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The Queen In Canada

"The return of the Head of the Commonwealth to her Canadian territory makes that Kingdom the centre of the Commonwealth of Nations for the duration of her residence," says the London Times in a special supplement commemorating the forthcoming Royal visit to this country, marking the official opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Stressing the value to Canadians of "an honoured symbol to draw their scattered communities together and confirm their integral nationhood," The Times says we might have found this in a constitution or a flag; "but these are cold and abstract things, not to be compared with the hold upon the heart of allegiance to a living personality. There is also, however, the danger that the crowned symbolic personage in whose name the business of state is conducted may herself come to seem a remote image, too far exalted to have any reality as the universal representative. The greater the honour paid to the majestic symbol of national pride, the greater the need of the people for direct vision of the human being in whom it is incarnate. Fortunately, Canadians already know their Queen in both aspects."

Recalling the informality of Her Majesty's first visit to Canada as Princess, and later as Sovereign when she took her seat on her Canadian Throne in the full emblematic splendour of the state opening of Parliament, the editorial says the extensive travels she has now undertaken is to give—even in such remote regions as the Yukon, where no reigning monarch has penetrated—a fuller understanding of both aspects, but especially the second. "In the ever-growing complexity of modern society, the truth we all need most to comprehend is that the august symbol and the simple person are one, that behind all the elaboration of government the centre and inspiration of it all is a human being like ourselves."

The supplement carries articles on each of the Canadian Provinces, as well as on the Seaway and the bicentenary of Wolfe and Montcalm at Quebec. A fine portrait of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh is reproduced from a painting by Denis Fildes in the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

A Moot Question

The Commons public accounts committee has no authority over the Canada Council or the \$100,000,000 it has at its disposal. That, at least, is what Auditor General Watson Sellar told the committee members, prompting one of them to ask indignantly: "Then what authority has this committee to examine Council affairs or make recommendations?" Mr. Sellar replied soothingly: "You could make recommendations on the legislation setting up the Council." At the same meeting a Conservative member observed: "Then the Council is an independent corporation with a former Liberal cabinet minister heading its board of management." Mr. Sellar is reported as having nodded assent, as indeed he might for that is Mr. Brooke Claxton's position.

This would seem to dispose pretty well of the fiction of the supremacy of Parliament. The Ottawa Journal, however, tries to bridge the inconsistency. Parliament, it says, must exercise its supremacy in the channels that have been given to it; it should not seek to interfere in the administrative processes which it has itself established. That, of course, applies to the CBC and the Civil Service as well as the Canada Council. It is a moot question, about which there has been consid-

erable controversy during the present session.

As the Journal concedes, there is nothing wrong in a member of Parliament rising in the Commons or in committee and laying out a bill of complaint against any of these bodies. Indeed, if he has reason for his complaints it is his duty to make them. And if they prove substantial, it is then up to the Government to improve the administration of the faulty body. A vigilant public will note the charges and note the Government's reaction and in due course express its opinion at the polls. It is a round-about process, but perhaps, after all, it does represent the democratic approach. But it leaves a good deal of leeway for bureaucratic control, which is the antithesis of democracy.

All-Week Shopping

An interesting point was raised by the Canadian Association of Consumers at its annual meeting recently. Investigations by the organization showed that many shoppers were poor buyers and did not take advantage of "specials" offered by merchants as an inducement to spread buying over the week. This fault on the part of the consumers, comments an exchange, is easy to understand. It is a hangover from the days when the family piled into the surrey with the fringe on top (horse-drawn or automotive) to do the Saturday shopping. The family characteristic has been handed down from generation to generation until we have a situation in which there is one or two "heavy" shopping days in the week. For the other days of the week the customer has the store almost to himself—or herself.

Merchants with their early week "specials" are performing a service to the public in trying to educate consumers to be good buyers. It is beneficial to the consumer and the storekeeper to recognize every weekday as a shopping day. Nor can the benefit be overlooked to the employees who are rushed off their feet for one day and find time hanging heavy on their hands on other days.

