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Big With Possibilities

This is a big week educationally, with St. Dunstan's University commencing exercises taking place today and Prince of Wales College convocation on Friday. These will be important occasions not only for the graduating students, but for all concerned in the activities of these Island institutions which, for over a century, have played such important roles in what Prime Minister St. Laurent once described as "the training of the intellect and elevation of the spirit in realms of ideals."

This fact is recognized by leaders in industry as well as in education today. One Ontario industrialist is quoted as saying: "The most difficult problems enterprises face are neither scientific nor technical, but lie chiefly in the realm of what is embraced in a liberal arts education." Another authority notes that specific skill in any given field "becomes less and less important as an executive advances through successive levels of responsibility."

Special interest attaches to today's exercises at St. Dunstan's, when three of our most esteemed citizens—Hon. Thane A. Campbell, Chief Justice, Rev. Mother Frances Loyola, CSM, superior-general of the Sisters of St. Martha of Prince Edward Island, and Dr. A. A. Macdonald, of Souris, veteran physician and former Speaker of the Legislature, will receive honorary doctorate degrees.

At both these institutions it is encouraging to note that the high standards of previous years have been well maintained, and that year by year they are expanding their curricula and classroom facilities. Not only the graduating classes, but the student bodies generally are to be congratulated upon their opportunities and the efforts they have put forth during the year. Among them we may look for our leaders of tomorrow, in church and state as well as in business and professional activities; and we have no doubt that it is to this formative period that they will look back as the most important in their careers.

It All Depends

The review of the tax system by a royal commission which Mr. Diefenbaker has promised is meeting with mixed reaction, as was to be expected. The Winnipeg Free Press, which takes a jaundiced view of the proposal, nevertheless has a point when it says that many of the approving comments are shot through with wishful thinking.

Some of the critics of the existing system have long maintained that business at present is over-taxed and that existing levies strangle growth. Such reasoning might lead to the conclusion that the corporations should pay less and the individual taxpayer more. Alternatively, it might be argued that this might be good for business in the central provinces where most head offices are located; but the first proposition would certainly appear inequitable to most individual

taxpayers and the second would plough the weaker provinces into poverty.

There is another possibility. The commission might very well direct Mr. Diefenbaker to balance the budget at the expense of welfare programs. It might be possible, through austerity, to lower taxes quite drastically and, by paying off debt, to rid the country of a heavy interest load. But what is just? What is fair? What is equitable? Our Winnipeg contemporary poses these questions, but suggests no answers. It all depends, it says philosophically, on whose ox is gored.

In any case, if Mr. Diefenbaker is prime minister after June 18, he will dictate the terms of reference. The commissioners will be guided by these and by their own ideas and prejudices. But there is no guarantee that the government will accept their findings, any more than it has, as yet, accepted the report of the MacPherson commission on transportation problems which was appointed three years ago. Or, it might be added, than the Liberals accepted the Rowell-Sirois commission findings, back in 1940, which formed the basis of the national tariff policy that continue to work to our detriment in this part of Canada.

Under The Law

When the Canadian Elections Act was overhauled two years ago, parliamentarians were staggered by the discovery that tea and coffee parties—so popular in election campaigning nowadays—were in breach of the law. "Treating" was strictly forbidden under the statute, and no distinction was made as to the kind of "treat" dispensed.

This meant that for some years past—technically at least—virtually every federal election candidate had been violating the law's provisions. Once Chief Electoral Officer Castonguay revealed this embarrassing fact, no time was lost in putting the matter right. With singular unanimity, MPs decided that it was time for a change, and amended the act accordingly.

Even so—as Arthur Blakely points out in the Montreal Gazette—candidates must take care that they do not go too far in dispensing hospitality, or in authorizing hospitality to be dispensed in their interests. The exemption from the stern provisions of section 66 of the act goes no further than was necessary to legalize the political tea or coffee party.

Candidates, agents and their supporters can serve Welsh rarebit, if they choose, without running serious risks. A T-bone steak provided to an elector at substantial cost may be a far cry from "sandwiches, cakes, cookies" and the like; even so, the chance that a formal complaint might be laid is regarded as remote, and the possibility of conviction is—it is assumed—almost nonexistent. But the passage relating to beverages which may be served has a business-like air to it. There is no desire to deny blueberry juice to those political organizations which may wish to serve it. The beverage, however, must be "soft". The serving of alcoholic beverages down to and including 4.4 beer (if any yet remains) is sternly discouraged.

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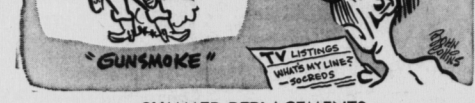
He then went on to say that Mr. Pearson (a former university history teacher and a Nobel Peace Prize winner) is "a slick lawyer but doesn't know the difference between a bag of oats and a bag of hay". Which prompts the Ottawa Citizen to remark that "the campaign will evidently be as downright dirty as Mr. Walker can make it." Surely that's going a little too far, but the minister invited the criticism by his boorish remark. A lawyer himself, he should know better how to conduct himself on the highways.



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SUMMER REPLACEMENTS

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

The Four-Cornered TV Argument

A face-to-face battle of it is the glants, staged before a crowd of inevitable audience, was the proposed which caused the first new arguments thrown up in the election campaign.

