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Challenge & Response

We note that five paragraphs in the Speech from the Throne in the Legislature are devoted to education. Legislation is to be proposed to extend regional high school facilities to the students of districts that are not already included in a regional program. A new program of teacher training is to be introduced in September. It is the intention to cooperate with other provincial governments in exploring the possibilities of achieving greater uniformity of curricula. Adult education has been added to the work of the Resources Development Program. Reference is made to the opening of the Prince County Vocational High School last autumn and to the Provincial Vocational Institute at West Royalty which is now under construction.

Members on both sides, we believe, will agree with the statement in the Speech that "education offers a solution to many of our economic problems." It costs money, but there are few public expenditures that are so rewarding. On policy details there will doubtless be disagreement, but the overall aim in improving our educational standards is something about which both parties are in full accord.

Technical education especially opens up a field which has very practical possibilities in this Province. If the unemployment problem is to be licked, this is the way it will have to be done. The United States is facing the same challenge as we are in this respect, as President Kennedy intimated the other day. The analysis that he and his advisers have made shows that thousands of well-paid jobs are going begging, but at the same time one out of every five boys between 16 and 19 is looking for work without finding it. Why? Because of inadequate training.

American newspapers complain that vocational training still lacks sufficient status, equipment and manpower. There is demand for revision of the law passed in 1917 under which this type of education is distributed among American states, with too little emphasis on modern requirements. In Canada we have benefited by federal grants for this purpose, and the Shaw Government would have been remiss indeed if it had not taken advantage of them. Is it pursuing the best course available now, or are there improvements that could be made in policy and practice? We look forward to a full discussion of this important matter during the session now in progress.

Brief Interlude

A heart-warming incident took place in the House of Representatives at Washington this week, when members turned their thoughts back to the valiant years of comradeship with Britain under Winston Churchill, and the rendezvous with destiny to which he had called both nations at that time. It was a brief interlude in a busy day's political grind, but it resulted, at the close, in the House voting 377 to 21 to grant honorary United States citizenship to Sir Winston Churchill.

Thus, in the words of one commentator, "this man who is half-American (his mother was Jennie Jerome of New York) moved halfway to citizenship." The Senate, which must still bring the citizenship bill up through its judiciary committee, is expected to approve wholeheartedly.

In the House approval, no one disagreed with Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York (Democrat), chairman of the committee which called up the bill, when he called Sir Winston "a man for all ages" and "one of the greatest Englishmen known to history." And on the Republican side Minority Leader Charles A. Halleck of Indiana agreed that the British wartime Prime Minister was "one of the truly great leaders of this or any other time."

The scattering of very slight opposition came from those who were apprehensive that in the future honorary citizenship might be proposed for less worthy characters. But others, recalling Churchill's unique exploits, thought that danger to be slight. They recalled, among other things, his visit to Washington after the Pearl Harbor disaster, and the trumpet tones of his speech on that occasion. "We are no longer alone!" he told his cheering audience. A speech that made history, and brought tears to President Roosevelt's eyes.

Roosevelt would have enjoyed that brief interlude in the House of Representatives this week. His old friend Winston will appreciate it, too. He and how many of his multitude of admirers throughout the free world!

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's day falls on Sunday this year, which is not inappropriate in commemorating the saint's single-hearted devotion to his missionary labors, and the inspiration his name and achievement continues to afford in our Christian civilization.

As has been the custom for so many years, the observance tomorrow will be marked particularly by a parade of the Benevolent Irish Society, which is also sponsoring the entertainment this evening and Monday at Birchwood High School auditorium under the experienced direction of Mr. J. Pius Callaghan, C.D.A. This, too, is traditional, and there is no doubt that the attendance on both occasions will be large and appreciative.

Worth noting, too, is the fact that the B.I.S. ranks as one of our oldest Island institutions, having been organized here under Lieutenant Governor Ready in the year 1825. Its laudable objectives, down through the years, have been the relief of the poor, the perpetuation of Irish national sentiment, and the performance of works of benevolence. May its shadow never grow less!

