

Lost Fight Recalled

Many of the transportation improvements which we now enjoy and which the Charlottetown Board of Trade was active in sponsoring, have been recalled in the press references to the Board's 75th anniversary this week. The record is a long and creditable one. But as we read through it, we remembered that the organization stood occasionally for lost causes as well, which though they failed to gain public support might have been equally beneficial had they won out. The Board backed them because it believed in them, and we trust it will continue to follow this course regardless of any criticism it may incur.

We have in mind particularly its indorsement of the application of the Canadian National Railways, ten years ago, for permission to inaugurate passenger services here. This application was turned down by the Legislature of the day, despite the obvious advantages it presented both to the railway and to the people of this Province. The Charlottetown Board of Trade and this newspaper stood practically alone in advocating that the proposal be tried out. Prejudice, and special interests, proved too strong. After a hearing before a select standing committee of the House the application was thrown out, almost contemptuously.

CNR ASSURANCES—Mr. F. A. Gaffney, chief of transportation research for the railway, assured this committee that there would be no disruption of the daily freight service or mainland passenger connections by the proposed change-over; that not one man in the station service, nor one sectionman or bridge and building department employee would be affected; that the schedules, rates, etc., for the bus services would be directly under review by our own Public Utilities Commission; that no present truck or equipment would be abandoned and that full rail passenger services would be resumed at all times when the roads were closed to vehicular traffic. The main effect of the change would be a speedier service at approximately the same cost.

Furthermore, all repair and maintenance work in connection with the bus services would be done in Charlottetown, giving additional local employment. New facilities would be erected on the old round-house site to fill this need. There would also be an uptown terminal, waiting room and office for the public conveniences. Approximately the same number of trains would continue to operate. All drivers and workers for the bus services would be Islanders.

BOARD'S ACTION—After obtaining full information from Mr. Gaffney on his own account, the Board of Trade presented a comprehensive brief before the legislative committee, pinpointing 47 undertakings which the railway was prepared to give, covering every phase of the question. It urged that the Government obtain firm assurance as to the implementation of these pledges, and grant the application on this condition.

This wise suggestion was disregarded. A year or two later the railway made application before the Board of Transport Commissioners for discontinuance of much of our summer rail passenger service within the province, and won out. The bus application was never renewed, and the magnificent new buses—which were being built in expectation of a more favorable at-

titude on the part of our Legislature—went to British Columbia, or some other Western province.

The sorry triumph we gained over the railway in this instance affected its plans materially, for it had intended to make this Province a show-window for all Canada for its passenger bus program. It affected us, too, in the kind of service we had to pay with thereafter. This is all water under the bridge now. But in our humble opinion the Charlottetown Board of Trade never acted with more vision and initiative than when it worked, unavailingly, for a fair hearing of this railway petition of 1952.

Government Lotteries

Advocates of government lotteries seem to be gaining ground in Canada. Last year Premier Lesage of Quebec, in the hope of easing the tax bill on a staggering \$176 million increase in the province's health estimates, proposed this method of financing. Later, Justice Minister Davie Fulton announced in the House of Commons that "the whole question of lotteries and related matters" was under consideration by the federal government. Then the Canadian Chambers of Commerce instituted a formal survey, with the result that of 437 chambers polled, 329 came out in favor of legalizing lotteries. Now the Ontario Hospital Association has submitted a formal brief to the Royal Commission on Health Services, plumping for the same thing.

The Winnipeg Free Press, with whom we are not always in agreement, speaks wise words of caution in this matter. It is understandable, it concedes, for organizations and governments to shop around for less painful ways of financing public services than by taxation. But the central point about lotteries is that they are not less painful in the end. Moreover, they are a waste of money. A large proportion (often as much as 30 per cent) of the total money collected is eaten up by administrative costs and prizes.

Two other points are raised by our Winnipeg contemporary with which we are in full agreement. First, it has been demonstrated in every country in which public lotteries are permitted that the people who can least afford it pay the largest share. Second, raising money for public services in this fashion enables governments to escape their proper and rightful responsibility. The simple truth is that we can't afford to legalize lotteries; and it is high time that apparently responsible citizens stopped toying with the idea.

