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

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That Adjustment Grant

The brief presented by the City of Charlottetown and incorporated Towns of the Province for an adequate share of the special federal grant of \$2,500,000 contains statements which cannot be lightly dismissed. The full text of the brief, as presented to the Premier and Provincial Treasurer on Friday, appeared in Saturday's Guardian and will, it is hoped, be studied very carefully by every member of the Legislature which is scheduled to meet on Tuesday. Just how this grant should be apportioned is a matter for the Provincial Government to decide; but there seems no question that it was intended to include municipal aid. The amount asked for is \$253,629, or approximately 10 per cent of the grant. The municipalities, it is pointed out, represent 31 per cent of the Province's population; and it is claimed that the greater proportion of taxes paid into the provincial treasury emanates from the municipalities.

There is no doubt, on the other hand, that the Provincial Government has itself been seriously handicapped for lack of revenue and that education and other important departments have suffered as a result. In the brief presented by the Government at the Dominion-Provincial Conference, a \$5,000,000 annual increase was urged as a basic minimum requirement under the tax sharing agreements. We got practically nothing as a result of the change in the formula of these agreements announced by Finance Minister Fleming—the only Province which failed to benefit in this respect. This was due to the dropping—quite inexcusably, we think—of the stabilization grant in the agreements. That is something which still has to be explained, and on which we are certainly entitled to reconsideration.

Moreover, the \$2,500,000 extra grant we receive for four years as our share of the adjustment grant for the Atlantic Provinces is considerably less than we had expected. While it represents much more than we ever received under the Liberal regime—and is certainly to be welcomed on that score—it still does not meet our fiscal requirements. We still cannot understand why Newfoundland, with a Royal Commission now assessing its claims for special federal aid, should have received 30 per cent to our 10 per cent of the general adjustment grant for the four Provinces. As reported unofficially at the time, our share of this grant was to have been \$3,800,000. On the basis of the total amount allocated—\$25,000,000—and of our fiscal needs and taxpaying ability, we had every right to expect that much.

The allocation of this grant, it was stated, was made on a formula agreed upon by the governments of the Atlantic Provinces. But we understand that the formula itself was worked out by Federal Government officials, that originally it provided for even less than we actually received, and that the \$2,500,000 was awarded us only after strong protest by Premier Matheson.

In that case we think the Premier, at the Ottawa conference when the grant was first being discussed, should have pressed more strongly our needs as compared to those of Newfoundland. Premier Smallwood's arguments for the amount he received, over and above the \$17,000,000 he expects from the Royal Commission findings, could easily have been answered; for they were based on difference in living conditions between his Province and Nova Scotia, (the wealthiest of the Atlantic Provinces) and not at all on Prince Edward Island, which, as shown by the per capita income figures submitted at the Conference, are only slightly higher than those of Newfoundland.

Nor can it be argued that the grant was distributed on a population basis, for Newfoundland's population is much less than Nova Scotia's, although it received exactly the same amount. Nova Scotia, however—along with New Brunswick and Newfoundland—benefited considerably under the change in the tax agreements, while we did not. Its total

benefits amount to some \$10,600,000.

It cannot be said that we were discriminated against because of having a Liberal Government provincially. Newfoundland was under the same handicap in its dealings with the Diefenbaker Government, and came off very handsomely. We cannot attempt to fix the blame; but the whole matter is clouded in conjecture and we hope that it will be fully discussed, both in the Legislature and during the present federal campaign.

Damaging Effect

Regardless of the outcome of the March 31 election, it seems likely that the new Government will have trouble on its hands in the matter of trade with the United States.

For more than two months President Eisenhower has been trying to persuade the Congress to agree to a renewal of the Reciprocal Trade Act which empowers the President to enter into agreements with other countries for the mutual reduction of tariffs. It expires June 30.

