

Prime Minister's Visit

Prime Minister St. Laurent will be tendered a cordial welcome in Charlottetown today. His visit is regrettably brief, not permitting him to address a public meeting.

It will be recalled that on his last visit here on Dominion Day, 1953, the Prime Minister interrupted his political campaign to visit Confederation Chamber.

Nor did he fail to acknowledge our debt to Great Britain down through the years, or to emphasize the continuing ties of kinship and friendship with the mother land.

The sentiments voiced by Mr. St. Laurent still reflect, we believe, the feelings of a large majority of Canadians. Certainly they do in this Province, where we regard our British ties with pride and gratitude.

Freedom, Lab.

According to the Financial Post, great plans are afoot for the peninsula that juts into Lake Melville between Goose Bay and Northwest River in Labrador.

To begin with, the Newfoundland Government has granted the sponsors of the project—James T. Shottwell, President Emeritus of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Ross Moore, General Manager of the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Co.; Paul B. Dickson, New York Manager of the MacLean-Hunter Publishing Co.; John Lea, an official of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.—500 square miles of land where, the report says, "sheltered from Arctic blasts by 3,000-foot mountains, cabbages, corn, peas, tomatoes and flowers flourish and where there are rich forests of prime spruce and untold mineral wealth."

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reduced by subdividing the land into triangular homesteads in villages of 16 families."

The first colonists will be made up of 75 families, divided equally among refugees, Scottish crofters and Canadian and American veterans and their families. These will be followed in due course by another 175 families. Later, additional settlers will be recruited with special emphasis on skills that do not already exist in the colony.

The name of this new experiment in planned living will be "Freedom". The report does not say when operations are scheduled to begin, nor does it say who is to select the first recipients of its bounty.

Good Results

Some unpleasant disclosures have come out of the United States' Congressional hearings on corruption in labour unions. At the same time, they have produced some salutary results. The promptness with which the executive of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. acted to relieve Dave Beck, the Teamsters' President, of his Vice-Presidential post in the overall organization and the clamour for the rank and file membership that he brought to account for his irresponsibility provide evidence that the labour movement in general is awake to its responsibility to the public.

Meanwhile, it is good to hear from President Jodoin of the Canadian Labour Congress that the greatest vigilance is kept on union affairs in this country and that any threat to any union's integrity and credit will be dealt with summarily and with resolution.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Judging by the "excellent receptions" reported by candidates of all parties, it would almost seem as though our election laws provided for multiple voting. There has not been a single report of a candidate's getting the cold shoulder

Israel recently observed the 9th anniversary of her founding as a sovereign nation. The years have not been particularly peaceful ones; but, despite all their trials and tribulations, the Israelis seem to have finally convinced their neighbors that the destruction of their country is a foolish dream.

Mr. Solon Low, national leader of the Social Credit Party, says that "within ten years there will be a real two-party system of government with Social Credit on one side and all the others on the other side". From the Social Creditors' point of view it would be a neat arrangement. But is extremely doubtful that "all the others" would help to bring it about.

The United States Congress is getting ready for what may turn out to be its most controversial operation in many years. A committee has been appointed to look into charges that President Eisenhower has been "packing" federal commissions with men who hamper Congressional programs. The sum of \$250,000 has been allocated for the inquiry which is expected to take more than a year. In the United States much of the nation's business is done by commissions which have almost unlimited authority.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) must have a lot of spare time on its hands for indulging in non-essential activities. Recently it announced that the blue whale, which sometimes weighs as much as 131 tons, is the world's largest animal. If there is any connection between that little bit of information and the educational, scientific and cultural needs of mankind, it must surely be a very obscure one.



THEIR OYSTER

OTTAWA REPORT

The Voter's Stake

By Patrick Nicholson

How will your family spend \$4,662.40 on 10th June?

This large cash payment is the biggest single purchase the average family will make—until 1961. This sum of \$4,662.40 is the average family's federal tax bill for the next four years, estimated on the basis of last year's figures.

On election day, 10th June, you will have the democratic right of selecting your delegate to the federal parliament, which will levy and disburse those taxes. Depending upon your choice, your tax bill may be larger than this estimated figure, or smaller; it may be spent more wisely than in recent years, or with greater extravagance.

