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was reasonably good. As reported in the *Toronto Star*, unemployment was down to "moderate levels", and national revenues were rising. The chances, said the *Toronto Telegram*, for a balanced budget for 1960-61 were excellent. The real issues of the day, again according to the *Toronto Telegram*, included defence and finance. Even then they were talking about what kind of defence policy this country wanted and how much we were willing to pay for it.

That year, 1960, was a leap year. That was the year the Hon. John Turner, who was then a lawyer from Montreal whose major claim to fame at that point, as I recall, was that he danced with Princess Margaret, was asked, since it was a leap year, who might ask him to marry. He said he would rather drop dead than answer the question. For the record, John Turner was married in 1963.

A United States study at the same time showed that only 3 per cent of working women had ambitions to be executives. McLean-Hunter started a new magazine which was called *Canadian Homes and Gardens*. As you flip through the pages of *Maclean's* and *Canadian Homes and Gardens* of 1960 you will see ads promoting brand names as quality standard. There were no no-name products at that time. Metrical was brand new, and it has become, of course, part of the flab-conscious society in which we live. Metrication started a little later. Governments were still fighting the same dilemma; they were cutting costs and personnel, according to the *Toronto Star*. The employment picture was pretty good, and salaries are interesting to read. A plumber in Halifax made \$1.25 an hour, a carpenter in Montreal made \$2.35 an hour, an electrician in Toronto made \$3.40 an hour, a labourer in Winnipeg made \$1.65 an hour, and a plumber in Vancouver made \$3.14 an hour.

The year 1960 was the year of the duck-tail haircut, the year of the cha cha cha, and the year of the TV show "Mr. Lucky". Some hon. members may remember that. It was the golden age of live TV. Jack Parr put us to bed. Johnny Carson now does that. It was all in black and white, of course, because we were not sure about colour television, and, indeed, there was some thought that it may offer distressing opportunities, or the lack of opportunities for reproductive possibilities.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Crombie:** Hon. members may remember that issue.

The "Sound of Music" was on Broadway, Mitch Miller was singing along on Sunday night, just before Ed Sullivan, and Elvis Presley was big—very big. We remember Connie Francis, and Anita Bryant was on the hit parade with "Paper Roses". We had Brenda Lee, Fabian, Paul Anka with "Puppy Love", and we could never forget "The Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini". "South Pacific" came out that year in film and the album sold millions.

The streetcar fare in Toronto was six tickets for a dollar. You could get a free car wash with a \$3 gas purchase. If you drove a Volkswagen I guess the problem was that you could not get \$3 worth of gas into it. Gasoline was 19 cents and 20 cents a gallon.

A house in downtown Toronto, the house that you dreamed about with six bedrooms, two bathrooms and a private driveway, could be purchased at Avenue Road and St. Clair for about \$22,000, and that is roughly the geographic centre of metropolitan Toronto. You could still buy a number of houses in Cabbagetown at the time for \$7,000 to \$8,000 each. A beautiful dress in Eaton's cost \$25. Button-down collars were on their way in and Bob Newhart was a new comic with a button-down mind. Medic Alert was just a gimmick and you had to send away to California, the home of all gimmicks, to get one. The Richardsons from Regina became the champions in curling.

On the front page of *Maclean's* in 1960, and throughout one whole monthly issue of *Maclean's*, there was nothing about energy except one thing, and that was on page 24 where there were six lines as follows:

Natural gas will answer an ever-increasing proportion of Canada's energy needs in the 60s, plans for building new pipelines, looping present lines and provisions for exporting gas to the U.S. are calling for a \$1 billion expenditure.

Energy did not occupy anywhere near the space that it does today. A column by Blair Fraser in *Maclean's* was headlined "The backbenchers' unemployment problem—they're able, anxious and bored stiff". That was in 1960. A column by Leslie Roberts, a freelancer from Montreal, entitled "The maritimes should secede from Canada" appeared. In those days Nathan Phillips was the mayor of Toronto and Jean Drapeau was the mayor of Montreal. The mayor of Moncton was M. M. Baig, and the mayor of Yellowknife was Ted Horton.

Those were the good old days when sugar was nine cents a pound, bread was 15 cents a loaf, sirloin was \$1 a pound, milk was about 24 cents a quart, and now it is 79 cents a litre, whatever that is.

Ottawa had a brand new police station in 1960. You might remember that, Mr. Speaker; you probably voted for it. Ottawa has since outgrown that one and is now looking to build a brand new one. A magazine article in 1960 dealt with the eyesores of Ottawa, one of them being the temporary war buildings. After 35 years, those buildings are just coming down.

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The best movies were "Sunrise at Campobello", "Elmer Gantry", "Inherit the Wind" and "Spartacus". Jack Kennedy was running for president. A Bill of Rights was brought into the House by the Right Hon. John Diefenbaker. Alvin Hamilton was minister of northern affairs and solving bear problems in national parks by having their derrières painted red to distinguish the good ones from the bad ones. Marcel Lambert was parliamentary secretary to the minister of national revenue.

Peter Lougheed was the vice-president and director of the Mannix Company in Calgary. For those who are interested in the continuing struggle, Marc Lalonde was teaching law at the University of Montreal and, indeed, was an assistant to the Hon. Davie Fulton. Jean Chrétien was practising law and