

Provinces in Canada Oppose Adoption of National Health Plan

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— Most provinces oppose inauguration of a health insurance program. The surveys, made clear in the reports made to assess hospital and health care in all the provinces, launched last week, were financed by the federal government.

— A federal-provincial conference in 1945, the federal government offered to finance out of taxation the major cost of a national health insurance program. The conference, called primarily to arrange for new taxation agreements with the provinces, ended in disagreement.

EARLY ACTION

The Saskatchewan report recommended the federal proposals of 1945 be implemented at the "earliest possible date."

It added: "The federal government should establish basic standards to be met by the province as conditions for receiving the grants in order to provide at least minimum uniform benefits throughout all Canada, with reciprocity benefits for insured persons moving from one province to another."

SHARED COST

The Alberta report recommended that a "complete program of health insurance be adopted" in the province, financed by contributions by or on behalf of each individual and

by grants from the municipal, provincial and federal governments.

The report proposed that a charge be made for the first services received "to reduce possible abuse of the scheme."

British Columbia recommended that "comprehensive health insurance be not introduced at present, but receive further study."

The report also recommended that consideration be given to introduction of plans covering some medical services and certain groups of the population; that in any proposed plan of health insurance federal assistance be available through a definite financial formula; and that consideration be given to the introduction of a comprehensive health insurance plan to cover children.

It suggested the children's program as a means to develop a "healthy population for the future and to reduce the hardship which the cost of medical care for children brings to many families."

Cost of the program would be split among parents and governments.

STRAIGHT TALKS

The bluntest recommendation against national health insurance was contained in the Nova Scotia report. It reviewed the health services available in the province and said:

"The conclusion is that the requirements for group health services and facilities have not been nearly met in this province, nor indeed in any Canadian province."

"The first duty of all governments, federal, provincial and municipal, is to build up these services and not embark on wider responsibilities for the care of individuals until they fulfill more effectively the duties they have already accepted."

"Federal grants far in excess of the present \$300,000,000, a provincial health department budget far above the present level, and greater expenditures by municipal governments and local, provincial and national voluntary agencies would all be required for at least 10 years before the community health services would be remotely close to a desirable level or to the minimum required for the introduction of a national health insurance plan."

"To put it bluntly, neither the federal nor provincial governments need look for new worlds to conquer. Each still has a great deal to accomplish on the present public health front."

English, French Students in Ontario Trade Places

— Some 800 students in Ontario and Quebec trade places this summer.

— Foster homes by the provinciales organized by the language.

— Cassels, manager of the branch of the so-called three main types of exchange, where the students simply switch the arrangement.

— The student works in the lives at an English-speaking home; and the other two.

— There is no service those who made exchange.

— The society's staff of the operation of its branches at Quebec, Montreal and Toronto was paid for

by a combined provincial grant of \$6,000 and the donations of private individuals.

It was the experience of the society that French students pick up English faster than the English students learn French. Most of the visitors from Quebec know some English before their arrival and were not afraid to speak it even when it is "dreadful." On the contrary, English students would not open their mouths until they had composed a perfect sentence.

Began as a hobby in 1936 by J. H. Biggar, a teacher at Upper Canada College, the society is becoming well known. Last year the number enrolled was 50 per cent higher than in 1950. This year requests for exchanges have been received from other provinces than Quebec and Ontario. Some have even come from the United States.

One Meal a Day Gives Long Life To Manitoba's Oldest Citizen

WINNIPEG—Old rocking chair still hasn't got 103-year-old Morris Goldman, Manitoba's oldest citizen.

Mr. Goldman, a small man, slightly stooped now, still carries the symbol of his trade on his vest—a needle tightly bound with thread.

Until March of 1951 he worked with a Winnipeg tailor and in 15 years on the job never missed a day. Even at 102 he seldom wore spectacles and walked to work every day.

Mr. Goldman says his long life comes from living "honestly and well." He has never earned more than \$25 a week, he says.

