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Worthwhile Projects

At last we may look forward to a start being made in the city's low-rental housing development program, about which so much has been said, off and on, for several years.

There is no question as to the need for a project of this kind in our Island capital. Welfare workers have emphasized this time and again.

The city council has also undertaken to shoulder another responsibility, in the \$20,000 guarantee it has given to help defray the cost of this year's festival activities at the Confederation Centre.

Of course there is need for practicing economy, both in civic and provincial affairs. Now more than ever, in view of the many problems facing us at this time.

A Brighter Picture

From the feuding going on between the two Commonwealth countries of India and Pakistan over the Kashmir problem, now developed into a war that could threaten the peace of Asia.

Only the general outlines of the agreement have been made public, pending its ratification. But it appears that New Zealand has secured duty-free access to Australia for its important forest-products industry.

Under the existing trade agreement between Australia and New Zealand many items are traded duty-free. The new pact will include these. But it will also raise to duty-free status about 60 per cent of the total trade between the two countries.

ment is inclusion of New Zealand farm products. Meat, vegetables, and cheese will enter Australia duty-free. Yet Australia exports surpluses of these same items.

Items not presently included in the duty-free list are to be reviewed periodically. If found acceptable they will be listed. Where duties are low these will be abolished on acceptance of the items in the list.

More Bureaucracy?

Political leaders have been cagey in commenting on the implications of the Fowler Committee's recommendation that Canada's problems in the broadcasting field be solved by going back to a single authority to control both the CBC and private stations.

According to Mr. Fowler, "the public doesn't know what it wants. Their taste can be led." The utility of leading a horse to water regardless of whether he wants to drink has been noted before.

Wasn't this precisely what the previous Royal Commission on Broadcasting—headed by the same Mr. Fowler in 1957—had in mind when it insisted so strongly that this was not a matter for all-powerful bureaucrats?

As if to make sure that it had put this point across, the 1957 Fowler Commission Report went on to say: "The final decision, the ultimate power, in the licensing of radio and television stations should rest with the government of the day, in the last resort, with Parliament."

As one commentator observes, the principles of democracy have not changed in the intervening years. Why then this sharp reversal, this recommendation to take the licensing power from the Cabinet and hand it over, with all that it would mean in terms of control, to special authority? Canadians might well rue the day they granted such special powers under any pretext.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Under new federal regulations governing the marketing of fresh fruit and vegetables, effective as of today, a requirement for Canada No. 1 grade potatoes stipulates that, at the time of packing, at least 65 per cent of the tubers must be free of all defects which would not be removed by peeling.

Under the terms of the new Canada savings bonds dated Nov. 1, 1965, announced at Ottawa this week, the average yield will be 5.03 per cent per year if held to maturity in 12 years. The last series of bonds provided a 5.00 per cent yield if held to maturity in 10 years.



POOR OLD FERDINAND

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Findings Could Involve Higher Taxes

Higher taxes for Canadians emerge as a possibility from the report of the Fowler Committee on broadcasting.

"We recommend," said that committee, "that the financial requirements of the CBC, both capital and operating, should be provided by a statutory annual grant of \$25 for each television household in Canada as reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics."

The implication of this formula, in the view of many experienced observers here, is that in an early budget a new tax of \$25 will be levied upon each household equipped with a TV set.

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is, what you can afford to do." The question indeed is: what can the Canadian taxpayer afford to support in the way of a CBC extravaganza?

There may be a need to increase the \$25 figure by 1971, the committee warns. This raises the possibility that many households would prefer to abandon direct TV reception at that price, and instead, pay slightly more to hook onto a cable TV system which offers a wider choice of programs and better reproduction.

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Ideas From The Top

Financial Post

There has been an Office of Education in Washington, D.C., for many years but until recently it was an unimportant bureau that did little more than a complete statistics. The states in the U.S., like the provinces here control schools.

But now it seems, most of the bright new ideas for improving American schools come from the federal capital, Washington is supplying not only money for schools but proposals for reforming the curriculum, dealing with drop-outs and so on.

The latest White House conference on Education, an affair at which one might expect to find solemn, polysyllabic pedagogues in charge, was steered by John W. Gardner, president of the Carnegie Corporation (and recently appointed U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare). The conference brought forth some fresh ideas.

There is no doubt that school levels are very uneven in Canada. There is no doubt that a leveling up would be in the national interest.

Cocktail Parties Kill

Guelph Mercury

Canadian corporation heads have been giving some thought to the question of just how useful to their firms are the hours which in most weeks they put in at cocktail parties, usually after hours and following heavy days.

Most of those polled say that they do some good, by "getting to know people," "enhancing the company's image," "picking up leads," "boosting morale," and so on. There is some truth in these remarks, just as it is so that a lot of business is done on the golf course.