Too Much Of It

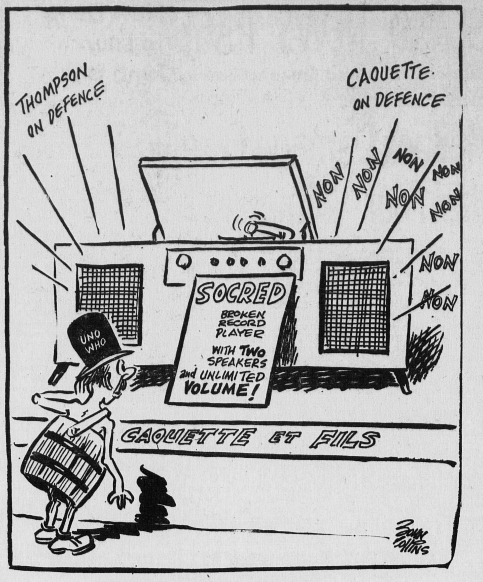
The precipitating of an election in New Brunswick when a federal campaign is accelerating towards polling day is hailed with mixed feelings by the Moncton Transcript. For many of the eligible voters, it says, the whole picture could well turn out to be confusion worse confounded.

This will be the sixth time New Brunswickers have been called to the polls within as many years to choose governments—four in the federal sphere and two provincial. The plethora is added to in Moncton, where a civic election campaign is now in progress with voting taking place on Saturday, April 6, two days prior to federal polling. It is altogether likely, adds The Transcript, that by the time the ballots are cast in the provincial contest on April 22 the New Brunswickers will have had a really political smorgasbord in abundant measure to conjure with.

If this is the way the voters feel about it, it could result in an unpleasant surprise for the government in power in our sister province.

EDITORIAL NOTE

A Canadian research actuary, Arthur Pedoe of Toronto, claims that the death rate from heart disease is decreasing, not increasing as most people think. In an actuarial paper to be presented at the regional meeting of the Society of Actuaries, March 28, Mr. Pedoe questions the exact causes of death expressed in reported mortality trends. He attributes much of the current confusion in medical literature on mortality trends to the emphasis placed on "coronary disease" as a cause of death



STEREOPHONIC SOUND

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Postal Affairs And Patronage Gimmicks

The twin Lakehead cities of Port Arthur and Fort William became one postal area on the 1st of this month. Now a Port Arthurian posting a letter to an address in the adjoining city of Fort William need pay only four cents for the postage — and vice versa.

The commonsense decision was happily marked by the president of the P.A. Chamber of Commerce, William Brayshaw, mailing to his opposite number a commemorative letter in a huge "envelope" measuring some 3 feet by 6.

I hope that the Chamber of Commerce of both cities also mailed a laurel wreath to their hard-working M.P. and former Mayor of Fort William, Mr. Hubert Badanai. His efforts here, as this column has pointed out before, played an influential part in obtaining this concession which will save the inhabitants of the Lakehead an estimated $70,000 per year.

"THE GOV. SAYS —"

First notice of this decision came in the form of a release to the newspapers, mimeagraphed in distinctive blue-mauve ink on a sheet of paper with the printed heading: "Canada Post Office — News Release."

"The Postmaster General, the Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough," it stated, "today announced that the Post Office Department has decided to group the cities of Port Arthur and Fort William to form one postal area."

At the same time a similar decision formed one postal area of the other twin cities in Ontario, Kitchener and Waterloo. But, unlike the Lakehead cities, which elect Liberal Bert Badanai and New Democrat Douglas Fisher as their M.Ps, Waterloo North constituency chose a Conservative M.P.

So notice of that decision reached the panting public in a different way. It came on a plain piece of paper, with no printed heading, although also mimeographed in that same blue-mauve ink.

"Mr. O.W. Weichel, M.P. for the riding of Waterloo North, has announced —" And so it went on, in almost identical language.

Canada deserves "Freedom from Patronage" such as that petty little product of a petty little mind.

