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Liquor Store Issue

The row raised over the proposal to build a new Summerside liquor store in an area adjacent to a regional high school falls into the category of things that could have been anticipated by anyone with a modicum of political horse sense.

Meanwhile it would appear that there has been some uncertainty, even in governmental quarters, as to who is really responsible in matters of this kind. Health Minister MacNeill, who was present at a meeting of ratepayers from the 20 districts in the high school region, was reported as expressing his confidence that an audience could be arranged with Premier Shaw on the subject.

Under the Liquor Control Act of 1961, the commission was empowered to determine the towns within which vendors' stores should be established, and the situation of the stores in every such town.

These amending provisions constituted the liquor commission as a body corporate, having the capacity to contract and to sue and be sued, and the authority to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire property of all kinds, real or personal, of any interest therein.

This certainly vests the liquor commission with a great deal of authority. But there is a proviso here which we have not mentioned. Its powers must be exercised, says the Act, "with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council."

Bank Interest Rates

According to the Financial Times, a Montreal publication, the federal government's reasons for clinging to the 6 per cent ceiling on bank interests are now emerging—and they are all political.

The Liberal backbenchers are now reported to be "very pleased" with the Bank Act revisions. The banking and financial community is not. The 6 per cent limit is regarded as a discriminative restriction on the banks' efforts to compete with near-banks for deposits.

The Porter Commission report supported this view, although it noted that the banks had not been very aggressive in meeting near-bank competition for deposits.

On short-term personal loans the banks regularly sidestep the 6 per cent limit by adding a service or handling charge. This raises the effective annual interest charge to around 10 per cent.

The banks have promoted personal loan services heavily in recent years to capture a rising share of the personal loan business. They claim that their competitiveness has forced down the rates charged by sales finance and consumer loan companies.

This, they argue, is especially true of term loans for business. Banks are often unable to lend to new or developing businesses because the risk is not adequately covered at a 6 per cent lending rate.

Big Expansion Plans

Many of our farm specialists in all parts of Canada have benefited from training received at the Guelph Agricultural College, which is now the University of Guelph and which is holding its first convocation in its new role today, with Hon. George Drew, former Canadian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, as its first chancellor.

The university, which as a college was considered one of the finest agricultural schools in North America, will expand its facilities to include arts and sciences, but will still retain its long established interests in agriculture and veterinary medicine.

It is recalled that when the school first opened in 1874—the first of its kind in Canada—its quarters were a 10-room farmhouse and its students numbered 30. The changes now envisioned are in striking contrast indeed.

Money for the expansion program, it is announced, will come from federal and provincial government grants and from public subscription campaigns. It can be regarded, in one sense at least, as a gilt-edged investment in Canada's agricultural future.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Spending on residential construction in Canada this year has been estimated at \$3 billion—\$400 million or 15 per cent more than last year.

We are reminded by a subscriber that it is time we reminded farmers and others of the need for destroying the plastic bag containers in which lime and fertilizer come, rather than leave them blowing around the barn or yard, where children can play with them.



BARBERSHOP QUARTET

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Centennial Commission Planning Rumpus

John Fisher, alias "Mr. Canada," has long been fighting for the recognition of "the British Fact in Canada" on Parliament Hill.

The former well-known broadcaster who described Canada to Canadians, former Travel Association chief, former executive assistant to John Diefenbaker when he was prime minister, is currently Chairman of the Canadian Centennial Commission.

He is also a major battleground in the Quebec versus the Rest of Canada squeeze. He has long been fighting to get the Nine Provinces a square deal in our centennial celebration, while his boss, State Secretary Maurice Lamontagne, evidently tries to channel most of the cash and all the emphasis towards Quebec projects for 1967.

The Centennial Commission headquarters here is in chaos; top officials have resigned; the Minister in Charge, Maurice Lamontagne, has gone for months without speaking to the Chairman, John Fisher; the staff has been inundated with French-Canadians; John Fisher had a near nervous breakdown; Lamontagne has been acting as if he were deliberately trying to squeeze him (and the other nine provinces) out. Watch for the fireworks.

ANOTHER TAX BURDEN Everything which State Secretary Maurice Lamontagne touches turns sour. It is not surprising that Forestry Minister Maurice "Cut out the Dead-

wood" Sauve wants to get him out of the Cabinet. First, he ran as a candidate in the longtime Liberal stronghold of Quebec East; in the seat where Louis St. Laurent had won the largest Liberal majority in Canada, Lamontagne got whipped. Then he had a safe seat opened up for him in Montreal—by the costly method of having the incumbent Liberal MP elevated to the lifetime \$15,000 a year job as senator; he didn't lose that seat, but he did initiate an unfortunate furniture deal.

