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Maritime Seaway Study

One of the interesting items of news in the report of Executive Manager Howard A. Mann at the annual meeting of the Maritime Transportation Commission yesterday dealt with the St. Lawrence Seaway.

If this might seem like an inquiry into whether the stable door should be locked after the horse has been stolen—the "horse" in this case being the profitable flow of export and import traffic moving via Atlantic ports—no blame is to be attached to the Maritime Commission, or to the Atlantic Premiers who authorized the study.

It seems, indeed, that the Seaway planning was inadequate in other respects as well. A bottleneck has already developed at the Welland Canal which is causing serious trouble.

The Maritime Commission, fortunately, will not have to concern itself with this matter. Its problem is to study the outlook for all water commodity movement between the Atlantic Provinces and the Great Lakes areas, and the probable effect of the Seaway on shipping and industry in these parts.

World Population

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Continuing in first place as the continent having the largest number of human beings, Asia—exclusive of the Soviet Union—has a total of 1,556 million. This represents 56 per cent of the world's total, with its annual rate of increase being 1.8 per cent, which is rather higher than the global rate.

figures are available the population declined in only a few areas, among them East Germany, East Berlin and Ireland. Infant mortality rates, which reflect levels of health and living conditions, have shown a marked reduction in all parts of the world during the past decade; they are now lowest in the Netherlands with 17.2 per 1,000 live births, Sweden with 17.4 and Australia with 21.4.

In addition to social and cultural matters, the year book deals with economical and financial affairs. It shows that the volume of goods produced in the world—excluding the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, and China, for which figures are not available—which had about doubled between 1938 and 1957, declined somewhat in 1958.

Two 'Albert Medals'

Recently it was announced that Governor General Massey had been awarded the Albert Medal in recognition of his long and distinguished service in the cause of the arts and sciences. This honour was indeed well bestowed, but it raised a question which the Ottawa Journal found somewhat puzzling, and about which it now offers an explanation.

The "Albert Medal" was formerly awarded first for gallantry in saving life at sea and later broadened to include gallantry in saving life on land. An award by the Sovereign, that medal has now been largely supplanted by the George Medal.

The Albert Medal just conferred on His Excellency is quite a different award, and is presented by the Royal Society of Arts, of which Prince Philip is president. The society was founded in 1754 and the Albert Medal, named after the Prince Consort to Queen Victoria, was first awarded in 1862.

But not at all perplexing is the award of this honour for distinguished service to the cause of arts and sciences to the Governor General. It is one which all our citizens find deeply gratifying.

