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B. C. Election Reactions

An Ottawa correspondent of the Winnipeg Free Press (Liberal) notes that with a general election in sight in 1953, the Federal political pot is beginning to boil. The results in the Saskatchewan and B. C. elections have put more steam in it. Outstanding in this "back kitchen political bubbling" is gossip that the Government may second one of its ablest young men to reorganize the discomfited B. C. Liberal Party. He is James Sinclair, (Coast-Capilano). Mr. Sinclair is parliamentary assistant to Hon. Douglas C. Abbott, Minister of Finance.

Whether the gossip about Mr. Sinclair eventuates in fact or not, says the Free Press writer, there is no doubt Federal Liberals expect the ditching of defeated Premier Byron Johnson in B. C. His opposition to the hospitalization arguments of his own supporters has won him the thumbs down sign.

The Progressive-Conservatives also are looking for a new provincial leader in B. C. The Ottawa Journal (Conservative) emitted a blast a few days ago against Mr. Herbert Anscomb, the defeated B. C. Party leader and former Minister of Finance in the B. C. coalition Government. It was Premier Johnson's break with Mr. Anscomb that smashed the coalition and brought on the election.

Potato Yearbook Features

Of special significance in the 1952 edition of the American Potato Yearbook, published in Westfield, N. J., is an illustrated article on recent developments in the use of portable irrigation systems in potato production areas, by Arthur J. Pratt of Cornell University. Another feature in this year's book is the list of research projects with the names of individuals engaged in conducting research on Irish potatoes in every part of the United States. There is also a complete and up-to-date list of more than 100 recent references to potato culture.

Other interesting items include articles on scab control, temperature and potato storage, rules and regulations affecting the shipment of seed potatoes, a list of leading U. S. and Canadian associations engaged in the improvement of the potato industry with the names of seed certification officials. The Yearbook also give tabulations by States and Provinces of both seed and table stock production as well as world production statistics, and information on how and where to secure helpful brochures and leaflets covering every phase of the potato industry.

Senate Recommendations

Some revealing tabulations showing the upward trend of governmental expenditures are contained in the report of the Senate finance committee which was tabled in the Senate last week. One of these tabulations gives comparative figures on national income and gross national product. Commenting on these, the report says that the Minister of Finance estimated the gross national product for the present fiscal year at about \$22 billions. It then comments: "This should leave a net national income of \$18 billions. If we could be certain that our economy would continue to expand as it has done in recent years, your committee thinks Canadians could be reasonably secure for their future; but if cold and chilling winds blow upon us, the result might be greatly different."

The report also points out that even with national income remaining at \$18 billions net, Canadians will pay in taxes to all three levels of government just about one-third of that amount. Though substantially brought about by defence spending, the committee says that tax burden "is certainly about the limit, or even beyond the limit of what governments can take with safety from the taxpayers."

The report says there is abundant evidence that in spite of price increases, labor has quite substantially improved its position; what labor receives today for a day's work will buy substantially more than what labor received six years ago for a similar day's work. Also, business corporations and the individual businessman will as far as they possibly can put into the price of their goods the increased costs of carrying on the business. That applied also to taxes and wherever possible all these are passed on to the consumer.

In the appendix dealing with employees of the Government of Canada, excluding members of the armed forces and the R. C. M. P., the figures show that between March 31, 1951, and March 31, 1952, total employees of the Federal Government increased by 13,000. Of this number, some 10,000 are civilian employees in the Defence Department.

Among other recommendations, the committee suggests cutting down on Government publications, requiring Departments to budget for postage and a restriction of franking privileges. It calls for a halt in the departmental practice of spending money on construction without having this expenditure supervised by the Department of Public Works. Finally it suggests the holding of a Federal-Provincial conference to search out economies which can be made in governmental operation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is to be hoped that we will enjoy a week of fine weather, giving invalids a chance to enjoy their trip to the shore or elsewhere in the visiting Walter Callow Coach.

