

But of course, one can't write a book with a catchy theme in mind and be impartial too. From time immemorial, the most readable histories have been inspired by strong personal prejudices. Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire", for instance; Macaulay's "History of England"; H.G. Wells' "Outline of History". The weak points in these classic works have been exposed time and again, but they continue to be read in preference to the more impartial, but duller, narratives to which students of history must go for a balanced assessment of the facts.

So, in reading Mr. Newman, one must be on one's guard. The facts are given, but not all of them. And they are seen from a particular angle which looks remarkably like the angle of the Tory "hierarchy" which fought persistently against Diefenbaker's leadership from the start—"of the 'barons of Bay and St. James' Streets" whose propensity the writer charges Alvin Hamilton with delighting to deflate—and of that elect group, "the well heeled, the well born, and the well educated", among whom Diefenbaker support is said to have collapsed.

Our readers will encounter this latter revealing phrase in a subsequent installment of Mr. Newman's work, which he employs to designate the anti-Diefenbaker faction in the party in contrast to voters in rural constituencies who continued to remain loyal to their leader. We shall leave it there for the present — a rem of pure ray serene — hoping to have some fun with it later.

As noted in a news story, our provincial dairymen's association was formed back in 1899 and has represented and fostered the dairy industry for sixty-five years. This is a record to be proud of; but even before that time this Province was noted for its flourishing dairy farms.

Proof of this fact, if it were needed, is given in an article which appeared in The Farmers Advocate of Dec., 1898, a clipping of which we have before us. "Dairying," says this article, "is the principal agricultural industry of the Island, as may be inferred from the existence of thirty-four cheese factories and five creameries, the latter operating the year round, and one-half of the cheese factories making butter in winter; and nowhere on our travels have we seen so large a percentage of high-class dairy cows. These are principally well-bred grades of Ayrshire, Jersey, Guernsey and Holstein breeds, while excellent herds of pure-bred animals of all these breeds are found in the hands of enterprising breeders."

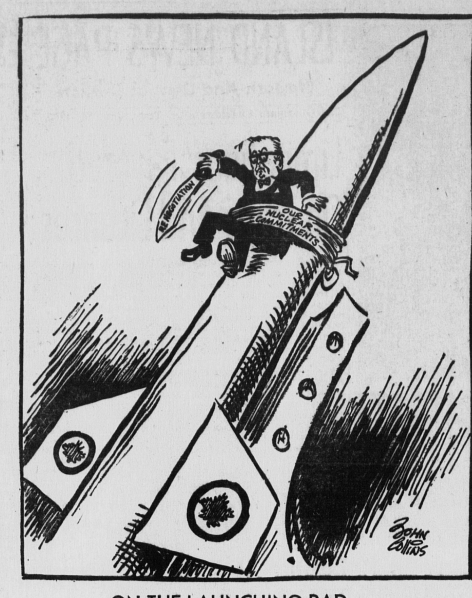
Down through the years, dairying has been a leading Island industry, an essential part of our way of life as well as of our economy; and we are all proud of the record our breeders have made in improving their stock and processing their products.

It is through organizations such as our provincial association, the CDF and the Canadian Dairy Foods Service Bureau which held its first annual meeting here yesterday, that progress in dairying can be maintained. We have no doubt that this week's meetings will mark a further important step in this direction.

Dief And His Critics
If John Diefenbaker was the messiah of "the rude new forces trying permanently to reorient the Tory hierarchy," as Peter Newman says in his biography of the former Prime Minister now running serially in our columns in abbreviated form, what about the other "messiahs" who succeeded in beating him in the 1963 campaign?

Mr. Pearson running fervently on his "Sixty Days of Decision" platform, for example? Mr. Walter Gordon in his messianic crusade to reduce budgetary deficits at all costs? Miss Judy LaMarsh in her emotional spree over a national pension plan which hasn't yet got off the ground, and which Quebec has definitely turned down?

If these apostles of reform weren't as eloquent as Mr. Diefenbaker on the hustings, it wasn't because they didn't try. Nor has their success in implementing their promises, to date, been any more spectacular than that of the so-called "renegade in power."



