

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew
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ing in the limelight as an apostle of party unity.

If Dief decides to stay at the helm, it is expected that he will announce this in mid-January and begin a determined campaign for a new mandate from the party's convention. But the Gazette writer says that some of his caucus loyalists, who backed him to the hilt at the annual meeting and subsequently, are convinced that he is preparing to resign.

A Pilot Project

A lot has been said at Ottawa about the need for electoral reform, but nobody seems very anxious to do much about it. In Quebec province, chief electoral officer Francois Drouin will write the final report early next year on a pioneer project of this kind. It was tested out in the provincial general election last June, and Mr. Drouin has no hesitation now in pronouncing the experiment a success.

The spending limits, first of their kind in Canada, allowed each candidate to spend 60 cents for each of the first 10,000 eligible voters in his riding, 50 cents for each of the next 10,000 and 40 cents each for the remaining number. Recognized political parties—those entering candidates in at least 10 of the 108 provincial ridings—were entitled to spend 25 cents for each member of the total electorate of all the ridings in which they had candidates. This limit, applying to the general campaign of the party, was distinct from the limits applied to the candidates in the individual ridings. In all, a major party and its 108 candidates could spend a total of \$2,388,252. Generous enough at that, it would seem. But the new limit is still a spectacular reduction from what was spent in the past.

There has been no clear-cut test of the law's enforceability, for no one has been charged with violating it. But the chief electoral officer is convinced that the strict requirement that all spending be done by the official agent of the candidate or party, and that the agent's report be accompanied by all the relevant invoices, and other safeguards, would make a violation difficult to conceal. Now that the bulk of the evidence has come in in the six months since the voting, it is clear that the law's key clauses have proved, in Mr. Drouin's words, "useful, necessary, effective."

Startling Indeed

A new glimpse at the future was provided by a state official at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington the other day. "Out of our new capacity to cope rigorously with massive amounts of international behavioral data, to organize it, to manipulate it, and to test it against a broad array of hypotheses," he said in the characteristic jargon of a well-trained bureaucrat, "may come some startling results."

What this boiled down to was the fact that high-speed electronic computers may play increasingly key roles in helping forge future foreign policy and perhaps training diplomats. Of course, computers—however versatile—will always need smart men to handle the console controls and, in effect, ask the right questions of the robot. But, said the official, "Who knows how far we may go in this direction? Is it too much to postulate that some day we will prepare diplomats for tariff negotiation encounters by putting them through a computer-aided simulation in a manner not unlike our astronauts' rehearsal for their first approach to the moon?"

Who knows, indeed? And if diplomats can be subjected to electronic overhauls in this manner, why not cabinet ministers and the rank and file of our politicians generally? The possibilities for improvement by orbiting them into new perspectives are endless. But the thought haunts us that there could be corresponding disadvantages, and we are old-fashioned enough to hope that if the change must come, it won't be in our time. Better to put up with the ills we have, as the saying goes, than fly to others that we know not of!

EDITORIAL NOTE

We're not the old meanies we thought we were. A Montreal fund-raising consultant has come up with news that Canadians donated an estimated \$550 million, or \$27.50 each this year to community funds, hospitals, universities, churches and other institutions supported by gifts—the largest amount on record,



WINTER SCENE, VICTORIA PARK

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Sneak Preview Of What's In The Offing

By special arrangement with the author, Thomson Newspapers are able to offer, for your interest or amusement, a sneak preview of extracts from Old Padraig's famous Almanac of Predictions for 1967.—Starting in January, Canadians will enjoy larger earnings than ever before, and will be invited to pay over more taxes than ever before.

In February culture in our Capital will be plodding onwards, as more of the taxpayers' \$45 million are sunk in Ottawa's permanent make-work project to build three theatres in "Pearson's Pit" beside the National War Memorial.