Israeli Government, notes an exchange, harassed by inflation and black markets, has given up trying to control the price of food. Controls on most foodstuffs have been lifted. Bread price is still fixed, but has been allowed to rise 60 per cent.

The Canadian dollar continues to show astonishing strength. As long as American capital is keen for Canadian investments there will be a sufficient demand for our exchange to keep up the rate. From all appearances the stream of American investment in this country is on the point of becoming a flood.

A news despatch recently told of a growing dairy products stockpile in Canada. Now we learn a Prince Edward Island Jersey, "Bright Spot Magic Lily" has won a silver medal certificate with the highest yearling record made in Canada in some time, producing 9,821 lbs. of milk and 555 lbs. of fat.

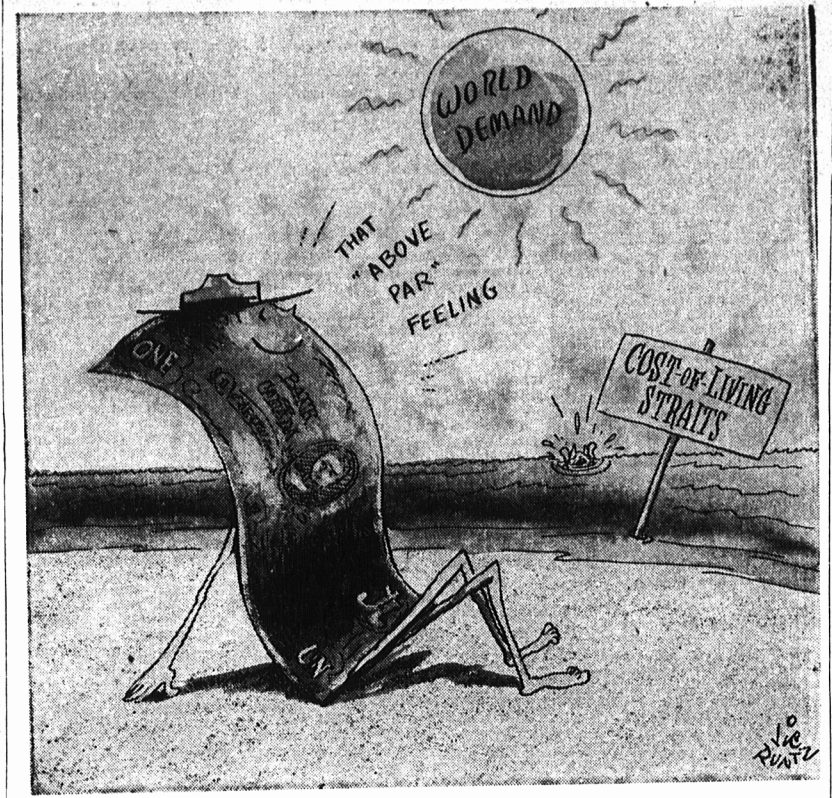
Richard Brinsley Sheridan, Irish dramatist and politician, died this date 1816. He wrote and produced "The Rivals" at Covent Garden, following it with "The Duenna", an opera; "The School for Scandal" and "The Critic." In politics he lacked the high qualities of a statesman but distinguished himself by his oratory in the impeachment of Warren Hastings.

A study, sponsored by the Canadian automobile industry, was undertaken to find out just how the automobile fits into the economic and social pattern of Canadian life. The report shows that 84 per cent of all miles driven by Canadians are for some essential purpose. Only 16 per cent are for what is classed as non-essential, and even that includes going to the movies, a ball game, or visiting.

United Nations members are concerned over the increasing personal power of South Korean President Syngman Rhee. His victory in amending the constitution to have the president elected by popular vote, rather than by the National Assembly, will certainly strengthen his hand. Even the new provisions giving congress control over the cabinet will hardly outweigh the advantage of a president claiming a personal mandate direct from the people.

