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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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New Ferry Requirements

It will be recalled that at the last session of the Legislature a comprehensive report on our car ferry and causeway requirements was submitted, discussed and unanimously adopted for presentation at Ottawa.

While the committee said that the ferry should be of modern icebreaker design, and equivalent in carrying capacity to the M.V. Abegweit, it was careful not to say that it should be built like the Abegweit, as a train ferry.

This reason was the need of making the new boat independent altogether of C.N.R. schedules. Premier Matheson, Dr. Dewar, Mr. R.R. Bell and other speakers on both sides voiced strong complaint with regard to the existing holdup in passenger and automobile service.

After investigating, and turning down a suggestion for acquiring the old "Vacationland" in Michigan, the Federal Government announced its plans for constructing a new boat in accordance with the views of our Legislature.

That is the situation, and we think it would be highly detrimental to our interests provincially to press for a change of plans now. It would not only mean delaying construction of the new boat and placing us more than ever at the mercy of railway schedules, but it would serve to convince Ottawa that we don't really know what we want, and are consistent only in our unreasonableness.

New Coal Inquiry

All will hope that the new Royal Commission to be appointed to investigate the coal industry will be productive of good results. Unfortunately, however, the efforts of other Commissions to find a solution to the coal marketing problem have been unfruitful, except to the government of the day in shelving responsibility for the economic consequences.

The most recent, and one of the gloomiest, studies was that included in the Gordon Report on Canada's Economic Prospects, which recommended, if we remember correctly, an exodus of miners from depressed Maritime areas to more favored industrial centres in Ontario. It was in 1946, however, that the industry last received the benefit of a full scale inquiry by the Carroll Royal Commission.

Assistance Act of 1949 (extended in the last session) the mechanization program has been about two-thirds completed. But the nature of mining operations in Nova Scotia has made this a long and costly process. For example, machinery suitable for use in the American pits was unsuited for use in long corridors running, in some instances, for four miles under sea.

To relieve a crisis situation this year the Diefenbaker Government increased subventions to Nova Scotia coal moving to the Central Provinces by some \$4,300,000 (it is now almost \$12,500,000 a year) and also added 50 cents a ton on 100,000 tons of Alberta coal moving to Japan.

There is a general belief, says a writer in the Winnipeg Free Press, in which the subject is dealt with comprehensively, that the situation will be easier by the mid-1960s. This hope rests in part on evidence that coal will continue to be in demand by steel plants and other heavy industries. It is also thought that new outlets will be provided by increasing resort to thermal power units as low cost water power sites become inadequate.

Perhaps the new Commission will find a better solution, discerning possibilities not evident to its predecessors or to the permanent coal board. If so, no time should be lost in implementing its recommendations.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An Atlas Intercontinental missile "capable of hurling nuclear devastation one-quarter way around the world" was fired on Wednesday by the U.S. Air Force. An advance salute, no doubt, to Premier Khrushchev.

Our lobster packers should heed Mr. Eugene Gorman's warning that the Island industry is declining and that more advanced processing methods are needed to bring it back. This was once a major source of wealth to our fisheries; we cannot afford not to supply it with the modern machinery required.

Maritime trade opportunities in the booming North were again emphasized by APEC President Frank MacKinnon in his address to the Island members of the organization on Wednesday. Dr. MacKinnon has done a great work in inspiring enthusiasm for this new outlet for our products, which years hence will be of much greater value than it is today.

It is a measure of how things change, says the Montreal Gazette, that the new Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada should be the Archbishop of Edmonton. For the first Anglican bishop in Canada, appointed in the 18th century, was the Bishop of Halifax. He had all Canada for his diocese. Only once did he have time to make the journey as far west as Montreal.

According to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, June milk production was larger this year than last in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Output in each in thousands of pounds (year earlier figures in brackets) was Prince Edward Island, 27,443 (28,478); Nova Scotia, 41,530 (41,367); New Brunswick, 54,206 (55,237); Quebec, 789,115 (786,714); Ontario, 695,369 (675,959); Manitoba, 135,727 (130,194); Saskatchewan, 153,114 (149,795); Alberta, 168,604 (167,955); and British Columbia, 61,921 (58,202).



TAKE YOUR TIME--SAVE A LIFETIME

Looking Back Financially

Arthur Blakely in the Montreal Gazette

Governments come, and governments go. But governmental expenditures keep climbing. The records make for melancholy reading. In 1968, the year after Confederation, the Government of Canada spent money on a scale that at once dismayed and appalled the critics of the time.

In 1969-70, the Canadian Government will spend no less than \$63,000,000 through the National Research Council and for all things associated with atomic energy. By 1901, Sir John A. Macdonald was some years in his grave and his Government had been supplanted by a new Liberal Government pledged to economy.

Another decade later, by the end of 1911, a bigger and better Canada was beginning to emerge. But many businessmen argued persuasively that too high a price was being paid for progress. Ottawa's budgetary spending, for all responsibilities in all fields of federal jurisdiction, had soared to \$32,579,490—something like \$7.66 per head of population.

