

Terms of Confederation

A Royal Commission has been named to inquire into Newfoundland's economic status as a Province of Canada. It will review the 1949 Confederation agreement, inquire into the extent to which the terms have been implemented and, should it be considered proper, recommend further grants from the Federal treasury. Meanwhile, the Newfoundland Government has had a commission of its own working on a similar survey for some time. This Provincial commission will now submit its findings to the Federal body.

It appears that public opinion is more or less inclined to the view that the Province has profited by union with Canada. There is still a sizable faction, however, which adheres to the belief that the country would have done better to revert to Dominion status which it gave up temporarily in 1933 by reason of financial difficulties. Even the Provincial Government itself is said to be divided on the question; and Premier Smallwood, who did more than any other individual to bring about the union, has expressed dissatisfaction over the way in which some of the terms were handled by Federal authorities. However, he seems confident that the work of the Royal Commission will result in increased Federal grants under the terms of Confederation. Indeed, so confident is he on this point that he is already considering what should be done with the extra money, which he believes may amount to as much as \$100 million or more.

Perhaps it would be helpful if a Royal Commission were appointed to inquire into the question as to whether or not the terms under which the Maritimes, and this Province in particular, entered Confederation have been carried out to the letter and in the spirit of the respective agreements. Why not? Certainly no one in this Province believes it has received the sort of treatment to which it was entitled and which the Fathers of Confederation intended. If Newfoundland is to be given an extra \$100 million after seven years of Provincial status to compensate it for claims that were overlooked in 1949, it ought not to take any great statistical research to arrive at the conclusion that P. E. I., with a Confederation history more than ten times as long, is entitled to at least as great a sum.

Would not this be a good time to put the suggestion to Federal authorities who, in all probability, will not be in another expansive mood for at least another four years?

Lesson For Mr. Pearson

Last fall when Canada was allied with the United States, the Soviet Union and Egypt against Britain, France and Israel, External Affairs Minister Pearson was one of the "white-headed boys" in the General Assembly of the United Nations, the others being Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge of the United States and the Soviet delegate, whatever his name was. Arab spokesmen vied with one another in praising Mr. Pearson as a great statesman and indomitable champion of the U. N. Charter. Indeed, so much adulation was thrown in his direction that one would not have been surprised had he been elected as "father of all the Arabs" in place of King Saud.

What a change in the last few days. There is now not an Arab voice to do Mr. Pearson reverence. His halo has been torn from him with rough hands. The Soviet delegate has called him a "conniver with aggression". The Syrian delegate has called him a "Zionist", which from the Arab point of view means one closely related to Satan. Moreover, he is being portrayed as a wrecker of the U. N. Charter. And all because, after much hemming and hawing, he finally got to his feet and said a good word for Israel's right to simple justice.

But if Mr. Pearson's stature has fallen in the estimation of his erstwhile Arab admirers, we doubt not that it has risen in the estimation of his fellow countrymen and, indeed, in that of the advocates of fairplay and justice in many parts of the world. And perhaps his sudden fall from Arab grace will convince him once for all that it is useless to keep on assuming that Israel's enemies want a settlement of Middle East problems—except on their own terms, the utter destruction of the only free and democratic state in the region.

The Co-Op Movement

A leaflet, "Co-ops in Canada", recently issued by the Co-operative Union of Canada gives some interesting facts and figures regarding this important segment of the world's economic structure. The latest report reveals that 377,000 co-operative societies are at work with a total membership of approximately 120½ million. The most highly organized country is Israel where 37.2% of the population is enrolled. Finland comes second with 36.97% and Denmark third with 31.29%.

In Canada there are upwards of 2600 co-operatives, including 78 fishermen's organizations, with a membership of nearly 1½ million. The greatest number is in the Province of Quebec. Saskatchewan takes second place and Ontario third. In this Province the membership is about 10,000. In 1955 total business reported in Canada came to more than \$900 million.

Canadian credit Unions, which in general are auxiliaries of Co-operative societies, number about 4,000 with a total membership of about 1½ million, which means that one Canadian out of every ten is a member of a credit union. Total assets amount to \$552 million. Here, too, Quebec comes first with Ontario a close second. Third place is taken by British Columbia.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Trade Minister Howe says he is not in a position to say whether a United States' plan to sell wheat to Poland will effect Canada's trade position in that country. However, since the American wheat will be sold under the surplus-disposal program, it is reasonable to assume that the transaction will put this country at a disadvantage; that is, of course, if Mr. Howe adheres to his policy of expecting dollars in exchange and normal market prices.

