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# Mayor makes Ottawa visit pay off

AAYOR P. J. LESTER may not be less, was the word at that time. he may balk at robes of office and the to change the minds of the hitherto accompanying trappings but when he adamant Conservative treasury detakes a trip to Ottawa he certainly partment and public works minister makes it pay. A great many city vot- Howard Green, now acting prime ers had misgivings when Mayor Les- minister, is not known. But whatever ter was elected last December but they methods of persuasion he used, the needn't have so far as the City of fact remains that the government has mayor's government-paid-for trip to building for \$200,000, a reduction of the capital for a civil defence course \$257,000, an amazing and gratifying resulted in dividends which should see development. the town acquire a much-needed city hall sooner than was ever anticipated even a month ago.

At a City Council meeting October 27, Skeena member of parliament Frank Howard painted quite a gloomy picture of prospects of having the federal government reduce its \$457,000 ing before it would let it go for any the mayor about horse-trading.

a man of distinction sartorially, What Mayor Lester did in Ottawa Prince Rupert is concerned. The now offered Prince Rupert the federal

If the city can acquire the most presentable federal building for \$200,-000 in these inflationary times, we've got ourselves a bargain in anyone's language. We agree heartily with City Council in commending the mayor for his good works. We don't know how price on the present federal building. much the mayor learned about civil The government would go ahead and defence, but we'll bet that the federal build an addition on the federal build- government learned something from

## Spreading its net

out a ring on the coat sleeve, and now-strength.

commissioned status; many prefer to ations set by the department of eduspend their careers on what probably cation, or special officer-training is miscalled the lower deck. Where courses. Obviously the RCN is spreadany young sailor has an eye on an ad- ing its net so that no good prospect is miral's flag, however, no previous ed- missed; contrariwise no young sailor ucational disbarment need now stand need fear lack of opportunity for adin his way. The navy will make up for vancement. any such deficiency by schooling him The navy should benefit also from itself. This should be a boon for the the fact that when the are commisgram is aimed.

Many young men are forced to

THE RCN is offering another induce- leave school without gaining matricument to recruits; it is widening the lation standards, and through no fault opportunity of attaining commission- of their own. Family circumstances ed rank. Gold braid is not the only often cut short the education of bright criterion of the navy, and in fact the students. Some of these boys find petty officer corps is the backbone of their way into the RCN, and potentialany ship. There is service aplenty ly have the material the navy is lookwith honor and distinction even with- ing for to keep its officer cadre at full

adays in particular a commendable It is planned now to inaugurate degree of initiative and intelligence is several courses through which edurequired of all ranks. cational standards may be brought up It is not in the nature of things to the required level, either by junior that all crew personnel have desire for matriculation training, grade examin-

type of sailor at whom the new pro-sioned the successful candidates will have had experience of the lower deck. -The Victoria Colonist.

## LETTER FROM WASHINGTON Presidential job appears no man-killer

BY GEORGE KITCHEN

WASHINGTON UN-Dwight D. Eisenhower has knocked the stuffings out of the old wives' tale that the presidency of the United States member after leaving the presidency. is a man-killer and one of the toughest jobs in'the world.

In his sixth year in the White House, he recently colebrated his 68th birthday in what his doctors described as an "excellent state. of health." He then embarked on an election campaign tour that might have taken the starch out of a lesser man.

There have been other 68-year-oldsters in the White House—Andrew Jackson, James Buchanana and Harry S. Truman-but none With a medical record like Bisenhower's-a hoart attack, an ileitis operation and a Mo-called little stroke all within two years.

LOTS OF WELP Political phraso-makers always delight in talking about how tough a job the persidency is. It unauestionably carries with it great responsibility but the government does all it can to ease the burden. There are plenty of aides at the White House to relieve the president of chores that bother ordinary man-household problems and bills, banking, income tax, vacation and travel arrangements,

There are ghost writers to Inshion the prosidont's speeches and others to do the jobs tint will leave his mind free for great decisions.