Mike Weichel, veteran, sportsman and a former postmaster, is too active an M.P. to need such artificial gimmicks in aid, although his seat is tottery. Bert Badanai, in contrast, is rock-solid and will be back in Parliament as an M.P. His political neighbour, Port Arthur's Doug Fisher may well be "looking down on Parliament" from the Press Gallery, rather than sitting as an M.P., when it reassembles.

WHY IRRITATE US?

The reign of Mrs. Fairclough as postmistress has initiated another questionable little practice. Las week a new 5-cent postage stamp went on sale, commemorating the 150th anniversary of Sir Casimir Stanislaus Gzowski. That day I happened to buy my frequent order, 100 5-cent stamps. Instead of being given a complete tidy sheet, I was gives the inconvenient confetti of a sheet with ten stamps torn off the corner, plus ten loose stamps.

"That's the way they come to us now," I was told in reply to my protest. "The philatelic department tears off the corners for special customers who want the plate numbers on the margin."

When Ellen Louks Fairclough, housewife and accountant, shops at the groceteria, what would she say if all the cut-outs had been torn off the packets of breakfast cereal, if the wrappers had been taken off the chocolate bars, and if the cash-saving coupons had been filched from the packages of soap flakes — for "special customers"? I know what she would do. But alas we cannot do that, because her's is the only store in town which sells postage stamps.

Bomb Production Booming

By Harold Morrison
Canadian Press Staff Writer

In a little - noted speech, George Bundy, President Kennedy's security adviser, recently disclosed that the United States has an inventory of "tens of thousands" of nuclear weapons and that "we make thousands more each year."

Clearly, nuclear bomb production is big business in the United States. A lot of opposition would develop — as indicated in the U.S. Congress—by some scientists, military authorities, politicans and uranium mine operators if the U.S. suddenly agreed with the Soviet Union on a nuclear test ban treaty and presented such a treaty for ratification by the U.S. senate.

But while the use of uranium in bomb production might slow down if bombs are not exploded in tests, production for on-the-shelf inventory is likely to continue until some disarmament agreement is reached.

The U.S. has so many bombs and continues to produce so many more that the U.S. administration feels it can make a good case for a treaty, based on the estimate that the present U.S. nuclear inventory is far superior to that of the Russians.

Thus, it may be a bit of a puzzle why the administration stands firm on demanding at least seven on-site inspections of Soviet territory annually as the prime price for a treaty particularly in view of State Secretary Rusk's statement that the U.S. has many clandestine as well as open means of detecting Soviet nuclear explosions—in the atmosphere and underground.

The U.S. administration has been bitterly attacked by Republicans and right-wing Democrats in Congress for having gradually watered down American demands in treaty negotiations while the Russians have done little to escalate their own concessions. The Russians refuse to allow more than three on-site inspections a year and won't negotiate further details until this offer is accepted by the West.

Rusk and his associates tried to get the message across to Congress, without breaching security, that the U.S. has ample means of telling, within a relative degree of accuracy, whenever Russians explode a nuclear device of any significant size. This is possible through improved long - range seismic apparatus as well as other intelligence-gathering means.

Why, then, the need of seven on-site inspections? Mainly, it appears, to produce conclusive proof to the world that cheating has taken place if the Russians should attempt a series of sneak tests.

It can be predicted authoritatively that the U.S. in fact might be willing to reduce the present demand of seven inspections — which compares with 20-a-year originally proposed—if Russia is ready to negotiate detailed on-site inspection procedure and to establish clearly the size of the area available for inspection.

PUBLIC FORUM

THE RIGHT APPROACH

Sir.—This Sunday morning March 10, we had the pleasure of listening over the radio to a young recently ordained preacher, in which he admonished voter and candidate alike, to consider Canada's welfare first. and personal advantage secondary. We were beguiled not so much by the theme, as by the disciplined authoritative morality, so evident in his address and so deplorably absent, in many political campaign speeches, where damage to the opposing party or parties, is the only consideration. We hope that the contestants, all of whom are known for moral and spiritual integrity in everyday affairs, will not allow the exuberance of the conflict, to sway them from the paths of truth, in their platform declarations. If this procedure is followed we anticipate whatever result may obtain with pleasure and confidence.