For the last 40 years he has eaten only one meal a day. He gets up early and has never smoked.

Course Teaches Proper Reading

VANCOUVER (CP)—University of British Columbia has set up a course to help people with "painfully crippled reading habits."

Under direction of Margaret Sage, students are given tests to determine intelligence, aptitude, personality and reading ability. From this data the course is worked out.

First step usually is reading of a film projected on a screen which flashes a phrase at a time with speed varying from 100 to 500 words a minute.

The students view these films several times a week until he can master 400 or 500 words a minute with ease. After each viewing he writes an examination testing his understanding what has been read.

Another test is the tachistoscope, or flash meter, which projects whole sentences on the screen for split seconds.

Women of Moose Meet, Play Cards

The regular monthly meeting of the membership committee of the Women of the Moose was held at the home of the chairman Mrs. H. Harrison on Monday.

After a short business meeting cards were played and refreshments were served by the hostess. Prizes were won by Mrs. Hope Beaton and Mrs. C. Wilkinson.

Those attending were Mrs. T. Glen, Mrs. M. Viereck, Mrs. L. Fedoruk, Mrs. G. Robinson, Mrs. C. Wilkinson, Mrs. H. Beaton and Mrs. H. Harrison.

Princess Sits For Portrait

LONDON (CP)—Princess Anne, who will be two years old Aug. 15, is sitting for her first portrait.

This is a miniature watercolor that will match similar paintings of Prince Charles, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. First of the series was a portrait of the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, commissioned by the Duke in 1943. It was completed just before the birth of Prince Charles.

The artist, Australian-born Mrs. Stella Marks, lived in Canada and the United States for 29 years. She painted about 200 miniatures before coming to Britain in 1935.

Iona Hardy Honored at Shower

A linen shower was held at the home of Gilda Campagnolo in honor of Iona Hardy whose marriage will take place in August.

The bride-to-be was presented with a head crown of pink carnations by little Anita Campagnolo.

During the evening bingo was played. Winners of surprise prizes were Mrs. D. Santurbane and Shari Ingalls.

A buffet luncheon of cold meats was served.

A gaily decorated basket was presented to Miss Hardy containing many useful items.

Those attending the shower were Mesdames L. Campagnolo, E. Campagnolo, J. Basso, G. Culos, E. Pettenuzzo, D. Santurbane, K. Hardy, D. Main, Evelyn Basso, Mary Kuzik, Gloria Boivin and Ise Fudger, and Misses Jerry Prockter, Shari Ingalls, Mary Zogas, Lilly Sylvester, Barbara Teng, Marion Wright, Diane Kennedy, Marie Slova, Wanda Black.

Saturday Bride Names Attendants

TERRACE—Mrs. William Harrison, Miss Marjorie Bonner and little Miss Ada Lou Collier have been chosen by Miss Marie Harrison as attendants at her wedding to Mr. Parker Stanley Gordon Mills. Rev. Dukelov will perform the double-ring ceremony in Knox United Church, Terrace, B.C., Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Senior Deficiencies

The New Brunswick report said it recognized that "deficiencies in medical, nursing and allied personnel, laboratory facilities and hospital beds must be dealt with before any attempt to establish an equitable, province-wide and tax-supported plan can be made."

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Mellaine Brechin Honored at Shower
Miss Mellaine Brechin was the recipient of many lovely and useful gifts at a surprise miscellaneous shower held in her honor at the home of Miss Donna Macarthur Tuesday evening.

The evening was spent playing games with winners being Miss Peggy Gowan and Mrs. Carl Brechin.

Those present including the guest of honor were: Mrs. C. G. Brechin, mother of the bride-to-be; Mrs. L. W. Kergin, Mrs. Alex Mitchell, Mrs. Norman McKay, Mrs. T. J. Gowan, Mrs. Murdo Macarthur and the Misses Peggy Gowan, Agnes Smith, Mary Strachan, Mary McAfee, Diana Kennedy, Heather Brewer, Sheila Bennett, Marjorie Tattersall, Norma McKay, Margit and Donna Macarthur.

