt deposits from the steep hillsides back to Hartsville, which will smother the beds.

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OTTAWA REPORT

P.M. Sets Killing Pace

By Patrick Nicholson, Special Correspondent for The Guardian

OTTAWA — This column recently described a typical and killing week in the life of Prime Minister John Diefenbaker. My disclosure that he had worked 87 hours in his not abnormal seven day week prompted many readers to admonish him in "Dear John" letters.

"I have never had so much abuse in my life," the Prime Minister remarked to me on his way into a meeting of caucus; and he corrected himself to say that it was friendly advice rather than abuse, urging him to remember that "we elected you to govern us not to kill yourself."

That seems to have been water off a duck's back. The "Flying Diefenbakers" are still flying - and I use the plural because the ever-present Mrs. Diefenbaker accompanies her husband like a guardian angel on all his trans-Canada expeditions.

In a recent typical week for example, the Prime Minister travelled, largely by Viscount aircraft, to address a World Baptist rally in Toronto; to open a fair in Manitoba; to speak at the opening of Pion-Era in Saskatchewan; where he was also able to visit his doughty old mother in hospital; to deliver a speech in French at a Champlain anniversary banquet in Quebec City; to visit the newly flooded St. Lawrence Seaway at Cornwall. And in addition he handled his usual quota of

old fishermen who depended on this industry for a livelihood, to seriously affect other valuable fishing activities, that should have been of first concern to a Government that professes to render strong support to Island industry.

Anyway, these are the facts regarding this much heralded, but unfortunate Causeway.

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ON THE SIDELINES.

FRIENDSHIP DAYS

Sir,—Appreciating the many benefits we have received from our northern neighbors and upset a bit by reports of worsening relations between our country and Canada, a group of leaders in the Greater Portland Maine Chamber of Commerce resolved some time ago to take constructive action to make our thanks clear and help the situation.

As a natural follow-up to the Eisenhauer-Diefenbaker talks, it seemed best to us to invite a group of our fellow chamber leaders from different Canadian provinces to spend two days with us.

We felt that diplomatic formality has a part in exchanges between the two nations—but not as great a part as it usually does in international relationships.

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We think this shirt-sleeve diplomacy can be highly effective. And we respectfully suggest that, as a continued follow-up to the high level talks held recently, chambers of commerce of all communities close to Canada (and even those that are not) set up similar programs during the summer.

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HONEYMOON IS OVER

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While Mr. Diefenbaker is working at a rate which would force even Superman into retirement in five years, critics of the government are gradually being given grounds for saying: "It's time to stop campaigning and begin governing."

There are signs that the government is not moving determinedly forward to implement its election program. Instead, it appears to have become bogged down in detail administration and a shortage of oil in the machinery.

The first point is easy to understand. A new government, with every Minister new to Cabinet work, has a lot to learn. This first Conservative government in twenty-two years has a lot to overcome. But this column long ago foresaw this problem, and urged that Prime Minister Diefenbaker should free himself from much of the routine work associated with government. He, with a small committee of trusted and able cabinet colleagues, should be thinking and planning at this stage, not fencing and signing.

The second point is more serious. Sabotage might be too strong a word, but there has been talk of resistance to the new government.

Time And Number Ten

Henry S. Hayward in The Christian Science Monitor

London Bridge may not be falling down—but 10 Downing Street gives cause for apprehension.

In the famed Whitehall residence of British Prime Ministers, they have to be careful at official meetings and receptions not to allow too many Cabinet Ministers or distinguished guests to congregate on floors that have a tendency to sag.

Number Ten became the official residence of the British Prime Minister in 1735 when Sir Robert Walpole moved in. Even then the house was 55 years old, and had a reputation for having been jerry-built by Harvard graduate Sir George Downing, whose name the street bears.

The door of Number Ten still bears only the legend, "First Lord of the Treasury." For in olden days, the term Prime Minister was not used in this country, and the occupant was indeed First Lord of the Treasury—a title which Prime Ministers today retain.

That much-photographed door, with its lion's head knocker, presents a problem—for it is the only open access to the house.

On the practical side, it makes it too easy to keep tabs on the Prime Minister's visitors—and to hard to separate those entering from those they might not care to encounter coming out.

Yet somehow that plain front door, opening directly onto a dead-end but public street, symbolizes the Britain that is modest in its times of greatness, that is orderly and safe, that is disinclined to fuss, and likes enduring things to remain as they always were. It is indistinguishable from hundreds of other London front doors.