Before the snow melts, old age pensioners will be made to discover that their supplementary \$20 per month is diminished by deductions such as personal income tax and hospital insurance. Late in March, Old Scrooge Sharp will be around again, raising taxes for those same old-age pensioners—and for everyone else too.

In or around April, four provinces will call centennial general elections. These will be happy hunting grounds for the new Democrats, who will pick up votes and seats, notably in Ontario and Saskatchewan.

In May, natural resources will begin to steal the limelight from wheat in Saskatchewan, as discovery and development race ahead. Brenda will become the darling of British Columbia.

By June, the wage increases demanded at the point of the strike in 1966 will have filtered through in the retail level, raising store prices to the chagrin of Mrs. Casack.

CENTENNIAL HURRAHS Prominent among the national birthday celebrations will be a ceremony on the "lawns in front of the Parliament Building on 1st July. At this, the honour of Companion of the 25th anniversary of Canada will be conferred upon 15 distinguished persons. Quebec's centennial highlight, Expo 67, will be running below the forecast of fifty million visitors. Tourists will be otherwise entertained where the action is, watching Helmyer's sea-borne soldiers climbing the rigging in their bell-bottom kilts.

The CBC will have as its new executive head a monolingual English-speaking Canadian. Governor General George's Vastier will bow out in 1967, to enjoy the first Governor-General's pension which will be initiated before then. He will be succeeded by Hon. Roland Michener, now Canadian High Commissioner to India. Mike Pearson will resign as Liberal leader in September, and his place will be taken—without a leadership convention—by Paul Martin in the role of caretaker prime minister until 1968, barring accidents.

Our Yesterdays

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 26, 1941) The United States navy announced that it suspects the presence of Japanese craft in Alaskan waters, uncomfortably close to Kodiak Island where a naval air station is under construction.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 26, 1956) Hundred-mile-an-hour gales smashed Nova Scotia knocking out communications and leaving a trail of wreckage through fishing villages and industrial areas. The southern coastal and inland sections of Prince Edward Island were hit hard also, with exceptionally heavy wind gusts.

Two candidates for the Christian Ministry in the United Church of Canada, Ian MacLean and David MacDonald were formally received by the Prince Edward Island Presbytery of the United Church.

By November, nationwide clamour will have compelled the federal government to impose more meaningful protection for automobile passengers, and to curb the pollution of our fair land, air, water, flora and fauna. The Tories' Flora Macdonald will not be curbed. At the Christmas Party given by Conservative MPs John Diefenbaker will again be the guest of honour. 1967 will see many prominent Liberal politicians retire. These will include former Finance Minister Walter Gordon, followed by Registrar-General

Guy Favreau, and later by Justice Minister Lucien Cardin, Fisheries Minister Hédard Robichaud and Transport Minister Jack Pickersgill. Most will go to pasture in lush fields. If other ministers such as Bud Drury, Bob Winters, Jack Nicholson, Judy LaMarsh and George McNeil are still in office at the end of the year, they will not be able to say truthfully that they never considered making way for the upturning young Liberals in Parliament.

The Roughies will bring the Grey Cup back where it belongs in Centennial Year.

Now A Minority

One would be inclined to think the large majority of members of the Commons in Britain would be Englishmen, with a scattering of Scottish, Irish, Welsh or others. But one member has it all figured out that the English members are now a minority of the House.

He is Elystan Morgan, himself a Welshman. He estimates there are at least 130 members who are either Welsh or of Welsh descent and that, if the Scottish and Irish are added, these minorities comprise the majority.

Perhaps it is the genius of the English that they are willing to accept the best of the lesser races and use them to their own advantage. This is nothing new, as many have been put into the highest places. David Lloyd George was Welsh; and Bonar

Law, Ramsay MacDonald and Harold Macmillan were Scots. (Bonar Law was born in Canada but reared in Scotland.) Disraeli, of course, was Jewish.

