

OTTAWA REPORT

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On January 6th, the C.C.F., National Council announced to the Canadian people the adoption of a national portable pension plan for all employed persons.

To the old age pension scheme, which we propose to increase to \$75.00, would be added a contributory old age insurance plan, to which employees and employers would contribute and which would be available to all self-employed persons desiring to avail themselves of it.

This plan would be completely portable, allowing an employee to move from job to job without any loss of pension rights and it would help to avoid discrimination in the hiring of older workers.

Contributions would be made into a national pension fund and would be administered federally.

The contributions would be based on and the pension related to individual incomes up to a reasonable maximum. Such a portable pension plan would provide the vast majority of Canadians with a retirement pension at 65 years of age or approximately one half of their income on retirement and would prevent the drastic drop in income that now usually occurs.

In case of death of the insured benefits would be transferred to the surviving spouse or children up to the age of 21.

The existing pension schemes can be transferred into the national pension plan if they meet the requirements and individuals can still insure for additional benefits under other pension plans.

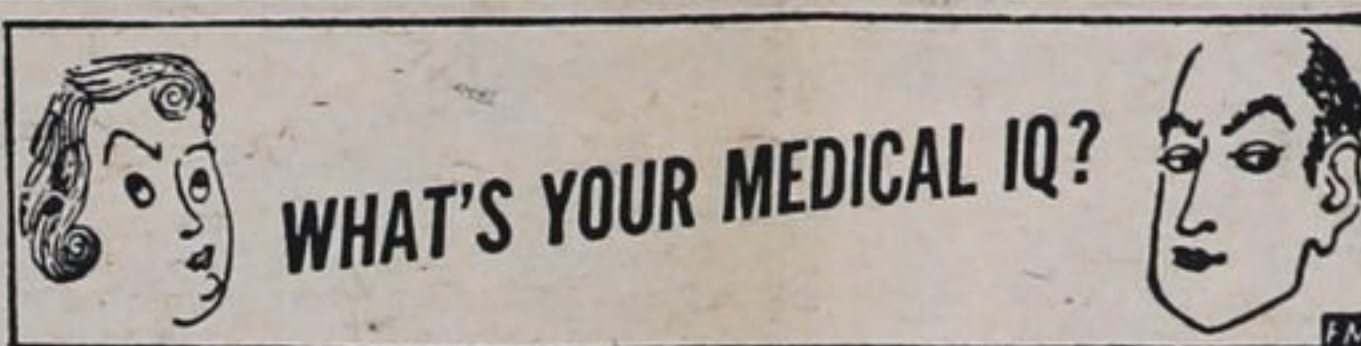
I am certain that this national portable pension plan will fill a vacuum in the mining and forest industries where the employers are for the most part completely unprotected. I am also proud of

the part I was able to play in developing this pension plan as I know of its great need in Northern Ontario in particular. I would invite criticism whether it be favorable or not, so that when it is enacted by Parliament it will meet the needs of us all.

The Liberal Party of Canada has held its fourth national convention. Amid great fanfare Lester B. Pearson was elected as the new Liberal leader. It was decided that there would not be a revised Liberal program at this time but the Liberal convention endorsed a program that reminds one of the finery worn by a new bride: some old, some new, some borrowed. Not all the delegates were satisfied with this short-term policy and I don't believe the ejectors will be any more taken with it than they were on June 10th last year.

With great expectations by the press and radio correspondents Mr. Pearson made his debut in Parliament as the new Leader of the Liberal Party. I do not think I am being unkind when I say that the Liberals have not been functioning as an official opposition to date in this Parliament. They have talked loud and long against the Conservative legislation but have failed to move an amendment offering an alternative program to the people and have left the real opposition to the CCF. The CCF have introduced amendments on such subjects as aid to education trade, unemployment, health and welfare and public ownership of the gas pipeline. On each occasion the Liberals voted with the Conservatives. They also voted against such issues as a national flag, a project very dear to the Quebec people. Many of the backbenchers did not take too kindly to this committed support and expected the new leader would change all this.

In United States recently the Americans prepared to send into outer space a little sputnik. There was great publicity that at last the Americans were on their way in the sputnik race, lots of smoke in the press, on the radio and television, and



WHAT'S YOUR MEDICAL IQ?