ON THE LAUNCHING PAD

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Most Memorable Bash On Parliament Hill

Parliament's mid-winter holiday is not yet half way over; but the 26th Parliament's first session of the 1964-65 session is already being merrily clouded by the mists of forgetfulness.

One of the closing scenes of the final act of that ill-remembered session deserves to be rescued from the limbo for one last Christmas look; and that was "our closer talk" given by the Liberal Party just before parliamentarians went home.

It was the most memorable bash seen on Parliament Hill for many years.

The hosts were present in full force: Liberal Senators and all Liberal M.P.s, including newly elected cabinet minister, as well as a number of wives, such as Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Lines, Mrs. Chivers, Mrs. Bill (Minister), Mrs. Benoit, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Harlow, Mrs. ...

Snow Shovelling Is Good Exercise

By Dr. Theodore R. VanBelle
Healthy adults can shovel snow with little risk to the heart and the back. Those who get into trouble may not realize they have a cardiac disorder or were on the verge of a heart attack anyway. This is logical because most coronaries occur when resting.

In a 100-yard dash or a game of tennis without undergoing a conditioning program. But they will shovel snow even though far more energy is required. When done vigorously, the output of the heart increases to 15 times.

The outside temperature also enters the picture, especially if when it constricts the arteries. The heart muscle must pump harder to compensate for the loss of blood flow.

Rest for a few minutes if breathlessness occurs; don't resume until breathing has returned to normal. Palpitation or a feeling of tightness in the chest is a sign to quit. The snow pile is a handy gadget for these men particularly.

ICE ANKLE
Mrs. J. writes: I am an ice crusher — don't ask me why. Several people have told me that I am a crusher by continuing this habit. What is your opinion?

REPLY
I doubt whether chewing on ice would bring on a new ulcer. The same nervous tension that caused your ulcer may be responsible for your becoming an ice crusher.

DIGITALIS
D.M. writes: Will a person with a normal heart ward off heart disease by taking digitalis?

REPLY
No. Digitalis is a potent product that is often potent; but heart begins to fail or the heart becomes extremely irregular.

REPLY
Then — a lavish buffet spread, carol — singing, and dancing until midnight. "Dance hard" says the sign. "Dance hard" says the sign.

Mr. Edwin Johnstone, President; Miss Mary Donahoe, Secretary; Mr. Malcolm MacKenzie, Hon. President. NINETEENTH ANNUAL PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL. APRIL 27 TO MAY 2, 1964. Open to residents of P.E.I. ADJUDICATORS: CLARENCE OERTON, MRS. MOSSIE HANCOCK, JOHN CHURCHILL, ERIC S. LEWIS. CHARLOTTETOWN, SUMMERSIDE AND MONTAGUE.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The rubbish collector is the only individual who finds it profitable to be down in the dumps. —Chatham News.

First Aid: Like I had a great emotional experience yesterday. Second Aid: "What was it, son?" First Aid: "A bath." —Sarnia Observer.

When a spacecraft for travel to Mars is constructed, workers with dandruff and other minor afflictions will not be permitted on the assembly line. The idea, according to the special planetary quarantine officer of the U.S. civilian space agency, is to avoid taking along earth's microbes to contaminate Mars with any that may exist way out yonder. —Toledo Blade.

A Place For His Feet
A Member of the House of Lords, the Earl of Harrowby, who happens to be over six feet tall, is distressed by his difficulty in fitting himself into conventionalized furnishing. He is particularly concerned with beds that leave him no room for his feet.

Our Yesterdays
Urban Harrington of Halifax, formerly of Charlottetown, has resigned from the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada to accept a position as accountant in the provincial government of the Nova Scotia Provincial Government.

SACVILLE, N.S. Jan. 12 (CP) — Built by early Acadian settlers 150 years ago, an abbey is continuing in service as part of the Sacville Pointe du Cap. The abbey is a fine example of Gothic architecture and is a popular tourist attraction.

WELLINGTON, N.Z. (CP) — Mrs. M. Cairns solved the disappearance of letters from her mail box when she saw a blackbird carrying a letter out. The birds were building a nest in the box.

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