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Argument Revived

The controversy over whether the chicken or the egg came first seems to have found a counterpart in the wrangle at Ottawa about when the nation's economy started moving out of the slump it was in a few years ago, and whether the Tories or the Liberals should be credited with the achievement.

According to Opposition Leader Diefenbaker, the current growth in the economy was really started when the Conservatives were in power two years ago.

Probably it doesn't matter much to the public at large. But for what it is worth we find in a recent article by a top-ranking Liberal commentator, Bruce Hutchison, an explanation of the matter which is at least refreshingly free from partisan bias.

"In Canada," writes Mr. Hutchison, "we should not overdo our self-congratulation because the economy is growing fast, with marginal inflation so far. It was growing, in fact, well before Mr. Pearson promised to end the stagnation unfairly blamed on Mr. Diefenbaker."

That, of course, didn't prevent the Liberals from spreading "Diefenbucks" all over the country in the last election campaign, nor will it prevent the Tories from roundly denouncing Mr. Pearson and Mr. Gordon if the economy takes another slump.

The British Way

A contrast of interest to Canadian voters has been drawn by a London correspondent between election spending in the national campaigns now running concurrently in the United States and Great Britain.

Most of the spending in Britain occurs before a campaign formally gets under way—that is, before the Prime Minister asks the Sovereign to dissolve Parliament, as Sir Alec Douglas-Home did on September 15.

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extolling the virtues of a candidate, but they go up only if they can be financed under a strictly-enforced budget and if the candidate or the agent figures that this is the best way to deal with the limited funds. Each candidate is allowed to spend during the period, which this year is exactly one month, \$1,260 plus one and one-half pennies for each voter on the register if it is a borough constituency or 2 pennies if it is a county constituency.

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Bennett's Bigger Scheme

New Brunswick Premier Robichaud's talk about one big Maritime Province got a lot of publicity at the recent Charlottetown conference, but it was old stuff to Prince Edward Islanders and didn't cause Premier Shaw to bat an eyelash.

The Winnipeg Free Press has been scanning the map to measure the extent of Mr. Bennett's dream. It finds that if the two areas were to join up with British Columbia, that province would extend from the Pacific ocean on the west to the Atlantic ocean on the east.

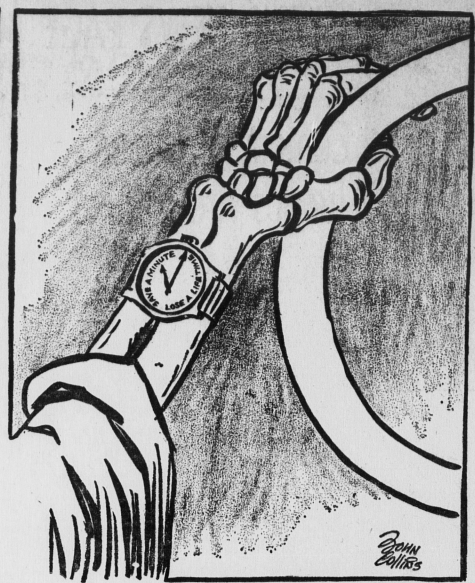
The new province would have an area of some 1.9 million square miles—just about half of the entire nation's area of 3.8 million square miles. The other nine provinces would, geographically speaking, huddle beneath the wing of the new giant.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Musical sensitivity is all very well, but we think a pastor in Los Angeles went too far when he obtained a court order to keep one of his congregation away from church services.

After a 25-minute talk with Pope Paul VI about civil rights last week the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, a Baptist minister and American civil rights leader, told reporters "I think new days have come when a Pope meets a fellow who happens to have the name Martin Luther."

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KEEP THIS HAND OFF THE WHEEL

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

No Legislation Re Magazine Industry

Is our government taking orders from USA? This seems probable in the delay in bringing forward legislation relating to our magazine industry, which is being strangled to death by invaders from USA.

The tragedy behind this situation is that a distinctive Canadianism derives far more from an indigenous culture than from a piece of banting which has been given priority. Mike Pearson is thoroughly aware of this. He, like his predecessors, has insisted that the taxpayers should finance the economic supply of Canadianism over the air waves and be reimbursed to see and hear that—

or else. But the weekly a d monthly impact of ideas and information through the printed word is no less important.

As Prime Minister, Mr. Pearson introduced legislation in Parliament on 11th March. This would have had the effect of keeping further US invaders out of the Canadian magazine field, but would have given free licence to the existing invaders, the so-called "Canadian editions" of Time and Readers Digest.