Come to think of it, how long will it be before those of English, Irish and Scottish origin combined will be out-numbered in Canada's Commons? It won't be very long, with increasing numbers of men or women of German, Ukrainian, Polish, Italian and other origins, combined with those of the French race, being elected.

We don't complain about this and, indeed, it won't matter much. In a few generations except for new immigrants, there will be few in Canada who will be able to boast of being of "pure stock" of any kind. Inter-marriage is taking care of that.

In The Sweet Bi & Bi

Yes, William Skoreyko, there really is a Royal Commission on Biculturalism and Bilingualism. We'd almost forgotten about it until you asked a question in the House of Commons.

Prime Minister Lester Pearson answered the concern of Mr. Skoreyko, the MP for Edmonton East, by saying he had requested a report from the commission by the end of the year. That will be three years and five months after the federal government appointed the inquiry.

In that time the commission has amassed a staff totalling 223 at last count and has spent almost \$5 million, including \$478,000 provided for current accounts in the latest government supply bill.

In an interim report, well over a year ago, the commission viewed with alarm what it saw as a grave danger of disruption facing the future of the nation. But it offered no clue for averting the crisis.

But time may move too fast for the commission in its quest for a partnership of Canada's two founding races, who have to some extent taken matters into their own hands. Quebec, for example, has established its own inquiry. The federal government is attempting to sweeten the union, through civil service reforms and national emblems.

The provinces are conducting cultural exchanges, mainly through students. The CBC is

SOLDIER SHOT AT HOME AMMAN (AP)—A three-man Syrian Army patrol armed with sub-machine-guns crossed into Jordan early Wednesday and shot a Jordanian soldier, Cpl. Issi Murafi, about 500 yards from the frontier. The soldiers knocked on the door and, when Murafi opened it, they shot him dead. Then they returned to Syria.

NUN BRUSHED ASIDE LONDON (Reuters)—A black-robed nun and a broom-wielding doorman tried to stop a gang of jewel thieves armed with a shotgun and sledgehammer in North London Thursday. But the five thieves brushed aside the nun as she tried to speak to them and beat up 34-year-old Christopher Keys after he lashed out at them with a broom. The bandits smashed a jewelry store window with their hammer and made off with \$10,000 (\$20,000).

Frostbite Degrees

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Some individuals are better able than others to withstand exposure to cold. The aged, unhealthy, and victims of poor circulation are most vulnerable.

Frostbite is classified according to degrees, much like burns. In first degree frostbite there is redness but in second degree, blisters form with destruction of the entire surface of the skin. In third degree frostbite, the full thickness of the skin and some of the underlying tissues are destroyed. Blood-filled blisters are noted and gangrene of the skin is not unusual. With fourth degree damage, the entire digit or limb is frozen and becomes gangrenous and mummified.

Stinging pain and numbness are the initial signs of overexposure to cold. When they occur, do not pinch or rub the parts with snow or jump up and down in an effort to revive the bloodless extremity. Only 20 per cent of victims develop these warning symptoms, however; the unawareness may lead to additional damage through injury or continued exposure. Never remove the shoes until reaching the place where treatment is available.

Rapid, rather than slow, re-warming of the affected part is the favored treatment. Best results are obtained when warm (not hot) water is used. As soon as the temperature of the tissues returns to normal, the individual is exposed to room temperature but he remains in bed until the blisters dry and the tissues heal.

Following frostbite, the victim usually remains sensitive to cold thereafter. Changes such as blanching, numbness, tingling, and coldness of the parts are noted in the skin even when the weather is cool. These people must be unusually careful during the winter months to guard against exposure. Greasing the skin of the face and extremities will help and woolen socks and heavy mittens over the gloves are recommended.

CLIMATE PROBLEMS L. Q. writes: I moved from Illinois to New Mexico because of asthma. My asthmatic condition has been relieved but I have had a stuffy nose for six months. Is the climate responsible?