The number and frequency of receptions, cocktail dos and other quasi-social functions is an extra strain upon men whose jobs weigh heavily upon them and who drive themselves hard to try to stay on top.

Double-edged Emotion

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Fear, a double-edged emotion is harmful when uncontrolled because it clouds judgment and alters bodily functions.

The British ministry of aviation is aware of this fact and stresses the value of fear in helping pilots keep their wits in a potentially dangerous situation. In this regard, the emotion is normal. Subjective apprehension keeps the airman watching his instruments and scanning the sky for signs of the unusual.

Tranquilizers, sedatives, anti-histamines, and alcohol depress this alerting system and have been responsible for several fatal aircraft accidents. Pilots are warned not to fly until the effect of these chemicals wears off and the nervous system is back to normal.

We learn through experience and judgment to evaluate danger and avoid painful contact. This is not lack of courage unless lives are at stake because of unavoidable situations. A weakling often survives because he backs down at the right time.

In addition, many hysterical and psychoneurotic states originate in some past emotional upset. The relationship between severe anxiety and illness or surgery is well known.

BLOOD TYPE N.Z. writes: Is it possible for a person suffering from cancer to have his blood type change? He was getting type O transfusions last year and now has a transfusion with type A plus.

REPLY The blood type does not change and I assume he is A plus. Almost everyone can receive type O plus (universal donor). There is a possibility that some of the donors of type O also have high amounts of anti-A, anti-B, or both in their blood.

REPLY There is no harm in donating blood provided you are not anemic as a result of too much loss during the period. A pelvic examination should be done as well as a blood count.

REPLY Yes, many infections are associated with an elevation of the white blood count and sedimentation rate. Changes in enzymes and antibody response also occur. The causative bacteria can be isolated when blood poisoning is present.

REPLY Remove used or torn rugs. (Note: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

Calgary's Record Traffic

Calgary Herald

Calgary has achieved the rather dubious honor of having replaced Los Angeles as the per capita leader in automobile ownership.

While this might qualify Calgary for an insertion in the Guinness Book of Records, the situation doesn't call for very much jubilation.

That Calgary now leads the world in per capita ownership of cars does, of course, reflect the prosperity of this city. It also explains why motoring within this city tends to be such a heart-thudding, soul-shattering experience.

Calgary's traffic engineer, David Campbell, may point proudly to the increasing excellence of our arterial street system, but the fact remains that at peak periods of the day, here are too many cars and not enough pavement available for them.

Does this distinction alone for the frazzled nerves of motorists, for the 4.00 p.m. traffic tie-ups on 6th Avenue and 14th Street, for the proliferation of carbon monoxide gas in our fair city? Ah yes, the dedicated motorist will reply, it's worth it.

Still, if city traffic officials consider driving conditions to be reasonably agreeable now, what will the situation be like a few years hence when the car pops

Our Precious Dentists

If the Canadian people were ever gathered in one place for a gigantic Centennial picture, the photographer would be unwise to give the traditional command "Smile, please!"

This is documented in a survey made by Dr. Bruce McFarlane of Carleton University for the Hall Royal Commission on Health Services. In his report, released recently, Dr. McFarlane found that Canada had one dentist to every 3,108 persons. This contrasts with a ratio of one to 1,500 in Sweden, one to 1,300 in the United States and one to 3,000 even in much-battered France.

Tea And Tension

Toronto Telegram

As though there weren't enough confusion in the world today, we are confronted by the extraordinary news that the English are not drinking so much tea as in the past.

There may be other factors. Tea traditionally has been the tranquilizer of the masses. When tensions are high, the Briton pauses for a "nice cuppa tea".

Another possibility is that the British, beset by economic difficulties, are working more industriously. A significant part of labor's day always has been devoted to a cuppa. An essential tool for every job, outside or in, has been the tea canteen.

Unease In Israel

Winnipeg Free Press

The Saudi-Egyptian agreement on Yemen, proving for the withdrawal of Egyptian troops from the Arabian Peninsula, is causing unease in Israel.

As long as the Egyptian forces were embattled in Yemen, the Israeli frontiers were, in the main, quiescent; what disturbance there was came largely from Syria and Jordan.

Now all this may change. The war diversion which Israel de-

BIOGRAPHER ILL

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. (AP)—Poet Carl Sandburg was admitted to the Pardee Memorial Hospital at Hendersonville Friday. It was learned Saturday. The 87-year-old white-haired Lincoln biographer celebrated his 87th birthday Jan. 6. He makes his home at Flat Rock, N.S. The nature of his illness was not disclosed.

TONIGHT! 9:30 PM TILL 11:45 PM—CHANNEL 13 THE TELEPHONE COMPANY PRESENTS ON TV "Romeo and Juliet" and "Guliel" by the NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA starring Veronica Tennant and Earl Kraul. Don't miss this CBC "Festival" production... The Island Telephone Company, Limited