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## Hopeful Indication

It is reassuring to note that the Pearson Government, while delaying any overhaul of the tax-sharing system pending a "study in depth", will definitey propose, at today's plenary session of the federal-provincial conference, an increase in equalization payments starting next April 1.

There is need, Ottawa concedes, for "more genuine" equalization in the interests of the "have-not" provinces to help finance their public services such as education, road-building, welfare, and so on. Today it is expected that the big question as to the formula Ottawa will propose to achieve this result will be answered.

This was a major point stressed by the premiers of the Atlantic Provinces in their presentations at the conference opening, and particularly by Premier Shaw who made it clear that Prince Edward Island's prospects economically were dependent upon getting—among other things—better treatment under the equalization grants.

These payments, at present, are based on the national average in per capita yield from the standard taxes collected by the Federal Government. They were formerly based on the per capita yield for the two highest provinces. Fortunately for us, the Atlantic adjustment grants were increased when the change was made, and we actually benefited as a result. But we have never fully shared in the growth of national resources of the weaithier provinces, and it was Premier Shaw's contention that the adjustment grants should be further increased and that equalization payments be based on the yield for the top province.

The Atlantic Provinces have set a good example of unity in presenting their claims in this and other matters at the present conference—which in itself is something of an achievement. It may, indeed, help Ottawa in proposing a formula that will be acceptable to all concerned, based to a greater extent than at present on the vital principle of fiscal need.

## A Good Start

It is a matter of no small importance that because of the host of chiefs of state attending the late President Kennedy's funeral, his successor in office had an opportunity of contacting them personally. Possibly the foreign visitor who received the most attention, and about whom there was the greatest speculation, was French President de Gaulle. That he should make this trip to do homage to a man whom he had vigorously opposed on so many matters, is said to have touched official Washington profoundly.

No one, of course, expects de Gaulle to change his views on free world problems just because there is a new man in the White House; but the opportunity his presence in Washington gave for President Johnson to make his acquaintance is auspicious, particularly in view of the disclosure that the French President will visit Washington for official talks early next year.

Another issue on which there is much speculation is how soon and in what way the new U.S. President should meet Premier Khrushchev. American officials were frankly impressed by the gesture of good will expressed by the Soviet leader in his message of condolence, and by the fact that he interrupted his tour of the Soviet Union to show up at the American Embassy in Moscow to deliver it personally.

While it is assumed that a summit meeting of the leaders of the two superpowers would be unwise at present, there is some sentiment that at an early date—but not too early—President Johnson should have an informal meeting with Khrushchev, if only to establish personal relations.

There seems no doubt, at any rate, that the United States intends to keep alive the exploration, with the Soviet Union, of ways and means of alleviating cold war tensions, as well as to strengthen free world unity by restoring better relations with France. These are objectives of cardinal significance, with which we are all very much concerned.

## A Federal Matter

"In a world grown so small that all can look into the dark streets of Dallas, Texas," says the Toronto Globe and Mail, "none is so far removed from what happened there that he is safe from its repercussions. It is urgent, therefore, that the United States conduct complete and public investigations into the deaths of President Kennedy and his accused murderer. There should be a formal, public inquiry, before which all the evidence produced by the investigations should be sworn. Every piece of evidence should be thoroughly tested and any reasonable doubt should be raised. Nothing short of this can answer either to the world or to history, or meet the standards upheld by President Kennedy himself."

This is evidently what President Johnson had in mind in directing the U.S. justice department and the FBI to conduct "a prompt and thorough investigation into all the circumstances," and in directing all federal agencies to co-operate. "The people of the nation," he stated, "may be sure that all the facts will be made public."

In the meantime, perhaps, some constitutional means could be found of putting a damper on the efforts of the "Keystone Cops" in Dallas to keep in the limelight. They did enough talking about having "cinched" the case after the President's assassination. Their failure to prevent their prisoner from being gunned down in turn—or even to provide him with legal counsel when he was alive—doesn't give much assurance that their recently publicized attempts at "reconstructing the crime" will lead to anything but more confusion. It is to be hoped, now that the federal government has taken over, that we shall hear no more from them.

## Cheap And Wholesome

Here's something for the record. Scientists at the International Congress of Nutrition held in Edinburgh last August ate bread containing a high proportion of fish flour at their official banquet—and didn't know it until informed by the chairman of the congress.

Reporting for the BBC overseas program "The Farming World", this story was told by a commentator who described the production of fish flour for human consumption as a break-through by the producers—the Caledonian Fishmeal Company of Aberdeen—who were ready to go into large-scale production for export to overseas countries fighting the problem of nutrition.

Interviewed on this program was an officer of the White Fish Authority in Scotland, who said he believed this fish flour could be incorporated in any food, and estimated that 15 grammes, or half an ounce, a day added to a predominantly cereal diet would give an adequate protein intake for normal health at a cost of less than a penny.

Evidently, a great future lies in store for this humble food product. A profitable future for the processing industry, too, that takes advantage of its possibilities. More than half the people in the world are undernourished, so there is little fear of the market being flooded.