As Others See It

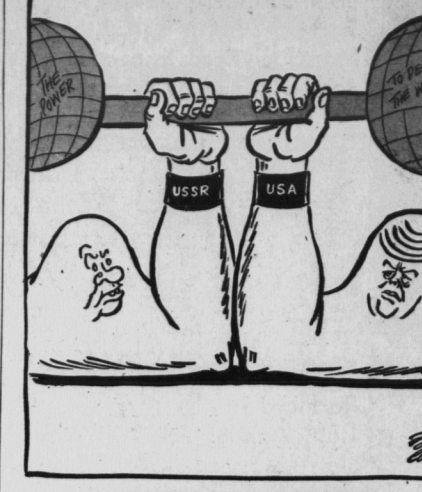
An objective view is always interesting. Here, for what it is worth, is how the New York Times sees our current federal election campaign:

"The real issues are unemployment, the rising cost of living, the devaluation of the Canadian dollar, the European Market, nuclear disarmament and an uneasy sense that Canada somehow has been losing prestige in the world under the administration of Prime Minister Diefenbaker. His Tory party has an enormous margin in Parliament—203 seats out of 265—compared with the Liberals' fifty-one. So the Conservatives can lose a lot of ground and still come out on top. Most observers expect them to do just that. "Americans have a special fondness for the attractive former Foreign Minister, Lester Pearson, who is leading the Liberal party's campaign, but they are not going to lose any sleep or feel the slightest sense of anxiety whoever wins or loses the June 18 election. That's a pleasant way to feel about our next-door neighbor."

EDITORIAL NOTE

The illness which has confined Premier Shaw to his home during the past few days is regretted by all sections of our people. We are sure that he would like nothing better than to be participating vigorously in the present federal campaign, and trust that he will be able to do so before it is over. Meanwhile, however, his health is of prime concern. The enforced rest he is now taking is, no doubt, the first real one he has had for many years. Certainly since he assumed office he has been unsparing of himself at all times. Our best wishes for a speedy come-back.

"IS IT WISE," ASKS PREMIER KIRUSHCHEV, "TO THREATEN SOMEONE WHO IS AT LEAST AS STRONG AS YOURSELF?"



WAITING NIKITA'S ANSWER

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

New Books Out On Political Topics

The election buff, who may be distracted by his evening diet of newspaper, TV and radio politics, yet not get to bed hungry, in a space unmatched in any previous election in memory, topical books on partisan political subjects have been issued by the Toronto publishing house of McClelland and Stewart Ltd.

First came "The Liberal Party," by J. W. Pickersgill. Then "Canada and Mr. Diefenbaker," by Toronto newspaper-editor B. T. Richardson. And finally "Faith, Sweat and Politics"—a study of the early trade union years in Canada—by Doris French.

Mrs. French describes the life, times and deeds of Daniel O'Donoghue, who came from Tralee, Ireland, to Bytown (now called Ottawa) in 1825, becoming the father of the Canadian trade union movement, which now cites the NDP.

She has unearthed some most engaging contemporary accounts of early politics and labour developments. A pithy sample is the advertisement inserted in a local newspaper by H. J. Devlin, famed furrier and hatter of Ottawa, after a general election in 1870.

COUNT-DOWN IN ALGERIA

By Carman Cluff, Canadian Press Staff Writer

The Secret Army Organization appears to be running out of time in its desperate campaign to keep Algeria French. Less than three weeks remain before the self-determination referendum in which the 9,000,000 Algerians are expected to swamp the 1,000,000 or so European settlers.

PUBLIC FORUM

Union Jack in the new republic. If it was not for the British soldiers and the children of the United Empire Loyalists in resisting the Americans in their desire to add Canada to the Stars and Stripes, would there be any need of a "distinctive" Canadian flag?

I am, Sir, etc., G.W. CHENNEY, Bradford, Ont.

Who knows? Sir—Perhaps like in a many people living in Canada I would like to ask someone, who knows, why certain things exist.

Much is written in the newspapers about incinerators, new public buildings, wider roads, airport attractions and 118 highwayways, etc. To me, this is much ado about nothing, or at least unnecessary. The causeway is expected to cost about one hundred million dollars. Cost not that money be used to bring and settle some thousand homeless, starving refugees to this island? If the newspaper reports are true, can we not do something about it?