EDITORIAL NOTES

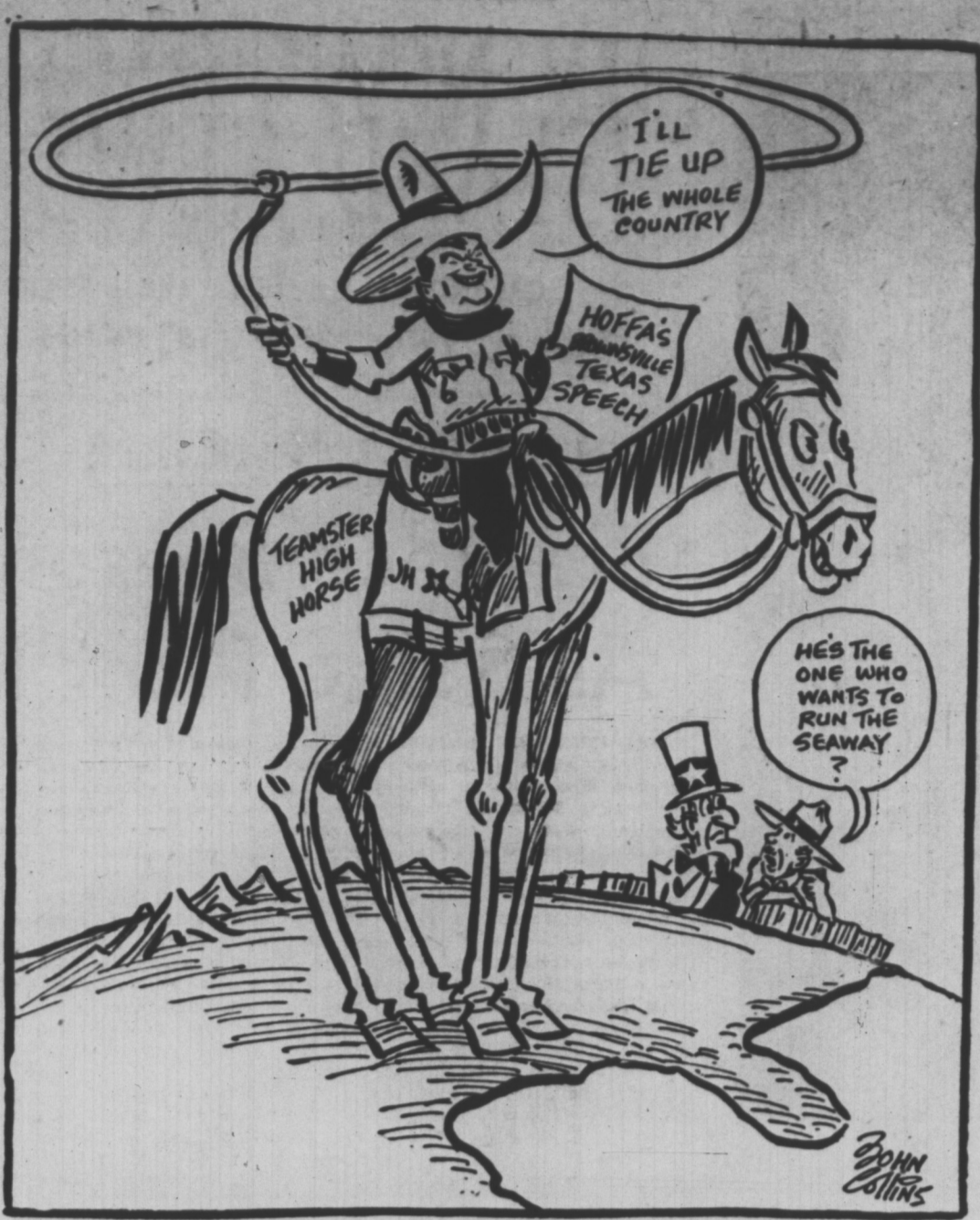
The old saying "it's not the heat but the humidity" has been disproved by an American meteorologist. He says it's a combination of the two. That doesn't make it any easier to bear.

296 candidates are competing for 98 seats in the Ontario general election of June 11. The Conservative and Liberal Parties are running in all constituencies, the CCF in 81. There are 19 miscellaneous candidates, including nine Labor-Progressives and five Social Credit.

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The public accounts committee of the House of Commons is uncovering some further evidence of the manner in which the Liberal government spent the taxpayers' money. The committee has discovered, for instance, that rates allowed for the operation of helicopters in the building of the Mid-Canada radar line in 1956 permitted recovery of the helicopters within five months. The committee members also learned that the Air Transport Board refused to accept a rebate of \$93,000 by two helicopter firms when the job stretched into nine months.



A TOUCH OF TEXAS IN HIS TALK

OTTAWA REPORT

Rumored Retirements

By Patrick Nicholson

Big news affecting prominent personalities in all three political parties is likely to break here soon, some perhaps before these words are published.

This column has long been a frank admirer of Hon. Paul Martin, the former Liberal Minister of Health. Comments written by me over the years about that able politician and wise statesman were lavishly quoted in the daily news sheet distributed by his supporters at the Liberal leadership convention last year. So it is with a very genuine regret that I now anticipate his withdrawal from our public life.

