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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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The 20c Raise

There are two ways of looking at the \$6 a month increase in the Federal Old Age Pension rate. One is that it was intended solely as a tiny, tiny bit of election bait.

Whatever the sophisticated cynic may say—and he is usually a loquacious person—one hates to think that any Canadian in his right mind would barter his vote for lucre.

On the economic angle, a 20c a day raise is pretty low compensation for the inflationary spiral in the cost of living.

Mr. Pearson & Nasser

At last External Affairs Minister Pearson has shed some light on the Canadian Government's official attitude towards Middle East problems.

Does Mr. Pearson think for one moment that these Russian arms which are "pouring into Egypt" will be withdrawn on the strength of kind words going from Ottawa to Cairo?

Another statement by Mr. Pearson, to wit: "The charge that Canada is catering to Egypt would not be borne out by any Egyptian diplomat."

wiped off the map. Thus far, thank goodness, the Canadian Government has not seen fit to comply with these demands.

Exchange Of Skills

An interesting and somewhat novel experience in the exchange of skills and ideas has been announced by the Federal Unemployment Commission.

This year 25 will be admitted to each country, 50 in 1958, 75 in 1959 and 100 in 1960 and following years.

Evidently, no provision is made for financial assistance of any kind, which means that the trainees will be expected to pay their own transportation and other costs incidental to the program.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Nova Scotia's Minister of Agriculture is quoted as saying "farmers are caught in a price squeeze and are disturbed about it."

The President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture says that in his opinion Finance Minister Harris' forecast for farm incomes in 1957 is "much too optimistic."

New York's St. Patrick's Day Parade is always a colorful event. This year it was made especially noteworthy by the presence of the Lord Mayor of Dublin who happens to be a Jew—a good Irish one, however, who possesses all the charm of the musical brogue.

Prior to her interview with Secretary of State Dulles, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, observed: "Maybe I'll know more after I talk with him."

The Gaff Topsails, the highest point on the C.N.R.'s Port Aux Basques to St. John's run, has always been bothersome to both train operations and telegraph communications during the winter season.

From Dr. Albert Schweitzer, eminent medical missionary, author, musician and one of this century's great benefactors, comes this fine tribute to the Red Cross.



ANYWAY IT'S SPRING!

PUBLIC FORUM

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

UNFAIR TREATMENT

Sir.—Have any of our Government officials been over to Rocky Point, Fairview, or Cumberland this winter? If so, how did they get there?

After the last election, Mr. George Kitson stated that we would get nothing in the line of service from then on.

BIGGEST FUND-RAISER

Reports reaching here from the battlefield describe some searing speeches by Fisheries Minister friend and private convert Thatcher, and some exploration of darkest Saskatchewan where Liberals have long feared to tread.

BEER AND WINE SALES

Sir.—A few days ago we read where Mr. Alex MacIsaac urged the Government to make the sale of beer and wine at summer hotels legal.

NOT MUCH INDUSTRY

Though Gaza once gave its name to a characteristic industrial prolegibility. Through Gaza, however, runs the old caravan road between the Nile and Euphrates valleys.

OLD SETTLEMENT

Howe Island, one of the Thousand Islands in the upper St. Lawrence, was first settled in 1792.

OTTAWA REPORT

Key Contest In Saskatchewan

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: The glamour boy of the C.C.F. has grown into the forgotten man of the Liberals. Yet he is fighting what is perhaps the key election battle in the province of Saskatchewan.

Ross Thatcher was elected as a C.C.F. member of parliament three times by Moose Jaw, with majorities ranging from 2,500 to an enviable 6,400.

There is a lot at stake in this fight. Assiniboia includes the provincial riding of Weyburn, the private preserve of Saskatchewan's C.C.F. premier, Tommy Douglas.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. WATCH OUT FOR TEETH IF YOU ARE OVER 35

All of you, I'm sure, are familiar with the age-old phrase, "See your dentist at least twice a year."

After you reach the age of 35 this advice becomes more important than ever. For it's during middle age that more teeth are lost from periodontal diseases—pyorrhea and gingivitis—than from any other cause.

These diseases strike both men and women, although men are likely to be affected at an earlier age than women.

One study indicates that close to half of all the nation's men are afflicted with some form of periodontal disease by the time they reach 45.

Even dental decay doesn't cause as much trouble during the years after 35.

As in so many diseases, the onset of the conditions is gradual. Very often it progresses to the point where there is some bone destruction before the victim is even aware that something is wrong.

Unlike many diseases, however, one attack of pyorrhea or gingivitis does not mean immunity from future attacks.

PROPER BRUSHING In addition to seeing your dentist semi-annually, you've got to brush your teeth not only regularly each day, but properly.

QUESTION AND ANSWER E. G.: I had my gall bladder removed. Will I be able to eat everything or will I have to avoid certain foods?

ANSWER: Bladder, it is possible for the person to eat all foods, within reason. No specific foods need be particularly avoided.

THE POET'S CORNER

SONNET In childhood at the shore with shrieks of glee I leaped the leaping waves; each rising crest I snatched my breath, head down increasingly. Until subdued I quenched my laughing zest And I saw the sea I sported with at length.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A correspondent reports that Holland retains its windmills only for the tourist trade. Returning Canadian tourists report that in the U.S. some states retain their speed limits and justices of the peace for the same reason.

Discussing the possibility of Hon. Lester Pearson succeeding to the premiership, a voice on the morning bus called it "preposterous to think that this whole continent could be run by two fellows named Mike and Ike."

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With all the street noises, its amazing how a girl can recognize a certain auto horn as being for her.

The man with a new grandson found himself out-talked the other night for the first time by a neighbor with a new Hi-Fi set.

An idyllic existence would be one in which a person could stay in bed in the morning until the pangs of hunger overcame his reluctance to get up.

A hoard of 2,500 Roman coins which was plowed up on Woolstencroft Farm, Agden, Cheshire, is not regarded as treasure trove and now becomes the property of Mr. S. Frochling.

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