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salad for the centerpiece dinner for guests. family enjoy it when upper from the porch good eating with the casserole of creamed with browned sliced rolls, crisp celery and

Ham Buffet Salad
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon grated onion
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 teaspoons prepared mustard
3 cups ground cooked ham

Chill in 1/4 cup water; beat 1/4 can soup; add dissolved. Stir dissolved remaining soup and 1 Add cheese and mix Chill until slightly lemon juice, onion, quart mold with cold in mixture and chill Unmold on lettuce or greens: Garnish with berries or ripe olives. 6 to

SOUP SCOOPS
Beans with Hash Patties: Generous portions of pork and beans with crisp-browned patties of corned beef hash are a supper you'll savor on warm nights. It's a shelf-ready meal; just take one can of pork and beans, one of hash from your cupboard. While the beans heat, fix the hash this way: Push it out of the can and cut into inch-thick slices. Wrap a slice of bacon around each patty, brown these on both sides in a skillet. Accompany the beans and hash patties with relishes for nibbling—green pepper rings and cucumber chips.

Mushroom-Flavored Corn Meal Muffins: Little piping hot muffins give the joyous note to a meal. And they're no trick for a summer supper with a package of corn muffin mix plus a can of condensed cream of mushroom soup. Empty the mix into a bowl and stir until free of lumps. Stir the cream soup into the dry ingredients; then add an egg and beat until well blended. Pour into muffin pans and bake as directed on package. Makes 12 muffins. Good and crunchy with a green salad or fruit plate.

Chilled Chicken-Cucumber Soup: A cold refreshing soup gives a pleasant start to warm-weather meals. Use condensed cream of chicken soup for the base. Cubes of cucumber taste good in this. Simmer 1 cup of the cucumber (cut in 1/2-inch cubes) in 1 cup of water until tender, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in the 1 can of cream of chicken soup. Chill in refrigerator for 4 hours. Makes 2 or 3 servings.

Rupert Oldtimer, Hughie Hamilton, Sees Many Bombed-Out Buildings in Glasgow

"It's been years since the last hostile bomb was dropped over the British Isles, yet you ought to take a look."

So says Hughie Hamilton of Vancouver, old timer of Prince Rupert, now renewing friendships here.

He spent a holiday in the Old Country, not so long ago. His old home town is Ayr in the southwest of Scotland. Robert Burns, the poet, of course, gave that town its deathless fame. With other tourists, he spent some time there, leaving his signature in the visitors book.

"You're a long way from home," said a fellow visitor noting the address from far-away British Columbia. But Mr. Hamilton did not tell him more.

The latter made it a point to see Belfast, where the Nazis scored a long and persistent attempt to smash the ship-building yards. They neglected nothing. The wreck and ruin was bad enough, but it could have been worse.

"What had been a fine church building," he recalled, "not so far off was ruined. That is, all but the spire. The bombers almost made a complete job of it, except the steeple. It remains as originally built. It was left that way."

It seems that no matter where one travels overseas today, there are reminders of the years of struggle. Of course, restoration and repairs on a huge scale have been undertaken. Must has already been done.

"You'll see plenty, though," says Hughie, who will be returning south Monday by train.

"I was in Glasgow where I saw what had been a good-sized business block. It had been shattered, but not rebuilt. There was still a part of the main building, a little grocery. All else was practically wiped out. They will carry on, for the stock was all left. The boss couldn't see the sense in closing, as well."

Salad Eaters

Canadian housewives serve only about half as many salads as United States housewives.

Public Library Closing

The Public Library is closing for the summer vacation, Saturday, August 2nd at 8 p.m. Re-opening Tuesday, September 2nd, at 10 a.m. Any persons wishing to return books during closed period may leave them in slot in library door. (179c)

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