

night nor even in a matter of a few years. Research into its prevention and treatment must continue for some time to come. However, as a pronounced reduction in the incidence of polio is already evident, the scope of the work undertaken by the Foundation has been widened to include the rehabilitation of persons suffering from a variety of disabling diseases". Hence, the new name of the organization—The Canadian Foundation of Poliomyelitis and Rehabilitation.

This year's objective for the March of Dimes campaign is \$10,000, all of which will be spent for the benefit of handicapped persons in this Province. It is a small enough amount, considering the work that remains to be done; and we are confident that it will be raised without difficulty.

**Farm Loans**  
 The 27th annual report of the Canadian Farm Loan Board for the year ended March 31, 1958, shows that during the period under review 2057 loans for a total of \$8,309,650 were approved. This compares with \$8,255,000 in the previous fiscal year. The average loan was \$4040.00, compared with \$3,835.00 the year before.

At the end of the fiscal year there were 18,931 first mortgage loans and 2,389 second mortgage loans outstanding. These loans represented a total of approximately \$45 million, an increase of nearly \$5 million over the previous year.

There was little to be complained of as far as farmers' honouring their obligations under the Act was concerned. 87 per cent of the amount due on interest had been paid by the end of the year. Moreover, of the total of \$3,623,518 of principal repaid during the year, over 54 per cent was received ahead of time.

Subsequent changes in the Farm Loans Act will make more farmers eligible for loans, with longer periods in which to repay them. In the first six months of the current year there was a substantial increase in requests. For that six month period, loan approvals were 45 per cent higher than in the corresponding period last year.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**  
 "Above normal temperature" is the forecast for another month at least in this area. It will shorten the winter, even though it may mean a late spring.

Canadian oil production has certainly climbed rapidly in the last ten years. In 1946 it looked after only 9.4 per cent of domestic requirements. In 1956 it amounted to 66 per cent. And of course the demand increased steadily during the period.

The United States has sent 10,000 tons of wheat to Ceylon as a practical means of sympathy to that country which in recent weeks has been hard hit by floods. It would be a good thing if Canada were to take action along similar lines.

Heat, like almost everything else, is relative. On Dec. 22 when summer officially began in the South Pole region, the temperature went to 2 degrees below zero, the highest level for several months. The weather station in Antarctica referred to this as a "heat wave".

We understand that the chief electoral officer in Ottawa has advised returning officers and poll clerks who served in such positions during last summer's election to "stand by". That may or may not mean that a new election is just around the corner, but it evidently means that the electoral officer is of that opinion.

The Premier of Sikkim, a tiny independent kingdom in the Himalayan Region of India, reports that his country is going into the Scotch whiskey business. Since Sikkim's water closely resembles that of Scotland, he thinks "there would be no difficulty to distill good Scotch".

Others have been under a similar wishfulness until experience disillusioned them. We are afraid that Sikkim is not going to make a fortune in Scotch.

Nikita Khrushchev, leader of the Russian Communists, must have tipped his elbow beyond the limit of discretion at his New Year's party in the Kremlin. First, he said he had no intention of toasting the Soviet Army. But, after a few extra drinks of his favourite beverage, he changed his mind and made a long speech extolling the armed forces.



**HELP OUR HANDICAPPED**

**OTTAWA REPORT**  
**Huge Hydro Resources**

By Patrick Nicholson  
 Special Correspondent for The Guardian  
 Ottawa: Every year about 7,000,000 Canadians and Americans visit Niagara Falls. Many of them are honeymooners keeping in the groove. One or two are madcaps trying to dodge the watchful police, and ride over the suicidal 180 foot precipice in a barrel. But most of them are tourists, come to watch the awe-inspiring cascade, shrouded in spray by day and jazzed up by coloured floodlights at night.

The two hundred thousand cubic feet of water which thunder over the twin falls every second are typical of the white horses which Canada is fast taming in every accessible part of this water-blessed country.

The year just ended came near to setting up a record for the growth in our harnessed water power. Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources tells me. New hydro-electric capacity put into operation during 1957 amounted to one and one-half million horse power, he disclosed.

