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record doesn't bear out that assumption. It piled up huge annual surpluses, but turned a deaf ear to the pleas of its own party government in this Province. The crumbs that fell to our table wouldn't have left Premier Matheson with any alternative but to go to the country now on policies of drastic retrenchment. We are glad that he does not have to do so, but can talk confidently of expansion, and make new policy pledges in good faith. But the reason for his confidence, and the source of his windfalls, should in all fairness be kept in mind.

Indian Relics

The discovery of Indian relics is nothing new in Prince Edward Island, but special interest attaches to the finding of human bones, buried, Indian fashion, in a shallow grave lined with birch bark, in the sand dunes at Tracadie Harbour. In early settlement days such relics were not infrequently turned up, and one area, on the Darnley River, yielded a large deposit in what was evidently an ancient Indian burying ground. When excavations were made, numerous skeletons were unearthed, of unusually large size, the skulls of which, according to one commentator "would easily slip over an ordinary-sized man's head."

This record of their stature is corroborated by Abraham Gesner in a report on the geology of the Island in 1854, in which he describes observations made at Savage Harbour, where, by the encroachment of the sea, a number of Indian skeletons had been exposed and washed from the bank. In the case reported in our issue of yesterday, bones of at least eight people were found, one of the skulls being "noticeably large."

This Island is believed to have been the home of a considerable aboriginal population in prehistoric times, but they have left few traces except in the form of shell heaps and stone implements. Traces of kitchen middens have been found at several points, notably Robertson's Island, near Rustico, which would appear to offer the best opportunity for archaeological examination. A large camping site formerly existed near the Rustico side of Oyster Bed Bridge, but has now disappeared, the contents having been used to ballast a part of the causeway.