As part of a last-ditch campaign to keep racial segregation in force in defiance of the law, the Georgia Legislature has passed a resolution calling for the impeachment of the Chief Justice and five Associate Justices of the U. S. Supreme Court. The resolution won't be taken seriously anywhere outside the "Deep South"; but it shows to what extent lawless elements will go in their disregard of simple justice.

Our serious financial condition is reflected in the increase of \$2,427,290 in liabilities for the last fiscal year, as shown by the Public Accounts in the Legislature. Nor does there seem much prospect of relief under the proposed new tax rental agreements. We have, indeed, received the shabbiest treatment of any Province under these agreements, and the Legislature will be failing in its duty if it does not bring this fact forcibly to the attention of Ottawa during the present session.

The attention of our civic Water Commissioners is directed to the annual report of the Provincial Department of Health, tabled in the Legislature on Wednesday. In it they will find the following statement from the "Division of Dental Public Health": "This Division has been active in stimulating interest in the possibility of adding sodium fluoride to the municipal water supplies of our two larger centres where about 20 per cent of our population reside. This would appear to be a safe and efficient method of decreasing the amount of tooth decay in children. It is regrettable that this measure, which has been found to be scientifically and practically sound, should be withheld from such a large percentage of our child population by the active objection of a few misinformed individuals."



MARCH FIRST DAYDREAM

OTTAWA REPORT

Divorce Cases In Parliament

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: One of the hardy annual "running sores" of Parliament is that, as a matter of purely political expediency, it has more than four hundred divorce cases rammed down its throat each session.

This means that a large percentage of the working and extant Senators have to sit, hour after hour, day after day, in the role of tribunal, hearing pleas for divorce, with all the sordid, highly-coloured and often dubious evidence of adultery which is required.

It further means that the House of Commons has to go through the motions of passing separate bills to give effect to each and every divorce application approved by the senate's divorce sub-committees.

This divorce-by-act-of-parliament intended to be supplied for the benefit of residents of the two provinces of Quebec and Newfoundland, there being no provision for divorce by normal judicial channels in those provinces. The great majority of divorce applications come to Parliament from the province of Quebec.

Lawyers, witnesses and relatives flock here in their scores, accompanying spouses who consider themselves to have been wronged. In each case, the two houses of parliament are expected to pass a special bill, officially entitled an act for the relief of the wronged spouse.

The C. C. F. has for several years past spear-headed the battle to preserve Parliament for parliament's business, and to have these gate-crashing subjects of legislation thrown off the floor of Parliament and into some court of law where they more properly belong.

The arguments advanced by the C.C.F. foes of parliamentary divorce are briefly two; first, that divorce is none of the business of Parliament and secondly, that parliamentarians lack the knowledge and legal experience to ensure fairness to both parties.

Privately, many M.P.'s also criticize the fact that, although this unsavoury work originates from the province of Quebec, no French-Canadian Senator from the province will carry any of the load of work of hearing these cases, and no French-Canadian M.P. from Quebec will ever vote on the bills when they reach the lower house.

Two new grounds of criticism have recently been turned up by these C.C.F. watchdogs.

The first is that a divorce case has crept into parliament which does not originate from residents of either Quebec or Newfoundland. This case concerned a husband resident for about 13 months in Guelph, Ontario, and his estranged wife resident for about three years in British Columbia. Why, says Vancouver M.P. Erhart Regier, should this couple not take their domestic quarrel before a court in either of these two provinces, instead of being permitted to waste the \$10,000 per year time of our federal legislators.

The second is that perjury, collusion and faked evidence has long been suspected in these cases. For example, the city of Montreal was for long the scene of an interesting little spare time job, that of "professional co-respondent." In case after case, these non-union workers played their role so repeatedly that the genuineness of the case was doubted; revised rules have now put a stop to this. But the suspicion of perjury continues, and Vancouver's alert Harold Winch has turned up a bona fide case — so he says. He has endeavoured to prod Justice Minister Carson into taking action, by directing some pointed questions at the Minister. But to date it appears that government policy in these divorce cases is to let lying dogs sleep.