Paul was one of MacKenzie King's "Bright young men", being in the first group selected by him to mount the newly-created promotional platform as Parliamentary Assistants to Cabinet Ministers. He was 40 years old then; when two years later, he was appointed to the Cabinet, he seemed well on the way to

achieve his worthy ambition to be Prime Minister of Canada. Only four weeks ago, referring to possible Cabinet changes, I wrote: "David Walker represents the Conservative Party's most outstanding unused ability in the House at the present time; and I continued: "J.M. Macdonell—all may be replaced by David Walker, who is custom-made for the role of Justice Minister".

NEW QUEBEC MINISTER Mr. Macdonnell's retirement may touch off, earlier than the previously anticipated date of the end of the session, a minor Cabinet shuffle. This might include the appointment of another Quebec Minister, possibly Pierre Sevigny or Noel Dorion. It has been suggested that Dorion, a prominent Quebec lawyer, might become Minister of Justice. But this appointment would not be applauded by lawyers generally, because Quebec lawyers are normally more familiar with the Code Napoleon than with the English Common Law, which is the law of nine of our provinces.

LEADING TORY TO RETIRE? Through twelve tough years, Jim Macdonnell fought the good fight with skill and wisdom as the financial critic of the Conservative Opposition in Parliament. When his party came to power, he would have been the automatic choice to be Minister of Finance. But Big Jim was then 72 years old, and not in robust health; such an arduous portfolio

would have been an unkind gift. So he was appointed a free-lance Minister without portfolio. Now I believe he wishes to retire completely from Cabinet work. His going would leave an opening for the appointment of a new Minister from Toronto. Readers of this column will have noticed frequent mention of the name of David Walker, the Queen's Counsel of great professional repute and high political promise from Toronto-Rosedale. Only four weeks ago, referring to possible Cabinet changes, I wrote: "David Walker represents the Conservative Party's most outstanding unused ability in the House at the present time; and I continued: "J.M. Macdonell—all may be replaced by David Walker, who is custom-made for the role of Justice Minister".

THE SINGAPORE ELECTION By Joseph MacSweeney Canadian Press Staff Writer The victory of the People's Action Party in Singapore's general election emphasizes the question of union between Singapore and Malaya—a question with racial and political overtones. Singapore voters have given a landslide victory to Lee Kuan Yew and his leftist P. A. P. and observers are predicting turbulent times ahead for the small island colony embarking on home rule.

Lee, brilliant young British-educated lawyer, campaigned on a platform of anti-colonialism and social welfare, potent political weapons in Southeast Asia where nationalistic fervor is high. But he also recognized perils in the future for Singapore on its own. While accepting help from the Communists, he campaigned for union between Singapore and anti-Communist Malaya. RED INFLUENCE Lee, 36, has insisted that his party is not the "handmaiden" of the Communists but their weight is obvious. It's inevitable that the colossal Red China tends to exert heavy influence on tiny Singapore. In 1956, the colony's population was estimated at 1,300,000, of whom 987,200 were Chinese.

While communism is not a matter of race, it has been noted that elements of the Singapore Chinese seem more impressed with Red China's gains than those in, for instance, Hong Kong, closer to home. British officials in London and Singapore have looked with favor upon the island's wish to join the Federation of Malaya, especially since Malaya has welcomed British capital and armed forces. But Kuala Lumpur has managed to restrain its enthusiasm. Malaya, which attained independence within the Commonwealth in 1957, is worried about upsetting its delicate population balance and also has no wish to add to its own troubles from Communists.

THE FIGURES Malaya has a population of 6,278,800, including 3,126,700 Malays and 2,333,000 Chinese. Against this is the fact that Singapore is a geographical appendage of Malaya. The island, only 26 miles long and 13 miles wide, is separated from the peninsula only by the mile-wide

STRAITS OF JOHORE. They're linked by a causeway. Economically, the connections have been just as close, with Singapore the traditional port and commercial capital, for the rich rubber plantations and tin mines of the peninsula. It has been an economic capital—and strategic military base—that Singapore has found its importance through the years, not as a separate entity. It's difficult to see how Lee's present policies—such as his pledge to remove British bases—will help his hopes for union with Malaya. The British naval base, employing 40,000, is one of the most important factors in Singapore's economy, bringing in \$100,000,000 a year from London.