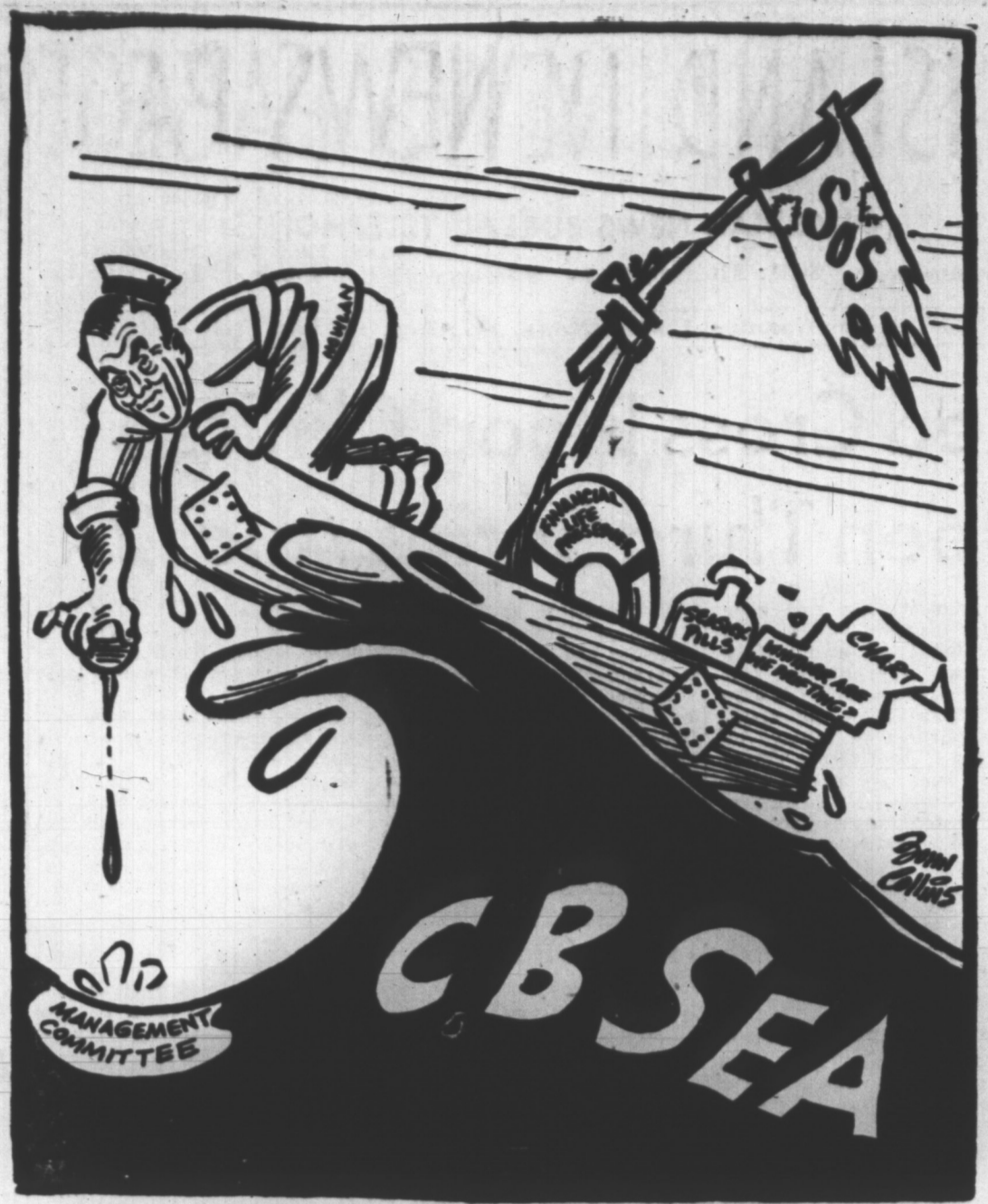
EDITORIAL NOTES

Few educational projects could hold greater promise than the program devised by the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession—the revision of the history text books used in schools. The aim of the confederation is to get rid of the "blood and thunder" emphasis on wars and if possible to "eliminate national prejudices." It will be a gargantuan task.

The ninth International Botanical Congress is to be held next week at McGill University, the University of Montreal and Sir George Williams College—all in Montreal. Many of the visitors from abroad are already in this country and field trips are in full swing, extending from British Columbia to Hudson Bay, from the Great Lakes to Gaspé. These expeditions will continue after the congress proceedings are over, and will take parties of botanists to the St. Lawrence estuary and the Maritimes.

There is more than ordinary interest in the announcement from the National Defense Department that a 27-year-old Montrealer, Lieut. Jean Lajeunesse of the Royal 22nd Regiment, is to tutor the Prince of Wales in French at Balmoral during the summer holidays. Personally chosen by the Queen after an interview in Halifax at the end of the royal tour, Lieut. Lajeunesse characterized his appointment as "a great honor for the regiment and a great personal responsibility and honor for me." It is indeed.

Despite budgetary difficulties at Ottawa, Canada has made available, in the fiscal year 1958-59, \$25 million for technical assistance and development to Asiatic countries under the Colombo Plan. This brings the total to more than \$230 million since 1950. In addition, between Jan. 1, 1958, and the end of last March it made special grants of wheat and flour worth \$28.5 million to India, Pakistan and Ceylon, and loans totalling \$35 million to Colombo Plan countries for the purchase of these products.



OIL ON TROUBLED WATERS

New Air Defense Concept

By Dave McIntosh, Canadian Press Staff Writer

The Tuesday talks in Ottawa between Defence Minister Peakes and U.S. Defence Secretary Neil McElroy serve to confirm that the days of the RCAF as a combat force in Canada are numbered. The main thing accomplished at the talks was an agreement—it still requires Canadian cabinet approval—to build more radar stations beyond the seven now in operation announced earlier this year. Mr. Peakes has said that the RCAF will man all new radar stations in Canada.

No mention was made of any plan to acquire a new interceptor for the RCAF to replace the CF-100 jet which, RCAF officers say, hasn't got enough altitude capability to climb to the flying height of new Soviet bombers. GROUND DUTIES FOR RCAF

This concept of Canadian air defence policy emerges more clearly: The RCAF will handle the ground duties and the United States air force the flying. Mr. Peakes heralded this change Feb. 23 when he told the Commons: "We can rely on the U.S. for interceptors and provide additional facilities for them to operate, if necessary, over our country."

