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In The Limelight

Agricultural pursuits will hold the limelight in Canada's Garden Province this week. And what better reminder could we have of the importance of our dairy industry than the arrival, for a five-day visit, of Miss Christine Ann Hewett, dairy queen of England and Wales? Miss Hewett will visit various parts of the Province, including a number of dairy farms, and needless to say she will be warmly welcomed everywhere.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the feature attraction will be the Canadian Champion Plowing Match at Brudenell Point—a contest, as Mr. Dewar writes in his Federation of Agriculture newsletter—that bids fair to be one of the major farm events of our centennial year. There will be a variety of entertainment and other features as well. This will be the first time the big match has come to Prince Edward Island, and there is every reason to expect that it will draw a record attendance.

This week, too, a group of seed potato experts from Italy, along with Dr. Juan Carmona, chief of the plant protection division for Venezuela, will be spending two days in the Province, meeting with government officials and visiting potato growing areas and the Experimental Station at Charlottetown.

As indicated in Saturday's news story, Canada has secured Italian acceptance of its potato certification system and considerable quantities of seed and table potatoes were purchased by Italy in the last three years. Venezuela has been a longtime and important market for Canadian seed. The visit of these officials, therefore, is a matter of prime interest to all concerned in our potato industry.

'67 Youth Parliament

The idea of a Centenary Youth Parliament to be held in the House of Commons on or near July 1, 1967, has sound possibilities, and has been commented upon favorably by public men across the country. The cooperation of provincial governments is being solicited, and Premier Shaw has indicated that approval in principle has been given the proposal at a cabinet meeting here.

Basically, the purpose is to stimulate interest in public affairs on the part of the younger generation, to familiarize them with the national and international problems confronting governments today, and to open avenues of communication for young men and women who may some day be among those who will shape Canada's policies.

It is proposed that for every Member of Parliament at Ottawa there be selected a young representative from that member's constituency for the Youth Parliament. An essay and public speaking competition could be used as the basis of selecting candidates.

It is proposed, too, that the Canadian Government invite young leaders from member nations of the United Nations to attend an International Young Leaders Conference following the Youth Parliament. These youth delegates could be present as observers at the Parliament, after which a "general assembly" of all the nations represented could be held for discussion purposes. The possibility of touring Canada has also been raised.

The objectives, as outlined by William S. Fair, of Saskatoon, a young member of the Centennial Commission who originated the idea and has toured the country in promoting it, are certainly worthwhile. It is important, however, that the movement be kept on a level that will not permit of its being exploited for partisan political purposes. Mr. Fair himself is insistent on this point, and it is indeed the only basis on which any measure of success can be predicated.

Could Be A Surplus

According to the Financial Post, Finance Minister Gordon now seems headed for an unexpected budgetary surplus. Revenues, it is said, are running well ahead of the 1964-65 forecast of $6,700 million. April-July figures show an increase of $450 million over the same four months a year earlier. Last year the revenues from these four months made up 32 per cent of the final total intake. Assuming the ratio were the same this year it would make the final revenue total $7,500 million. This would mean a surplus of just over $250 million as against an anticipated deficit of $455 million.

Will it in fact work out nice and neatly like that? The Post doesn't profess to know, but it says, with some reason, that "even the merest possibility of a budget surplus constitutes glad tidings of first importance."

Even this claim, however, is subject to some qualification. It would depend upon how the surplus, if achieved, was used. If it were applied to tax reductions it would be welcomed, provided, of course, there were no stinting in necessary federal expenditures. And these necessary expenditures have been mounting steadily at Ottawa.

We recall a time, not so long ago, when this Province was in dire straits financially owing to a miscalculation in its population forecast by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, on which our payments under the federal tax sharing agreements were based. A pilgrimage to Ottawa failed to bring us much relief, despite the comfortable surplus in the federal treasury at that time. That was before the Atlantic Provinces adjustment grants were introduced, too,

Lately we seem to be running into more difficulties in our fiscal relations with Ottawa. But how could it be otherwise when the bigger provinces are demanding, and getting, more and more of the available tax revenue split for themselves?