UNDERSEA SOUNDS Hydrophones can detect many sounds under the seas from fish and other denizens, such as schools of shrimp. The Age Old Story The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom.

Can "Catch" Strep Disease

By Herman N. Budessen, M. D. ALTHOUGH streptococcal disease generally does not have to be reported to health authorities, it can be fairly contagious. As a matter of fact, when one child in the family develops a strep infection, the chances are from 25 to 50 per cent that at least one of the other children will contract it, too. YOUNGSTERS SUSCEPTIBLE Most likely to catch the disease from a brother or sister are youngsters of three or four. Those under two and over ten are much less likely to become ill.

Three Rochester, New York, doctors who are finishing up a 10-year grass-roots investigation of streptococcal infections, say that attempts to protect brothers and sisters from the disease by medical means generally are not recommended. Nor should the activities of these children be limited unless they become ill themselves.

MOST COMMON INFECTIONS The most common strep infections occur in the throat. Among these are tonsillitis and scarlet fever. The streptococcus may also cause some ear infections and swollen neck glands. It is important to check with your doctor if your child has a sore throat for more than a day or two. Cases of sore throats sometimes develop into rheumatic fever. And this, of course, might mean damage to the heart.

PENICILLIN INJECTIONS Doctors might recommend injections of penicillin for a period of about ten days to prevent a strep throat from becoming a case of rheumatic fever. Such a precaution is especially advisable for youngsters between the ages of four and eight who come down with sore throats any time during the months of January through June. STUDY IMPORTANT This latest study by Drs. Frank A. Disney, Curtis B. Brees and William Talpey is especially important because it is being conducted at the level where most patients are seen—the doctor's office or the patient's home.

The vast majority of strep cases are treated in one or the other of these places, not in hospitals. Completion of this study should give us valuable information. QUESTION AND ANSWER C. W.: What causes red spots in the corners of my mouth? I was told to take vitamin C but it doesn't help. Answer: There may be many causes for this condition. Among them are lack of vitamin C, a virus infection and poor dentures. It is advisable to consult your doctor or dentist.

OUR YESTERDAYS (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 3, 1934) Progress is being made in the erection of a new parochial house at St. Andrews. The contract is held by Messrs M. Rogerson and Adrian Bradley. Work was begun about three weeks ago and it is understood that the contract calls for its completion in September.

A brisk blaze at Long's Tannery on Euston Street gave the firemen almost an hour's work yesterday afternoon before it was extinguished. The fire began in a pile of old shingles removed from the roof which was being reshimmed. There was also some damage to a garage adjoining the building, but there was no damage to the stock of hides in the tannery.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 3, 1949) The business block owned by Mr. Frank Currie located on Queen Street will be extended in the near future around the corner to butt against the new structure occupied by S.L. Hardy on Kent Street. The estimated cost of the extension which will be approximately 60 by 40 feet, is expected to be between thirty-five and forty thousand dollars. City development continues with the acceptance of a conveyance of land to "extend Highland Avenue westwardly from North River Road to the new projection of Brighton Place" by the City Council at a special meeting last night. Mayor B. Earle MacDonald presided.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Washington is crammed with cherry blossom time visitors. Even Ike was in town for a day. —Chilton (Wis) Times-Journal The individual attempting to squeeze into a telephone booth burdened with a couple of packages can't figure out how a couple of dozen college boys do it. —Stratford Beacon-Herald

A Soviet writer says in Moscow that Agatha Christie's murder stories "fan the poisoned air of bourgeois society"—but they're first-class lazy man's reading for a' that!—Ottawa Journal A little exaggerated, perhaps, but somewhat near the right idea, is the frustrated father's view that he'd rather have a one-room house with five bath-rooms than a five-room house with one bath-room. —St. Thomas Times-Journal