The situation now, according to Washington reports, is that the bill as it stands has no chance of being approved by the House of Representatives in the face of growing sentiment for greater protection to domestic industries. The 25-man committee which is still studying the measure is said to feel that it will either have to be whittled down by restrictive amendments or abandoned altogether. In either case, it seems clear that the doctrine of liberal trade which has been followed more or less consistently under both Democratic and Republican administrations for a number of years is about to be replaced by one of protectionist high tariff. The effect of this on Canadian exports to the United States is bound to be damaging over a period of years.

Fine Dramatic Fare

The Charlottetown Kinsmen Club is to be commended for bringing again to Charlottetown the famous Canadian Players of Stratford, this time in a performance of the late George Bernard Shaw's play, "Man and Superman." So far as we are aware, this is the first professional performance of a Shaw play here, and it is being awaited with much interest. A satire on the military profession, "Man and Superman" was first produced in 1894 and it marked the real beginning of Shaw's recognition as a dramatist. It is still regarded as one of his most internationally popular successes. Like all of Shaw's plays, it is excellent "theatre" and provides entertainment of a very high order.

Last year, it will be recalled, the Kinsmen brought the Canadian Players here in a magnificent production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet". There was a large and enthusiastic attendance and it is hoped, despite other attractions, that there will be an equally large turnout for "Man and Superman" at the Queen Charlotte High School auditorium on Tuesday evening.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A report from Sumatra says that oil drillers there have to sleep in tents set up on bamboo platforms raised twelve feet above ground, for fear of marauding tigers. The crews now working in the Wellington, P. E. I. area have no worries of that kind, thank goodness.

Try as he might, Mr. Pearson simply cannot explain away his proposal that the Conservative Government resign and give place to the Liberals without an election. It was no joke. On the other hand, it didn't make sense. He is probably wishing now that the original idea had never occurred to him.

A Social Credit candidate in Alberta says he'd rather campaign in the winter than in any other season. There is no doubt that it does have one advantage. It makes it easier for a candidate to keep a straight face when he says to a voter just before polling day, "I wanted especially to come and see you but the weather and roads were so bad that I just couldn't get around to it."

Fisheries scientists report that metal lobster traps last longer than wooden ones. That is not a startling discovery. The question that needs answering is whether they will justify the extra cost. One metal trap will cost more than several of the conventional type. Some fishermen are of the opinion that lobsters are extremely wary about the new contraptions. But that, no doubt, is a matter which further experimentation will settle one way or the other.



TOGETHERNESS

England's Stately Mansions

By Patrick Nicholson  
Special Correspondent for The Guardian

London, England: The baronial style of millionaire living in the free world has been all but killed by high taxes. In Toronto, that former private home Casa Loma is now a white elephant. Our wealthy southern neighbours have found that the multi-million dollar summer "cottages" at Newport, Rhode Island, have become unusable and unsaleable.

Here in England, where castles and manor houses have been built and enlarged and carefully maintained through very many centuries, these "stately homes" have become an embarrassing anachronism. Some of the most enterprising inheritors have converted their ancestral homes into museums and tourist showpieces charging an entrance fee. Among these, the most successful is the 40-year old thirteenth Duke of Bedford, who three years ago inherited the title, historic Woburn Abbey and much other real estate, together with the obligation to pay the government \$14,000,000 in inheritance taxes.

Woburn Abbey has been the principal residence of the successive Dukes of Bedford continuously since about the time when Samuel de Champlain founded Quebec City. Before that, Woburn Abbey was a Cistercian Monastery.

ENGLAND'S FINEST GARDENS  
It stands in a private park of 3,000 acres, credibly claimed to be the most beautiful in England. And as one might imagine, the home where a wealthy family has lived for over three centuries, often entertaining Kings and Queens, has become enriched by a priceless collection of paintings, furniture, gold plate, silverware, porcelain, tapestries and other art treasures.