It is not going to be easy to break with tradition, but when it is recognized it is to the advantage of the consumer to "spread out" the weekly shopping, a more orderly system of buying and selling, plus savings in prices, will result.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A fortune teller in Rhode Island complained to the police the other day about something she hadn't foreseen. Someone stole her crystal ball from an amusement park! According to Health Minister Monteith in the House of Commons on Monday, a hospital insurance agreement with New Brunswick is expected to be signed soon. Other provinces that have not signed agreements are Quebec and Prince Edward Island. The programs are under way in the rest of the provinces. This leaves us still wondering how the P.E.I. plan is progressing.

"Those stories about the penurious plight of the Ontario Liberal Association," says the Toronto Telegram, "are not likely to bring salty tears to the eyes of CCF and Progressive Conservative candidates or extra help from the great army of party supporters who part with five dollars or so around election time. Going broke at election time is a common malady. It isn't only a Liberal virus. Everyone, it seems, needs money. If you don't believe us, ask your candidate. Lots of Conservatives are bleating loudly for help and we venture to think that the picture is pretty general."

According to an Ottawa report, the government has been hit with such a heavy flow of surplus pork that it has run out of storage space for frozen cuts and has been forced back into the pork canning business—the first time this has happened since 1952 when an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease shattered foreign markets for Canadian meat. At that time, surplus canned pork was finally shipped behind the Iron Curtain and sold at a heavy loss. Officials say that some of the current cans may end up in the same way. In addition to some 70 million pounds of frozen cuts, the government will have 25 million pounds of pork in cans by the end of June. This would represent a total federal investment of some \$43 million in surplus pork.



CAN'T KEEP UP WITH IT

OTTAWA REPORT

Mr. Diefenbaker's Optimism

By Patrick Nicholson
"The recession which started to come upon us in late 1956 is now rapidly ceasing to exist," the Right Hon. John Diefenbaker told the annual conference of Canadian Mayors and Municipalities at North Bay last week. With Conservative Government actions substantially remedying the recession spawned during the late Liberal administration, the Prime Minister confidently asserted that "Canada is now entering upon a new period of rapid economic expansion." All the economic indices support Mr. Diefenbaker's confidence; this will be a year of greater prosperity than last year, while next year promises to be a banner year. An audience of 400 conventioning mayors and over 1,500 on-lookers crowded into North Bay's Memorial Gardens to hear Mr. Diefenbaker speak. He attracted an audience twice the size of that which came to hear Ontario Premier Leslie Frost and T.V. star Bob Cummings the previous evening; while the film "South Pacific" ran third as an evening attraction for Canada's assembled mayors. THE RECORD SPEAKS "Industrial production in Canada reached a peak index of 159.6 in March 1957," Mr. Diefenbaker said. "It declined to 148.6 in December of the same year. Recovery has brought the index to the all-time peak of 160.9 where it stood in February of this year. Non-agricultural employment, which reached a peak of 3,091,000 in June of 1957, and dropped to 4,966,000 in February of 1958, rose in February of this year to a new high of 5,129,000 persons with jobs in non-agricultural industries. The latest figure for April of this year shows 5,664,000 persons with jobs, 127,000 more than a year ago." While many workers cannot find jobs unfortunately, we tend to overemphasize the negative by overlooking the truly remarkable achievement that more people were in jobs in February this year, the month when seasonal unemployment is normally near its peak, than were employed in midsummer 1957, the month when jobs are normally most abundant. And with 127,000 more people working in April this year than in the same month a year ago, haven't we got an impressive record of re-employment? Other statistics giving cause for optimism to Canadians were reported to the Mayors by the Prime Minister. In the first quarter of this year, mining production was up 5 per cent, industrial production was up 6 per cent, lumber production volume up 6 per cent.