Your democratic right of choosing your own delegate to parliament normally can be exercised only once every four years—when a general election is called. It is your duty as well as your privilege to give considerable thought as to how you will exercise your vote; it is then your duty to make sure that you do in fact register your vote.

At the last general election, in 1953, out of every 100 electors, 33 voted for Liberal candidates, 34 voted against Liberal candidates, and 33 did not bother to vote. Thus over 2,500,000 adult Canadians showed no interest in the

expenditure of their tax contributions to the national budget.

There are welcome signs that a higher proportion of the voters are actively interested in this year's election.

HATS BEFORE VOTES

Look again at that average family—perhaps your family—which will spend \$4,662.40 in federal taxes over the next four years. There are two astonishing points about you.

First you are not aware of the immense size of your tax bill. You mistakenly believe that you pay very much less to Ottawa than you really do.

Second, judging by your apathy in 1949 and 1953, you give less consideration to spending that huge sum of \$4,662.40 cash than your wife gives to laying out five bucks on a new summer hat.

The second point is obvious: every woman window-shopper, before she buys a new hat. But do you window-shop before recording your vote? Do you attend political meetings or follow political arguments, to enable you to form a sound opinion before voting?

The first point is less obvious. The average Joe, married and with two young children, earning say \$75 per week, has about \$5 per week deducted as his personal income tax. So he figures that he pays only \$260 a year in federal

tax, and that he is better off than that average family paying \$1,165.60 a year.

But that is where he is quite wrong.

THOSE HIDDEN TAXES PINCH

Less than one-third of the federal government's tax revenue comes from personal income tax. More than two-thirds is collected in the form of sales tax, customs duty, excise or luxury taxes, and corporation income tax. Business is no Santa Claus: cannot afford to be. These taxes are all part of the cost of doing business, and they are all included in the price you pay for everything you buy, from cars to clothing, from milk to mattresses, from bread to bandages.

Nobody can spend one cent without paying one or more hidden taxes to the federal government. Somewhere between 20 cents and two bits out of every dollar spent is sucked into the pockets of the federal treasury.

Your own pocket-book therefore demands that you should consider carefully how you will cast your vote on 10th June; your own pocket-book further demands that you should then GET OUT AND VOTE.



RENAISSANCE

Swift fairy looms weave lace around Bare branches of old Hawthorn trees; Soft as a sigh, pink clover sings A sonnet to the honey bees.

The pluckman rolls back satin sod. And tucks in sleepy jets of grain; White gulls, beneath black chiffon clouds, Wheel, as they cry of early rain.

Down garden paths, bright peony babes Peek from this coverlets of earth, Aroused by wild, wind-kettle drums, Sounding cresendos of rebirth.

—Mary Chapman In the Regina Leader-Post

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of correspondents of question of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Sir,—Multiple Sclerosis, the long term crippling, strikes young adults, usually between the ages of 20 and 40. Until recently, M. S. was shrouded in mystery, shame and ignorance. Now, with the growth of an organized movement combat this crippling illness, an era of constructive action and hopefulness has at last come into being.

This new decade of hope, ushered in by the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada and its chapters throughout the country, centres around a program to solve the mystery of M. S. in order that its cause and cure may be found. The Society supports research projects at leading medical centres. Already, much has been learned. But much remains to be done to put the jig-saw puzzle together.

M.S. creates many problems affecting community and national well-being. It incapacitates young adults in the most productive period of their lives when they normally would be making their greatest contribution to society. It strikes people of all classes with out regard to sex, economic status, or previous record of health. Teachers, professionals, workers, doctors, mothers, fathers, students, athletes—all have been known to be affected.

Since last year, when the P.E.I. Chapter was formed, this province has been making its contribution in helping to find the key to M.S. The annual meeting of this chapter will be held soon at a time and place to be announced in the press. The interest of the general public is needed so that a greater effort may be made in overcoming this illness which is known as one of the biggest medical mysteries.

I am, Sir, etc.

MRS. GEORGE REYNOLDS President P.E.I. Chapter Multiple Sclerosis Society

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dave Beck, when and if ousted as teamsters union president, probably still will draw his \$50,000 annual salary, John F. English, teamsters general secretary—treasurer said Beck is entitled to that amount as pension "and nothing can change that."