It is a tribute to the intelligence and good sense of the Canadian people that Canada's present situation, economic and international is beginning to be recognized, with daily increasing perspective, as justifying the claims and statements of the Government leader since the election. The dissention in his cabinet, which should have been and was intended to be cataclysmally disastrous, is now considered in most sources of information as inspired by disappointment at the loss of opportunity for personal gain. The irresponsible and unjust statements, uttered and reiterated at every opportunity by the various Opposition groups of "indecision," "unfilled committments", and "economic chaos" have very evidently boomeranged.

It is now recognized that the devaluation of the dollar despite the awful and gloomy predictions to the contrary had increased our tourist trade by one third, resulted in protection for and contributed an impetus to certain home industries, and assisted Canada in attaining so rapidly the most favorable foreign exchange position in her history.

The reckless and unwarranted attacks on the government in an attempt to downgrade Canada internationally, and at home, and which eventually precipitated an unwanted and unnecessary election, in the hope of personal and party gain, has established we believe a precedent for irresponsib'lity unique in the annals of Canada.

We hear considerable, regarding "anti-Americanism" as displayed by Mr. Diefenbaker. From what we hear and observe, he is the least vocal of all the party leaders, relative to this joker. Mr. Pearson with transporent subtlety, manages to keep this bogey before the public by utilizing every opportunity to state his objection to "anti-American attitudes". We feel sure that our leader is well aware that the Americans who really count—from the President down— are quite certain of the friendship that has always obtained from Canada when the chips are down, no matter who holds the reins of government, and that his insistence on resolving differences of opinion according to his convictions, is consistent with the dignityl due to any sovereign power. The suggested threat of economic retaliation, and sanctions by the American government, indicates a meagre concept of its mental and moral stature, and is to say the least insulting.

Mr. Diefenbaker seems to consider it good policy as well as economical in his campaigning, to refrain from the ostentation and unwarranted expense of chartered planes. He travels by regular commercial lines, and perhaps by this display of econ-

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Care Is Needed When Using Contact Lenses

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

CONTACT corneal lenses are here to stay. They are recommended for a variety of visual disorders but many ophthalmologists have found through experience that the devices have drawbacks and cannot be utilized by everyone.

Serious complications develop unless they are smooth, fit properly, and conform to the prescription measurements. One authority checked 1,000 contact lenses of foreign manufacture and found 800 did not agree with their stated measurements.

The lenses should not be purchased from poorly trained or chain store technicians who are more interested in sales than your eyes. They must not be used when inflammation is present or when a tumor exists on or near the cornea. They are not to be worn by alcoholics or by other persons who are unwilling to use them properly.

The most serious complications are scratches and ulcers of the cornea. These lesions are vulnerable to infection and proceed occasionally to the dreaded endophalmitis, with possible loss of the eyes. The outer coat of the eye is injured easily when the contact lens is chipped or cracked or when a small piece of dirt is caught behind it. The same is likely to occur when removing the contact with long, pointed fingernails or a nail file.

Complications may arise also from a nonperfect fit, especially when the lenses are flat or fit too tightly. Removal of a suction may be sufficient to remove a few layers of the cornea. Improper contact produces abnormal friction at different locations. The upper lid suffers when the lens is too thick; circulatory disturbances due to pressure may result.

But even a perfect lens may cause trouble if the cornea is swollen slightly or inflamed. The device no longer fits and irritation is aggravated unless the contact is not worn for a while. Now and then the wetting solution, which fills the space between the lens and the cornea, leads to irritation because it is too caustic or is contaminated with bacteria. Saliva should never be used as a substitute for a solution.

Wear contact lenses if you desire, but make certain they are good and you are good to them.