Opening his own speaking tour in Charlottetown late in April, Liberal leader Lester Pearson called for "the fullest and frankest face-to-face discussion before the people by the leaders of the only two parties who have any chance of forming a government after the next election."

Two days later Tommy Douglas, NDP's leader, said that any party leader should be given equal opportunity to participate in any such series of debates. Mr. Diefenbaker, in turn, called for "the fullest and frankest face-to-face discussion before the people by the leaders of the only two parties who have any chance of forming a government after the next election."

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Savagers In Algeria

By Carman Manning, Canadian Press Staff Writer

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By Ottawa Journal

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Oldsters Reply To Doctor's Talk On Withdrawal

By Dr. Theodore B. Van Dellen

TWO MONTHS ago we wrote an article on the subject of withdrawal. We mentioned that many older persons withdraw from society and occupy themselves completely from relatives, friends, and acquaintances.

Many older readers who have experienced this phenomenon wrote me to say that they were not withdrawing from society but were being driven by some inner force to fade out of the picture to limit their contacts and conserve their strength.

Now, when someone bawls me out for not talking, I just show him a picture of a man who says, "I assure you, money couldn't buy that clipping."

A 70-year-old woman who lives with her sister had this to say about disengagement: "I almost have one more year when I can be free to hide or go it alone. This reminds me of a young girl who was asked by a well-meaning friend, 'Aren't you lonely now?'"

She replied, "No, that was worst of this, you get so you like it." She recognized it as "what we make should be like it."

A Chicagoan believes the article might be read by members of the rocking chair club. "Older people don't want to withdraw from society because of a changed perception of self. Might it not be the other way around? The person who is less the person has lived a self-centered life."

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NOTES BY THE WAY

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We're a little more efficient in BC than they are in Ontario. We can hold a provincial election in 40 days. But that's still twice as long as necessary. Speaking of election platforms, there's a plank right here for some bright party — shorter and brighter elections.

Gerhard Neumann, a motorist in Wuppertal, West Germany, was making more than 100 miles a sports car entirely with fur. He says it stands up better in rain, flying stones and minor bumps and has applied for a patent. Instead of car polish, a now uses a vacuum cleaner. — London Observer.

Canada's Mackenzie

The lakes are huge, the towns are tiny, and the weather is fantastic in Canada's Mackenzie. The District of Mackenzie is the northern segment of the immense Northwest Territories at the top of Canada. The Canadian Government is considering a separate territory to make the district and separate government.

Mackenzie covers 327,400 square miles of mountains, long ridges and valleys, tundra, soggy lowlands, sparse forests, and water.

Only 15,000 people inhabit this vast area, which is twice the size of Texas. A settlement may number as few as three families. The metropolis, Yellowknife counts only 3,500 residents.

Water is everywhere. Great Bear Lake and Great Slave Lake, fourth and fifth largest in North America, cover a greater expanse than all the water in Nova Scotia.

The lakes are major links in Mackenzie's inland water route, even though they are icebound eight or nine months of the year. Great Slave Lake yields nine million pounds of fish annually.

The Mackenzie River is the longest waterway. It stretches 1,300 miles from Great Slave Lake northwest to the Beaufort Sea. It has a break in navigation. The mighty river, four miles wide in places, branches into a maze of streams in its delta, which has spread over several hundred square miles.

Waters are extremely cold but not snowy. Temperatures may drop to 70 degrees below zero, but summer readings are more than 100 degrees above zero. The temperature of Great Slave Lake. The temperature

Discovery of gold near Yellowknife on Great Slave Lake in 1933 led to a modest rush. Gold is the district's most important mineral; the output is valued at some \$10 million a year.

Pitblende was found on the rocky shores of Great Bear Lake in 1930. Silver is also mined. Successful mining has brought many of the amenities of larger cities to Yellowknife, which would like to be capital of the proposed territory. The residents enjoy electricity, running water, theatres, a new museum of northern life, even a golf course.

But Yellowknife golfers face a strange hazard. Ravens often fly off with the balls. Penalty: loss of ball but not a stroke.

REPLY Possibly, some people are matutinosophes and need time to get going in the morning. They are not matutinosophes, who jump out of bed feeling like a million and do their best work in the morning.

A METABOLIC DISORDER No one writes "Doer" inappropriately causing diabetes?

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OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 15, 1943)

George Kemp, local fisherman narrowly escaped drowning when he fell out of his dory while setting lobster traps at Lantz Cove. He was wearing rubber boots and oil clothes, he disappeared below the surface of the water. The dory was in a nearby boat, managed to haul him to safety.

The closing meeting of the Women's Music Club for the year was held in the Canadian National Hotel. The programme was called the Junior Student Musical. The musicians were pupils of Mrs. Full, Miss Macdonald, Miss Horley, Mr. Gomez, Mrs. Macdonald, the dancers, pupils of Miss L. Worby.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 15, 1933) Suggestions for bringing out- standing Canadian authors and musicians here as a tourist attraction, for awarding drama prizes, and for giving dramatic instruction in the schools, were given at the Charlottetown meeting of the Canadian Authors' Association, held on Saturday, by the veteran playwright-producer, Mr. Elwyn Harris, and Mrs. Harris, the actress-producer, Mrs. Elwyn Harris.

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