In summary, says the Bank of Montreal Business Review, the present may be regarded as a second phase of the economic consequences of rearmament. The first phase, extending from mid-1950 through March 1951, saw much of the inflationary impact of the defence effort pulled forward in time by an anticipatory surge of civilian buying so strong as to necessitate a number of governmental controls. The current phase, which has lasted for some fifteen months, is witnessing a reaction sufficient to more than offset the effects of mounting military outlays and render unnecessary the official restrictions against civilian spending on credit. But in the meantime the public's indebtedness has been reduced, while specific recessionary tendencies have not been sufficiently serious to halt the expansion of consumer income. It is not overly difficult, therefore, to envisage a set of conditions which could again tip the scale in the direction of higher prices, particularly if an always delicately poised international situation should suddenly worsen. For the time being, however, perhaps the most potent anti-inflationary influence is to be found in business psychology itself. The business community has been reminded in recent months that the excesses of a buying boom bring naturally corrective consequences in their wake. And any early recurrence of "scare buying" may well be tempered by the present convincing demonstration of the productive potential of the North American economy.

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Notes By The Way

Perhaps it is not too much to hope that the city council will give consideration to bringing up-to-date visible street signs. And while this matter is getting the attention it deserves, the question of block numbering the houses and other buildings might come under study by the city fathers. Only slightly less confusing than the lack of street signs is the peculiar method of numbering buildings. The present method could hardly be called a system because there is no system to it. It would be nice to know in what block a certain number could be found. Under the block system this information is given by the numbers. Under the present method the stranger has not a clue.—Moncton Transcript.

It is fitting that Louis Braille, the Frenchman who devised the system which has given the sightless the joy of reading, should at last be laid in the Pantheon in Paris. Braille died in 1852 and it is a commentary on the myopia of vision with which we regard our contemporaries that it was only a century after his death that a place could be found for him in the hall of fame. There are great men among us now whose names shall one day rest in a Canadian hall of fame but today their names and their labor are virtually unknown.—London Free Press.

It should be clear that censorship is not the answer to this problem (of dirty books). It should be even more clear that censorship would only serve to create additional and far more serious problems. Once censorship is established in one field, the tendency to extend it into others would manifest itself, and it could come to be regarded as a proper function of Government. We already have the spectacle of an anonymous censor in the Customs Department saying what books shall or shall not be allowed to come into Canada for Canadians to read. That is carrying censorship too far, and any attempt to carry it still farther should be resisted.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

Essex County doesn't rate with New Brunswick or Prince Edward Island as one of the great potato-producing areas of this country, but in one respect it tops them all. Here it is, the beginning of July, and our growers are debating whether to accept \$5.26 now for a 70-pound bag, or wait longer and get more bags to the acre. The present yield is from 90 to 100. Later it will be as high as 200 to 260. And no sweeping decline in price is expected in the meantime. The supply situation being what it is, come to think of it, we're not sure we'd like to be an Essex County potato-grower at this moment. What to do? Dig and collect, that \$5.25 a bag right in the field, or wait while on the chance of a greater take? This is the sort of situation that can produce nervous wrecks or canny poker players. As none of those Essex County potato-growers look as though their nervous systems are out of kilter, they must be pretty formidable fellows behind a pile of chips. And we don't mean potato chips.—Windsor Daily Star.

In a young country the emphasis is likely to be on tomorrow. But the influence of yesterday cannot be disregarded; we are not too young to have a past. Its preservation in our unofficial records is the purpose of such a society as the Ontario Historical Society, and research of this kind is to be aided and encouraged.—(London Free Press).

Cottagers and others along the riverfront are quite familiar with these people who go out in high-powered boats and proceed to drive them at or near top speed without any consideration whatsoever for others on the river. These "river cowboys" are concerned only with the thrills they might obtain from speeding over the water. Some of them are downright showoffs who are anxious to attract the attention of onlookers. If put in an actual test in which personal danger was involved, most of them probably would make a poor showing. But when they are out in their power boats, they seem to lose all sense of responsibility and drive their craft for all they can get out of them.—Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

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