A Natal Indian, probably the oldest living person in Africa South of the Equator, has died in Pinetown, Natal, at the reputed age of 121. He was Mr. Anniappan Govender, who leaves four sons, 81 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren. For most of his life he lived in the Natal canelands where he first arrived about the middle of the Nineteenth Century. —South Africa News

Two eskimos have filed suit for divorce, so who says the race isn't being absorbed into the white man's civilization.—Ottawa Journal This is the time of year when holding down a steady job can be pretty annoying. It interferes with golfing and fishing.—Sherbrooke Record A lot of people are so heavily loaded down with time payments they don't now where their next installment creditor is coming from. —Woodstock Sentinel-Review

Hundreds of pheasants in Essex County, Ontario, will be alive this spring, thanks to 200 Boy Scouts of the county who have marched through the ice-covered fields and woods scattering food for the birds. This project was carried out in conjunction with the Windsor branch of the Essex County Sportsmen's Association. —The Scout Leader

Through the centuries it has cost nations far too much to hate one another. Greatly needed is some means, other than war and preparations for war, for them to manifest their hate adequately and satisfactorily.—Sudbury Daily Star

Black Gold in Bahrain

Manama, capital of the Sheikdom of Bahrain, means "Place of Sleep." But the city has slumbered little since oil was discovered there in 1932. Black gold gushing from barren sands has transformed the coral-reef Bahrain Islands, which lie some 20 miles off the eastern coast of Arabia, into a showplace of the Persian Gulf, the National Geographic Society says. Oil has pumped in many signs of prosperity—modern schools, hospitals, laboratories, air conditioning, roads, electrical equipment, and automobiles.

Approaching Manama from the sea, a visitor sees a long line of tall white houses with deep-shaded verandas rising above the sparkling, blue-green sea. Sailing craft flutter near the Customs pier, which reaches a quarter mile seaward. Minarets of mosques grace the skyline. In the east are graceful wind-towers, which were used to capture the breeze for homes before electric fans and air conditioning. COLORFUL EMPORIUMS In Manama's narrow streets, colorful shops display the goods of America, Europe, and Asia. Open-air markets feature bright textiles; palm fronds for building fish traps or hut walls; live chickens; long snouted cootepots; garish slippers having a special compartment for the big toe; and cosmetics from New York, Paris and Hollywood.

A Bahraini Arab, typically short and slight of build, wears a cloak of brown, white, or black wool with gold-braided edges. On his head sits a small skull cap, but this cannot usually be seen, for it is hidden by a headcloth held in place by a wool ring. The ring was originally a camel hobble which desert Bedouins carried on their heads when traveling. Today it is just an article of attire. The Bahraini housewife may wear European clothes inside her home, but she never goes outside without shrouding herself from head to toe in a voluminous black

cloak. She also wears a mask or veil. It is considered indecent for a woman to wear finery or expose her face in public. At sunset many of Manama's 50,000 residents patronize coffee shops and cinemas. A favorite attraction for strollers is the sheik's new place, a U-shaped building surrounded by a copper dome. The sheik rules Bahrain under British protection. Britain is represented by a political agent, who serves in an advisory capacity. PEARL-FISHING CENTER Manama has long been the headquarters of the Persian Gulf pearl-fishing industry. Piny the Elder, writing in the 1st century A.D., remarked that Bahrain had been famous for its pearls "since ancient times." The industry went into a decline after Japan began producing cultured pearls, and the discovery of oil occurred just in time to prevent severe hardship. Southwest of Manama are perhaps 100,000 mysterious burial mounds. The dome-shaped tombs ranging up to 82 feet in height, have long baffled archeologists. The tombs have yielded stone bowls of 2,000 B.C. and fragile specimens of 10th century Islamic glass. Some scientists believe Bahrain may have served as a cemetery for nomads of the Arabian mainland.

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