Mr. McElroy said American interceptor squadrons will be moved north toward the Canadian border and that some of the American Bomarc anti-aircraft missile batteries will be so placed

as to afford protection for Canadian populated areas. Canada is scheduled to have two Bomarc bases at North Bay, Ont., and Mont Laurier, Que. Oddly enough, they will be farther south than some of the American Bomarc units in Maine and the Western U.S.

COLOSSAL GOOF It now is becoming apparent that Canadian and U.S. defence planners made a \$200,000,000 goof when they built the mid-Canada warning line. The trouble with this line along the 55th parallel of latitude is that it is only a detection system and cannot be used, like the Pinetree chain farther south, for control of interceptors and anti-aircraft missiles.

Defence planners want to push the battle line—the invisible line where interceptors missiles would engage Russian bombers—300 miles north to the 55th parallel. This problem would have been automatically solved for them if the mid-Canada line comprised control radar. But it does not and now Canada and the U.S. face the prospect of spending more millions for big radar sites.

Once these radars are installed three or four years from now, U.S. interceptors and missiles would be able to engage enemy bombers north of Canada's settled areas.

Canberra Grows Up

R. L. Carthoes, Melbourne in the Winnipeg Free Press

Overseas visitors to Canberra are usually at a loss to understand why the federal capital is split in two by a belt of open country. This is actually the flood plain of the Molonglo River, which runs subject to periodic inundation through the east of the city. It and so cannot be built on. Now, after nearly half a century of procrastination, use is to be made of this basin.

At a cost of \$5,070,000 it is to be flooded by a chain of lakes, which form part of the original plan of Canberra, drawn by the Chicago architect, Walter Burley. The lakes will be similar to the backed-up waters of the Potomac River at Washington, D.C. They will be created by damming the waters of the Molonglo. They will be five miles long, varying in width from 300 to 1,130 yards, and will provide a total water frontage of 2 miles, immensely enhancing the beauty of the city.

ROWING COURSE In addition to provision for yachting and boating, they will contain the only 2,000-metre rowing course in Australia. On the foreshores will be parks, botanical gardens and tennis courts.

The National Capital Development Commission has chosen a site for the permanent Parliament House on the southern shore of the lakes, about half a mile in front of the present temporary building. It hopes also to build on the lake shore a first-class hotel large enough for conventions. Water is expected to begin filling the lakes five years hence when Canberra should have a population of 65,000 compared with 45,000 at present.

The Commission wants authority to spend \$123,337,000 in Canberra during the next five years on a development scheme of which the lakes are only a small part. In addition to the preparation of the site for the new Parliament House, it includes a civic centre, comprising a city hall, a repertory theatre and a gallery for exhibitions, and new offices for the departments of government yet to be transferred from Melbourne.

MAIN ROADS SYSTEM The five-year plan envisages also the development of a simplified system of main roads, with two high-level bridges across the lakes, to replace the confusing circles of Griffin's plan.

Might Prevent Cancer Progress

By Herman N. Rudosen, M.D.

WE HAVE been able to detect mouth cancer fairly easily. And in most instances we have been able to cure it, if detected in time.

But we never have been able to prevent it. Now it appears that it might not be too long before we can claim prevention and it might be done with a simple pill.

FOLLOWS CHANGES

Unlike many forms of the disease, mouth cancer practically never occurs in previously normal tissue. Generally it is preceded by changes in the oral mucosa which becomes dried out and very sensitive.

This often leads to chronic inflammation, erosions and ulcerations. Cancer follows in many cases.

Dr. George S. Sharp, director of the Pasadena Tumor Institute, reasoned that if these abnormal and disconcerting changes in the oral mucosa could be corrected, mouth cancer could be prevented in many instances.

NO HYDROCHLORIC ACID

Dr. Sharp made a thorough study of 34 patients with these complaints. He found a significant number had no gastric hydrochloric acid secretion which indicates abnormal changes in the mucosa of the stomach.

