

considerably and the future form of government became an issue. In the second of two national referenda held in 1948, a majority of the electors decided in favour of union with Canada. On February 18, 1949 Royal Assent was given to the terms of the union and Newfoundland officially became Canada's tenth province immediately before midnight on March 31, 1949.

Newfoundland comprises two main areas: the island of Newfoundland, with an area of approximately 43,000 square miles and the land mass of Labrador, with an area of some 113,000 square miles. The province is rich in natural resources and the economy is based largely on primary industry. It is also strongly dependent upon external trade since most of the requirements of the population must be imported and to balance these imports a high level of exports must be maintained.

Dental study startles

The April 4 issue of *UBC Reports*, a publication of the University of British Columbia, states that cleaning one's teeth and avoiding sugary foods might not result in less tooth decay after all.

That startling conclusion has come out of a study done by two members of the UBC Faculty of Dentistry, Dr. Alan S. Richardson, associate professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry, and special lecturer Dr. Marcia A. Boyd, who arrived at this result after a study involving 453 children in the Vancouver area in Grades 1 to 7.

The study was set up to establish specific figures on just how clean teeth should be and how little sugar should be eaten to produce fewer cavities.

The amount of food eaten by the children at home over five days was recorded by the children and their

parents. Information gathered included how often the children ate and what they ate during and between meals.

Cleanliness of the children's teeth was measured through a standing technique. Decay, fillings and missing teeth were also recorded.

Though various methods were used to measure cleanliness and tooth decay, no significant correlation was established between the type and frequency of foods eaten, dental decay and tooth cleanliness when the data were analyzed by a computer.

"The children with the most tooth decay did not have the dirtiest teeth nor did they eat the most sugar," said Dr. Richardson.

"And the children with the healthiest teeth did not eat the least amount of sugar nor did they have the cleanest teeth."

He said that the findings were unusual and unexpected, but "perhaps we have over-emphasized the importance of brushing teeth to prevent tooth decay, because the teeth we considered clean appear not to be clean enough to prevent decay".

Dr. Richardson said that because measuring sugar intake was open to error, diet surveys of this kind could very well not accurately predict decay rate in children who consumed a large amount of sugar.

"However," he said, "there is the possibility that what we consider a low-sugar diet still contains too much sugar as far as tooth decay is concerned."

He said that the results of the study supported the importance of fluoridation of drinking water.

New minimum wage rates

Effective April 1, the federal minimum wage was raised to \$2.20 an hour, from \$1.90.

The minimum rate in Newfoundland, now \$1.80, will be raised to \$1.90 in July and to \$2.20 next year; in British Columbia, the present minimum rate of \$2.25 will rise to \$2.50 in June; the rate in Yukon is \$2.30; Ontario's minimum rate was increased by 20 cents on January 1 to \$2 general, and to \$2.25 for construction workers; \$2 is the current minimum in Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories; in July, the minimum wage rate in Alberta will rise

by 10 cents to \$2 in July; in Manitoba the rate is \$1.90; Quebec's minimum rate of \$1.85 rose to \$2 on May 1 and will rise to \$2.15 in November; New Brunswick's rate, now at \$1.75 minimum, will increase to \$1.90 on July 1 and to \$2.30 on July 1, 1975; the rate in Nova Scotia, now at \$1.65, will rise to \$1.80 in July; and in Prince Edward Island, the minimum rate of \$1.65 for men will be raised to \$1.75 in July.

Stanley Cup record and World Hockey Association semi-finals (at May 5)

National Hockey League

April 28, Boston 6, Chicago 2
April 30, Boston 4, Chicago 2

Boston wins 4-2 in best-of-seven series.

April 28, NY Rangers 2, Philadelphia 1
April 30, Philadelphia 4, NY Rangers 1
May 2, NY Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1
May 5, Philadelphia 4, NY Rangers 3

Philadelphia wins 4-3 in best-of-seven series.

World Hockey Association

April 28, Chicago 3, Toronto 2
April 30, Toronto 7, Chicago 6
May 1, Toronto 5, Chicago 3
May 4, Chicago 9, Toronto 2

Tied three games each in best-of-seven series.

April 28, Houston 3, Minnesota 1
April 29, Houston 9, Minnesota 4
May 1, Houston 3, Minnesota 1

Houston wins 4-2 in best-of-seven series.

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