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

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Mr. Pickersgill's Defense

Even though we cannot agree with him, we are glad to hear from Mr. Pickersgill, former Minister of Citizenship and Immigration in the St. Laurent Government...

The issue, as Mr. Pickersgill will recall, was brought to a head at the Dominion-Provincial Conference of November, 1957, when to compensate for years of neglect a grant of \$100,000,000 was made by the incoming Diefenbaker Government...

Another Liberal spokesman at that conference was Premier Matheson of this Province, who made no bones about denouncing the tax agreements as "unrealistic and wholly inadequate"...

This Province, Premier Matheson maintained, had exploited every feasible means for raising provincial revenue. At the last session of the Legislature it had increased the gasoline tax to 16 cents.

"On top of this," our Liberal Premier added, "we have been assessed \$1,141,000 by the Federal Government (the St. Laurent Government) for an overpayment under the 1952 Tax Rental Agreement..."

To strike a proper balance between what we received from Ottawa and what we were entitled to receive, Premier Matheson asked for an additional five million dollars annually and for the cancellation of the debt in respect to overpayment made under the 1952 tax agreement.

The Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Premiers also presented evidence of inequalities in the tax agreements affecting their provinces, on which we need not enlarge.

That was the picture presented in 1957, after the Diefenbaker Government took office and after all those years of Liberal rule and annual surpluses amounting, in some years, to hundreds of millions of dollars.

gone up with the continued rise in the gross national product, the increase to the Atlantic Provinces was less marked than elsewhere and in the case of Prince Edward Island was very small indeed.

"Brainwashing"

A disturbing book—and yet perhaps a much needed one—called "Brainwashing In The High Schools" has been written by E. Merrill Root, a noted American educator.

This is an examination of eleven American History textbooks used in one large High School in a Mid-West city. The inference is that they are used in a good many other schools as well.

Professor Root found that with the exception of one book, "History Of A Free People" by Bragdon and McCutchen, the series follows an "anti-traditionalist and unhistorical line which tends to parallel the Marxist criticism of the Capitalist culture."

Professor Root does not blame the teachers at all. Many of them, he thinks, are much better than their text-books and do a lot to counteract the books' influence.

As far as we know, no such criticism can be made of Canadian history texts. Just the same, great vigilance is needed to keep out the subverting influence.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An American inventor has patented a "high-speed pork-and beans packing machine." It cuts the pork and deposits a piece into each can as it passes a station.

How can there be any agreement between the Soviet Union and the West on the problem of surprise nuclear attack as long as the Russians believe that the "international inspectors" suggested by the West would actually be espionage agents trying to steal their military secrets?

Once again the U.N. General Assembly has passed a resolution asking the Soviet Union "to cease repression in Hungary." Nothing is to be gained by bringing this subject up periodically.

U.S. Secretary of State Dulles says it is "possible" that the Administration will pay more heed to Democratic opinion in Congress, as a result of the Democratic sweep in the November election.



DISGUISED IN FANCY WRAPPINGS

OTTAWA REPORT

National Airport Plan

By Patrick Nicholson

The federal government is increasingly willing to act as a fair godmother to air transportation, shoulding its costly overhead expenses in this temporary development period more generously than any government ever did for shipping, railroads or highway buses.

Transport Minister George Hees told Parliament that under the national airport plan, his department "will be responsible for the financing and construction of runways, taxiways, lighting systems and aids to navigation needed at any airport served by scheduled airlines."

The department of transport today operates no less than 115 major airports across Canada. Five comparable airfields are run by municipalities.

The number of airlines using most of these airports is not yet large enough to permit the landing fees and rentals to cover the cost of the elaborate organization and complicated equipment required for handling the large modern airliners.

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.

ATLANTIC PROVINCES GRANTS

Sir—I have just seen an editorial which appeared in the Charlottetown Guardian on November 24th, entitled "A Hollow Sound" in which you state in the third paragraph that "despite annual surpluses amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars, it was virtually impossible for the Atlantic Provinces to squeeze an extra dollar out of the Federal Treasury during the many years of Liberal rule."

I am sure you would not have made this statement if you had stopped to look again at the whole record. The tax-sharing and tax-rental payments were instituted by the Liberal Government under Mr. Mackenzie King after the war and on two occasions greatly increased by the Liberal Government of Mr. St. Laurent. This was done in spite of the fact that the Liberal policies were opposed by Mr. George Drew and Mr. Maurice Duplessis, and while not directly opposed, strongly criticized by the Conservative Opposition in the House of Commons right up until the election of June 1957.

In 1945 the three Maritime Provinces were receiving, under the Wartime Tax Agreement, only seven and three-quarter million dollars. In the year of 1955-57 the same three Provinces received in tax-rentals more than forty-three millions and in Mr. Harris' budget of 1957, under the new tax sharing payment the estimated total for the three Maritime Provinces for 1957-58 was nearly fifty-two millions.

In other words in the twelve years of post-war Liberal Government the payments to the three Maritime Provinces under the tax-sharing arrangements were increased almost seven fold. It is surely, therefore, a disregard of the facts to suggest that during this period it was virtually impossible for the Atlantic Provinces to squeeze an extra dollar out of the Federal Treasury. Indeed I would sug-

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highest profit of any Canadian airport—\$548,000—last year, Montreal and Winnipeg were the only other major airports to earn a profit for the government, which last year shouldered a net loss of \$5,000,000 for the whole country.

