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Civic Affairs

The Charlottetown Board of Trade is concerned, and rightly so, at the apparent lack of interest in the forthcoming civic election.

The election is on Wednesday, Feb. 10, and it may be that by nomination day, Feb. 3, there will be indications of a lively contest for the mayoralty.

The change in system may have its advantages, but it has certainly tended to dampen electoral enthusiasm and it is against this apathy that the Board of Trade is protesting.

It is to be hoped, as well, that citizens who feel that they can make a contribution to the efficiency of our civic administration will be under no hesitancy in coming forward for nomination.

As the Board statement says, the complexity of municipal financing has grown with the years. So has the need for avoiding improvident spending and concentrating on a sound system of economic planning.

Ontario's Proposals

Having signified Ontario's intention of participating in the Canada Pension Plan, Premier Robarts has now produced recommendations for changes in the plan which will be presented to the joint parliamentary committee considering the matter.

First it is urged that the implementation of the pension scheme be withheld until the Royal Commission on taxation has determined how the new taxation it will involve can be fitted most logically into its own recommendations for taxation and fiscal reform.

EDITORIAL NOTE

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from contributions on the first \$600 a year of earnings be abolished. All earners would thus make contributions as well as draw benefits, and a \$25-a-month minimum would be established for all who qualify for graduated benefits under the Canada Pension Plan.

All of these recommendations would increase the cost to the country of the pension plan. To offset this, Ontario proposes that a retirement test be used to determine entitlement for benefit between the ages of 65 and 70, and that a 20-year instead of a 10-year period be allowed before the plan will pay maximum benefits.

In reviewing these proposals the Toronto Globe and Mail suggests that they may not represent the final answer to all pension problems, but they are worthy of serious consideration because they are directed toward closing the most gaping holes in the Canada Pension Plan as it now stands.

A Strange Affair

For once, spokesmen of the four Opposition parties are in agreement in criticizing Prime Minister Pearson for keeping silent on his abrupt dismissal of Hon. Yvon Dupuis from his cabinet.

The exchange of letters between Mr. Dupuis and the Prime Minister, and the press statement issued by the former minister, shed no light on the subject. Mr. Dupuis statement, indeed, rather adds to the confusion as he indicates that he resigned at his own request, whereas Mr. Pearson's office earlier announced that the resignation had been demanded.

Mr. Dupuis has said that he does not intend to let anyone attack his reputation with impunity. But isn't this precisely what the Prime Minister's silence amounts to? As one commentator points out, until all the facts are made public the former minister will be subject to all sorts of rumors and conjecture.

Mr. Dupuis had apparently served the Liberal party well for many years, and a great political future was prophesied for him. His story is that on return from a long trip to Asia and Africa on an official mission for the Canadian government, he learned of scandalous rumors being circulated about him, and he immediately asked the Prime Minister and Justice Minister to start an RCMP inquiry.

The announcement issued by the press secretary to the Prime Minister stated simply that the Prime Minister had asked Mr. Dupuis "to relinquish his position in the federal administration," and left it at that.

This is not good enough, as Opposition spokesmen maintain. We do not think it warrants recovering the Commons ahead of schedule to debate the issue, but certainly it should be given top priority on the agenda when the session resumes.

It is begging the question to argue that a clarifying statement cannot be made because of the RCMP inquiry now under way. This is not a judicial inquiry, as Mr. Pearson very well knows; and if it was initiated at Mr. Dupuis' own request, as he says, it makes still less comprehensible the blunt announcement of his dismissal.

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MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Still Active In Wheat Sales Promotion

Alvin Hamilton, widely acclaimed as Canada's most successful wheat salesman when he was Minister of Agriculture, was his striving to expand Canada's export sales, during a holiday trip to Washington.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. The Guardian is unable to enter into any correspondence regarding letters submitted.

THE PRICE OF FOWL

Sir,—We read with interest a letter in the Forum on Monday, Jan. 25, on the price of fowl by Mr. Frank Moran.

I like Mr. Moran, can't understand why there is no market for fowl and no price as stated, especially when we go to the stores right here and see chickens selling for 59 cents per pound and broilers at 53 cents per pound.

Some time ago while passing one of our stores we noticed a farmer with a lovely lot of dressed chickens in the five and six pound class, very clean. Making it my business to ask the price, he said, "I finally sold them to the manager for 30 cents a pound."

Recently on a trip to Boston, I visited the different larger markets and stores like First National and A. and P. stores and markets. Here we found chicken selling regular daily at 29 cents per pound and at some stores 25 cents per pound.

There is something wrong right here and I agree with Mr. Moran, that if we had a market here for fowl where they could be bought at reasonable prices, we would gladly buy them. Some times we go to the supermarkets and see heavy fowl advertised at some special price, maybe 35 cents a pound, not dressed, head and feet still on, and all the feathers on the neck. This style bird is weighed in this state and then head and feet taken off and you can take it home with the innards still in and do the rest of the dressing or eat it as it is.

goods. Their status symbols are of course the bicycles, and the wrist watch and the radio set which were the articles we coveted most in the Thirties.