To Study Earth's Riddles

National Geographic Society

Twelve nations, including the United States, will maintain at least 60 research stations in the Antarctic. The white continent of 5,050,000 square miles is the greatest unknown land mass today, and is suspected of having a powerful influence on world weather.

A preliminary United States expedition to the Antarctic in 1955-1956 involved 3,000 men, 12 ships, and 38 aircraft. The geophysical Year, which actually will continue for 15 months, is the third such enterprise in a century. The first International Polar Year was conducted in 1882-1883, with several nations mounting observation stations in the Arctic. Studies in the Second International Polar Year, 1932-1933, broadened knowledge of radio communication and opened the way for many electronic advances.

Normally the next research year would have been held in 1962, but the availability of such new research tools as rockets and radar prompted the International Council of Scientific Unions to plan another assault on the earth's secrets now.

Too, solar activity is measured in 11-year cycles and will be at its height in 1957-58. As mankind depends on the sun for energy, IGY participants hope to get a better understanding of the solar flares, sunspots, and eruptions that produce magnetic storms and auroral displays in the ionosphere.

Answers to a thousand questions will be sought, according to Er. Joseph Kaplan, chairman of the United States National Committee for the IGY. "Is the climate of the earth changing? Are glaciers receding? Will melting ice sheets someday flood coastal lands? Where do cosmic rays come from and what is their nature? What causes the aurora? What is the relationship between sunspots and solar flares and long-range radio transmissions? These and many other questions are the objects of the IGY program."

The program is divided into 12 major fields of study: aurora and airglow; cosmic rays; geomagnetism; glaciology; gravity; the ionosphere; longitude and latitude; meteorology; oceanography; seismology; solar activity; rockets and satellites.

MAJOR TARGET: Nature, of course, recognizes no political boundaries; cooperation is the IGY's keynote.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

THE LITTLE OLD BRICK CHURCH SPEAKS
Sir,—The day has come when I shall no longer shelter those who might chance to come within my humble walls, to receive a Benediction to their souls. I have served for many years. I have heard the prayers of saintly souls and the testimonies of sincere and thankful hearts. I have listened to the voices of those who sang praises to the great Architect of Heaven and earth. I have listened, Lord, to pleading and exhortations of Thy faithful servants, as they sounded forth the gospel of Redeeming love.

In my years of service, I have seen many penitent sinners come forward and surrender to the Lord, and accept Christ as their personal Saviour and Redeemer. If by some mysterious power I could have become articulate, I would have cried out, "Hallelujah! What a Saviour!" as I witnessed precious souls being born again.

Before I pass from this earthly scene, grant to me one more privilege — May I breathe a prayer for the Spiritual Ministry of my successor. May she be a benediction to all who enter her doors. May many souls be saved by the faithful preaching of God's servants to the praise and glory of the Heavenly Father. May the Holy Spirit direct all her affairs to the praise of His Holy Name. Amen.

When my remains are laid in the dust, sing no requiem over me, for I shall live on in the hearts of all Saviours and Redeemers of those who gave of their time and substance so that I might fill a niche in God's great economy. Now I bid you all, Farewell!
"THE LITTLE BRICK CHURCH"
Montague, P.E.I.
Sunday, February 17.

BABY DIES IN CRIB

PORT LORING, Ont. (CP) — A one-year-old baby boy was found strangled to death Monday night when he became wedged between the mattress and bars of a crib. Darrell Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thompson, was found by his mother when she went upstairs to check the baby.

CHARLES AT SCHOOL

LONDON (Reuters) — Prince Charles went back to school Tuesday after three weeks at home. The eight-year-old prince stayed away with a bad cold followed by tonsillitis and was given a few extra days off to be with his parents at Windsor Castle on his return from Portugal.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sandesen, M. D.

NERVOUS TENSION EASED BY TRANQUILIZING DRUG

More and more drugs are being developed to combat nervous tension. And two of the three drugs I want to discuss today in our monthly review of medicine deal with alleviating tension.

One of them, Compaizine, is reported to have an extremely high tranquilizing activity and rapid response even in small doses. It was tested on more than 12,000 persons before it was introduced to the general public.

