

We're Safeguarded

It is reassuring to know that whatever changes the new bill for electoral redistribution will make with regard to the election of our federal representatives for Quebec, there will be no change in our overall quota of members from this province. Quebec, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Nova Scotia will all lose one or more seats but we are protected by the "New Brunswick" because of the constitutional rule which requires a province to have as many members as the number of its senators. That is something we can thank the John A. Matheson government for in years gone by, for it was through its efforts, chiefly, that this amendment to the BNA Act was put through.

In the new redistribution the average size of riding in provinces which are not under special constitutional guarantee will be 70,000. The figure in Prince Edward Island will be about 26,000, in New Brunswick about 59,000.

Saskatchewan will be the biggest loser (4 seats) and Ontario the biggest gainer (3 seats) in the reallocation under the new act. By the mathematical formula Nova Scotia would have lost 2 of its 12 seats, but another constitutional protection comes into play here. No province may lose more than 15 per cent of its members. Our sister province will accordingly lose one seat, leaving the number of its Commons membership still one above its statutory Senate representation.

The work of the independent commissions to be appointed under the act is expected to take up to a year. Once the new electoral maps are ready, any subsequent general election will be contested on the basis of the new boundaries. One thing is for certain, the act as a result of that rural seats, which have traditionally been smaller in population than urban seats, will be affected most adversely.

In these circumstances, how would we fare if we were to throw away the safeguard we enjoy against loss of our present parliamentary representation, and join the other Atlantic provinces in political wedlock? Almost certainly we'd come out at the wrong end of the deal, in this regard at least.

New ARDA Conference

This province is particularly interested in a federal-provincial conference which will take place in Montreal Nov. 26 and 27, at which the latest federal proposals to amend the Agricultural Rehabilitation Development Act will be discussed. The provinces have reportedly received the new details for study, as they are still being treated as confidential. The usually well-informed Financial Times of Canada makes the following guesses as to their intent:

- 1. Proposals for taking marginal lands out of agriculture and using them for forestry or community pastures. This would be done by purchase, with costs shared by Ottawa and the provinces.
2. Proposals for creating economic farming units through purchase of unproductive farms and their resale or lease to those capable of managing them. This includes assistance with grants and credits, as well as training in farm management.
3. Proposals for generating off-farm jobs in the resources sector, jointly financed by Ottawa and the provinces in such projects as com-

munty pastures and tree planting.

4. Training and re-employment of farmers and farm families to leave the land. This would be done in close co-operation with the federal-provincial vocational training programs under the Department of Labor. It would involve maintaining families on the farm while the father is taking training. Living costs would be paid by ARDA which would also assist in moving families to the jobs. It would be worked out also in co-operation with the Area Development Agency. The ideal would be to locate new industries in rural areas where families would not have to leave their farm homes.

5. Investment in straight make-work programs. Ottawa has put this at the bottom of the list and is doubtful about it.

Since ARDA was begun about three years ago, nearly every province as well as the federal government has seen the need for changes. The latest federal proposals will be matched by proposals from each of the provinces at the Montreal meeting. In March 1965, the changes that are agreed upon will go into effect.

With so much at stake, it is to be hoped that our own provincial requirements will be presented in such a way as to win a full measure of approval.

Mr. Balcer's Proposal

The subject of Senate appointments was discussed in these columns yesterday. Not touched upon was the recent proposal of Hon. Leon Balcer for changing the future personnel of the Upper Chamber by providing for appointments to be made by the several provinces. But it is doubtful how far this would promote the kind of reform we had in mind. As Leslie Roberts points out in the Montreal Star in this connection, "what the Senate needs is a new kind of senator, not a new way of nominating the same old species."

The simple truth is that this problem, as The Star commentator well says, is that neither major or party wants anything done about it, excepting during the periods each party spends in Opposition. The vacant chairs are too important for the purpose of paying political debts. At present they are among the juiciest plums in the Prime Minister's basket. There is no guarantee that provincial governments would use them for the same purpose.

Good men are to be found in the Senate, but they arrived by the wrong process. You couldn't make 96 purely partisan appointments and end up with nothing but duds or time-servers; the law of averages is bound to intervene occasionally. But this doesn't justify the system. It is still not good enough when one stops to realize that, since vacancies are in the gift of the Prime Minister the day, he could, if he so wished, name some of the country's best brains and men of good experience in a wide variety of fields to serve the nation in this area.

Under Mr. Balcer's proposal the Senate seats would become perquisites of provincial office, where now they are the gifts of whoever happens to be federal Prime Minister when vacancies occur. The basic objection would remain, the net result would be the same, and the appointees would still be under the stigma of the political pay-off.