I hope I haven't lost you with this preliminary explanation, or now we get to the important part. Mucosal changes of this type often indicate nutritional deficiencies. So Dr. Sharp saw to it that all patients had an excellent dietary intake. But even this did not relieve the symptoms.

He added vitamin supplements. Still no change. Then he combined crude compounds, including yeast and/or liver preparations with the vitamins. And that helped.

He devised a special dietary supplement in the form of a tablet containing desiccated liver, vitamins and riboflavin. Patients lacking in hydrochloric acid were also given acid supplementation.

GREAT IMPROVEMENT

Within two to six weeks after treatment had begun, 30 of the 34 patients were much improved. Whereas they had been unable to wear their dentures full time because of hypersensitive gums, they now wear them 24 hours a day. Ulcerations and erosions cleared up in one to two months.

Right now, Dr. Sharp doesn't have authoritative proof that this prevented cancer of the mouth. But it certainly looks like a big question to me.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. M.S.R.: A friend has been told she has pyorrhea and now must have some teeth removed. Will it be dangerous to have these extractions with this infection in her gums and how many teeth should be removed at one time?

Answer: The presence of pyorrhea does not ordinarily increase the risk of dental extractions. There is no arbitrary limitation to the number of teeth that can be removed at one time. It depends upon the patient's reaction, the difficulties involved and replacements that are planned.

MAXIMS

One today is worth two tomorrows.

way with choice of doctor. The author of the original letter stated that while there were many other disadvantages to the Provincial plan, they were too numerous to mention. I hereby invite him or her to drop into the Commission offices and have these misconceptions cleared up.

There are two people in particular I would like to thank for making this series of letters possible: the Editor, for his kindness in giving me valuable space in his newspaper and secondly, Mr. Interested Taxpayer, for giving me the opportunity to explain in print all of the many fine features of our Hospital Insurance Plan.

I am Sir, etc., GARTH C. CROCKETT, B.Sc., M.Sc. Director of Information, Hospital Services Commission

NOTES BY THE WAY

In Iran, a fertilizer factory is being built at Shiraz to utilize the waste gases of an oil field. Many states of the U.S. have introduced legislation in the state legislature by counties, and most of the rural counties have as little as 10 or even 5 percent of the population of the big urban counties. Thus the small rural population runs the state. Only the state legislature can change the system and naturally the over-represented rural people are not going to bertain

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(August 13, 1935) Mayor Lidstone officially opened the new municipal airport at Summerside yesterday, the first municipal enterprise of this kind to be initiated in the province. Mayor Lidstone also welcomed the Goodwill Air Tour which landed on the field after flying over the town. The ceremony was attended by upwards of four thousand people.

Word has been received that the automobile rates on the car ferry "Charlottetown" have been reduced to \$2.00 one way and \$3.00 return trip. The former rates were \$5.00 and \$7.00 then receded last year to \$3.00 and \$5.00 for the tourist season and the same reduction was obtained for the present summer.

TEN YEARS AGO

(August 12, 1948) Arnold Wood, O'Leary, was elected second vice-president of the

The Age Old Story

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound every good work.

The Poets Corner

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The Micmac and the Malisset Gave it the name of Abegweit which meant in the lore of Indian braves 'Nestled or cradled on the waves'.

Here red-haired Anne, a girlish dream Still lives in the house with gables green Filling Marilla and Matthew's farm With bubbling mirth and childhood charm.

In every red-soiled village small You'll find a steeple proud and tall. Atop a church of native wood Where simple faith's still understood.

Historic choice made it the place To give birth to a strong, new race Proud of their Confederation Grown now into a powerful nation.

Washed by waves from the wind-whipped sea Cooled by drafts from a Northern breeze A queen serene of ocean lands Crowned on the shores by golden sands.

Lovely isle in a deep blue sea You've cast a constant spell on me Blinding me closer through the years Nursing my hurts, my hopes, my tears.

—Bert Foster

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