Migraine Drug Is Discovered

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen A NEW HEADACHE preventive may be boon to those suffering from severe and frequent migraines. The product, methergin, is said to be a chemical change in the brain that are responsible for the headache. Side reactions occur in one-third of the users but they are reported to be mild and to clear promptly when the drug is withdrawn.

Methergin relieves distressing periodic throbbing pain, and the individual is comfortable so long as the medicine is used. The beneficial effects disappear within 24 to 48 hours of its discontinuance. The immediate flare-up following cessation of therapy is a common occurrence when drugs of this nature are employed.

The common migraine attack is a periodic throbbing pain, located usually on one side of the head. It frequently is preceded by a neurological disturbance and changes in vision such as blurring, zigzagging, or photophobia, and is accompanied by nausea, vomiting, and irritability.

In women, the bouts may be associated with menstruation and they tend to diminish after the menopause. Headache may be precipitated by tension or stress, or by alcohol or chocolate. The mechanism of the migraine headache is well known. The first step is a spasm of the main artery of the brain, which produces the pre-headache phenomena, including visual changes. The next step is relaxation of spasm with dilatation and distention of the branches of the artery. It is the distention that creates the throbbing, pounding headache.

Most of the modern remedies such as the ergot-caffeine group of drugs shrink the dilated vessel. Methergin does the opposite. It causes the vessel to relax and the spasm to be safe and practical as the older products.

Dr. Van Dellen will send leaflet on migraine if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.

WHITE SPOTS E. B. writes: Please enlighten me. Last year I developed white spots on the skin that did not tan with the rest of the face. With spring here, do you think I ought to stay out of the sun?

REPLY This is vitiligo and the white spots are areas that have lost pigment. The sun accentuates the condition because the normal skin tan, making the contrast greater. The spots can be camouflaged with cosmetics. Tablets that stimulate skin pigment also are used in some instances. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for leaflet on vitiligo.

Today's Health—Avoid too frequent dyeing.

NOTES BY THE WAY

When gustos start building up summer a lot of running down results.—Sherbrooke Record.

Kidnaper's Instructor "What do robbers have that no other animals have?" They "Tun."—Little Star.—Montreal Star.

Why do people think that strong words will help a weak argument?—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Omarré Sadok, Tunisian football player, was in some fights with officials that one of them suggested he'd make a good boxer. Sadok tried it: so far he's won 30 fights by knock-outs and 11 on points.—La Petit Matin, Tunis.

A sense of humor is what makes you laugh at something that would make you mad if it happened to you.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

"When Parliament... in 1799... proposed a plan to tax on incomes. The surgeon John Keynson, made this entry in his diary: 'Is a true Briton to have no privacy? Are the fruits of his labor and toil to be picked over, starting by factoring, by pimply millions of Bureaucracy?'—BBC News.

The Post Corner

IN TIME OF NESTING We whisper past the hedge Where cardinals dispair, And are silent under the eaves The Robins claim.

We are tentative, and careful To be gentle Because of the imminence of song. The nearness of new wings.

Perhaps we should Speak softly always. Lest we startle songs endeavoring to grow In nearby hearts.

—Jane Merchant in The Christian Science Monitor

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

St. John's, Belfast

SPECIAL DEDICATION SERVICES

for new basement and Christian education centre will be held next Lord's Day June 10th at the hours of 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Dr. A. S. Weir will bring the message at the morning service. Special music will be rendered in the morning by the Belfast Quartet and in the evening the Brooklyn Trio will be heard. All are welcome.

Rev. Donald Nicholson, Minister.

Now An exciting touch of youth...

Advertisement for Karesse by Grenier. The ad features a large image of a woman in a white dress. Text includes: 'Karesse BY GRENIER the promise of a perfect fit!', 'Only Grenier could capture the slim, trim shape of Youth so completely, so simply... with provocative three-panel cups that form, flatter and fit faultlessly!', 'Styled in embroidered white broodcloth, with non-fray seams and batiste elastic waistband, "Karesse" is guaranteed machine washable.', 'A-32 to 36; B & C-32 to 38 \$2.50', 'The lovely "Karesse" longlines... Front and Back fastening... are styled in cotton and marquisette elastic.', 'B-34 to 40; C-34 to 42; D-34-44: \$3.95', 'D-cup, Front-Fastening: \$4.95', 'KARESSE BY GRENIER... AT ALL BETTER STORES'