The White House is a pleasant and comfortable place in which to live and there are two physicians regularly assigned there to look niter the health of the country's first family. Maj.-Con. Howard Snyder, the chief White House physiciam, not only watches the president in Washington but also on his travels about the country. He accompanies the profident on his frequent tours around the soil w

Thomas Jefferson, third provident of the United States, seems to have been the first A Bible Thought for Today to picture the White House Job as an ordeal. Ira anda called it "a splendid misery." We left

tire White House at 64 and lived 64 to 85. Tis immediate predecessor, John "Adams," lived to 00, and Adams' son, John Quincy adams,

Canadian Press Staff Writer lived to 80, dying on the floor of the House of Representatives, of which he became a

Andrew Jackson, then in his second term. in 1834 and James Buchanan in 1857 were just under 67 when they were inaugurated and were just shy of 70 when they left the White House, Jackson died at 78, Buchanan at 77. Two former presidents, Herbert Hoover, 84, and Harry Truman, 74, still are on the scene

and going strong. Only one president aspirant is known to have expressed belief the presidency was a soft touch, Admiral George Dewey, boomed for president after heroic service in the war with Spain. said in April, 1900, he was willing to be president, and then added his remark that the office of president was "not such a very diffleult one to fill." That was the end of the

Put up or . . .

From the Winnipeg Tribune Premier Roblin is reported as saying that the government has no intention of changing the law banning liquor advertising in Manitoba. If the government is convinced that the present law is all right, which we doubt, the attorney general should get busy and enforce it.

Law will never be strong or respected unless has the sentiment of the people behind it. If the people of a State make had laws, they will auffor for it. They will be the first to suffer. Let them suffer, Buffering, and nothing olse, will implant that southment of responsibility which is the first step to reform. JAMES BRYCE.

The Lord is my shepherd. Panim 23:1. Love and faith are keys to a happy life. David as a boy was usofully employed. Playboys often become bored with life.



House of Commons.

in the 18th century.

made from flour sacks.

The only trouble about the versatile and ever - present floursack was that it carried the maker's name. Some people thought that they lost their dignity if they allowed themselves to become walking advertisements for Five Roses or Robin Hood.

One public-spirited milling company solved this difficulty a few years ago by leaving its sacks white and imprinting the company's label on tough paper, which readily soaked off, leaving a clean blank bag which could be converted into a pillow-case or duster without further fuss.

But this kindly gesture has been folled by a wholesome grocery firm, which has taken to stamping its name on the bags in indelible ink. Now the housewives who use flour sacks are trying---ao far without offect—to make the grocery firm

mend its ways. By the time the message gets through, someone will probably invent a plastic flour sack which is no use for anything except holding flour.

However, this will be poor public relations. Many a child of the depression remembers the time when a layer or two of flour snek was all that stood between himself and the wea-

Some of the homely old packaging materials which were useful for making things are now almost extinct.

There used to be numbers of wooden boxes available for making into furniture. But wood has now become such an expensive material that scarcely anyone can afford to

Almost the baxes we see nowadays are those that come here from

· The same goes for string. Parcels are stuck together with sticky tape. No longer is there bag hanging behind the door, filled with a tangle of different-sized string saved from parcels. If you want

deplorable state of affairs. However, changes in packaging methods have brought gains as well as losses to the something-for-nothing brig-

string, you have to buy it—a

Thrifty housewives now have wonderful assortment of transparent polyethelene bags which can be used for packing school lunches, wrapping soggy garbage, encasing vegetables for the freezer, and

carrying wet clothes. Science has compensated us for the loss of string and wooden boxes, by giving us the transparent bag. The bag does linve a treacherous side to its nature. Children have suffoented because they put plastle

bags over their heads. The solution to this danger, perhaps, would be a law compolling manufacturers to put holes in their bags, or else color thom a distinctive color and lotter-them with warnings

### Intelligence is healthly

From The Peterborough Examiner

Rosonich workers at the University of Toronto have studied 30,000 cases of nourosis, and have emerged with the interesting conclusion that hueny-jeobles is an allment which tunds to afflict people of modest intelligence; as the I.Q. rises, emotional malad. Justment goes down. Intellect la not dangerous; on the contrary, it in honlilly.