The Stakes Grow Bigger

Christian Science Monitor
The biggest fact about Geneva at this moment must be sought elsewhere. That is the meaning of the last few days of diplomatic activity on the East-West front. The whole framework of the Soviet offensive that Mr. Khrushchev launched last November with his demand for Western withdrawal from West Germany is just now disclosing its real proportions. The latter possibility demands as much consideration as the former. In either case, however, the West is up against the fact that Moscow is still taking the initiative. The West's reply is mainly defensive—a local effort at counteroffensive at Geneva, to be sure, but a tactical one. Mr. Khrushchev still moves on the larger field of strategy. SIGNIFICANT MOVES These conclusions are prompted (1) by the gathering of Communist world leaders at Tirana, Albania, at the very moment that the Geneva conference moves into a sticky patch; (2) by the blast that Mr. Khrushchev has loosed from Tirana against the Western proposals for Berlin and which seems to cancel all Mr. Gromyko's statements at Geneva that the proposals contained some discussible points; (3) by Khrushchev's new threats against Greek and Italian participation in the nuclear defense measures of the Western alliance; (4) by Albanian moves to restore good relations with Yugoslavia as erstwhile allies against the Nazis; (5) by the presence at Tirana of high-level Chinese Communists as reports circulate that Soviet aid to Communist China has helped bring that power to the verge of membership in the "nuclear club." CHINESE ANGLES Chinese angles have special portent for a future summit meeting. They therefore have immediate bearing on the effectiveness of Western summit diplomacy at Geneva. In the light of Tirana the West holds a "trump card" in the shape of possible refusal to attend a summit meeting appear almost glib. They may overestimate Mr. Khrushchev's continuing interest in the summit. CHANGED TACK After indicating his interest in a United Nations summit meeting on the Middle East less than a year ago, Mr. Khrushchev suddenly changed his tack after a

PUBLIC FORUM

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INFORMATION SOUGHT

Sir—I am writing up the family history of my grandparents, Dennis Collins Allen and Orpha Heath Allen. From Westview Cemetery in Atlanta, Georgia, I have found out that his mother was Lida Bernard, born on Prince Edward Island. He was born in Vermont, in about 1859—so I presume his mother would have been born in the early 1830's—the letter does not name the town on P.E.I., so I am trying to find out somehow, if possible—and any other information. If you can help me in any way, I will be most grateful. I doubt if there is any inheritance involved, and I am not interested in that to speak of. It is just that we are so anxious to find out where the Allens came from, etc., if at all possible. I am Sir, etc. MRS. GENE BRIGHT, Tampa 4, Florida.

Best Way To Swallow Pills

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D. THE EASY way to take most medicines is, of course, by mouth. Yet there are a few things you should know about even this simple procedure. Some persons, for example, have difficulty swallowing tablets, pills or capsules. HOW TO TAKE I think you will find it easier if you place the pill as far back on your tongue as possible and then wash it down with generous gulps of fluid. Or perhaps it will be better to place the pill loosely under the tip of your tongue, then drink a glass of water. This will automatically flush the pill down with the fluid. When you take a medication by mouth it is absorbed into the bloodstream within half an hour to an hour and a half. ABSORBS QUICKER Sometimes even faster absorption may be obtained by drinking hot liquids with the medicine, or by taking it when your gastrointestinal tract is relatively empty. Generally, it is advisable to take salicylates and bromides with large quantities of water, or when your stomach is full of food, since they might tend to be irritating. Drugs administered for prolonged systemic action are also best taken on a full stomach. Now when large doses of drugs are taken, your stomach probably should be empty. The same holds true when taking some nauseous medicines. The reason is simple: you avoid vomiting your food. TIMING IMPORTANT Cathartics and hypototics should be taken in such a manner that their actions coincide with the times, generally associated with these natural functions. Taking stomachics before a meal is usually the most effective way. Naturally, medicines taken as a solution are absorbed more readily than are those taken in

NOTES BY THE WAY

Everyone thinks of canals in connection with Venice, but Amsterdam has plenty of them, too, with hundreds of bridges. Perhaps the Dutch city, which is built on piles, needs better publicity. Much of its local freight is carried in 3,000 flat-bottomed covered barges, without which another 30,000 10-ton lorries would be needed in the narrow, crowded streets.—Ottawa Citizen

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 10, 1934) Commencing June 16, a new air service will be put into operation between New Glasgow and Charlottetown. This will bring the two cities well within an hour's journey saving considerable time as compared with surface transport. A day earlier the summer schedules will be put into effect on the Charlottetown-Summerside and Moncton air service.