In Beverly Hills

In Beverly Hills, California, anyone caught walking after 10 p.m. is presumed to be an enemy of society. While he is not likely to be shot at sight, he may legally be picked up by the police and compelled to prove himself innocent of vagrant intent. So reports "Ontario Traffic Safety," an official publication of the Ontario Department of Transport.

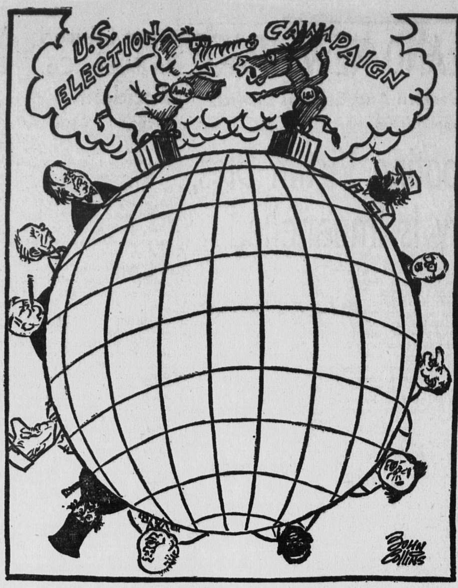
"The declining interest in the pedestrian is such that the more pretentious suburbs of many cities no longer have sidewalks," says the article, "and the person who insists on walking is expected to walk in the gutter where he endangers both himself and the motorist. There is a general suspicion that in another generation pedestrianism will become extinct among adults except for the poorer classes."

And who wants them around, anyway? Certainly not in Beverly Hills.

Reading this, we felt indignant about the way the lowly are being treated in this highfalutin' area of the neighboring republic, and wondered if something couldn't be done about it, thus reversing the disturbing trend. Of course something could, if pressure were brought to bear in the right place! So we've taken the initiative in our own hands and written a trenchant letter on the subject to the Beverly Hillbillies. It should reach old Jed any day now. We know how he'll react; and if he puts the screws on his big-shot banker and that snob of a wife his banker's got, they'll remedy the situation in no time.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Ontario will salute the 100th anniversary of Confederation by erecting in Metro Toronto a $5,000,000 science centre where the achievements of Canadian scientists, inventors and technicians will be displayed. It will be the first such centre in Canada.



SHOUTS HEARD ROUND THE WORLD

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Public Opinion Polls Favor Judy

Hon. Judy LaMarsh is the most successful cabinet minister according to public opinion polls, and the most colourful if one judges by the space allotted to her in the newspapers.

88 per cent of the answerers credited Miss LaMarsh with doing an "excellent" or "fair" job as Minister of Health and Welfare. She comfortably outpaced Finance Minister Walter Gordon, who received that rating from 78 per cent. The polls also checked the public evaluation of the two other ministers of the "Big Four" whose departments are concerned with domestic government closely affecting our daily lives.

These were Trade Minister Mitchell Sharp and Justice Minister Guy Favreau who is the Prime Minister's chief Quebec lieutenant. Although these are both former civil servants, long-well-known around Parliament Hill, they strangely proved to be the least widely known and admired to Canadians generally, who refrained in droves from uttering a verdict on their little-noticed work.

Prime Minister Pearson and, for obvious reasons, Paul Martin smoothly competent in his External Affairs job, were not included in the poll.

WHAT MAKES JUDY TICK?

Most of her cabinet colleagues would give their proverbial eye-teeth to know how Judy, one of the kids of the Cabinet yet to see her 40th birthday, manages to achieve public support excelling that won by many much older and more experienced politicians. One or two of them with leadership ambitions are blatantly sitting at her feet to try to learn her secret.