Our national aviation policy has rightly always regarded safety as of prime importance. Public money available for aviation has been spent firstly on radio and electronic equipment to guide and assist pilots. Today, a network of all-weather omni-directional ranges, blanketing the airways of southern Canada, is almost complete.

It is largely thanks to this, coupled with our rigorous system of licensing pilots and certifying aircraft, that scheduled airlines only experienced one fatal accident last year, killing 13 passengers. In contrast, railway accidents caused 410 deaths.

Our largest appropriation now is for construction of airport buildings. Transport Minister Hees has revealed, "This item has grown to \$61,000,000 this year, an increase of 80 per cent over last year."

THE AGE OLD STORY

He had put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God.

THE HELPING HAND

Throughout his long and astonishingly successful political career, William Lyon Mackenzie King, retained an instinctive notion of great wealth.

It is of course, no secret that at the end of his career, King was a very wealthy man. But although she remained first to last one of the few members of King's tiny circle of intimate friends, it is apparent that no news of the substantial improvement in his personal circumstances had reached her.

It was during this same period of defeat that King established contact with the Rockefeller Foundation, a contact that was a lifesaver at the time, and richly rewarding in later years.

Another of his staunch friends was Peter C. Larn, a wealthy Canadian, who began by supplying, according to Dr. Dawson, "much of the money for King's campaign," in the riding of North York in the 1917 election. Dr. Dawson tells the story thus: "Lady Laurier (who had died in November, 1921) willed the Laurier Home in Ottawa to Mackenzie King by virtue of his position as Sir Wilfrid's successor

Chronically Ill Patients

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. IS A PERSON who is chronically ill better off at home or in a hospital?

This is the soul-searching problem so many younger persons experience these days as their parents become older and ill.

There are many things to take into consideration. First of course, should be your doctor's opinion. If he believes that the patient will be better off in a hospital, at least for a time, then that is the best possible place for him.

Financial Advantages Caring for one who faces a long illness at home has many advantages, not the least of which is financial.

For example, the cost of hospital care in a large city is now about \$22 per day. Caring for the same patient at home would cost approximately \$3.50 or a savings of \$18.50 per day.

A decision by a family to take care of a chronically ill member at home is likely to have a very favorable effect on the patient.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A successful man is one who earns more than his wife can spend, and a successful woman is one who can find such a man.

In his recent book "The Three Edwards" author Thomas B. Costain records that buttons were first used on English clothing in the reign of King Edward III.

OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Dec. 16, 1933)

The spacious lounge of the Canadian National Hotel was the scene yesterday of one of the most notable musical functions ever held in the City.

Mr. William Stewart of Montague has returned to his home in Montague after an enjoyable trip to Boston. Mr. Stewart was accompanied by his wife who is remaining in Boston for a longer visit.

TEN YEARS AGO (Dec. 16, 1948)

A number of friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. George Cameron, surprised them in their new home on Green Street, Summerside, on Tuesday evening with a house warming party.

After forty-eight years service with the Island Division of the C.N.R. Mr. Ross McEwen, Charlottetown, Chief Train Despatcher, will retire on May 1st.

and leader of the Liberal Party. A number of wealthy Liberals, the chief being Peter C. Larkin (appointed in 1922 as Canadian High Commissioner in London) undertook to renovate the house completely before King took up his residence there.

Now that this all. "Some years later, a group of friends, again headed by Larkin, presented the Prime Minister with \$225,000. This was not in any way attached to Laurier House but was given to King personally, the purpose being to ensure a degree of financial independence and to enable him to maintain his new residence without undue strain on his income."

No comparable instance of generosity to a Canadian party leader, for the purpose of ensuring independence, is recorded in the annals of Canadian politics.

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Card of Thanks

On behalf of the Executive and members of the Charlottetown Branch of the Canadian Legion we wish to express our thanks to the Charlottetown Fire Department for prompt and efficient action on the night of the fire in our Home.

Under difficult circumstances they did a heroic job and thus saved us from a much more serious loss.

Signed: S. W. Leard, President

Leo Doyle, Secretary.

Mrs. Mary Marsch, 44... why her car collided with others: "That car had a streak. It felt like it was in a vicious way and was normal later!"

The Third Form were... announced one boy, "I saw a fox coming from choir practice!"

When Brig. Gen. (now Lt. Gen.) "Chesley" Puller's 1st... Chinese divisions of the Korean, Puller made the typical statements for which he is famous: "Well, we've left flank, in front of us we find this time!"

Hot dog sales drop 75%... ground to the recent... on the market of "hot dogs" reportedly lost taste and just like hot dogs. The inference is they are made of choice white tuna and containing no meat.

The Poet's Corner

DID HE GO BACK? I WONDER, AS HE... Did his heart stir with... until he left the shop and... shepherd band.

Alone upon an aged Judean... I wonder, did a kindly... in shepherd g-r-b, sun... and proudly tall. Recall for Jesus how the... sang To herald the birth of... within a stall? I love to think the... laid hands In loving benediction of... Of such a personage and... As it was stirred there in... cattle shed.

While his feet pressed the... le of his lath, Did they become impaled... begin A sentimental journey... That led men to a Babe... an Inn? I wonder, did the Keeper... down And strive, with aging... pierce the gloom And fall at Jesus' feet with... ble cry: Come up—come up! While I... pare Thee room. I love to think that... hewed the wood, Christ turned to Beth... there to forgive The Keeper of the Inn—his... our hearts Still penalize and hold a... —S. Barlow Freetown, P.E.I.

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