Why hasn't any action been taken to implement that legislation? The uncertainties are and the reason is because his cabinet is badly split. A few ministers say "leave it right or wrong" and support his proposal. But the wisest ministers point out forcibly that on national grounds and in logic he would be wrong to give favored position to these two foreigners, that he would be barricading the Canadian fortress after defeating invaders had been admitted.

MILL-LEND RUNS

Those two US magazines, Time and Readers Digest, are written and published by US readership by US writers. The huge majority of the content of their so-called Canadian editions is simple a reprint of material written for consumption in the U.S. and already paid for by sales in US. That editorial content is then "dumped" in Canada.

Not many years ago, a Liberal government took decisive action against US textile mills, which were dumping their mill end runs in Canada and thus causing unemployment in an important Canadian industry by unfair competition.

In the ten years 1950-1959, our biggest magazine publisher, Maclean's, has sold out a total of \$1,283,097 as dividends. But in the single year 1960, it was wholly owned by its US parent, paid \$1,000,000 in dividends to USA. In the five years 1955-1959, Maclean's paid writers, mostly Canadians, \$6,102,834 for their contributions; in the same period, Time (Canada) paid out a mere \$485,833 for its editorial content, apparently not all to Canadians.

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Strides Made Against Acne

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen A dermatologist from San Antonio writes: "I think you could do a great service to teenagers and their parents by informing them of the great strides medical science has made in the management of complex problems. As a dermatologist, I am appalled at the lack of knowledge and understanding of the subject among parents and family doctors. Scarring occurs in 20 per cent and this could have been prevented in many of these youngsters with proper care."

The letter was timely because I was just about to write on several suggestions for acne. A team from Boston university medical center felt the same way because they sent out a news release criticizing parents and physicians for taking the attitude that nothing can be done. This leads to unintentional and undesired neglect. This, in turn, offers little solace to the self-conscious teenager with blackheads and pimples.

The Boston group is working on hormones that will decrease the activity of the oil-producing glands. They are aiming at excessive amounts of oily material (sebum) that irritates the skin to form pimples. Meanwhile, they suggest the use of special soaps, drying and peeling lotions, and ultraviolet light.

A Tucson skin specialist traced the flare-up of acne among girls 30 years of age and younger in the use of hair spray. Older girls developed a slight thinning of the frontal hair. In these problems exist, stop spraying or wear a cosmetic mask.

From the University of Pennsylvania comes a report on the benefits derived from the proper use of a comedo extractor. Dr. Edmund D. Lowrey did several control studies on adolescents with acne and found that fewer inflammatory lesions developed when blackheads near the surface are expressed. But pimples and deeper pores should not be mashed or irritated by pressure, as they become cysts and abscesses which might leave scars.

TRANSISTOR FAN

S. C. B. writes: Is there any harm to the heart or body if you keep a transistor radio in your shirt pocket and play it every day?

REPLY

No, but the noise may annoy others. These radios do not give off harmful rays.

NOTES BY THE WAY

May — "A certain young man sent me some flowers this morning." Masad — "Don't say a certain young man, my dear. There is none of them certain. They're 'you've got them.'" — Toronto Star.

A youthful poet mailed his latest creation, entitled "Why Do I Live?" to the editor of a prominent magazine. Within a few days the aspiring poet received his note from the editor: "You live only because you happened to send your poem by mail, instead of bringing it yourself!" — Toronto Star.

Watching de Gaulle's Tour

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff Writer The United States is watching the marathon Latin American tour of General de Gaulle with much more interest than affection. But if the 73-year-old French leader is not loved in Washington, he is accepted as a fact of international life with considerably more equanimity than a year or two ago.

Gen. de Gaulle, in his ceaseless campaign to resurrect French influence and grandeur around the world, has knocked heads with American policies and programs within NATO, on European economic and political unity, on communism in Asia and on a variety of other matters.

Only six months ago he was in Mexico, another territory within the Monroe Doctrine zone, although it is nearly 40 months since he has had a first-hand chat of any length with an American president. That's a long time as diplomacy is practised in the Western Alliance.

Still there is little cynicism read into the official U.S. government statement on the general's visit to 10 countries over 29,000 miles.

The statement said the government welcomes with satisfaction the intensive tour, adding: "We believe that western Europe can play a much more important role in accelerating the economic and social development of this region and that it can thus strengthen the position of the free world nations of the hemisphere."

For his part, the general seems to have been at some pains to avoid strengthening cultural relations.



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