Of course being the only member of her sex in the Cabinet, she does enjoy obvious advantages, which a hard-boiled politician would unchivalrously deny. But the feminine touch hits one in the face the moment one walks into her office on Parliament Hill. Her warmly welcoming work room contrasts vividly with the usual minister's drab office; in place of Public Works' mud-brown, it is sunburst — gay with fresh flowers. Leather-bound books in ceiling — high shelves add an aura of intellect. Photos of her Liberal colleagues entirely cover one wall; but relegated to solitary exposure on a distant wall is her political foe but everybody's friend, New Democratic MP "Squire" Herridge. The mantel is topped with a colour group photo of the Cabinet, and littered with souvenirs ranging from an autographed baseball to the coat of arms of her French ancestors, the Counts of La Marche.

LOYAL BET LOST

On her desk: her astonishingly heavy daily mail. And with one outgoing letter was a cheque for $100, payable to the vice-president presumptive — and perhaps next president — of U.S.A.

Thereby hangs a tale. Senator Hubert Humphrey was guest speaker at a lunch meeting of the Parliamentary Health Committee in March 1962 Skidding on the icy road from Montreal, he arrived too late for lunch but in time to deliver an impressive speech. Then he rushed to catch a train to Montreal.

A fellow-passenger chatted with him, and like a helpful St. Bernard brought needed nourishment to the starving Senator — a courtesy he repaid by disagreeing violently with Judy for it was she — about the prospects in our expected 1962 election. Judy loyally betted on the Liberals, wagering a dinner at any restaurant in North America, and with companions, both as nominated by the winner, cost not to exceed $100. But pressure of politics on winner and loser has delayed the pay-off of this amusing gag — so Judy sent her cheque.

She is that kind of person; original, smart and friendly That's probably the mysterious recipe which makes her so highly admired by the voters.

Lost In The Uproar

Globe and Mail, Toronto

French-Canadian separatists have made so much noise that the gentler tones of their anti-separatist fellows have often been lost in the uproar. It was therefore most encouraging last week to hear a number of French-Canadian anti-separatist voices speaking firmly forth from Quebec City itself.

These voices belonged to some 100-odd delegates to the annual convention of the Canadian Association of French-Canadian Educators, delegates who came from the nine provinces other than Quebec. They spoke for the French-speaking minorities in these provinces, and they made it clear that they viewed the idea of Quebec secession from Confederation as a nightmare.

"We need Quebec" said a Regina priest, "but Quebec needs flourishing French-Canadian minorities like us too." "We fear the federal Government much less than we do the provinces," said a British Columbian.

The consensus of these non-Quebec French-Canadians was that a federal education department could perform a real service by protecting the rights of minorities in the educational field, a view quite at war with those of all Quebec political parties, which hold that Ottawa has no business in education.

They were equally frank about the damage done by separatism and by last year's violence within Quebec. Both had seriously hampered their own efforts to gain more recognition for French language and culture.

These were home truths which the moderates and particularly the moderate leaders of Quebec need to hear, and they came from an impeccable source. French educators who try to preserve the French language and culture outside Quebec fight the same battle that the resurgent nationalists fight it under infinitely more difficult circumstances.

PUBLIC FORUM

BIBLE SOCIETY EXPLAINS

Sir,—At a recent meeting of the executive of the Charlottetown Branch of the Canadian Bible Society, the question came up as to why the Bible Society campaign could not be included in the United Appeal Drive.

Frankly, it was a good question, and it may be that the public would like to have the answer as well.

There are undoubtedly three basic reasons for conducting a separate campaign. These would be as follows: —

(1) The work of the Canadian Bible Society is of a religious nature and is sponsored and carried out by the Protestant Church throughout the world. It has no real counterpart in the Roman Catholic Church, although the Charlottetown Branch is deeply indebted to the Catholic Women's League for a most generous donation to their funds during the 1963 campaign. Nevertheless, it would seem unfair to make a general solicitation when the returns could not be equally distributed for this work.

(2) Apart from a small cost for campaign supplies, all of the funds collected in Prince Edward Island are remitted to World Organizations who are responsible for the translation, publication and distribution of the Scriptures, or portions, to the peoples of the world who need and require this reading material at a minimum of cost.