Number Ten's ailments however are manifold and manifest. Its walls are shaky and out of plumb. Its floors are weak and wobbly. Its stairways and roof are in bad condition. There's beetle decay in the rafters. The plumbing, heating, and lighting demand more or less constant attention. The elevator is balky, but a new one would require extensive rebuilding. Doors and windows stick. The place, in short, needs a thorough structural overhaul.

How Many Polio Shots Required?

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. AS THE POLIO season approaches once again, I am besieged with queries about the need for a fourth "booster" shot of Salk vaccine.

There has been some talk recently about whether this fourth injection is advisable.

Well, let me pass on to you the opinion of the Committee of Advisors to the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service which met in Washington a while ago to consider this particular question.

THREE SHOTS ENOUGH

The consensus of the committee is that routine fourth shots of Salk vaccine are not, as a rule needed right now because of the high effectiveness of the present schedule of three inoculations.

Effectiveness of the vaccine, the committee found, is being maintained at levels of about 90 per cent after three injections.

And studies show that substantial immunity often continues for at least three or four years in the vast majority of the persons who receive three properly spaced shots.

Now the committee agrees that individual physicians might give fourth shots of the vaccine under special circumstances. These would include the beginning of local outbreaks of polio, or specific instances where persons are going to visit areas with a high incidence of polio.

Another question about the vaccine which readers frequently ask is at what age a child can be given the first inoculation.

Doctors generally agree that the first Salk shot can well be given at the age of two or three months, along with vaccines against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus.

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The Salk vaccine, you see, is a mild injection and seldom pro-

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NOTES BY THE WAY

We trust that nothing more needs to be said about sack dresses now that we men have ridiculed them into an outstanding success.—Hamilton Spectator

It seems to get harder and harder for some European cities to keep the quaintness that attracts tourists. For example, take Venice, where colorful gondolas ply the waters of the city's famed canals. Thousands of gondoliers used to row up and down these unique roadways. But today there are only 437 left, and they're nettled over their working conditions. The other day a motorboat struck a gondola, sank it and dunked the gondolier. Speed-boats and ferries dash about madly, narrowly missing the gondolas again and again, creating waves.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record

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Defective eyesight is reported to be on the increase among the Eskimos. Probably comes from reading in bed by a seal-oil lamp until half-past February.—Peterborough Examiner

The man who holds two jobs usually has a nervous stomach, a physician warns. But it's often either that or one job and an empty stomach.—Hamilton Spectator

An official report tells us that "the overwhelming reason married women — especially those with children — work outside the house is to raise the family standard of living." In the old days they just raised the family.—Brantford Expositor

If anything can jolt this country, into realizing that we are passing up the world's biggest potential market, it is the report of James Muir on his recent world trip which brought him home through China. Mr. Muir is chairman and president of the Royal Bank of Canada, a hard-headed and successful business man not likely to be swept off his feet by his impressions of the giant across the Pacific that is awakening to the 20th century after ages of medieval slumber.—Calgary Herald

The Poets Corner

DUSK AND RAIN

A tattering of rain and then the rain. Of pour and pouring-down and down.

Where in the westward gathered the filming gown. Of grey and clouding weakness, and in the mane. Of the light's glory and the day's splendor, gold and vain.

Vivid, more and more vivid, scarlet, lucid and more luminous. And then there came a splatter, a prattle, a blowing, rain! And soon the hour was musical and rumorous: A softness of a dripping lipped the isolated houses.

A gaunt grey somber softness licked the isolated houses. —Delmore Schwartz, in the NY Times.

The Age Old Story

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy Word. Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.

POPE URGES PRAYER

VATICAN CITY (CP) — The Pope Tuesday ordered Roman Catholic bishops of the world to organize special prayers next month for the attainment of peace in the world and for the freedom of the Roman Catholic Church. In an encyclical letter to the bishops, prepared several days ago and published Tuesday, the pontiff urged Catholics "to invoke celestial help through the potent intercession of the great mother of God."

CHEQUE CLEARINGS UP

OTTAWA (CP) — Value of cheques cashed in Canadian clearing centres in May was \$20,807,000 compared to \$18,682,000 in May, 1957, the bureau of statistics reported Tuesday. The January-May total was \$98,745,000 compared to \$85,546,000 in the first five months of 1957. May cheques for the Atlantic provinces with May, 1957, figures in brackets, totalled \$48,991,000 (\$45,678,000).

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