

A Forward Move

The Federation of Agriculture Newsletter in yesterday's Guardian noted approvingly the appointment of a Canadian Dairy Commission under legislation passed last winter, which marks the first entry of the federal government into a national marketing agency for agricultural products other than that of prairie wheat.

Agriculture Minister J. J. Greene has designated his deputy minister, S.C. Barry as the commission's first chairman, and the appointment should ensure administrative competence coupled with a genuine appreciation of the constitutional and other difficulties that may beset the path.

An urgent task confronting the new agency is to reconcile divided federal and provincial jurisdiction. Indeed, this is imperative if there is to be any hope at all of a dairy product marketing program on a national basis.

The dairy commission inherits the milk price structure established by reason of federal price support. With this as its starting point, it will work with provincial marketing agencies to effect the orderly marketing of milk.

New Look At The North

Meriting more publicity than it has received is the report of the royal commission on government in the Northwest Territories, recently tabled in the House of Commons. The report upsets the views of many of us have held with regard to this far Arctic region, which comprises over one and a quarter million square miles, or one-third of the country.

Russia's north has many rivers and a fertile country. Much of the Canadian north is a stony desert with no basis of good soil. The prevailing climate and absence of soil over most of it combine to make food production on land a negligible contributor to the economy.

10,000 air miles in the territories, visited some 51 settlements and towns of from 50 to 3,000 people, and held some 59 public meetings. Six different Indian tongues had to be translated and these, coupled with various Eskimo dialects, proved confusing.

The commission for sound reasons concluded that what was required now was not provincehood for the territories, but the means of growth to provincehood; that the various territories should be united into one political unit, that the government should be located within the territories and the operation of government should be moved as much as possible from Ottawa to the new capital.

The proposed setup provides for the eventual appointment of a commissioner to the status of lieutenant-governor, with a deputy commissioner pictured as the premier of the new province, and an executive council, to be called the legislative assembly, of 18 members.

The Truth At Last

Many Canadians were incensed by the reports of barbarous treatment to which baby seals were subjected during the annual seal hunt in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and particularly by what seemed to be irrefutable evidence to this effect in a supposedly authentic film of seal hunting activities which was widely shown across the country.

"Staged" was the more diplomatic word used by Forestry Minister Maurice Sauve in describing it to a body of high school students in St. Catharines, Ontario, the other day; but it amounts to the same thing.

The minister said the task of skinning a live baby seal is practically impossible without the hunter hurting himself and damaging the valuable fur. But of course the public wasn't expected to know this. It was presumed to be wanting something sensational and it got it, and no doubt its creator was well rewarded for his initiative.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Advertising is where you find it. A cartoon in New Zealand's "Road Safety" publication showed a policeman holding out a breathalyzer bag. He was saying, "I let the breath out of this bag and it sang three verses of 'I Belong to Glasgée'!"

A Washington commentator notes that President Johnson's trouble with his personal pronouns is increasing. When he took office three years ago he told a sad, worried people, "I am the only president you have," and humbly asked their support.



KEEP CHRISTMAS IN YOUR DRIVING

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

House Weary Of Hellyer's Wisecracks

Canadians have justification for their present critical mood towards the meaningless talk and the trivialities in which parliamentarians sometimes indulge.

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The first place where I am aware of this report appearing was in this column—not in one major daily newspaper, but in the numerous Thomson family newspapers across Canada.

PUBLIC FORUM

GEORGETOWN PENALIZED Sir,—It has been suggested that my recent statements were spurious and trite: if so, the Premier could refute them very easily.

The vague phrases continue to be issued—"our offered assistance", "general concern for the public", "not appropriate at this time".

It seems to me that it is in the public interest to have all of the facts placed before them. Either something is terribly wrong in Georgetown, or the people of this Island are the victims of a Liberal campaign to smear and vilify the Shaw administration, one of the best

firm to the House what is now a matter of public record, having appeared in at least one major daily newspaper, and that is the colour of the uniforms proposed for the new Canadian armed forces.

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I was reliably told that the green uniform, of standard material for all ranks of officers and men, was undergoing user tests, to see how the cloth and the dye stand up to wear and cleaning.

WHY THE EVASION

Such thorough teasing is commendable. When put into universal use, a cloth so proven should not have to be hurriedly replaced, as happened with the fading straining maple leaf flag.

Several American proclerics made favorable reports on the use of rubber bands to remove protruding hemorrhoids. The procedure is safe and can be done in the doctor's office thus conserving hospital beds for the more seriously ill.

The last Liberal cabinet minister who adopted this attitude to parliament was the late Clarence Deane Howe. His most memorable contribution to the Liberal Party was to contribute largely to its defeat at the polls in 1957 through his contemptuous arrogance.

SCHOOL BUS ROLLS OVER METCALFE, Ont. (CP)—A bus driver and about 30 children escaped serious injury Wednesday when a school bus overturned near this community 25 miles south of Ottawa.

Medical Browsing

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen "So went Satan forth" from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

The victims, two girls with fair skin and red hair, were hospitalized several times. The lesions were itchy and yielded a purulent substance. The continuous administration of an antistaphylococcal antibiotic is the only measure that keeps the infection under control.

It is safe for a pregnant woman to smoke. Obstetricians at Paolo Alto, Cal., followed the outcome of 5,650 pregnancies over a six-year period. Among these, 2,500 were smokers.

A total of 65 cases of paralytic poliomyelitis have been reported in the United States at the time of this writing. Of these, 55 were from the state of Texas. All except one of the 53 cases had two deaths.

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Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 9, 1941)

President Roosevelt warned the United States that it is in for a long, hard war, against "crafty and powerful hands" with Germany and Italy as much the enemies of the United States as in Japan.

Immediate calling of Parliament for the enactment of "total war" measures including provision for compulsory military service outside Canada, and the formation of a government "representative of all shades of political opinion" was urged by Conservative House leader Hanson.

In a step toward creating the first man-made moon, scientists fired an instrument, laden with 135 miles into the air from a Florida launching site. It was an experimental probe to next year's earth satellite project called "Vanguard."

South Africa's Attitude

By Joseph MacGowan Canadian Press Staff Writer

Rebel Premier Ian Smith and his supporters feel Rhodesia can survive compulsory sanctions just as it coped with voluntary sanctions during the last year.

They can take considerable comfort from unofficial calculations in British newspapers. High British government officials are known to feel that Tory newspapers are taking an overly gloomy view of how the sanctions are likely to boom against Britain.

There still are doubts about the imposition and application of a compulsory oil embargo—the one sanction that if rigorously applied might, indeed, topple Smith within a week or two.

Rhodesia's national income was estimated to have dropped by less than 10 per cent. Sanctions appear to have cut exports from £150,000,000 to not more than £100,000,000.

Rhodesia's success was partly explained by a buoyant world market for its minerals—especially asbestos, chrome, copper and iron ore. Another big factor was the failure of neighboring Zambia to find another source of supply for manufactured items and of coal for its copper industry.

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What's Happening to Automobile Insurance Rates in 1967?

1. Are rates going up? A survey of insurance companies indicates that the premium level of automobile insurance will go up slightly. On a national basis, it will increase less than one per cent. Locally and provincially, there will be wide variations. For example, in Prince Edward Island, rates will be decreased quite substantially for most drivers.

rate levels. Your insurance agent, broker or company representative can give you precise details when the new rates start going into effect beginning January 1st. 5. How About Young Drivers? The insurance industry is giving more and more attention to young drivers since their problems will become greater in the next few years as more young people reach driving age. In 1967, insurance companies will be using a new rate system for men under 25 who drive their own cars.