(3) In order to have an organization fit within the framework of the United Appeal Campaign, it would be necessary to submit a budget of money required, as this is controlled by a Budget Committee of the United Appeal and very efficiently carried out to set the goal necessary to take care of their needs. However, the needs of the Bible Society are so great that it would be impossible to submit a budget figure which would be considered realistic by the United Appeal Committee.

These, then, are the basic reasons for the non-inclusion in the United Appeal, and they do not in any way detract from the need or endorsement of the efforts of the United Appeal Campaign. Both of these Campaigns are worthy and should receive favorable and generous support because of the dire need in our community and the world for this assistance.

I am, Sir, etc.,
S.H. BURHOE, President
T.J. HUMPHREY, Secretary
Charlottetown Branch
Canadian Bible Society.

IN APPRECIATION

Sir,—Now that I am home again, wonderful memories of our recent Convention in your enchanted Island keep coming back to me, of the warm hearted, wholesome people there, and I feel that I must say Thank You to all of you; all the dignitaries, at all levels of Government, who entertained us so graciously, the members of the Clergy who gave our hearts a spiritual lift in such a joyous manner, all the ladies of the Catholic Women's League on the Island who must have worked and planned for month's in advance to make the Convention such a tremendous success; the kindly people in the hotels, motels, stores, who took such excellent care of all our needs; your police officers who gladly gave us directions wherever we wanted to go. In short, all of the people on the Island, who seemed intent on making this five-day visit the most memorable holiday of our lives, and in my opinion, they certainly succeeded!

I am, Sir, etc.,
DOROTHY THERESA OSICA
St. Benedict's Council
Catholic Women's League
Rexdale, Ontario.

Annoyance Of Blisters

By Dr. Theodore R. VanDellen

Blisters are the nemesis of vacationers, sightseers and athletes. These lesions are minor annoyances unless they become infected. The American people were saddened, in 1924, when Calvin Coolidge's son died from blood poisoning as a result of an infected blister on the foot. This would never happen today.

Blisters are caused by pressure or friction. Fluid collects between the inner and outer layers of the skin. The area hurts enough to cause limping or interfere with the grip on a tennis racket, golf club, hammer, or oar. Continued friction usually punctures the blister and this intensifies pain.

Most of us know that infection need not be feared so long as the blister remains intact. This is why it should not be opened with a pin or needle to drain off the fluid. The small opening allows the watery material to escape but it closes within a few hours and locks in any bacteria that may have entered.

A better plan is to wash the lesion with soap and water, sterilize with alcohol, and cut away the top of the blister. This should be done only when the blister is large and probably will break anyway. Now we have an open sore that must be covered with an adequate dressing.

Prevention is preferable. Footgear should fit properly. Do not walk long distances in new shoes. Athletes usually wear sweat socks, often with lightweight cotton socks next to the skin. Special sports gloves are helpful for the golfer and tennis player. Ordinary gloves will prevent blisters from forming on the hand of the fisherman who expects to sit all day in a boat, casting.

It also is advisable, when going away, to take along a few adhesive bandages and apply one as soon as an irritated area begins to burn. This reduces additional friction and the chance of developing a blister.

E. K. writes: Is beriberi contracted from a tropical plant?

REPLY

No — and not from berries either. It is caused by a vitamin B1 (thiamine) deficiency. Victims usually are Orientals who subsist almost exclusively on a polished rice diet. The term is a Singhalese word meaning "I cannot" — the sufferer is too ill to do anything. Severe pain occurs in the extremities, along with swelling of the feet.

HEART ACTION RECORDING

S. H. Writes: Are electrocardiograms recommended in all types of heart attacks?

REPLY

Yes They help make the exact diagnosis, and are useful in watching the progress of the condition and determining the extent of damage to the heart muscle.

LONGEVITY AND SEA FOOD

Mrs. G. S. writes: Is it true that easterners have a shorter life span than those in the rest of the country? Someone said it is because of eating sea food.