REPLY You may be developing sensitivity to dust or the dry climate has affected the membranes of your nose, particularly if your nasal membranes were damaged previously through repeated respiratory infections or over-treatment.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Cynthia — "How is your husband?" Dorothy — "I haven't seen him for five years. I think I must have said something to annoy him." — Montreal Star.

"This model train does everything", the clerk declared. "It whistles, releases smoke, even drops off the mail." "I'll take it," Dad whispered, while his young son was busy at the other end of the counter. "I'm sure your son will enjoy it", the clerk said. "I guess you're right," father reflected. "Better make it two." — Financial Post.

There is a shortage of doctors in Communist China. Not only that, but when you're sick the only book anybody can bring you in the hospital is the collected works of Mao Tse-tung. — Calgary Herald.

Visitor: "What nice buttons you are sewing on your little

their suit. My husband—once had some like that on his suit." Vicar's wife: "Yes, I got all my buttons out of the collection plate." — Hamilton Spectator.

The old Scotsman lay dying and his wife and doctor stood by. The good man closed his eyes and the doctor feeling the patient's pulse said, "I'm afraid he's gone." Weakly the man opened his eyes and murmured, "Not quite yet, Doctor." "Hold your tongue, man," said his wife. "How should you be knowing better than our doctor?" — Montreal Star.

"We are surprised that we haven't received anything from you", the collection letter began. In a few days the letter came back with a note penciled across the bottom of the page: "There's no reason to be surprised. I didn't send anything." — Toronto Star.

Going To The Dogs?

So much a part of the family are many dogs, it is not unusual at this time for someone to ask "What are we going to get the dog for Christmas?" In our part of the world, at least, the canine is now a considerable factor of human affairs.

A reliable estimate places the number of homes in North America where dogs are pampered pets at more than 15 million. The dog food industry is a multimillion dollar business. Thousands of dog kennel firms, leash manufacturers and veterinarians are sustained by the modern popularity of the dog. Americans spent more than half a billion dollars annually on

their pets. Kennel shops sell sweaters and low-calorie diet food to a perfume—"Kennel No. 5". There are more than 20,000 veterinarians in the United States backed by 5,000 small-animal hospitals to minister to dogs' aches and pains.

In the golden age of the dog, the Animal Rescue League of Boston pampers its canine guests with air-conditioning, electrically operated kennel doors, and piped-in music! In days of so much human misery around the world, some should be criticized too severely for holding an opinion that the world is going to the dogs.

Anyone For Pigeon Pie?

The British Parliament, like other seats of government, has often pigeon-holed public matters it would rather not deal with. And this is precisely what is likely to happen in the case of Parliament pigeons versus public opinion.

The birds are getting to be a serious problem in the roof of the Parliament building endangers the structure, and pigeon feathers have been drawn into members' private offices through the ventilating system. It would be judicious to mention the other problems arising from the presence of the birds.

But there are too many bird lovers in the country to expect politicians to fly in the face of

public opinion by exterminating the pests. They will suffer in silence. The politicians, that is, not the birds.

How does one get rid of pigeons, anyway, without doing them in? It's not easy. We are reminded of the French approach to the pigeon problem in Paris a year or so ago. Hundreds of the birds were trapped and carried off into the country in trucks. They were tagged and released miles from the city in the hope they would make a home for themselves in their new environment.

Did the birds appreciate this kindly treatment? They did not. They went back in Paris before the trucks!



His Worship Mayor George A. Key Jr. and Mrs. Key Will hold their NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION at the Town Hall, Summerside, on Monday, January 2nd, 1967, from 4.30 P. M. to 6.15 P. M. J. E. CAMERON, Town Clerk-Treasurer



Premier Alexander B. and Mrs. Campbell will receive in the lower foyer of the Confederation Centre Monday, January 2nd from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. Both ladies and gentlemen will be received Please use box office entrance on Queen Street A VISITING CARD WOULD BE APPRECIATED