POSITIVE TRANSFUSION

K.G. writes: Is it dangerous for an Rh negative person to receive a transfusion of Rh positive blood?

REPLY

It is much safer for an Rh negative person to be transfused with Rh negative blood. There may not be a reaction the first time positive blood is given, but the blood becomes sensitized and a second Rh positive transfusion could cause severe reactions.

JUMPING JOINTS

A.S. writes: Why do the joints in my thumbs always jump out of place?

REPLY

In all probability, it is the tendon that is snapping, giving a sensation that the thumb is dislocating. It may help to keep the thumb in a splint for 10 days. The snapping sound usually comes from an irritated tendon that is thickened and cannot move easily in its sheath.

POLIO PROTECTION

S.M. writes: Is a 4½ year old immune to polio if the child was given the required number of Salk shots when he was 2 or 3 years old?

REPLY

Probably not, because a booster shot is needed every year to maintain full protection.

ALL IS WELL

J.S. writes: What does a doctor mean when he tells you your chest, heart, and lungs are within normal limits?

REPLY

That everything is copacetic.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT— WHEN BATHING.

Keep electrical devices such as radios away from the tub when bathing.

Our Yesterday's

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
March 16, 1938

Montreal, March 16 — The hotel erected by the Canadian National Railways at Vancouver will be opened in the spring or early summer of 1939, announced S.J. Hungerford, on his return after a business trip to the Pacific coast. The new hotel will take care of more than one thousand guests.

"St. Patrick's day in the evening" was celebrated in Summerside last night with the presentation by the CMBA Players of the rollicking Irish Comedy drama, "The Irish Millionaire." The play was under the direction of George Clow.

TEN YEARS AGO
March 16, 1953

"It would appear that the people of Charlottetown have not been spending an adequate portion of their tax dollar for the purpose of education", said K.A. Parker, superintendent of City Schools, in speaking before the Kinsmen Club last evening, at their meeting at the Charlottetown Hotel.

Three Summerside based RCAF Lancaster aircraft arrived back at their home base last evening after an 18-day trip to the United Kingdom. The three aircraft with Squadron Leader H. Forbes, as flight commander, had flown direct from Summerside non-stop to Mamby, England

Speaking for Myself

What's So Bad About a 'Mugwump'?

It seems to me virtually all anonymous letters are written by persons who suffer from moral cowardice, troubled, upset minds, or grave meanness of the spirit, so I ordinarily pay them no attention. Usually, indeed, if I notice in time that they are unsigned, I don't even read them.

This week, however, I got one that drew my notice to the point that I've even examined it under a magnifying glass, and I am going to depart from custom long enough, just this one time, to discuss it.

One reason for doing so is that the writer caught my interest with his very first sentence by calling me a name I've never before had tossed at me in the 35-odd years since I first tackled the job of pounding out a column.

By golly, if I'm a "mugwump", as the man says, then other readers are entitled to know, and I don't want any of them saying that I've kept it a secret from them.

EASY TO RECOGNIZE

And I am interested even more in the question of why the man who described me in this way chose to attempt to do so anonymously. It is a question that arises because his effort to hide his identity was both amateurish and unavailing. In his letter he "gave himself away" just as completely as he would have done if he had signed his letter a dozen times, slathered it with fingerprints, and enclosed a picture with the purpose of making sure I would recognize who had done the writing.

After all, I've had several previous letters from him, all bearing his signature. When he sits at his typewriter, he "sets up" a letter in a shape that is quite personal and easy to recognize. His sentence structures are familiar. If he will use a magnifying glass and look at the way the letters "w" and "m" are written by his machine, he'll see why it is entirely easy to be sure who did the writing.

No, I haven't a single doubt as to the identity of the man who typed the words, "Disappointed Reader", in lieu of a signature, at the bottom of the "mugwump" letter. But solving that mystery about him only raises a larger one, so far as I am concerned, for he is one of the last men I'd suspect of meanness of spirit, moral cowardice, or of having a troubled mind.