### The reluctant autoist

From Peterboro Examiner

. No extensive research need be undertaken to discover the reason for the temporary failure of Toronto's new crosswalk policy. It is simply that a majority of motorists are unused to the notion that pedestrians have a legitimate right to cross

CANADIAN PEAK Mount Logan in the Yukon, highest Canadian peak at 19,850 feet, was named after the geologist Sir William Logan, who died in 1875.

WESTERN BIRD Magpies, black and white birds about as big as a pigeon, are known all over the Prairies but are rare visitors in the





Charcoal Sketch by Robert C. Rend

### The Honourable Richard Smeaton White

The Honourable Richard Smeaton White, President of the Gazette Printing Company, Limited, Montreal, from 1910 until 1936, was born in Hamilton. Ontario, on March 17th, (St. Patrick's Day) 1865, of Scotch-Irish descent. His father, Richard White, and his uncle, afterwards the Honourable Thomas White. Minister of the Interior in Sir John A. Macdonald's cabinet, owned the Spectator. Five years after his hirth, Richard Smeaton White moved to Montreal, where his father and his uncle, Thomas White, had acquired The Gazette in 1870. He was educated in The Montreal High School, and Bishop's College School. Lenhoxville, Que.

He joined the staff of the Montreal Gazette in 1885, after leaving the Canada Paper Company; was appointed Business Manager in 1892, Managing Director in 1900, and, on his father's death, President in 1910. He remained in this office until he died in 1936.

When Smenton White was elected a Director at the age of 23, The Gazette which was a virtually moribund newspaper property when acquired by the Whites, had been placed by Richard White, the Senator's father, in a position of financial strength and unequalled prestige in the journalistic world, made possible by the exercise of rare business capacity, excellent judgment and hard work. Under Smonton White's leadership, The Gazette began a period of expansion that could not be held back, notwithstanding wars and depressions. The present imposing building on St. Antoine Street was built by him, and completed in December, 1925. This was a personal triumph, culminating yours of planning and dreaming.

He volunteered for active service in the First World War in 1914, and was refused on account of his ago, but was appointed by the Bordon Government as a member of the Military Hospitals Commission, under the Chairmanship of Sir James Laugheed, leader of the Government in the Sounta.

In 1917 he was appointed by Sir Robert Bordon to the Serate. He soon made a place for himself in that body by his sound advice, and the sanity of his viewpoins on public questions.

In the Senate, Smeaten White believed that bedy should judge all legislation from the House of Commons purely on he mories, and not from a partisant standarding. He felt the Senate should be a reviewing body. Although a strong Conservative, he never attended a cancus of the Conservative party, maintaining that Sonators should be above party considerations on matters coming before

Actor the First World Way, Sir Robert Bordon, Prime Minister, in 1019 appointed "A Royal Commission on Industrial Rolations," under the chairmanship of Chief Justice Mathers of Manitoba. Senator White, on account of his knowledge of labour conditions, was chosen as the representative of Parliamont

In 1934 he was made an officer of the Legion of Honour by the President of the Prench Republic. He was a severnor of McCill University, a trustee and member of Corporation of Rishop's University, Lannoxvilla, from which University he received the degree of Doctor of Civil Law, henoris cause, in the year 1932. Ho was always proud that The Caratte was founded in 1778 by Floury Mesplot.

at the instigation of Bonjamin Franklin. Porlaga the front tribute at his double in 1036 came from The New York Timen. "His lasting monument is imponderable and invisible," said its editorist "It is not even his newspaper. It is the spirit in which he maintained it. It is fairneau, dignity, integrity, regard for intelligence, mayice to the public. To him his newspaper was a hereditary trust. . . He was the head of a permanent inattention. It was invested with a public character and obligation.

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