REPLY

No, and sea food does not shorten life. In fact, at one time, it had the advantage of preventing goiter.

L.M. writes: A friend uses a washing machine detergent as a shampoo. Is this harmful to her hair?

REPLY

No, but it might dry or irritate the scalp.

DROOLING AND DENTURES

A. G. K. writes: Is drooling after new dentures caused by poor dentistry?

REPLY

No The nuisance will pass after adjusting to the dentures.

Today's Health Hint—

Proper lighting helps prevent accidents.

(Note: All correspondence to Dr. VanDellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore VanDellen, care of Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

NOTES BY THE WAY

A headmaster of Staffordshire, England, offers an opinion which some adults might digest with profit. He says "Young people always have erected their own artificial barriers between their generation and their elders; you can look over the barriers, but you win no respect by climbing over it. There are few more pathetic sights than that of a 'square' trying to be 'with it.'— Sarnia Observer.

The lowly cub reporter was assigned to cover a class play at a local high school. He made his bid for literary fame with this write-up. "The auditorium was filled with expectant mothers eagerly awaiting the appearance of their offspring." — Galt Reporter.

A socially-ambitious young woman made her husband's life miserable trying to get him to rent a more expensive apartment. One evening he came home in a good humor. "Good news, dearest!" he cried. "We don't have to move. The landlord just raised the rent!"— Galt Reporter.

So Prime Minister Pearson has given the flag resolution top priority and is prepared to debate the issue for the rest of the Summer.

This calls to mind the immortal words of George M. Cohan, the Broadway impresario: "Many a bum show has been saved by the flag." — Winnipeg Tribune.

Attitude Of Stalemate

By Arch MacKenzie
Canadian Press Staff Writer

President Johnson has taken a long look at the American position in embattled South Viet Nam and filed the matter away again.

The conclusion after a four day review in Washington is cautious optimism that things will get better and fervent hope nothing disastrous happens before the Nov. 3 U.S. general election.

The president was happy for political reasons to accept the view of Ambassador Maxwell Taylor, making his first regular report. Thus, there is little planned change in the shape and volume of American aid right now and the emphasis will be on continuing efforts to achieve civilian stability.

Over the longer haul, the consensus now seems to be South Viet Nam can neither win nor lose the war with the Communist Viet Cong, feeding down from North Viet Nam.

This attitude of stalemate contrasts to American predictions last year of military victory next year. At the same time there is an appreciation —perhaps more wistful than wise — the Viet Cong will become disenchanted and seek a negotiated saw-off of some kind rather than continue an expensive campaign.

TOOK BACK SOME PLANS

Taylor flew back to Saigon Thursday night with plans for some minor shifts in aid, mostly civilian. He also had endorsation of his view that the civilian establishment and government has to jell first.

Premier Nguyen Khanh will be encouraged more than ever to seek a broader base of support for his still-shaky South Vietnamese government.

In other words, the civilian structure has priority. Without that firmer base, the will to fight in the field is sapped. Without it, there is no prospect of even contemplating any kind of profitable negotiation with North Viet Nam from a position of equality or advantage.

A factor in all this, of course, is the Viet Cong, particularly for presidential hopes of a placid South Viet Nam in the pre-election period. Sharp intensification of military operations and substantial success could force American policy charges.

SEEKS MORE FLAGS

Meanwhile, the U.S. will continue its endeavors to plant more flags other than its own in South Viet Nam. Roving ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge is scheduled to visit Ottawa Sept. 22-23 after having already called on Britain, West Germany, France, Spain and numerous other Western allies.

Only France — which wants South Viet Nam turned into a neutral area—turned a cold shoulder, Lodge has reported.

But senior state department officials say the question of aid for South Viet Nam, or more aid, is left solely to an individual country and this pattern applies to Canada.

Canada has had a small military-personnel stake in the area through membership with India and Poland on the international supervisory truce commission, which has had little impact in the struggle.