On the death of his father, the 13th Duke acted fast to save Woburn from the auction block. He converted it into something capable of earning sufficient revenue to meet its maintenance expenses. Being only 40 miles from London, it now draws overseas visitors as well as Londoners in huge numbers. Canadians and Americans especially enjoy visiting it, to see a glimpse of history and a feast of culture such as the New World cannot offer. "Woburn Abbey has become the most popular 'stately home'

in this country during the three years it has been open, and 750,000 people have visited it." The Duke of Bedford told me. "It is my policy not only to show visitors the fabulous art treasures and the park, but also to make it a place where visitors are really welcome. There are three restaurants and a milk bar for the convenience of visitors, a playground and a children's zoo for younger members of the family."

"Fabulous" is not too strong a word to describe the art treasures. The dining room, for example, contains twenty-three paintings by Canaletto; the library contains self-portraits by Rembrandt, Reynolds, Tintoretto, Franz Hals, Teniers, Cuy and many other painters.

NO HOLLYWOOD QUEEN  
The uncounted rooms in the Abbey include fourteen State Apartments. In one of these is the huge canopied gilt bed slept in by monarchs from King Charles II to Queen Victoria, but recently rejected by Marilyn Monroe.

Many acres of rhododendrons are now in bud, and spring flowers in bloom, in the park, which is the home of 2,000 deer of eleven different species. Geese and swans swim on the thirteen lakes, while bison, cranes, pheasants and wallabies wander at large.

In the playground and pets corner, children may enjoy pony rides, llama rides, swings, boating and travel in a stage coach or get lost in a maze.

There is a flower stall and a souvenir shop.

"Shop takings go up 30 per cent when I serve," said the Duke. The rest of his 7-day week he acts as guide, perhaps shuddering at the juke box in the milk bar which, he complains, does not play his wife's rendering of "Luck is in love with you."

Last year 372,000 visitors paid (35 cents for adults, 15 cents for children) to visit Woburn. The take just covered the year's overheads, which included \$14,000 for heating.

The Duke's rival dukes complain that he provides so much attraction for tourists visiting Woburn Abbey that he should be charged entertainments tax.

This, says the Duke, is pure sour grapes. The other stately homes cannot match Woburn.

The Poets Corner

THE WINTER MIND

There is no Autumn that I have not thought  
That this is loneliness, these  
Leaves condoned  
Like dreams to court a season's  
Whim, then caught  
By circumstance, disfavoured and  
Disowned.

There is no Autumn that I have not turned  
From trees in anguish, from the  
Sight and sound  
Of beauty breaking — mocking  
Dreams I spurned  
In golden innuendoes to the  
ground.

Now Winter thoughts protrude  
like twigs that cling  
To branches stripped of verdant  
hope, and I  
Know suddenly I have misjudged  
this thing —  
That loneliness is not the leaves  
that die,  
Not dreams discarded by a season's  
whim,  
But this is loneliness, this barren  
limb.

—Marilyn Eynon Scott  
in the New York Times.

FULL BOXES FREE

OTTAWA (CP)—It costs money to mail an empty federal election ballot box but there is no mailing charge when it is full of ballots, the post office's weekly bulletin says. The empty boxes go at regular parcel post rate. The sealed boxes containing marked ballots travel free under terms of the Canada Elections Act.

**Benevolent Irish Society**  
ANNUAL SMOKER  
AND INVITATION  
TONIGHT AT 8 P. M.  
All Members Urged To Attend

**CITY COUNCIL**  
MEETING TONIGHT  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ---  
CITY HALL  
7.30 P. M.  
Last month you, the electors, voted a new Mayor and Council into office. They're working hard and doing their part—why not show your continued support by attending the first regular monthly meeting of your new Council tonight.  
Public Relations Committee.

Chances Better For Long Union

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

Here's a tip for young bridegrooms: better start looking for that present you're going to give your wife on your golden wedding anniversary.