## EDITORIAL NOTE

One of the most touching tributes to the late President Kennedy came from Kenya, whence students sent a wreath of 1,720 blossoms, representing the number of young Africans now back in their homeland after schooling in the United States.

"FILL 'ER UP"

## OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

## Works Department and Party Patronage

The Federal Department of Public Works has at times been regarded as the most flagrant and scandalous "gravy bowl" into which politicians try to dip their fingers, and pull out of it a plum of patronage.

Two years ago, the Liberal Prime Minister appointed Hon. Bob Winters as Minister of Public Works, and he made some progress in cleaning up the old patronage system. Then in the Diefenbaker government, the department was taken over by Hon. Howard Green, who abhorred patronage as vigorously as any Old Testament sin. Recently it has been charged that under Hon. Jean-Paul Deschatelets, the department is returning to the pre-Winters system of patronage.

The Parliamentary Secretary to Mr. Deschatelets is Mr. Hubert Badanai, Liberal M.P. for Fort William, Ontario, who is respected by MPs of all parties and recognized as a burgess of unexceptionable principle.

**FAIR TO FOES**

I have noticed how fair Bert Badanai has been to his political foes when a new federal building is being officially opened in their constituency. For example, Conservative MP Charles Lamb was invited to play a prominent role in the ceremonies marking the opening of such a building at Lindsay, Ontario. Similarly Ed Nasserden was honoured when a similar building was opened at Duck Lake, Sask.

And next month J.E. Madill will take his position similarly at the opening of a federal building at Orangeville, in his Ontario constituency of Dufferin-Simcoe. Thus Bert Badanai has insisted that these three Conservative MPs should be recognized and not be deftly snubbed by being omitted from the list of honoured guests at government ceremonies in their constituencies.

This is a welcome swing away from a subtle form of patronage; under the old dispensation in the Department of Public Works, it would have been the defeated Liberal candidate, rather than the Conservative MP, who would have been thus honoured.

Against this background, I asked Bert Badanai about this charge that his department is swinging back to overt patronage.

"Nonsense," he replied. "The truth is that, in my view, there is no Minister in the Pearson Cabinet who is more fair and honest than Hon. Jean-Paul Deschatelets. From the very first day of my association with him, I appreciated his leadership towards cleaning up all vestiges of so-called patronage. Pressure for special consideration on political grounds is frowned upon by the Minister, and resisted by himself, by myself and by the officials of the department."

**BUT SPRINGHILL?**

This admirable policy must be very hard to follow. Every MP wants a wharf or a post office or a federal building somewhere in his constituency, to be erected at the expense of the taxpayer. But individual merit, rather than the political affiliation of the demanding MP, seems to be the rule now.

However, there is one black mask being mentioned, and that is in Nova Scotia. Whatever happened about the Reform School planned for the sadly stricken coal mining town of Springhill?

That project was launched by the former Conservative Government. But it has been delayed by the substitution of some new architects, who are said to be supporters of the Liberal Party. It seems to be a fact that these new architects will receive a higher fee than those selested by the Conservative Government.

But more important is the fact that the changes effected by the new Liberal Minister of Public Works will delay the project by about twelve months. This means that the staff of 160 for the Reform School will not be recruited until one year later, thus costing the community some $830,000 in payroll. Are there good reasons for this? Or is this an example of the ugly head of party patronage being permitted to rear itself still in that traditional gravy bowl?

## PUBLIC FORUM

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

**EMPTY MILK BOTTLES**

Sir,—As a member of the Milk Producers and Venders Association and a processor of fluid milk, I wish to make the following statement to consumers and service clubs of the Island.

I have had forty years in the milk business. Up to this time I do not think I could name ten people who have bought and paid for empty milk bottles. When the processor starts delivery to a new customer he supplies the bottles and from there on we should get bottle for bottle.

When the different service clubs put on a bottle blitz which includes milk bottles, the writer thinks it is teaching our children to go out and pick up bottles to make a good showing for their organization.

The writer has had a call to come to a Women's Institute hall to buy approximately three hundred bottles. Most of them were unfit to use, which we did not use for fluid mifk or any other kind of drink, as the Department of Health goes all out to make our milk in P.E.I. the best to be obtained in the world.

I read in The Guardian an ad from Charlottetown firemen that they are campaigning for a bottle blitz including milk bottles, which are the property of the processors of P.E.I. I am surprised at an organization like the Charlottetown Fire Department whose members are paid for their duties as firemen, putting an ad in the paper to ask the children to gather milk bottles for their blitz.

It has cost the writer $1,800 in 1963, for new bottles, and no doubt it has cost the other processors an equal amount or more.

I am, Sir, etc.,
PERCY G. GAY
Owner and manager
Sunshine Island Dairy Ltd.

## Embarrassing

**Fort William Times Journal**

One of the brighter stories of the month comes from Exeter, England, concerning a cave explorer, Alan Keene, who was demonstrating to students how to wiggle through a tight hole.

He used the back of a chair instead of a hole. Confidently, he stuck his head and shoulders between the chair seat and a crossbar.

"Now," explained Mr. Keene, "you wiggle through this way." But he stuck.

"I say," said Mr. Keene, "this is a bit tight."

