

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew... W. J. Henox, Publisher... Managing Editor... Published every weekday morning except Sundays...

Let's Get It Straight

An Ottawa report over the weekend indicates that strong pressure is developing among Liberal MPs...

If the government does swing round to raising the basic old-age pension rate to \$100 a month, it will only be doing what the Conservatives have been urging since before the last federal election...

Old persons, however, have told the government bluntly that they are not interested in this plan; they want their pensions as a right and without having to prove need.

Meanwhile, what is to be said of the Liberal campaign in this province which started off on May 11 with promising under the Canada Assistance Plan...

This pledge, we understand, is still doing yeoman service in the deferred election campaign in First Kings. It is time, surely, for the Liberals to explain just how the extra money is to be raised.

Mutch Too Casual

An Ontario water resources expert, Thomas W. Kierans, is reportedly very disturbed at recent action taken by the U.S. government authorizing water diversions from northeastern river basins.

As the river basins involved all lie in U.S. territory, and as they do not come under the Boundary Water Treaty of 1909, it would seem that the U.S. is within its rights.

U.S. water needs are growing more urgent every hour. Ottawa is well aware that Washington wants as much of Canada's abundance of water as it can get...

Commonwealth Trade

Commonwealth trade ministers are in conference this week in London, discussing how to expand trade within the association and lift living standards of the less-developed members.

This is an example of the criticism we may expect at the conference, if it comes down to brass tacks: Britain has kept open house for the Commonwealth. It still offers duty-free access to the great majority of the Commonwealth's products.

Something more than words on Canada's part will be required to convince the British people that we are sincerely concerned about maintaining Commonwealth preferences.

Love's Labor Lost

Archaeologists are smart people; but like others in that class they can sometimes outsmart themselves. This seems to have been the case with officials of the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History.

It was, they said, the figure of a woman marked out on the ground in rocks years ago by Plains Indians. The officials said the figure was one of only three such "effigies" found in the province.

The archaeologists, who had spent three days charting the configuration so that it could be preserved in diorama form in the museum at Regina, were "not available for immediate comment," says the report.

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Let's get back to the old balloting system for goodness sake! With almost 10 per cent of the total vote cast in our May 30 election listed in the spoiled ballot category, we have achieved an enviable record across Canada.



"HELLO, JEAN? RENE? ..."

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Recalls Stormy Period In Canada's History

Our Criminal Code provides the penalty of execution for the crime of capital murder. The Pearson government, however, has never permitted the law to be fulfilled in this matter to date.

This practice echoes a stormy event in our history. In name, mercy is extended by the monarch; but in practice commutation is now prescribed by the Cabinet and automatically endorsed by the Governor-General.

THE METIS REVOLT

In the first Red River rebellion in 1870, in what is now Manitoba, one of Louis Riel's lieutenants, Ambrose Lepine, ordered an Ontarian, Thomas Scott, to be tried by a military tribunal on the charge of having taken up arms against Riel's provisional government.

Ontario, and especially the Orangemen, demanded that a punitive expedition be sent against Riel and his metis followers. One of the loudest Ontarians condemning this "murder" of Scott was Alexander Mackenzie, then doubling in the roles of minister in the Ontario government and Opposition leader in the federal parliament.

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It was announced in Ottawa that Capt. (Acting Major) W.H. Soper of Charlottetown had been granted rank of major in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps.

The Maritimes were demanding that Lepine pay for the crime. But meetings in Quebec were demanding amnesty for Lepine and the French clergy wrote Dufferin, "are determined to make this an occasion for destroying the French-Canadian ministers in the cabinet, to whom they are bitterly opposed."

MACHIAVELLIAN PLOY

At this point Mackenzie in a political cleft stick, seemingly devised a way out which for trickiness would have done credit to a subsequent nimble-footed Liberal prime minister, Mackenzie King. Whatever action he took would split his cabinet and the country, so he proposed that the British government should deal with the case by commutation. Lepine's sentence to a short term of imprisonment. This would satisfy the French, while Ontario would loyally tolerate any action taken in the name of the Crown.

Space Age 'Mayflower'?

The astronomical cost of exploration of outer space is always good for an argument on the subject of "solving the earth's problems before looking into the universe's."

A Soviet professor offers the view that exploring space will one day provide the solution to those ultimate problems of the world: overpopulation and lack of resources. Prof. E. Kolman argues in a Soviet magazine that the present needs of poorer nations do not justify halting the space program as some contend.

It Does Make More Sense

Because it is primarily a religious holiday, and because Easter Sunday, unlike Christmas day, has no fixed place on the calendar, the Easter holiday can fall any time between late March and late April.

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. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary.

LIFE SAVING ENDEAVOUR

Sir, - The generally excellent response of Prince County residents, during the recent series of Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics, was very gratifying.

On behalf of the Blood Donor Society, I would like, through your paper, to express sincere appreciation to all the donors, the workers and organizers of the clinics, and offer special congratulations to the people of Tipton and O'Leary areas who gave so willingly of themselves and exceeded their quotas.

