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Civic Assessment

Civic administration is big business nowadays, and while the business of running Charlottetown is much less complex than that of administering the affairs of a large metropolis, there is equal need for efficiency in tax assessment and collection methods...

It is well that all our citizens should understand the need for the changes introduced on the basis of property re-evaluation, as announced by Finance Chairman Hyndman at the City Council meeting Monday night...

The new system, while raising total property valuation from \$36 million to \$77 million, allows for a decrease in the tax rate and for a greater equalization of the tax burden. Together with the new business recapture tax, it will provide an increased revenue of \$329,000...

As indicated by Mr. Hyndman, the new assessment notices will be received after an 'open house' at City Hall where assessors will be on hand to explain the valuations and the reasons for making them. This is most important if the system is to receive the support and cooperation of all concerned...

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themselves, who say they are entitled now to actual discrimination in their favor." These rations seek such discrimination in order to redress obsolete imbalances which worked against them for generations, and in order the sooner to be valuable customers of the better developed nations.

In short, as The Monitor concludes, the British proposals "poke large holes in the timid generalizations of governments who feel good will toward the conference objectives but have not quite decided whether they can afford more than a small down payment toward the better world envisioned at Geneva."

It remains now to be seen how the other developed nations will react.

The Wrong Time

It was some relief to note, from Prime Minister Pearson's assurance to Parliament on Monday, that he has no intention of calling an early general election. This is in accord with the advice tendered him in a front-page editorial in the Financial Post the other day, in which it was stressed that a snap election would be a poor way of meeting the challenge presented at this critical juncture in federal-provincial affairs.

With the opposition tying up parliamentary business, and holding in his hand an obviously powerful vote catcher in the Canada Pension Plan, Mr. Pearson could be excused for toying with such thoughts. But his present problems are not the kind that can be solved by falling back now on the ballot box. His proper course, as The Post sees it, is "solid, honest, dedicated devotion to the present needs of the nation."

The opposition parties might find it politically expensive to appear to be opposed to pensions regardless of the fact that the present Canada plan is a half-baked botch which Quebec won't buy, and out of which Ontario may stay as well. But no election campaign can be kept to a single issue. It would inevitably spill over into those scores of issues now troubling all Canadians. In the blunt words of our Toronto contemporary, "instead of the informed and careful discussion of issues so badly needed, the windbags would be back on the stumps, threatening, promising, recriminating and blathering, reopening old wounds and d carving new ones."

There is a good deal of truth in these observations. The present situation at Ottawa is by no means satisfactory. The country would be better for a majority government. But there is no assurance that a new election would achieve this result, and every likelihood of it having disruptive effects on Confederation.

Not to speak of our centennial celebrations in Prince Edward Island this year.

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MR. PEARSON CALLED FOR AN 'EXAMINATION IN DEPTH' OF EXISTING TAX RELATIONS BETWEEN OTTAWA AND THE PROVINCES

NEWS REPORT FROM THE QUEBEC CONFERENCE



IN THE DEPTHS

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Awaiting Saskatchewan Election Outcome

The outcome of the Saskatchewan provincial election on Tuesday 22 April is awaited with intense interest in Ottawa. This will complete the round of elections in all ten provinces within little more than a year, and it is remarkable that not one government has been overturned in the nine elections already held. It will certainly follow the 'no change' pattern? Ottawa wonders.

The CCF government in Saskatchewan, three months short of the 20th birthday in the federal-provincial government in Canada—with the exception of Alberta's 25-year-old Social Credit government. It is today the only socialist government in any province or state in North America. It was formed by Tommy Douglas, and guided by him until 20 months ago when he resigned from the premiership to assume the leadership of the federal NDP. At that time, it was in considerable disarray and disunity, and it was widely expected that it would be wiped out at the next election by Liberal forces led by the Saskatchewan premier, James Stewart, who was strengthened by the high quality of Liberal candidates being recruited by Thatcher, and by his energetic organizing and his unprecedentedly successful fund-raising drives.