Lodge has said the "outlook is for more flags in Viet Nam and for more people in the field who will share some of the dangers and discomforts involved in helping the Vietnamese in their struggle for freedom."

Tools For Freedom

Milwaukee Journal

In a Pakistani technical school students are using a machine tool built in 1881.... An African vocational school had 12,000 applicants for 230 vacancies; there weren't enough tools to train more... At the best training institute in Manila, the Phillippines, students file notches in piano wire to make hack saw blades.. An Ethiopian woodworking school opened with 12 used hand tools and six pounds of nails.

The developing nations have a critical need for the tools of learning— shoe repair equipment, lathes, metal cutting tools woodworking machinery, hand tools, printing presses, sheet metal machines, electrical testing equipment, welding gear and a host of other categories.

A nonprofit, businesss sponsored organization has seen the need and is moving to fill it. Formed two years ago, Tools for Freedom takes new and used machinery and equipment donated by American industries and ships it to approved technical schools in Asia, Africa and Latin America for use in training.

The philosophy is at once philanthropic and practical. Many persons in these awakening nations are impatient for progress, willing to work and learn. These men need the tools to bring about their own advancement and that of their nation. On the practical side, each machine is a potential salesman and each trainee a potential future customer. You cannot sell machines to people not equipped to operate and maintain them.

The job has barely begun. Tools for Freedom has requests on hand for about $32 million worth of tools from 410 schools. It is estimated that the United States has more than $10 billion worth of surplus tools available.

VETS ORGANIZE

MONTREAL (CP)—A branch of the Royal 22nd Regiment Association has been formed in Montreal with more than 100 former men of the regiment as members. The branch is the first to be set up outside Quebec City, where the regiment is stationed.

The Housing Scandal

Toronto Star

More than half a million Canadian families are living in dilapidated, over-crowded sub-standard housing.

This shocking statistic is only one of many contained in the report of a special two year study of public housing in Canada which was directed by Professor James Murray of Toronto's School of Architecture.

The report analyses public housing needs — 3.9 million new dwellings by 1980 — and recommends methods by which this goal can be achieved.

It describes as "unimpressive" the efforts over the past 15 years — 42,000 public housing units — which represent less than half of one per cent of all post war housing.

And Dr. Murray recommends that housing for low-income families and elderly persons be introduced into the mainstream of community living.

The "ghetto" approach to public housing has been demonstrated to be inadequate. Ontario has recently abandoned the institutional approach to public housing and has embarked on a program to meet future needs by purchasing new and existing homes.

Dr. Murray places the need for public housing in the same category as education, highways and other public activities. And perhaps the most serious comment on public apathy is his statement that only one dollar in every thousand spent by all governments in Canada goes to public housing.

In Ottawa, the housing post had been handled by a variety of ministers on a part time basis. In Ontario responsibility for different parts of the provincial housing program is scattered among three different departments with three ministers reporting to the legislature.

If we are to achieve the goal of providing decent accommodation in a satisfactory environment for every Canadian this recommendation should be implemented.

Is It Ready Yet?

Ottawa Journal

The Government is full of protestations that, if only the Conservatives would let the three-leaf flag go through, the House could proceed at once to other vital business.

Mr. Diefenbaker and Mr. Douglas have questioned whether the Government in fact has ready, for example, the pensions legislation on which it has put such store — and changed so often.

The following exchange in the House a few days ago shows why the Opposition doubts that the Government is as ready as it pretends.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (NDP-Winnipeg North Centre): "Does the minister not realize that it would be evidence of the Government's readiness to go ahead with the Canada Pension Plan if it would at least put the resolution on the order paper?"

Health Minister Miss LaMarsh: "Mr. Speaker, I am happy to repeat that the Government is ready and willing, and with a little co-operation from the other side we will also be able."

Mr. T.C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): "A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the legislation now ready?"

Miss LaMarsh: "Mr. Speaker. I do not think I am in a position to say this. I do not have a copy in both languages on my desk, and I will have to check."

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