You know how long it takes to buy a gift like that, and statistics say both of you probably will be around to enjoy your 50th anniversary together.

In fact, the likelihood that a typical young couple getting married now will celebrate their golden anniversary is more than twice what it was half a century ago.

CHANCES ARE BETTER

For a 21-year-old man who marries a girl four years younger, the chances are 419 in 1,000 — better than two out of five — that both will survive through the next 50 years.

Back in 1900, the chances were only 192 in 1,000. The older the couple at marriage, the less chance both have of celebrating their 50th anniversary. But the odds still are much better all down the line than they used to be.

TURN OF THE CENTURY

For the groom of 25 with a bride of 21, the chances of reaching the golden anniversary together are 206 per 1,000, compared with 123 at the turn of the century.

If the bride and groom are both 17 when they marry, the chances are one in two that both will see the half-century wedding celebration. When both are 25 at marriage, the odds drop to one in four. At the age of 31, they drop to about one in 10.

Of course, the outlook for celebrating the silver anniversary is even better, according to statistics cited by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in a recent bulletin.

The chances are now nine in ten for grooms up to the age of 23, who take a bride four years younger, and also for grooms up to 21 who wed girls of the same age or as much as two years older.

Even for men who marry as late as 35, the chances of celebrating a 25th anniversary are better than seven in ten.

10TH ANNIVERSARY

The typical American bride and groom of today are almost certain to survive to their 10th anniversary. The chances are about 98 in every 100 for men and women who marry in their early twenties, and better than 90 in every 100 for those who wait until their late thirties.

Medical advances, you see, have made it possible for most of you young couples to spend many, many years together. Whether these years will be happy years is up to you.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

A.A.: I have had a constant pain and pressure in the upper part of my stomach. An X-ray showed I have small stones in my gallbladder. Should the gallbladder be removed?  
Answer: It would be advisable to remove your gallbladder. Once stones have formed, surgery is the only cure for them.

MAXIMS

Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or with the handle of faith. We should live for the future, and yet should find our life in the fidelities of the present; the last is only the method of the first.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Calgary's war on pigeons, which is about to be declared if the commissioners can figure out how it is to be fought, will be followed with great interest. It is not so much what pigeons do as really, it's what pigeons do that cause them, to be resented around the world.—Calgary Herald

Almost we envy those thirty-five Holstein-Friesian calves which took off from frosty Malton Airport for sunny Italy. By the way, what's happened to that old saying, "It's a good thing cows can't fly?" They can, and they do now.—Brantford Expositor

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)  
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 10, 1933)

More effective marketing of produce and greater publicity were the constructive recommendations made at the annual meeting of the P.E.I. Dairy Association yesterday. The Committee urged that the principle of central marketing be closely studied, and that every effort be made to determine the ruling markets at the time of sales.

A resolution approving of consolidation of Sheep Breeders' cooperative organizations of the province, and the working out of a system of co-ordination whereby overhead expenses might be reduced was adopted at the annual meeting of the Sheep Breeders' Association at Prince of Wales College yesterday.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 10, 1948)

Drilling operations are being conducted along the west side of the Hillsboro Bridge by an engineer of the Dominion Government as a preliminary step in determining a suitable location for the construction of a marine slip in Charlottetown. It was learned yesterday. Mr. J. A. Villandre, Marine Department, Ottawa, is conducting a survey of the area.

Fire in the Summerside Court House and Jail Building resulted in considerable smoke and water damage to the building. The blaze was generally located in the attic, and although brought under control in a short time, it had gutted the interior to some extent.

VOTERS IN QUEENS COUNTY

Federal Election Lists Have Been Posted In A Conspicuous Place In Your Polling District.

1. Please check the posted lists to be sure your name is on it.
2. IF YOUR NAME DOES NOT APPEAR CONTACT Progressive Conservative Headquarters immediately, phone 6816 and your name will be put on.
3. No names can be added in Charlottetown on election day.

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