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The Poets Corner

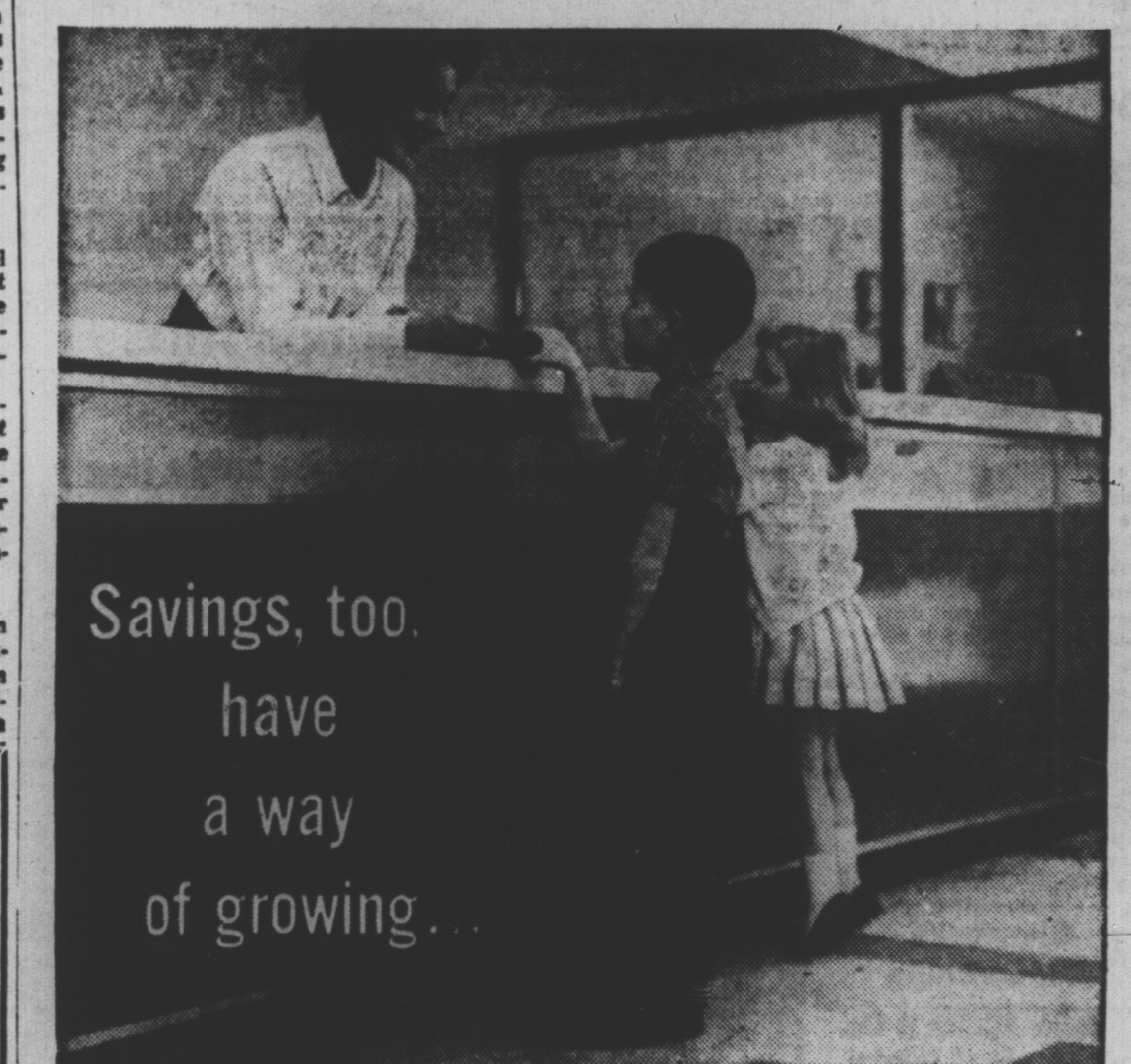
HARBOR AT EVENING Only the wind has armor for this light. Shadows of music lengthening into blue; The sea, the clouds, the radiant-masted ships Move in, bear low across the tidal night.

TEN YEARS AGO

(June 10, 1949) Fisheries Minister Mayhew said at O'Leary last night that the brief presented to the Federal Government by the P.E.I. Fisheries Federation had been considered but the Government's decision not to buy east coast canned fish would not be changed. The minister said a reply to the brief would be sent out when he returned to Ottawa.

THE AGE OLD STORY

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