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M.D.

THESE TIPS CAN MAKE NIGHT DRIVING EASIER

Good night vision is an important asset to night-time driving. And since almost everyone drives at least a little during darkness, I think you might appreciate a few tips which can make the job a little easier.

Alcohol and gasoline—you have heard this time and time again—don't mix. This is especially true as far as seeing in the darkness or near darkness is concerned.

HEAVY SMOKING

Alcohol, even in the "hangover" stage, impairs the sight because it slows the rate of oxygen absorption by the blood. So does heavy smoking. For this reason, it is best to shun both liquor and chain smoking, particularly when you have to drive.

It will be a lot easier to see at night if you become dark-adapted before you begin your drive. Don't forget, it takes about half an hour before your eyes become adjusted to the darkness. If you have to use a flashlight in the car, placing a piece of red paper over it will help prevent night blindness. You can go night blind in 30 seconds by looking at a bright light.

An exception is red light to which the rods—the tiny nerve ends on the retina of your eyes—are insensitive.

You might be able to avoid fatiguing these rods by blinking frequently and shifting your eyes every once in a while.

FACING BRIGHT LIGHTS

You will probably find it easier to see an object in the dark by looking above, below or to the side rather than directly at it. When you do have to face a bright light, shutting one eye will preserve your dark-adaptation in that eye.

Now I know you are going to ask, "What about eating carrots?" Well, carrots actually will help cure night blindness in persons who have poor diets because they add Vitamin A. However, Vitamin A will not make normal vision better.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

J.K.—About a week ago, some debris blew into my eye. Will it come out by itself?

Answer: You should seek medical help. A foreign body in the eye may carry germs and cause severe infection.

The Age Old Story

The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

HEALTH COUNCIL MEETS

OTTAWA (CP)—Health officials from across Canada Wednesday began a two-day meeting of the Dominion Council of Health. Dr. G. D. W. Cameron, federal deputy health minister, is chairman. Members include provincial health officers and representatives from labor, agriculture, scientific medicine and women's groups concerned with health programs.

NOTES BY THE WAY

One has only to observe jam-packed highways on Summer week-ends to understand why boating as a form of recreation travel is becoming so extremely popular. —Brockville Recorder

A late repentance is better than none at all. At Manchester, N.H., a resident received a letter containing two one-dollar bills with the message: "Thank you for the loaf of bread taken from your porch in 1930. It was supper for five that night."—Chatham News

Man has found that the best of the day is nearest to the dawn. The sun shines brighter in the morning, the rain comes in torrents, but there is sense of an ever-brightening period. There is also the unmatchable sense of virtue from having caught the day at its best and earliest.—Vancouver Herald

The value of the birch rod, the paddle or the strap lies not in its ability to inflict pain and discomfort but in its power to humiliate. It is rather difficult to be a hero to one's fellow hoodlums when one has been dealt with like an erring child, albeit with a little more muscle behind the corrective instrument.—Calgary Herald

One of the most needless causes of the slaughter of the innocents and one that is growing at an alarming rate is the practice of allowing youngsters who are not yet in their teens to operate tractors. Two or three times every week, news wires carry stories of a boy or girl—six, seven or eight years of age—being pinned beneath one of these machines and being crushed to death.—Shelburne Record

Going on a saving spree is easy after you have run out of money, just like going on a diet after a big meal. — St. Catharines Standard

All this debate against compulsory retirement at 65 is a bit difficult for many a fellow who has a decade or so to go before reaching that age and is already pretty tired of the "daily grind." While it's a real hardship to many, there are a lot of us lazy fellows who look longingly to that day... if we'll ever survive that long.—Owens Sound Sun-Times

The House of Lords has just concluded a tasty investigation which at last confirmed the right of one of its members to eat a bun on a trolley bus. On the other hand, no one, peer or anyone else, can legally eat a bun in a taxicab. The Lords were evaluating the Shops Bill under whose clauses the closing hours of sale of various products are set. As a result the Earl of Swinton may eat buns on buses but Baron Lucas of Chilworth may not munch his bun in a taxi. The bus is a public service vehicle whereas the taxi is a private vehicle.—London Free Press

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