SOFT-SHELL APPROACH

As a result, I can't think of any reason why such a man should choose to write anonymously. Certainly he'd come close to the head of my list of Charlottetown men who should know enough about newspapering, and enough about me, to understand that there's no need for a soft-shell approach, much less a sneak approach, to persons engaged in the kind of work I do.

Why this man should feel any reticence about telling me directly that he thinks I'm a "mugwump", since that is what he thinks, is something I fail to understand. Such tidings, if spoken boldly, I can promise would cause me to burst into no anguished wails of affront—force no extra tears from my weeping heart—stir me to no dangerous levels of rancor.

After all, it is nothing more than a normal occupational hazard to find brickbats being heaved fairly regularly at those who express their opinions in print. Unless a man can harden his hide against those brickbats—stand up to them without allowing his emotions to become twisted, or even unduly involved—he should move to some more ladylike occupation.

OPINION'S PLACE

For goodness sake, any week would be a dull one if it failed to bring me more than 20 "I don't like you" communications; and it is a rare week when I get as many as two in an "I like you" vein.

It is a situation in which I see no cause for torn feelings —for sulking—for shutting up —for hiding my head under a pillow—or for bursting into tears.

One of my strongest beliefs, which guides much of my work, was best expressed by the late King George VI, in 1946, when he said: "Opinion striking against opinion ignites the spark that can kindle the light of truth."

The thing that should be expected of an opinion is not that it will be accepted as a pronouncement, but that it will have sufficient substance to strike that sort of spark. And an opinion needs to have a person or persons behind it—something which should be kept in mind by my little friend who considers me to be a 'mugwump'' and all other writers of anonymous letters— before it can achieve enough of substance to enable it to spark.

These things apart, and to return to the "mugwump" business, I've consulted three dictionaries and two encyclopedias and decided to enter no defence against the charge.

NO COMPLAINT

True enough, as addressed to me, it was intended as a term of disparagement, although I doubt that my correspondent had any precise definition in mind. At least the two definitions favored most in the reference works I've consulted are: 1—A great man (jocular); 2—An independent in politics.

Well, no matter where the laughs are brought in, I'm willing to be rated as either. Just call the man old Mugwump Lewis and I promise not to complain.

Even so, if the title is to be made permanent—if I am to be confirmed as a "mugwump"—I feel entitled to protest any inexact use of the word. Just this week, for instance, I noticed that the Prime Minister has begun applying the term to certain Liberals, and appears to be giving it a different meaning not only from the one intended by my anonymous critic, but also from anything I can find in the refrence books.

If I'm to be a "mugwump," that's fine, but it has to be in dictionary terms.

Apparently the word came originally from the dialect of the Algonquian Indians, living in what is now Massachusetts, according to Encyclopedia Britannica, and spread into use among New Englanders.

IT SOUNDS VULGAR

Later, in 1884, it got wider application, at a time when there was a split in the Republican party. The official support of the party went to James G. Blaine, as candidate for President (he was defeated), but some of the Republicans, who had backed former President Chester Arthur, declared themselves to be independent."

The tag "mugwump" came to be applied to the backers of Arthur, with the result, again according to the Britannica, that the word has since carried the meaning of "any independent voter."

That's as far as I'll go with the word, if I am going to have to carry it. Sure, the word sounds vulgar but that is all I can see that is wrong with it.

Oh, at that, there is one thing more. Almost as his closing words, my anonymous correspondent wrote: "These are days when columnists have a great responsibility and in our opinion you fall short."

UP TO READERS

Fine, but what responsibility?

So far as I know, the whole responsibility of a columnist is to state his opinions honestly—to do it interestingly, entertainingly and convincingly, if he is able.

What the readers (including "Disappointed Reader") do with or about them after that is strictly up to the readers, not the writer of a column.

Certainly the most I expect of this column is that it'll occasionally fit in with this concept: "Give the people the light. They'll find their own way."

Stop to think of it, who could expect anything more from a "mugwump"?

Burton Lewis

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