Sun Shines On British Tories

By Alan Harvey Canadian Press Staff Writer

Prime Minister Macmillan smilingly admits that things are breaking his way. With the disarming frankness that has become something of a political trademark, "Supermac" acknowledges—privately and publicly—that fortune has favored his Conservative government in the last few months.

But, he says blandly, you mustn't begrudge a politician a little luck now and again. This year, the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys—one of the small-to-medium agencies of the federal Government—warm September sun shone from a flawless sky.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of any subject of current interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of contributors.

A GREAT ACTOR Sir, Your kind reference to that sterling actor, Edmund Gwenn, was much appreciated. During the passing years many stage and screen actors and actresses have answered "the final curtain". The latest to answer the call is Edmund Gwenn, a fine character actor who won the Academy Award in 1947 for the role he played as Santa Claus.

Traits Common To Hard Drinkers

By Herman N. Budesnes, M. D. WHAT makes a person a problem drinker? While we can't pinpoint every case, of course, we do know many of the specific traits that most steady drinkers have in common.

YIELDS UNDER STRAIN For one thing, the problem drinker just doesn't stand up under emotional strain. Disappointment, grief, frustration—any such emotional disturbance will generally cause him to seek escape via the bottle.

Moreover, he rationalizes his actions, his weak points. He is, in short, emotionally immature. He is self-centered and seldom is concerned about others.

He drinks to escape reality and finds that alcohol builds a protective wall around him. Nothing can bother him. Liquor gives him confidence, so much so, in fact, that he is apt at any moment to stand up and issue the challenge of most alcoholics: "I can lick anybody in the place."

Yet, at the same time, most drinkers have an inner desire to be dependent upon someone. They want to be babied. They are filled with self pity. These conflicting characteristics make it doubly difficult to help such persons.

QUESTION AND ANSWER C. G. P.: Every month I have to have a course of shots for anemia. Can you tell me what causes this condition and if there is any diet that could keep my blood count up?

Answer: There are numerous causes for anemia, including excess loss of blood from some source, iron deficiency and certain internal diseases. In iron deficiency cases, a diet rich in iron containing foods, such as meat and liver, and supplementary iron and mineral vitamin medication will be helpful.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Sept. 11, 1934) The P.E.I. Dental Association held its 34th annual meeting on Wednesday evening in the Canadian Legion Rooms, Charlottetown, with Dr. A.L. Purdy of Alberton presiding.

TEN YEARS AGO (Sept. 11, 1949) Lt. Col. A.W. Rogers, commanding the 17th P.E.I. Recce, and Major J.T. Davies with 14th Armoured Brigade Headquarters, will attend the annual conference of the Canadian Armoured Corps Association at Camp Borden.

The Poets Corner

DOVES TRIAL FLIGHT Tik to the sun their pearl gray feathers flash And whiten as they wheel, glad to be free.

GET NATIONAL POSTS TORONTO (CP) — Two new appointments to national posts were announced Thursday by the women's missionary society of the United Church of Canada.

CROSS-CANADA TRIP

TORONTO (CP) — John Schmitz and Ed Fitzgerald of Prince George, B.C., arrived here Tuesday on their cross-Canada trip in a midjet European car.

SEWER PLATE MISSING

TORONTO (CP) — The unlikeliest disappearance of the year was revealed in suburban Scarborough Tuesday. Breeve A. M. Campbell said the loss of a very large baffle plate weighing hundreds of pounds from a sewer 15 feet underground was not noticed until residents began complaining that sewage was backing up.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Prime Minister Macmillan's supporters in Britain receive with mixed feelings the word that label badges "I Back Mac" will be available for the next election. Not quite British you know!—Ottawa Journal

There are about fifty beggars in Frankfurt, and it is not a bad profession. Thanks to the generosity of U.S. soldiers and tourists the professionals among them make an average of \$10 a day. In other words, a beggar's income is double the salary of the average German worker.—Neue Presse, Frankfurt

A paragraph of history—of Canadian history—quite any written before, is in this week's news. One reads it with mingled surprise and pain, finally with relief in the realization that in sociology and social justice we advance. The Canadian Jewish Congress has organized a celebration to honor Ezekiel Hart who was Canada's first elected Jewish legislator, but never was allowed to vote because of his religion.—Cape Breton Post.

The time when the number of automobiles whizzing past a shop had any bearing upon the business likely to be done is gone forever. What counts is with what ease such places may be reached from the nearest parking lot. Of course, there are a few businesses such as gasoline stations and car wash premises which do not come under this category.—Hamilton Spectator

Limits In Cuba

Christian Science Monitor

The farther Fidel Castro goes, the more justification there seems to be for his emphasis on the word "revolution". He and his followers were not just sweeping away the Batista gang but are setting out to realign the order of Cuban society and to reshape the nature of Cuba's economy.

There are many dangers in this wide-eyed manner of operating a government. Premier Castro himself, still worked up over the supposed need to protect his revolution against its enemies, is unseeing as to the need for protection from the pseudo friends. The business and professional and university men who speak out in the Government's behalf represent that middle class which provided the support for Castro's movement during its long guerrilla struggle in the mountains.

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