After 10 minutes there was laughter in the auditorium, but not from the stage.

Mr. Keene called to an assistant, "Get a screwdriver and unscrew this chair."

## Our Yesterdays

**(From the Guardian Files)**

**TWENTY - FIVE YEARS AGO**
**(November 29, 1938)**

Judge H.L. Palmer of Charlottetown was elected president of the provincial council of the Boy Scouts Association at the annual meeting held at the Canadian National Hotel last night. The meeting took the form of a complimentary dinner in honor of retiring president L.D. Murray, manager of Bank of Nova Scotia here who has been transferred to Halifax.

Fire which broke out at an early hour this morning practically destroyed the garage run by Arthur Duvar on Prince Street. The building is owned by Brutee MacEwen, Morell, and is leased by the Irving Oil Co.

**TEN YEARS AGO**
**(November 29, 1953)**

In keeping with its policy of supporting all important events celebrated locally, the Travel Bureau is participating in the observance of St. Andrew's Day through the medium of its Great George Street show window. A Highland pipe band on parade, and a selection of colorful Scottish pictures complete the attractive display.

A new three-room school containing a community hall in the basement, now being constructed at Carleton, at an estimated cost of $26,000 will be completed before Christmas.

## Coughing Bouts Typical In Croup

**By Dr. Theodore R. VanDelle**

In croup, the muscles of the larynx go into spasm, causing a peculiar type of cough. But inflammation rarely is confined to the voice box; any part of the respiratory passageway, which extends from the tip of the nose to the far end of the lungs, may be involved. As a result, bronchitis, pneumonia, or other respiratory disease may coexist with croup.

Croup may be so mild, the parents scarcely are aware that the child is ill during the day. He may have nothing more than a slight nasal discharge or hoarseness of the voice. But the situation changes at night. After the youngster falls asleep, he awakens with a terrific bout of coughing, which has a characteristic barking, brassy, hollow sound.

It is a frightening experience for the parents, especially when the little one is found sitting up in bed, grasping the throat, and struggling for breath. These spells are as typical of croup as the whoop is of whooping cough.

The sharp, rasping sounds come from air as it passes through the obstructed larynx. The noise produced may be so loud it can be heard at a distance. During the paroxysm, the face becomes red, the lips blue, and the veins in the forehead distended. Between breaths, the tyke can hardly talk except in painful whispers.

The bout continues unless something is done to relax the spastic larynx. It is here that the croup kettle developed its reputation. The inhalation of steam brings relief, especially when the windows are closed and the room is warmed. Any source of steam does the trick — a tea kettle on a hot plate or turning on the hot shower if the bathroom opens into the bedroom.

The parainfluenze viruses have been isolated from children with croup. These microorganisms settle in the larynx and windpipe, where they are capable of producing these symptoms. Many youngsters with croup also are highstrung, which may contribute to spasms of the larynx.

**HEAT AND PRESSURE**

R.D. writes: My doctor brought my pressure down from 180 to 158, where it stayed until summer came. Does hot weather increase the pressure?

**REPLY**

Extreme heat may increase the tension if it forces the heart to work harder to maintain a normal body temperature. But the readings fluctuate frequently in hypertension.

P.M. writes: Can sinus infection cause sore leg muscles?

**REPLY**

This is a moot question because there is ample proof that foci of infection are not the cause of arthritis or muscle soreness. On the other hand, all infections should be eliminated even though unrelated to aching.

**HERNIA MAY STRANGULATE**

K.C. writes: Is an inguinal hernia likely to become cancerous if neglected?

**REPLY**

No. Strangulation is the most dangerous aspect of hernia. A loop of bowel is caught in the hernia sac and gangrene follows if it cannot be pushed back into the abdominal cavity.

**ALLERGIC TO BUGS**

A.D. writes: Please explain bacterial allergy.

**REPLY**

Some persons develop asthma after a respiratory infection and bacteria are suspected when no other cause of the symptom can be found.

**Today's Health Hint—**

Food faddism is a national dilemma.

## NOTES BY THE WAY

**Many a youngster gets behind the eight ball by taking the wrong cue from his elders. — Windsor Star.**

**If a little bird tells you something, don't write it down until you find out whether or not the bird is a cuckoo. Adams County Times.**

**"What is your name sir?" a teller at the Commercial bank asked politely the other day. "Don't you see my signature?" snapped the indignant customer. "Yes, sir," was the reply. "That's what aroused my curiosity."— Chilton Times-Journal.**

**Census surveys show Alaska has men for every seven women. That's the trouble with statistics. The truth is there are seven women for seven men, and no women for three men. — Ottawa Journal.**

**People are funny. They want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the middle of the road.**

**"You say he left no money!" "No. You see he lost his health getting wealthy, and then lost his wealth trying to get healthy."— Galt Reporter.**

**Why is it the refrigerator at home is never as full as the one in the ads?—Hamilton Spectator.**

**If we all stop buying South African oranges and drink General Franco's sherry in preference to Dr. Verwoerd's, will democracy come to South Africa? When the question is put like that, the international campaign to mount economic sanctions against the South African regime in the hope of ending apartheid looks its most ridiculous. —The Economist, London.**


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