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

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An Old Story!

In announcing the Federal Cabinet's decision not to block the 17 per cent freight rate increase awarded the railways by the Board of Transport Commissioners...

What's wrong with that? asks Arthur Blakely in the Montreal Gazette. Not a thing, he adds—except that this very matter is already under "investigation"...

On April 7, 1948, the Hon. Lionel Chevrier, then Minister of Transport, rose in his place in the Commons to announce that the Cabinet had passed Orders-in-Council P.C. 1486 and P.C. 1487...

This investigation has dragged its heels for a whole decade, and is supposed to be still in progress. Occasional interim reports have been issued; one of them as recently as September, 1957.

As an anticlimax, Mr. Blakely recalls that in a TV appearance a few nights ago, Opposition Leader Lester Pearson appeared to be dimly aware that the Transport Board had some sort of inquiry in hand dealing with the general freight rate structure.

When it comes to raising rates to the disadvantage of these Atlantic Provinces, the Board can be depended upon to act with great expedition. But on the ten-year-old chore that was given to it under Order in Council P.C. 1487...

Fight Against TB

A further achievement in the fight against tuberculosis is reported from Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Officials of the North Carolina Sanatorium System say they believe that a new vaccine called R-1 will prove a safe and effective preventive of the disease among "high-risk" groups.

Dr. Stuart Willis, chief investigator on the project, said that the safety of the vaccine had been proved through extensive testing in 6,000 animals over a seven year period. Another specialist said that no tuberculosis cases had been found among 1,600 persons vaccinated with R-1 in 1954.

Thus does science go forward in a program which has achieved remarkable results in recent years but which has by no means removed tuberculosis from the list of serious diseases. It is for research of this kind, among other things, that money received from Christmas Seal sales is used.

This Province has made especially good progress in this field in the last several years. A generous response to the current financial appeal will help it maintain the good work.

Simple Economic Law

"There are reasons", states the Toronto Globe and Mail, "why Canada should buy more from Britain, and the most obvious is the imbalance in our mutual trade." In the first six months of this year, we sold \$366,858,000 worth and bought \$296,505,000 worth.

The whole concept of British-Canadian trade, if it is to come to anything, must be built upon mutual self-interest. We have seen plenty of evidence that the British would like to buy more Canadian products, although they are buying a large volume now; but, of course, they cannot be expected indefinitely to buy a great deal more than they can sell.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A Formosan diplomat has warned that the Communists might renew aggression in Asia while the Western world is preoccupied with the latest crisis in Europe. He has good reason for his suspicion. In 1948-49 the Communists overran the Chinese mainland while the West was engaged in breaking a Soviet blockade of Berlin.

If everything goes well, 19-month-old Iven C. Kincheloe of Oakland, California, has his future mapped out for him. President Eisenhower has addressed a letter to "the President of the United States 1972-1976" asking that the boy be awarded an appointment to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The demand for technical personnel is increasing year by year, and it is difficult to keep abreast of the expanding opportunities in this field. Last year the Engineering Institute of Canada launched a valuable publication, aimed at facilitating contact between young graduate engineers and those who may require their services.

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"LET'S TALK PEACE"

OTTAWA REPORT

An Interesting Parallel

By Patrick Nicholson

An interesting parallel has been pointed out between our country and our southern neighbour, where President Eisenhower and his Republican followers in the "Grand Old Party" were handed such a severe rebuff by the voters at last month's elections.

"Rout of G.O.P. cheers most federal employees" pronounced a big black headline in the influential Chicago "Daily Tribune" over a story relating Washington's reaction to the electoral triumph of the Democratic Party.

"While it may come as a surprise to the rest of the nation, joy rather than sorrow wreathes the faces of most federal workers—high and low—as a result of the rout suffered by the Republican Party at the polls," said the Tribune. "Most federal officials and workers had a hard time concealing their jubilation with the election results. This is because the bulk of the 225,000 federal employees in the capital are their jobs to the Democratic Party."

The parallel is very close in deed. In both decades of uninterrupted rule by one party; in both countries, the other party is now in office; in both countries, the present administration, duly elected by a substantial majority of the voters, is having its policies frustrated by a "Fifth Column" within the civil service, which is working entirely improperly of the overthrow of the administration.

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Many of these considered themselves contributors to the Democratic victory last Tuesday, which is why they were unable to hide their joy. In a democratic country like Canada or U.S., civil servants are the employees of the taxpayers. They are hired to assist the government—selected by those taxpayers—to put its policies into effect.

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They fail to get attention for several reasons. Teachers know only the primary arts of reading and writing and do not recognize rhetorical ability. Students are failed and never get to college because they neglect their spelling and writing. This is a responsibility of the teacher and it happens in university as well as in high school.

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WHAT CHICAGO SAYS This clipping came to me from Gene Griffin, the Chicago Tribune's triple prize-winning foreign correspondent, who has been reporting Canadian news for his paper over the past twelve years. He had read my recent column, describing the difficulties of our present government in its relationships with top civil servants who display an improper political bias against their masters.

So he sent me the clipping, with his note attached saying: "The situation of Democratic civil service terminates undermining the Republican administration in Washington may have a parallel on Ottawa."

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graph is a little story within a story. It has harmony, unity, balance, rhythm, force and resultant. It has five steps, like any drama or story: introduction, rising action, climax, falling action and conclusion. If the paragraph is short the rising action and falling action may be omitted and one line may contain the rest. There are as many methods of putting the paragraph together as there are poets in the world, multiplied by the whims of such poets, multiplied by the hundreds of varied atmospheres that the poet may wish to create. The field is unlimited. I am, Sir, etc. FERN COSTAIN Summerside

Medical Test May Save Life Hold Up 3 Trains

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. IN MOST places, now just about everything you buy is given rigid tests before it is put on the market.