In asking for blood donations, we request people to donate something that only they can give. The vital blood needs of our country can only be provided by ourselves. For this reason, folks who give blood donations know the deep satisfaction of having done something really worth while.

Grey Hair Worrying

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen "Never worry about graying hair. It may make it worse and there are hundreds of tints, rinses, dyes, and bleaches on most drug store shelves. It is well to remember that the skin is getting old, too, and that new shade of hair may not complement the complexion."

Most of us accept the silver threads with resignation, but many resort to a camouflage. Women are more cosmetically minded than men and as a rule abhor graying because it gives away their age.

Turning white overnight has been reported but the majority of such cases are untrue. The victim was said to have suffered from a severe nervous shock. More likely, he failed to apply the customary dyes because of a disrupted routine.

On the other hand, severe illness, chronic disease, protracted worry, or a long period of nervous exhaustion may hasten graying. It also has occurred several weeks after a shocking experience, but not overnight.

Very little is known about this common condition. Grays often is inherited and develops prematurely among certain families. Now and then gray hair darkens spontaneously and there is no explanation for this phenomenon.

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COLOR BLIND

Mrs. D. G. writes: My 20-year-old son is color blind. He is at the head of his class so it can't be stupidity. Can this defect be helped in any way?

REPLY

Many schemes have been tried without success. CHANGING PHYSICIANS A reader writes: When does one change doctors? I like the idea of a family physician and dislike changing, but I have some doubts about mine.

REPLY

When you are dissatisfied with his work or have lost faith in his ability. DYEING AFTER SURGERY Mrs. E. J. writes: Is it safe for a woman to continue dyeing her hair after a cataract operation?

REPLY

Yes, because there is no relationship between hair dyeing and cataract formation. SEX RATIO IN CANCER Mrs. M. W. writes: Do more women die of cancer than men?

REPLY

Yes, according to the latest statistics. But when we consider that there are more women than men in this age group the proportion of fatalities from disease is approximately the same. TODAY'S HEALTH HINT— Exercise is mentally stimulating.

(NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

IS DISMISSED

KUCHING (Reuters) — Inche Abdul Taib, Sarawak's state minister of communications and works, has been dismissed from the cabinet following allegations of a plot to topple the government.

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Advertisement for 'bakers', 'batteries', and 'boats' with a logo for 'FIND ANYTHING... FAST IN THE YELLOW PAGES'.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A woman asks an advice columnist what to do about a roomer who throws her downstairs whenever she calls to collect the rent. One suggestion would be that she move him to a room on the ground floor.

An attendant in a mental home was making his evening rounds when he came upon one of the patients industriously fishing in the wash basin with rod and line. Wishnut to humor the man, the attendant asked him if he had caught anything.

At a dinner party a shy young man had been trying to think of something nice to say to his hostess. At last he saw his chance when she turned to him and remarked, "What a small appetite you have tonight, Mr. Jones."

A Scotsman had been haggling and haggling with the ticket collector about the price of his fare. Finally, disgusted, the ticket collector picked up the Scotsman's trunk and heaved it off the train just as they were crossing a bridge.

Residential slums will always exist unless municipal governments adopt a sound program of housing and community conservation. Too often, in today's affluent society, slums are associated with the old core city and expanding suburban areas are forgotten.

While a number of Canadian cities have proceeded with extensive programs of urban renewal and redevelopment in the core city, no municipality has yet developed a conservation program. Such a program should not only apply to the redevelopment districts, but also to the suburban residential districts.

History has shown planners and municipal officials that slum areas can develop in some of the finest residential sections of a city. Proof of this can be found in the core city where once prosperous neighborhoods deteriorated to a point where redevelopment was the only answer.

To Prevent Future Slums

Windsor Star

Even with such assistance, the municipality must assure homeowners of community conservation by retaining a high calibre of municipal service and proper zoning. When talking future, municipal officials must give serious consideration to conservation.

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Winnipeg Free Press

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Father: "Your young man was at my office today, my dear, and asked for your hand in marriage." Daughter: "But Father, I hate to leave Mother."

Woman to friend during the interval of an amateur production of Othello: "They really wanted George Scott in the lead and Mrs. Scott as Desdemona, but he said he'd rather not smother her in public."

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redevelopment was the only answer. The same situation will be repeated in the suburbs when today's families grow up and leave home. Parents will remain, but finding it not practical to maintain a large home, they will sell, moving either into a smaller home or an apartment.

This happened in the core city creating the slums of today. The only solution appears to be a homeowners are given incentive to maintain their properties. To accomplish this goal, the municipalities must take the initiative and press for senior government assistance in the form of home improvement loans at a low interest rate.

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It was one of many hideous vignettes of the Vietnamese war — in this case, of the war within a war — which reporters and photographers on the spot have, as their duty demands, put before the public.

But it drew a rebuke from Mr. Johnson's press secretary who let it be known he did not think it was the kind of picture to publish just when the administration was trying to calm the U.S. public about the confused situation in Viet Nam.

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