Another drug developed originally as a treatment for premenstrual tension, has reportedly proven effective also in preventing acne and other skin ailments.

The drug, Pre-mens, is said to relieve premenstrual tension, depression, anxiety, backache and bloating.

Moreover, studies indicate that it also prevents premenstrual exacerbation of acne and other skin ailments suffered by so many women.

A third new drug, Camoform, is an anti-amebiasis which reportedly is effective against intestinal amebiasis.

Amebiasis is a parasitic intestinal disease which frequently has been considered chiefly a disease of the tropics. But the high rate of the disease recently has led medical experts to agree that the illness can be found wherever suspected and sought.

Usually amebiasis involves the large intestine, the liver and possibly other organs.

Not only is Camoform effective in treating the disease, it also reportedly produces only slight, if any, side effects even on prolonged administration.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
E. S.: Will the giving of penicillin prevent a measles rash from erupting?
Answer: There is no evidence penicillin will affect measles in any way except to prevent certain complications such as pneumonia, from developing.



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—S. Barlow Bird.
Fredericton, P.E.I.

The Age Old Story

Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(March 1, 1932)

At a meeting held last evening, attended by delegates from various societies and associations, it was decided that a brief be presented to the Government requesting that the assembly hall in the new Prince of Wales College be made suitable for the accommodation of entertainments and meetings.

The sleet storm of Monday night caused considerable damage to the telephone system throughout the Island. By yesterday all toll circuits were temporarily re-established though it will take a week to put them back into normal condition again.

TEN YEARS AGO

(March 1, 1947)
A resolution by a meeting of the Ellerslie School District residents in which they unalterably opposed the introduction of Daylight Saving Time this summer, was passed unanimously, and copies of the resolution were to be sent to the Provincial Government and the Town of Summerside.

Employees of the Charlottetown Hotel, members of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Workers and other transport workers have negotiated a collective agreement including an eight hour day, 48 hour week, and many other improvements in working conditions.

MAXIMS

The most gladsome thing in the world is that few of us fall very low; the saddest thing that, with such capabilities we seldom rise high.

GREAT CATHEDRAL

The cathed of Mexico City, started in '73, was not completed until 1811.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Construction of a district jail at Blind River is advocated. These new townships must have all the modern conveniences and frills. —Port Arthur News-Chronicle
Few people seem to understand that what the government provides, with a substantial charge for bureaucratic handling, it must first take away from them. —Waimai Herald
Apparently when the winds do not blow down from Canada, hurricanes end to come up from the south. In 1954 and 1955 when the westerly winds tended to stay in Canada instead of blowing across the international border, the northwestern states were harassed by hurricanes seven in all. —Winnipeg Tribune
The modern girl always is on her toes. The mystery is, how does she keep her balance in those heels? —London Free Press
Let us tremble if the day comes when we can no longer count upon the British people to stand up — alone if necessary — against the forces of tyranny. —New York Herald
The well-dressed man today wears a hat which is not creased or dented, reminding us of a new car before the fenders are baptized — very nice, but no character. —Winnipeg Tribune
Mars is miles away from everything and is swept by thick clouds of impenetrable dust. Sounds exactly like the camp where he took his basic training in 1940, says the fellow at the next desk. —Hamilton Spectator
KILLED IN SCUFFLE
NEW DELHI (Reuters) — A Moslem was killed in an election scuffle Tuesday night when supporters of two rival Moslem candidates for a seat in the Indian parliament clashed in a narrow lane.
TV ON TRAINS
LONDON (Reuters) — Britain's nationalized railroads will put in service in April the first train to be permanently equipped with closed-circuit television for the entertainment of passengers. Programs from a special soundproof studio coach on the train probably will consist of light entertainment and interviews.
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The Eastern Trust Company Appointments



At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of The Eastern Trust Company, W. N. Wickwire, Q.C., of Halifax, Q.C., was appointed a Vice-President and Robert P. Howard was appointed General Manager of the Company.
Mr. Wickwire is senior partner in the firm of Wickwire, McInnes and Wilson, Halifax, and is a Director of a number of corporations in the Maritimes. He has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of The Eastern Trust Company for several years.
Mr. Howard is a native of Parrsboro, N. S. He was active in investment banking and finance for a number of years prior to joining The Eastern Trust Company in 1955 as Assistant to the President.

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