Headlined M.P. Thatcher won his seat in the federal House of Commons three weeks after his 20th birthday. He quickly showed himself to be an energetic, industrious and able politician. In 12 years he became one of the most popular yet most controversial members of the House. A socialist who fought his way very near the millionaire class through a long and arduous career, his always large headlines reached their peak when he defected from the CCF and won a surprise appointment as Liberal leader in the provincial field. The CCF is ideologically perhaps the last true Liberal in Canadian politics. He has not lost the ideological fervor of his party colleagues to the left side of the ideological spectrum. He has frequently attempted to bring the voters with their own money to the party, and has recently, and lowly appointed, appointed in recent years. This stand has not endeared him to his party colleagues, nor has his aloofness from the federal Liberal battle-arena, notably his refusal to join the CCF and care for the old and the young.

Revived C.C.F. His only serious opponent in the CCF was Woodrow Lloyd, who gained prominence in public esteem since he was appointed as the minister of Tommy Douglas. He has proved himself in office, and has a reputation for honesty and integrity to bolster his argument that this is no time for a change of government. He has been a farmer for the first time topped the billion dollar figure in production, and his party is booming, and the province proud of its record in fine wool production and in the oil and the oil.

The CCF's native home of Saskatchewan has steered clear of the tie-up with organized labor in production, and has succeeded elsewhere, and has retained its original name to emphasize its primary role as a radical farmers' movement. This, coupled with Thatcher's record in office, has led the CCF to attract support from Conservative and Social Credit voters who perceive that they have a better chance of success with the CCF than with the other parties are not serious contenders in this election.

There has been one other party which they party will climb into a victory: it will surely improve on the 33 per cent vote it won in the election which it attracted in the last election. But NDP members here are counting the 1962 election.

Stumps are valuable. Entering logs pull up sound stumps of long-dead trees. Those with most grain in them are worth \$6,000.

Old-fashioned solid walnut furniture banished to attics and barns is being hauled out and refurbished and sold into sheets of veneer. Early veneers were about 1/4 inch thick, but improved cutting

Hyperbaric Chambers

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

Many hospitals are installing hyperbaric chambers to treat a variety of conditions, including heart attacks, gangrene, tetanus, carbon monoxide poisoning, gas gangrene, decompression sickness (the bends). The technique is said to be of value also in the treatment of burns, frostbite, and other conditions.

Operations are performed in the chamber on blue babies and X-ray Americans who are given fight cancer. This is the treatment of cancer. This was used to treat Patrick Bouvier Kennedy, who died shortly after birth from hyaline membrane disease.

The guests administered to individuals sitting or lying in a high-pressure chamber. The pressure can be likened to administering oxygen to a person in a caisson 33 to 66 feet under water where the pressure is two to three atmospheres.

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I am not trying to underestimate the value of hyperbaric oxygenation. But time will tell whether the treatment will be successful and an improvement over existing remedies. It may be lifesaving for those who are gasping for carbon monoxide poisoning. An unanswered question is whether it is worth the expense to run, or not, or to have women appointed since January, including two women ambassadors, to whom Mrs. Johnson drew attention. She very properly looked beyond the United States to the worldwide "revolution of the rising expectations of women."

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she has been greatly—and sometimes controversially—concerned about helping other women achieve the best that is in them. There is a kind of poetic justice in the President's appointment of her as the first woman to the Atomic Energy Commission. But she is just one of the women appointed since January, including two women ambassadors, to whom Mrs. Johnson drew attention. She very properly looked beyond the United States to the worldwide "revolution of the rising expectations of women."

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Experience is what you have left when everything else is gone.—Niagara Falls Review.

Roamer's second wife? "No, it's the first wife."—Montreal Star.

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"For quite a while I was bothered by a noise in my right ear," he complained. "How did you get rid of it?" "I had it removed."—Galt Reporter.

As a device for finding water, a diving rod can't compare with a child playing outside in Spring with his rubber gun. Hamilton Spectator.

Khrushchev And Red China

By Harold Merriam

The threat of a Moscow-Peking showdown has receded as the two governments prepare to celebrate his 70th birthday, still firmly in the saddle. It is not that Khrushchev knows that the Communist world is in trouble and that the Soviet Union is in a predicament. He knows that the Communist world is in trouble and that the Soviet Union is in a predicament.

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