How much do you know about your body, about things that make you sick? How about medicine that makes you well? Here's a quick test of your medical I.Q.

9 or 10 correct answers: Excellent
7 or 8 correct: Average
Under 7: Check your pulse.

- The human body contains many glands, each performing specific functions, affecting growth, digestion, metabolism, emotions and behavior among other things. The largest of the glands is the:
 - Thyroid Pituitary Liver Adrenal
- The study of plants is called botany. The study of microscopic plants - plants so small a microscope must be used to see them - is called:
 - Zoology Ecology Entomology Bacteriology
- Besides providing a framework for the body, the skeleton protects our vital organs. Bones in the human skeleton number:
 - 206 1,653 501 157
- In 1927, pneumonia meant five weeks in the hospital, \$1,000 out of pocket and death for one of four victims. In 1953, most cases of pneumonia were successfully treated at home, in less than two weeks, at a cost of \$15 to \$30, thanks to the new medicines called:
 - Antipyretics Antimony Antiplastics Antibiotics
- Although the U. S. is considered the best-fed nation in the world, vitamin deficiencies are surprisingly widespread. A recent study found that 25 per cent of American diets lacked the important:
 - Vitamin A Riboflavin Vitamin C Thiamine
- Human blood is made up of many elements necessary to keep us alive. For example, when microbes invade the blood stream, they are destroyed - and our health is protected - by:
 - White blood cells Plasma Red blood cells Thrombocytes
- Although all organs of the body must work together as a team, most people would say the heart is the most important part of the body. Not all of them know that the heart is a:
 - Gland Muscle Nerve Artery
- Because modern medicine has done much to lengthen man's life-span, the study of older people, the problems and diseases of the aging, is becoming more important. This field of study is called:
 - Homeopathy Pediatrics Orthopedics Geriatrics
- Rapid advances in surgery and other forms of therapy are doing much to improve the outlook for cancer victims. However, medical authorities say the biggest aid in the fight against cancer deaths is still:
 - Diet Sleep Early diagnosis Vaccines
- Brucellosis is a disease which is spread by drinking contaminated milk or contact with infected animals. The common name for Brucellosis is:
 - Whooping cough Undulant fever Parrot fever Malaria

ANSWERS TO MEDICAL QUIZ:
1. Liver 2. Bacteriology 3. 206 4. Antibiotics 5. Vitamin C 6. White blood cells 7. Muscle 8. Artery 9. Geriatrics 10. Early diagnosis

Unemployment that is growing throughout Canada is not the result of Conservative legislation, but the Conservatives have proved as ineffective in stemming the tide as the Lib-

A GOOD DRIVER

"A good driver is inconspicuous at all times". Remember that—it's a sure way to recognize consistent good driving. And if it isn't consistent, it's not good.

Apply that definition and you will spot-light bad driving of every degree; from racing at 90 m.p.h. with a blaring horn, to cluttering up windows with dice and baby boots.

Following too closely, cutting in, lane straddling, passing on curves are all conspicuous—and bad driving. So is loafing along a busy highway at 35 m.p.h.; delaying hundreds by parking on

main thoroughfares at rush hours pumping the horn in a traffic jam; stalling and bumping when trying to park.

A driver is conspicuous when his name is called out in police court; when he has to admit to friends that his licence has been suspended; and he is very, very conspicuous when a crowd gathers to see him helped out of an automobile wreck.

Everything the man-at-the-wheel does that attracts undue attention is bad driving. "A good driver is inconspicuous at all times".

The next total eclipse of the sun will be October 12, 1958.

Thirteen pieces in a "baker's dozen" originated when King Louis of France warned all bakers who gave under measure that they would be beheaded.



IN SPITE OF HIS EFFORTS 820 WILL DIE THIS YEAR*

Sixteen hundred officers of the Ontario Provincial Police spend 365 days of every year covering every mile of Ontario's highways—trying to stop motorists from killing themselves! They do this by seeing to it that car and truck drivers drive sensibly and safely. By co-operating with your O.P.P. and driving within the law you will help these men to make Ontario's highways safer for everyone.

*Based on figures for last 3 years.

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