Then in the Cabinet he was put in charge of the CBC, the Centennial Commission and other longhair dreamboat dollar wastelands, with a fringe interest in Expo '67, the World Fair being staged in the middle of the St. Lawrence River. This is rapidly showing itself to be just another costly snuggery of dreamers who conjure up fancy ways of squandering the taxpayers' money.

Plans have now been completed I am told, to erect an apartment building to house the officials of Expo and representatives of foreign governments who will exhibit there. The building will contain 185 apartments, although only 48 nations have so far indicated they will participate. It will cost an estimated \$11,500,000, or \$62,000 per apartment. The average apartment now being erected in Canada costs about \$9,000; more luxurious apartments cost \$12,000, or perhaps even \$15,000.

What does one get for \$62,000? And remember, Expo will only be open about six months. Would it be better to spend \$11 1/2 million of our tax money on 185 apartments for officials to live in for six months, or on 1,295 simpler apartments in which de-servicing old folk could live for say 40 years? Do you remember that \$1 per hour "Eternal Flame" at Expo?

JIM FORGIE MP—I recently mentioned Jim Forgie, Liberal MP from Pembroke as a "stay-away" from the House of Commons. Dr. Harry Harley, Liberal MP from Oakville, has pointed out to me that Jim Forgie has recently been absent through illness. Jim is a longtime friend of mine, and I know too well that he has alas recently suffered a heart attack, which has kept him away from his parliamentary duties. I regret if anyone felt that I was criticizing him unfairly when he was ill. In fact, I was referring rather to his long-time record of protracted absences from the House, prior to his illness. "I thought you were," Dr. Harley replied to me. Jim, who is 76 and has served 12 years in Parliament, has indicated that he will retire from public life at the next election, meanwhile I wish him a speedy recovery.

Infectious Syphilis

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Syphilis seldom was mentioned in newspapers a generation ago. Venereal diseases were hush-hush and the subject was too delicate to put in type. The situation changed when health educators decided that more could be accomplished by airing the disease before the public. The aim was a blood test for everyone and treatment for the positive reactors.

It worked, and the number of cases dwindled, especially after 1943, when penicillin came into being. Syphilis no longer was news, and we became complacent. But it is on the increase among young adults. Approximately 23,000 cases of early syphilis are reported to the public health service annually. Of these, 45 per cent are under age 25 and 17 per cent are less than 20 years of age.

The primary stage usually develops 10 to 90 days after contact with an infected person. The first sign is an ulcer (chancre) that appears at the site where the causative spirochete entered. The secondary stage comes three to six weeks later and is ushered in with a rash, sore throat, fever, and headache. Sores appear in the mouth. The lesions in both stages are highly infectious. Thereafter the disease passes into the noninfectious stage. These include 1,000 latent and 72,184 late latent and 71,184 late latent cases reported in 1964. These are more harmful to the victim because the disease settles in the heart, blood vessels, and brain. By-products of late syphilis are complete mental and physical disability. The severe forms are seldom encountered today because of early detection and treatment. Latent and late latent cases have decreased almost every year since 1943, when 251,958 cases were reported. The government estimates there are 10,361 patients with neurosyphilis in state institutions for the insane. These patients represent a half-billion-dollar liability.

Statistics are misleading because many diagnosed cases never are reported to public health authorities. This is true of infectious syphilis because it is so easily treated. Another problem centers about those who overlook the symptoms of early syphilis and do nothing until the disease passes into the latent stage.

PERFECT HEART BEAT E. H. writes: Is a heart beat of 60 serious?

REPLY No—perfect. It is better to have a slow pulse because the heart has a longer rest between beats. The old ticker also has less work to do. A person with a rate of 80, for example, has a heart that beats 1,900 more times an hour than it does at 60, or 28,800 more contractions every 24 hours, etc.

HAY FEVER R. P. writes: Is hay fever a serious condition?

REPLY As a rule it is more annoying than serious. But some sufferers develop asthma. This is the chief reason why everything possible must be done to control symptoms.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—If abdominal pain lasts longer than four, consult a physician.