More significantly, he also brought home the firm conviction that China would be a good customer for wheat and other Canadian exports.

One may reasonably deduce that the main theme in Alvin Hamilton's conversations in Washington was the advantages which would flow from modifying the Battle Act sufficient to open the door to U.S.-China trade, and hence to Canada-China trade.

This was incidentally Alvin's third visit to the Far East. He first went there during the war when he served on the Burma frontier with the RCAF. The next time he was Minister of Agriculture, he flew to Hong Kong to sign the Canada-China wheat agreement.

So Many Hopes, Plots

New York Herald Tribune

It was a small coffin to hold so many hopes, so many plots, so much pomp and circumstance. For three centuries, ever since the Conqueror landed in England, the de Montbrys had been accumulating titles and manors until in 1478, five-year-old Anne Mowbray was, by right of inheritance, one of the greatest and wealthiest subjects of the Crown.

So they married her to the little Duke of York, to bolster the shaky throne of the Duke's brother, so briefly Edward V. Neither marriage nor all the Mowbray power was enough, amid the convulsions of the Wars of the Roses, to help Edward V.

With the young bridegroom, he was sent to the Tower—where both (after some pathetic reports of young boys playing in the Tower garden) disappeared. Little Anne died at eight; her dignities and manors were divided among the Howards and the Berkeleys; she was entombed in Westminster Abbey until Henry the VII built a new chapel there.

Battle Of The Numbers

Financial Post

Canada's efforts to accelerate its growth face strong competition from the U.S. in an unexpected quarter—immigration. The well-populated U.S. it seems, wants to remain a land of opportunity for immigrants. It plans to loosen some of the restrictions which since 1952 have made it appear in the eyes of the world unfriendly to newcomers.

Medical Browsing

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
Gallstone induced appendicitis is so rare, Dr. F.A. Vicari of Chicago decided to report a case in the American Journal of Gastroenterology.

A 14-year-old boy who had been suffering from an obvious gallbladder colic for five days. Pain on the right side had shifted from the upper to the lower abdomen. A diagnosis of acute appendicitis was made, even though there were many gallstone shadows on an X-ray film.

Surgery yielded a gangrenous appendix was found during surgery. It was removed and a gallstone was noted at the base of the organ. The stone must have passed into the intestine during the attack of colic and found its way into the appendix.

Five years ago, when the stiletto heel was popular, we wrote about the damage done when a woman wearing this type of shoe steps on someone's instep. The spike heel also makes a lethal weapon when the wearer decides to use it—well, let's say, in self-defense.

A Liverpool brain surgeon recently reported two cases of skull fracture resulting from such blows. The first victim was a 31-year-old man who was hit on the head by a woman during a "fracas in a public house."

Water in ear canals. Mrs. F.H. writes: I am hard of hearing. Recently water got into my ears and now I hear a constant sizzling and my hearing is worse. Please advise.

Mental illness. M.W. writes: Has research uncovered the cause of schizophrenia? No. It may be of chemical origin or caused by previous injury to the brain.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Canada's highway toll in '65 is estimated at 4,800 dead, 140,000 injured, an increase in each category. So act that you'll not become a statistic. — Windsor Star.

In New Jersey a computer sent out 80,000 drivers' license notices which would expire "Nov. 31, 1967." Sad to report it was human error that caused it. — Ottawa Journal.

A man walked into a pool parlor and said: "I will give a dollar to the laziest man here." A man lying on a billiard table: "Roll me over, buddy, and stick it in my back pocket." — Financial Post.

One of the curiosities of Winnipeg at 25 below is the status of air conditioners. They are seen huddled on office window ledges, receding from the Arctic climate which they seek to simulate during summer. Inwards of most are frozen solid.

The New Chinese Stand

By Carman Cumming
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Two heavy ironies underlie the continuing United Nations exchanges on seating Communist China. The first is that China's interest in a seat appears to be fading just at a time when her chances of getting one seem better than ever before.

The second is that Peking's reason for her lack of interest—the UN is controlled by the imperialists—is probably less valid than ever before. On the contrary, the influence of the Afro-Asian bloc is increasing along with its membership.

Both statements were made in the context of President Sukarno's withdrawal of Indonesia from the UN. They raise questions of whether Peking is only making a pressure play against the West or whether it really is interested in Sukarno's idea of a grouping of the "new emerging forces."

Our Yesterdays

(From the Guardian Files)

Twenty-five years ago (January 27, 1940) A large Snowy owl that had been dining sumptuously on Hungarian partridges since before Christmas, fell to the gun of Gordon Brown, Fowling this week. The bird, an adult male, was snow white in color.

Ten years ago (January 27, 1955) Mr. Fulton Robertson was re-elected president of the Spring Park Community Club at the annual meeting held last night in the village hall.

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