



CRAWLING TO SAFETY, this young lady demonstrates the best way to escape from a smoke-filled corridor in case of fire. Red Cross fire-fighter instructor in case of fire. Red Cross fire-fighter instructor in case of fire. Red Cross fire-fighter instructor in case of fire.

Clarer to The People

Anyone who has taken the trouble to read through the issues of Hansard for the last four or five days of the last sitting of the Federal House of Commons cannot help but be worried as to the future of democracy in Canada.

On December 8, 9 and 10, millions upon millions of monies raised by taxes from the people of Canada were dispensed with virtually no debate or criticism.

It was a performance which raises in the minds of the electors the question as to whether we were wise in agreeing to a Canadian confederation.

Our legislators were in a hurry to get home for Christmas after a long session. The Liberal government had taken a severe lambasting from the Opposition for its sins of omission and commission.

Little attempt is made to keep the government accounts in such a way that the actual costs of operation of any particular service can be ascertained.

These are only a few of the literally thousands of votes from public funds which were passed in three days without discussion.

Most of these expenditures may have been entirely justified. That all of them were, is asking the taxpayers to believe too much.

The point is that the operations of our federal government have become so widespread and so big that the individual member of parliament, sitting in the House of Commons only a few months a year, is unable to pass proper critical judgment on the business which he is elected to supervise.

Instead of being merely a referee in the field of enterprise, government has now become a major factor in the economy of the nation. It has become very big business.

If we are to operate our own government business, and it is our own business, efficiently, there appears to be only one solution.

Government must be brought closer to the people. Our elected members of parliament must be more active in screening the activities of government. They must be on the job for the electors more than a part of the year.

Rather than concentrating more and more spending functions at Ottawa, much more of our governmental operation must come back to a municipal level where it is subject to a closer scrutiny by the taxpayers and where there is less likelihood of major waste.

The municipal level of government is the most important level of government because it is closest to the people.

It is also the most efficient level of government because you can't make a big mistake in a town or city and get away with it. The taxpayers find out.

NETS RECORD Primary power consumption set an all-time Canadian high of 3,773 million kwh. in January, reports The Financial Post.

The Milky Way completely encircles the world.

FOSTER-CARE PLAN GIVES CHILDREN TEMPORARY HOMES

To those who are unable to have children of their own or to adopt them, the foster-care plan offers at least a temporary solution. Children needing foster care, says Beatrice Schapper in the April Reader's Digest, are those whose homes are suddenly broken by illness, death, desertion or divorce.

Foster care differs from outright adoption. In the latter, the child takes the name of his new family and becomes legally part of it for the rest of his life.

Foster parents must meet specific qualifications. Their religious background and church affiliations must be the same as those of the fosterling. They must know how to care for children and be willing to learn more.

Some would-be foster parents fear that two sets of "parents" will confuse a child emotionally. Case after case disproves this, the author states. Others hesitate to apply for a child because they fear criticism for "boarding children to make money."

Science now concedes that love is an essential food for a child's proper development. Miss Schapper says home is the best place for the adult affection all normal children crave, but a foster home is the next best.

KEEP AFTER THESE MARKETS

So long as there is any hope of reform, it would not be wise for Canada to cut itself off entirely from these world trade conferences. But we might as well face the fact that they are not likely to solve our troubles overnight, asserts The Financial Post.

Right next door with the United States and also with the other Western Hemisphere nations, further south there are opportunities for greatly expanded trade. An enormous increase in our exports in that direction since the war indicates the possibilities.

Canada's big four steel companies are taking a searching look at a new process that could mean a lot to their industry. It's something they've been working on for two years now with the Ontario Research Foundation.

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TREASURE HUNT

Interest in the supposed buried pirate treasure in Nova Scotia has been revived by an American columnist's reference to it. Writes Napier Moore in The Financial Post.

JET PROPELLED RAILWAY ENGINES

Aircraft jet engine principles are being applied to railway travel in Britain. British Railways expect to be running gas turbine locomotives towards the end of this year.

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