Canada And The OAS

By Dave McIntosh Canadian Press Staff Writer

There was this recent exchange in the Commons concerning creation of a Latin American peace force for the Dominican Republic. Prime Minister Pearson: "The operation will take place under the authority of the Organization of American States of which Canada, of course, is not a member."

George Nowlan (PC—Digby-Annapolis-Kings): "And I don't think it will be a member for quite a while."

Mr. Nowlan was probably voicing the attitude of the government as well as that of the Opposition.

The consensus here is that any Canadian membership in the Organization of American States has been shuttled further into the future by the United States' military intervention in the Dominican Republic.

The Canadian government is strong on consultation among allies before action is taken. President Johnson didn't consult any other member of OAS before he sent the marines into Santo Domingo.

It is obvious any Latin American peace force for the Dominican Republic will be completely dominated by the U.S., which won a bare two-thirds majority in OAS for approval of

such a force in the first place. It is doubtful that Canada would wish to serve in any such operation if it were a member of the OAS. In fact, Mr. Pearson made this pretty plain in the Commons the other day when he said:

"We would prefer peace-keeping forces of this kind to be under the United Nations rather than under any regional organization, though there may be occasions when regional organizations could be useful, especially if they could be brought under the general auspices of the United Nations."

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker asked: "Can it be taken for granted that Canada's attitude would be that it would be proposed to setting up any peace-keeping operations in any part of the world except under the auspices of the United Nations?"

Mr. Pearson: "Well, that would certainly be preferable." There is a feeling in Ottawa that the U.S. would oppose any UN peace-keeping force in Latin America, which it regards as under U.S. management. If correct, this attitude in itself would be sufficient to keep Canada out of the OAS.

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Training For Retirement

Ottawa Journal

Lord Chandos, the former Rt. Hon. Oliver Lyttelton, DSO, MC, member of the Churchill War Cabinet and a businessman of wide interests, has put together for the London Times his views on how to retire gracefully.

At 72 he looks back on a life of considerable achievement, but busy as he was he found time to study the effect of retirement on colleagues and staff. One conclusion was that happy marriages could go on the rocks having survived decades, because the husband went to work in the morning and did not return until night.

Lord Chandos remembered a senior clerk, begging to be allowed to continue at work, and giving his reason: "Well, it's really the wife: all day you know." That decent and anxious

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 21, 1940) At a regular meeting of the executive of the P.E.I. Teachers' Federation held in Queen Square School, Mr. D.J. MacArthur of Cornwall was appointed a delegate from P.E.I. to the Canadian Teachers' Convention to be held at Hamilton, Ont., on August 12-17.

Borden has a new fire siren. Installation of the unit has just been completed and Mayor Willard MacNeill pushed the button sounding the first test alarm.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 21, 1955) Mr. Ian MacDonald, B.Sc., son of Mr. and Mrs. L.J. MacDonald, Euston Street, geologist with the Sun Oil Company, of Calgary, is spending a brief vacation at home. He leaves shortly for Brazil where his company is undertaking a three-year survey of oil resources for the Brazilian government.

Barbara Roberts has received a diploma attesting to her successful completion of studies at the Elizabeth Arden School of Beauty and Fashion.

man was allowed to die in harness but for others, including Lord Chandos, retirement is inevitable.

How to prepare? The Chandos recipe is to seize every chance of widening interests. It is, he says, "a mistake, after the age of 35, to do anything in the name of pleasure which bores you." He suggests reading to find new interests. "Who can tell, before he tries reading about them whether he is a philatelist, a numismatist or archaeologist by nature?"

For himself, Lord Chandos (who has more means than most of us) reads voraciously, is a bridge addict, "adores" conversation and studies food and drink. "As you grow older you tend to eat less and less, and this fact should be balanced by paying more and more attention to what you do eat. Food and drink are hobbies that can add much to the pleasures of retirement, whatever a man's means. Treat them seriously."

He says people should keep their eyes open—"the world is full of interest, of change, of beauty—much of it female." Finally: "Stay in bed with a cold, look to your digestion, and reflect on the mutability of human affairs."

CHARGE KIDNAP BID

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. Senator Thomas J. Dodd charged Thursday the Yugoslav secret police tried, but failed, to kidnap an Orthodox Church leader of Trieste who opposed the Communist regime of President Tito. The man was Dr. Bragoljub Vurdieja, president of Trieste's Serbian Orthodox Church. The Connecticut Democrat said in the foreword of a report on "the church and state under Communism."

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