His Best Speeches

A timely announcement has been made from London, to the effect that wartime speeches of Sir Winston Churchill, not heard outside the secret sessions of the British House of Commons before, are to be issued on long-playing records. The album will be released in Britain and on this continent to coincide with the great wartime Prime Minister's 90th birthday, November 30.

The recordings during the secret sessions are of speeches which were regarded as the finest and most stirring Sir Winston ever made. They were never published in the press for security reasons, but were recorded by Sir Winston at the end of World War Two from his verbatim notes.

The records will also bring the opportunity to hear again the famous broadcast speeches which rang round the world over the BBC and rallied Britain and its allies during the last war.

NEEDLE ROCK, NORTH CAPE, P.E.I.

OTTAWA REPORT BY Patrick Nicholson

First Earnings Went Into Empty Mine

Canadians who have lost money buying mining stocks may take comfort from the good company in which they find themselves. For Prime Minister Pearson once acquired 90 north of worth's "a mine pasture." And so to relate, in a lifetime of hard work at many jobs — soldier, pilot, semi-pro baseball player, seamster, packer, teacher, civil servant, ambassador and politician — he was the earnings from his first job — as a newspaper carrier boy — which went down the empty mine.

I picked up this story by chance when I was to look through some of the voluminous correspondence which our busy Prime Minister conducts with children — and conducts personal — as a stereotypical letter handling by a more secretary in good enough for Mike's friends. For he, like Peter Pan, has more than just his famous "boyish grin" in his make-up. He has a "boyish grin" in his make-up. He has a "boyish grin" in his make-up.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest to the general public. It is not to be used for the publication of letters to the editor and correspondence which enters into any correspondence regarding letters submitted.

READY FOR WINTER

A few days ago we read here in the Guardian about winter. Ploughs, trucks and loaders were at the ready for the big bad Mr. Snow. Today we read where the ready has its own, many a ready for the big bad Mr. Snow. Going home at night after work, you find hundreds of cars parked on the streets, we wonder how many of them are ready for winter? how many have driveways, garages, parking lots, etc. to go to in a storm?

It is not time for the police to issue a warning to all car owners who are using the streets as a parking lot for their cars. Under Mr. Balcer's proposal the Senate seats would become perquisites of provincial office, where now they are the gifts of whoever happens to be federal Prime Minister when vacancies occur.

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POTATO HARVESTING

Sir, — I have been very pleased about the resolution to close the rural schools for the potato harvest, passed at the well-attended potato meeting in Summerside, but they should also consider the great difference between our experience — farm boys and girls and the unemployed help — many of whom are from towns with no farm experience, and some who never worked a day in their lives. There is a monetary loss to the island for the school taxes, more than the newly invented friction belt attachment behind an excavator digger which separates the tops and weeds from the potatoes and does the work of about three men, leaving nothing to pick but stones and lumps of clay (the only help man is the one shifting the bags) will put a great many small growers back in profit.

I used such a converted John Deere level and found it highly satisfactory. I am, Sir, DRUMMOND P.E.I.

Little Lobby

The pupils of Grades 3 and 4 at St. Paul's School, 3411 Ste Marie, sound like a good cross section of unophthalmic Canadians. They had a meeting with the Rev. Fr. Rees, Verheyen, Bill, Joly, McGraw, Zahradka and Villeneuve are some of their family names. They all want to support the Three Maple Leaf design.

"Dear Students," replied the Prime Minister. "I want to thank all of you for your letters on the flag issue. Your various suggestions are being considered. I am sure that you have given the matter much thought and I very much appreciate your sincerity. My best wishes to all of you for success in your studies."

There's not a vote in a majority but the Prime Minister makes the time to reply from one and all with his warm, human and individual answer.

Australia And Conscription

Globe and Mail, Toronto

Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies' announcement of a rapid building of Australian defence forces is a sharp reminder of the danger of a resurgence of threatening peace in the Eastern Hemisphere. Previously planned to be reduced to a per capita level in three years is to be increased by one-third. More dramatic and more costly is the conscription for overseas service to be introduced for the first time in Australia.

The total bill for the three-year program will be nearly \$3 billion, with a total defence spending far ahead of the \$2 billion for the last two years. The callup will take 4,200 20-year-olds about the middle of 1966 and will be renewed for a two-year period of service.

There is, thankfully, no indication of an immediate worsening on the Asian situation that might have dictated such drastic policy decisions. Rather, the evidence is that Sir Robert's Government has been forced to move urgently in order to make up for the deficiencies of many past years.

NO RUSH TO COLORS

Each time the Government thought that substantial pay increases would speed recruitment and bring up to the necessary strength. But the Australian economy is booming and wages are high. There was no rush to the colors.