The steel that goes into your home and auto is tested for strength, the car itself is given innumerable tests. The material in your clothing, the cosmetics you use, the food you eat and the milk and other beverages you drink are all tested in the laboratory.

SAFETY ASSURED Both the manufacturer and the retailer want to be sure that everything they sell to you is perfectly safe from every standpoint.

All these tests are important to your general welfare. But none is more important than a laboratory test to check your health.

FEAR LAB TEST Most of you wouldn't think buying this or that article unless it bears a certain seal of approval which you have come to recognize as reliable. Yet, when a doctor suggests a lab test to determine whether you have a specific ailment, many of you cringe in fright.

Lab tests don't hurt and they might save your life. They can tell us many things we can't determine in an ordinary physical examination.

AID TO DIAGNOSIS An electrocardiogram, for example, can measure the electrical impulses of the heart. This is a tremendous aid in helping us make a diagnosis of certain heart conditions.

An electroencephalogram helps establish the presence of certain brain disorders. The roentgenogram, or X-ray, usually shows whether a bone has been broken, whether the heart is enlarged or whether tuberculosis or cancer may be present.

CHECKING BLOOD Blood tests are useful to determine the present of RH antibodies in the blood in the case of pregnancy, and to establish the blood type if a transfusion is needed.

Serology, or the study of blood serum, can tell us many things. It might indicate the presence of such diseases as typhoid fever, infectious mononucleosis or syphilis.

IMPORTANT ROLE Laboratory examination of the stool also plays an important role in the practice of modern medicine. It may reveal the presence of parasites, bacteria, or other organisms.

Do Lawyers Trust Juries? Toronto Telegram

A proposal has been put before Justice Minister Davie Fulton by a group of lawyers that the law should be amended to limit newspaper coverage of preliminary court hearings. Such a move could have only one result, the serious infringement of the public's right to news about the courts and the enforcement of law. It should be firmly resisted at Ottawa.

The group in question is a committee of the Canadian Bar Association, the conference of court commissioners on uniformity in legislation. Its recommendation is that reports of preliminary hearings should not disclose any admission or confession, or the fact that an accused person had made a confession. This has been referred to the Justice Minister for a possible amendment to the Criminal Code.

THEIR VIEW In the view of this group such an amendment would eliminate prejudice against an accused person and help ensure a fair trial. Those who hold this view, which occasionally turns up in legal circles when a spectacular crime has caught public attention—rarely face the full implication in it. The implication is that juries are not to be trusted because of something they may have read in the newspapers. Are trial juries so perverse that they reach a verdict, not by the weight of evidence put before them by learned counsel but by information picked up in other ways?

Possibly the traditional respect for the jury system, on which the democratic system of justice is based, has weakened among lawyers. Even so, the right of redress exists in the provision for appeals. The Department of Justice, however, need not be guided by guesswork. If there is prejudice creeping into the Canadian jury system, then it would be proper to take steps to eliminate it. Prejudice in trials, as a result of publicity given to preliminary hearings may be subjected to a simple test: When have the Canadian courts failed to see that justice is done?

Restriction of public information about the arrest and trial of an accused person can never safeguard such a person's right to a fair trial, for the simple reason that the presence of the public directly or through the press at a court hearing is in itself the basic protection and guarantee of a fair trial. Restriction of public information could therefore lead only to retrogression to evil conditions that once prevailed in the courts but happily, through the democratic development of trial procedures and the jury system, long since disappeared in a free society.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Won't we feel silly if it transpires there are people in the moon laughing at the rockets that fizzle out so far short of their destination?—Ottawa Journal

Now that Mr. Wigglesworth has been named United States Ambassador to Canada, almost we wish it were the good old days so there could somehow be arranged a meeting between Cluttbuck, Pickersgill and Wigglesworth, with perhaps Saltonstall acting as Wigglesworth's deputy. —Ottawa Journal

A Nanaimo mother has been informed by Victoria doctors that her 14-year-old son will not lose the sight of one eye injured by a pellet from a BB gun. She hopes, she says, that the anxiety, pain and trouble caused by the injury will induce other parents to see that their children do not risk similar accidents in unsupervised play with guns.—Victoria Times

A driver trying to get his sedan out of a parking space banged into the car ahead, then into the car behind and finally, pulling into the street struck a passing delivery truck. A policeman who had been watching approached him. "Let me see your license," he demanded. "Don't be silly, officer," the man said. "Who'd give me a license?" —Galt Reporter

sense of a bleeding ulcer, cancer or a tapeworm or other distant infection. It may also disclose the cause of diarrhea or dysentery.

And of course, a biopsy is a positive way of determining the presence of cancer in other sites. Your physician has many more test methods available to him. All are designed to help cure you ailments and save your life. If he recommends a lab test, have it, by all means.

QUESTION AND ANSWER W.A.R.: There is a cracking or crunching in my car passages. Could this result from blowing my nose too hard? Answer: It might.

The Poet's Corner

CHOICE

I would not change my age for the dim Spain Of fearless pikemen and the mystic watch. The light of Greece burns like a distant match. And Rome died in the sitting of a vein. With the Elizabethans' would I drain Tankards of turbulence, my blood a snatch Of ribald songs, my thoughts, a flowering patch Of rhetoric on both sides of the brain.

They lifted their own age up by the waist, Perhaps, and each man was a universe Expanding virilely, with space to throw Away. No matter, they had tongues to taste The meat of tragedy, and a full purse Of laughter, waggered when the wine would flow. —E.H. Tempkin, in the New York Times.

MAXIMS

Remember that love is not getting, but giving; not a wild dream of pleasure, and a madness of desire—oh, no, love is not that; and it is the best thing in the world, and the thing that lives longest.

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