1958 on the other hand will be the banner year, with the newly installed capacity totalling 2,200,000 horse power, or nearly half a million horse power more than the previous record in 1954.

**B.C. IN THE LEAD**  
 New hydro-electric capacity developed during the year hit a higher level in British Columbia than in any other province. The total exceeded 600,000 horse power, and exactly 300,000 came from the two new units at the Kitimat-Kemano aluminum development.

Quebec came second among the provinces in harnessing water power with a 1957 total of 473,900 new horse power. Like B.C., Quebec saw a large part of this growth come in the form of new units.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

This column is open to the discussion of current events of question of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

**TOO MANY FIRES IN 1957**  
 Sir, — Looking back over the year 1957 we take a long look at the fire list topped by a million dollar fire in Nova Scotia at Christmas. Most of these fires are described as "of unknown origin". That is a very poor explanation.

In most cases some one knows how fires started. We see it every day of the week right in our own homes and places of employment. Lighted matches, burning cigarette butts, hot ashes, wood torches and neglected stoves—these are at least some of the answers to "unknown origin" fires.

How many times do we see people smoking around piles of straw? How many times have we seen cigarette butts dropped on the floor and roll still burning into dirt-filled cracks and simmer there? How many times have we seen oil stove tanks filled to overflowing and creep across the floor or soak into the walls? How many times have we seen stoves turned on too high and forgotten during morning work? Fires starting in basements, fires starting in closets and fires starting in garbage piles are also due to someone's carelessness.

Let us think for a moment, if fire raged through this city and burned sixteen stores in one night, how many of us would be idle and without homes? Think of the misery such a fire could bring, maybe all from a neglected match or cigarette. Years ago a fire was a rare thing; now every paper has a fire report, most of them of "unknown origin".

Let us now, in this new year, see our weak spots and check every source of danger at our work and in our homes. Don't wait to put a fire out—Don't let it start. Let that be our slogan for 1958.  
 I am, Sir, etc.,  
 W. A. O'BRIEN  
 Charlottetown.

**OUR YESTERDAYS**  
 (From The Guardian Files)  
**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
 (Jan. 7, 1933)

Recently a number of interested seed growers met and organized a company to be known as the Island Seeds, Incorporated. It is the intention of this Company to use the building formerly owned by the P.E.I. Grass Seed Growers. It is understood that machinery will be installed which will be capable of cleaning almost all types of seed.

The Prince Edward Island Highlanders held their annual regimental dinner Thursday evening at the Armouries. Col. U. G. Dawson, Bedque, Commanding Officer of the Highlanders, presided, with Major W. J. MacDonald second in command. Among those who spoke were Col. Sparling, W. Chester S. McLure, Major Hold, Col. G. E. Full, Col. Andrew. Major Conrad and Col. McNevin.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
 (Jan. 7, 1948)

A truck loaded with eight tons of frozen smelt left the plant of Jenkins Bros., Ltd., Summerside, Monday and will arrive in New York today. This is the third consignment to be shipped to American markets in this way. The Gulf of St. Lawrence is the only area in the world where smelts are fished and they are considered quite a delicacy on American tables.

Mr. Wilfred Gaudet, Manager of the Summerside Branch of the Provincial Bank of Canada for the past six years, has been transferred to the post of Assistant Manager of the Bank in Moncton, a much larger branch of this bank. His successor at Summerside will be Mr. G. M. Mulholland, accountant at the St. John N.B. branch.

**\*MAXIMS**

Nothing can be great which is not right.

**FRENCH MISSILE BASE**

PARIS (AP)—Exploratory discussions have opened in Washington for the location of intermediate range ballistic missile bases in France, a government spokesman said Monday. State Secretary Dulles and Ambassador Herve Alphand are engaged in talks but these cannot yet be called negotiations, he said.