When The Farmers Ruled

Ottawa Journal

There's an old story about the Ontario farmer who arrived at Toronto Union Station for the first time in his life, was asked by a porter, "Where are you from?" and replied, "Oh, no, I'm not from Ontario." It was a spectacular defeat, and an important one. In 1923, when his party went out of power.

To most Ontario voters today the idea of a farmers' party forming an Ontario government must seem strange indeed. It was, however, a time of great political interest, and an important one. It was the growing demand for Australia to accept a larger role.

Easing Baby Into World

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, a common obstetrical operation that is done to hasten delivery of the baby and to ease the mother's labor is by cutting the umbilical cord. Just as the baby's head appears, the doctor makes a small incision on the edge of the opening of the birth canal. This increases the size of the opening and eases delivery.

Lacerations in the birth canal are noted frequently following the birth of a child. They occur anywhere along the passage, and occasionally in areas involving important structures that are difficult to repair. They are avoided by doing an episiotomy, especially when a labor is likely to be prolonged. It is a safe and easy to cut and easy to repair.

Following an episiotomy the extent of the laceration is determined because the opening (perineum) is enlarged. The laceration is larger than average. The same can be said when time is important, as in rapid extraction is necessary to prevent harm to mother or to the baby.

Several such enzymes are on the market. These have not been used extensively, but are more serious than acne. Scar tissue is removed by a mechanical planing, utilizing a fine brush.

CLUMSY TEEN-AGER

S. K. writes: I am a boy of 14 and I have a very bad habit of co-ordination because I'm tired and I'm very clumsy. I've tried things like a special exercise to help me.

Participate In Athletics

Participate in athletics and take a few dancing lessons. They will help you to be more co-ordinated and improve in time. To my knowledge, there are no special exercises for boys.

SMILING HABITS

Mrs. A.S. writes: I have read about the dangers of smiling and wonder if inhaling sips of ammonia numerous times a day will help.

PAIN IN THE SIDE

M. E. writes: Why do I develop a terrible pain in my side whenever I eat a bad coughing spell?

TODAY'S HEALTH NEWS

Canker sores may develop in allergic individuals from citrus fruits. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

URGENT MEDICAL AID

OTTAWA (CP) — Increased federal medical aid and research was urged by the government Monday by a delegation representing five associations. Dr. Frank Turnbull of Vancouver, president of the Canadian Medical Association, headed the group which included representatives of the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, the College of Family Practice, the Association of General Practitioners, the Association des Medecins de langue Francaise.

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APPEAL FOR FUNDS

OTTAWA (CP) — A \$100,000 appeal drive will be launched by the Vancouver Political Society to help pay the costs of the federal election.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

"Poor Old Jim": It's no man's business to work "inmate to death." "Wot's 'is well-kept to do with 'im?" "Nai, 'e can't get no more 'is punishment." "So 'e 'as to keep on shovelling all the time!" — Montreal Star.

A church newspaper in Bay-Ria has been criticized for carrying an advertisement for choir singers saying that girls sing regularly with a boy. "I've told him not to act like a fool." — Montreal Star.

For a country that is prided of with a surfeit of national anthems — both official and unofficial — it is, by the least of standards, a "meat" country. Canada is unable to compose a popular song fit for singing, humming or whistling, nationally or internationally in almost a century of being. — Calgary Albertaian

The Italian newspaper Paese Sera reports that Mikis Skrahech is spending most of his time watching television. In that regard, he is a punishment. — Toronto Star.

"Mrs. Brown", cried Mr. Smith to his neighbor, "I have you spoken to your boy about carrying an advertisement for choir singers saying that girls sing regularly with a boy." "I've told him not to act like a fool." — Montreal Star.

Babes In The Wood

Financial Post

Mid-November finds the Canadian woods full of hunters shooting at deer, moose and occasionally at each other. Most will come out of the bush on their own steam. Others will manage to lose themselves in it.

The tools of survival in the woods cost only a few dollars. The techniques of survival are easily learned from simple maps according to the choice of appropriate clothing. If hunters would take these elementary precautions, they would save themselves the disagreeable experience of being lost in the woods — and they would save all of us the disagreeable experience of paying to find them.

Monorail In Action

Hamilton Spectator

Fast, inexpensive, safe and comfortable public transportation, other than by road, will become a necessity between metropolitan centers such as Toronto and Hamilton.

The opening of the new section of Toronto's Gardiner Expressway eases the traffic strain on downtown Toronto, but even this magnificent conception of traffic control is at best a stop-gap.

The day is fast approaching when private cars will be forbidden in the downtown areas of the world's big cities.

This eight-mile Tokyo line links the city with its major airport. It can carry 100,000 passengers daily.

Alfred Krupp bought the monorail patents in 1961 following the death of his Swedish partner, Alex Wenner-Gren, after whom the company is named "Alweg."

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