**Getting Off To Right Start**

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.  
 You have to live a healthy life every day. Unfortunately, not too many of you do.  
 While I am against regimentation, there are a few things all of us can and should do every day to get the most out of our lives and, at the same time, keep ourselves in good physical and mental condition.  
 So, for the next few days, let me take you step by step through a full day, from the time you arise (you'll be getting up a little earlier now), through your hours at the office, until your head hits pillow at bedtime.

I don't expect you to hop out of bed smiling and singing, but I do want you to get up early enough to give you time for a refreshing shower and a good breakfast.  
 You can omit the shower if you have taken a bath the night before.  
**Warm Bath**  
 A warm bath can help put you in a sleeping mood. A brisk morning shower will help wake you. Take whichever you prefer, but take a bath or shower every day.

Every year American women spend \$500,000,000 on beauty aids and the men spend even more for good grooming. Yet you may be wasting your time and money if you apply a frosting of powder over a grimy face. You've got to be clean and fresh to look clean and fresh.  
 The pores of your skin are a means of throwing off body wastes.  
**Daily Care**  
 Doctors and beauty authorities alike agree that if you want a skin that looks fresh and clear at any age, you must give it a thorough sudsing and rinsing as part of daily skin care. Not only will it keep your skin clean, it will help keep it soft as well.

Soft water, as all of you know, is much easier on the skin and gives you a much better lather from soap or detergent. Actually, the sticky curd which hard water minerals form when combined with soap may clog the pores of the skin and harbor bacteria.  
**Clean Clothes**  
 Clean underwear and especially clean stockings every day are advisable. It doesn't make much sense to bathe daily and then don unclean clothes.

One more thing before you go off to breakfast. Perhaps you had better use a deodorant. As I have advised you before, most of the commercial preparations on the market today are pretty effective. And—let's face it—most everyone needs the help a deodorant provides.  
**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**  
 F. H.: I am 63 and have had severe bleeding from an ulcer three times in the last year. Do you advise operation?  
 Answer: At your age, with the history of repeated hemorrhages, surgery usually is indicated in treatment of bleeding ulcer.

**The Age Old Story**

Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient but rather giving of thanks.

**NOTES BY THE WAY**

A camel is trained never to pass a camel ahead of him. So, it would seem: are many race horses. —Kitchener-Waterloo Record  
 Economists refer to what we are going through at present as "a rolling readjustment" and how we are being rolled!—Peterborough Examiner  
 We gather that if the West is to have as many scientists as the Russians there'll have to be more eggheads in round holes.—Brantford Expositor

The RCN decided that new carrier aircraft should continue to bear their U. S. names. But Crownstret reports that to the sailors and airmen Banshees have become "Banjos" and S2Fs are "Stoofs." Earlier aircraft had been restricted in the same way with Fireflies becoming "Fireboxes" and Avengers "Turkeys." —Ottawa Journal

The City's merchants in Nantes, France, decided to give traditional Christmas gifts to the police right where they earned them — at street intersections. Surrounded by piles of cigarettes, candy, cheese and bottles of wine, the police continued their job of directing traffic. This was on Boxing Day, the French have another name for it. The Nantes police grinned from behind barricades of gifts. Traffic, reportedly, continued to move smoothly. —Cape Breton Post

**The Poets Corner**

**THOREAU'S TREES**  
 (Upon reading that trees in Thoreau's Walden are being uprooted).  
 Brisk geometric young men  
 With their mathematics and shaping steel  
 Have made straight,  
 Precise and neat,  
 The childhood path that curved  
 To scurrying little-animal feet,  
 And to ours.  
 They have obliterated the whole  
 wood,  
 The wood, where, high overhead,  
 Foliage of pines and oaks intermingled  
 To shut out the sun.  
 Where, underfoot, leaf-loam and pine needles  
 Bedded too thick and deep  
 For our small feet to run.

Where the shimmer of violets in early bloom  
 Among the green gloom  
 Now is a twilight dream.  
 Where the mushroom and wild berry  
 Hid in colonies of fern  
 By a spring-fed stream.  
 The mind, too, can obliterate;  
 and when it will,  
 Bring back the wood — peaceful,  
 and still.  
 —Victoria Harvey  
 in the Christian Science Monitor.

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