



**BIG SHOW AT SPORTS ARENA**

Crockett and Storey's "Panorama" . . . a showing of more than 15,000 square feet of the very latest in furniture and appliances, is attracting crowds to the Sports Arena this week. The show, first of its kind in the Maritimes is held daily from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. with a multitude of displays, such as the one above. Many of the items on display are being shown on the island for the first time. . . and many of the country's leading manufacturing concerns are represented.

**Canada's Vast**

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an extraordinary country this is—what colour and variety it has and, as modern painters would say, what rhythm. I am thinking as I talk of certain remote and little known corners of our land. They will, I hope, make us realize once again how many places in Canada have a fascinating background of romance, adventure and of great human interest.

Do many of us, for instance, know about Barkerville. Two rows of little houses on a winding street with an idle saloon and an empty church. In the sixties it was a crowded, pulsating centre for the great numbers who were attracted by the Cariboo Gold Rush in British Columbia—perhaps eight thousand in that community alone—the largest place then between Chicago and the Coast. Now it stands, practically uninhabited—a ghost town a monument to the enterprise, the hopes, the disappointments, that can affect human beings.

In sharp contrast with Barkerville is another place I have seen. Its "pop. trends" have been up, not down. Elliot Lake in the uranium field on the north shore of Lake Huron hardly existed as a settlement five or six years ago and it now has a population of about 17,000.

How many out-of-the-way places there are in Canada which reflect the drama of the past, or forecast the future, or do both. I could give you a long list, but I won't—just a few examples.

**MOOSE FACTORY**  
Moose Factory, at the mouth of the Moose River, a few miles from James Bay—the last remaining great Hudson's Bay post with its venerable buildings still pretty well intact—although sadly needing repair! Moose Factory is the second oldest post in the Hudson's Bay Company. I was greeted by a guard of honour of Indians, enthusiastically firing shotguns!

St. Anthony, at the northernmost tip of Newfoundland—the centre of the great Grenfell Mission; bleak and inaccessible, but manned by a devoted staff, who have served that northern region and the coast of Labrador so loyally over the years.

The settlements of Haida Indians in the Queen Charlotte Islands. An ancient and gifted people, they are not very numerous now, but they have preserved their traditional arts and they have kept something else—a sense of deep pride in their past. One of the Chiefs, in his address of welcome, said, "war canoes of the Haidas, like the Royal Navy itself, were never defeated!"

**FROBISHER BAY**  
Frobisher Bay in Baffin Island, where I saw Eskimos dancing Scottish reels, and when I asked how they had learned them, I was told—from Scottish whalers a hundred years or so ago. The Magdalen Islands, the little archipelago in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, with a brave and hardy people, half farmers, half fisherfolk. They receive few visits and when I spent four or five days in their water, all the people of some of the villages assembled to welcome me.

I have many pictures in my mind of what I have seen in the last six years, illustrating the rich and varied pattern of Canada. It may have been a yoke of perfectly-matched oxen which I saw slowly moving through the charming streets of Lunenburg in Nova Scotia; or bars of gold at a mine in Yellowknife—in our northern wilderness whose life is based on its gold; or a band of highly trained and disciplined girl pipers in Cape Breton, each wearing the tartan of her family. However, my catalogue must not become too long, lest my anecdotes perform the function of a tranquilizer.

**OBSCURE PLACES**  
I can think with pleasure of so many places, some of them very small, hardly known in the great centres of population. I like little places with their own life, their own pride and ambition in the job they do, which is an important part of the whole; tiny settlements on the prairies, very often with the word "City" playing a surprising part in their name; little but ancient settlements in the Gaspé Peninsula, the population drawn from so many sources blended into a unity, remote mountain villages in the Rockies.

I think you will understand how moved I am by these glimpses of various places in our country. Some of these are bound by fragile links to a past which is moving from us. Others point to fu-

in common which made us one. They will, I am sure, achieve the same success in the West Indies. They look to us as a sister nation in the Commonwealth. We should, and I believe do, look on them with the understanding and the knowledge becoming to an elder sister. Here in the Atlantic Provinces, you know a good deal about our West Indian kinsmen, because you have had, for many generations, so many links with their communities.

**BROAD INTERESTS**  
What I have just been saying may seem irrelevant, but a Canadian Club does not, and should not, limit its interests too narrowly. Although it is primarily concerned with Canada, it uses the word "Canadian" in its broadest context, and this naturally includes our relations with a sister nation in the Commonwealth. I am always happy in the precincts of a Canadian Club. Perhaps one reason is that the Clubs and I have a good deal in common. Your functions are, in some respects, not unlike those of the Governor-General. One of your principal objectives is to extend and deepen knowledge of Canada. As I travel about and speak on different occasions, I feel it is also one of my duties to pass on my impressions of what I see and hear wherever I go, and play what humble part I can in promoting knowledge of ourselves and our country. We have—you and I—similar opportunities and obligations and, indeed, we have the same restrictions, because there are some subjects which Canadian Clubs and Governor-General do not discuss!

**NINETY-FIVE CLUBS**  
There are now over ninety-five Canadian Clubs in Canada with thirty-eight thousand members. They are increasing all the time. I have had the pleasure of meeting several Clubs which had not been in existence for long. Yours is in this category. One of the new Clubs that I talked to has, I understand, since suspended its activities. I hope you will not connect the two events—my address and the Club's demise—too closely!

I have some views of my own on the objects of the Canadian Club. I think they are shared by a large number of members. I do not think that the Clubs exist simply for the purpose of providing a platform for itinerant speakers, for acting as a sort of lecture bureau. That is an important function, undoubtedly, but there is something that lies deeper than that, and it is reflected in the ideas of the very farseeing young men that started the Canadian Club movement nearly seventy years ago. I am sure you have often heard the story of that little meeting in an office in Hamilton in the early nineties, which led to the formation of the first Canadian Club. These men felt that national sentiment in Canada was at a dangerously low ebb and that the new nation was in peril. The great moment of Confederation and the enthusiasm that it generated had passed and Canada was in grip of a depression—an economic depression—but also what might be called a spiritual depression—even more serious. The group of men that I am talking about held the view that what was required was not a discussion of tariffs and taxes, exports and trade balances only, but that what Canada really needed primarily, was a belief in itself. You can, of course, never appraise the effect of a movement like this; you cannot measure it or express it in figures, but I am quite sure that the first Canadian Clubs played no unimportant part in reviving in Canada the self-reliance without which no nation can grow and prosper. But self-reliance does not represent a

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encourage activities in literature and the arts. Here is a field in which there is much to be heard. More is happening in Canada in this sphere today than ever before, and activity is increasing. We apparently have made up our minds that effort in drama, literature, music, painting and ballet, not only deserve our support when they are Canadian in character, but deserve our fullest support when they are both Canadian and good. The example which naturally comes to one's mind is the Shakespeare Festival at Stratford, which is not only distinguished by national standards, or continental standards, but, by world standards. There is another Festival which will open this summer an Vancouver which promises to have great dis-

tion—A general Festival of the Arts, organized as an annual event. Like the great Edinburgh Festival which it will resemble, it provides a rich and varied fare, representing all the arts that can be included in such an event. We should welcome the initiative and imagination of the people in Vancouver who have made this Festival possible. It will have far-reaching effects in Canada.

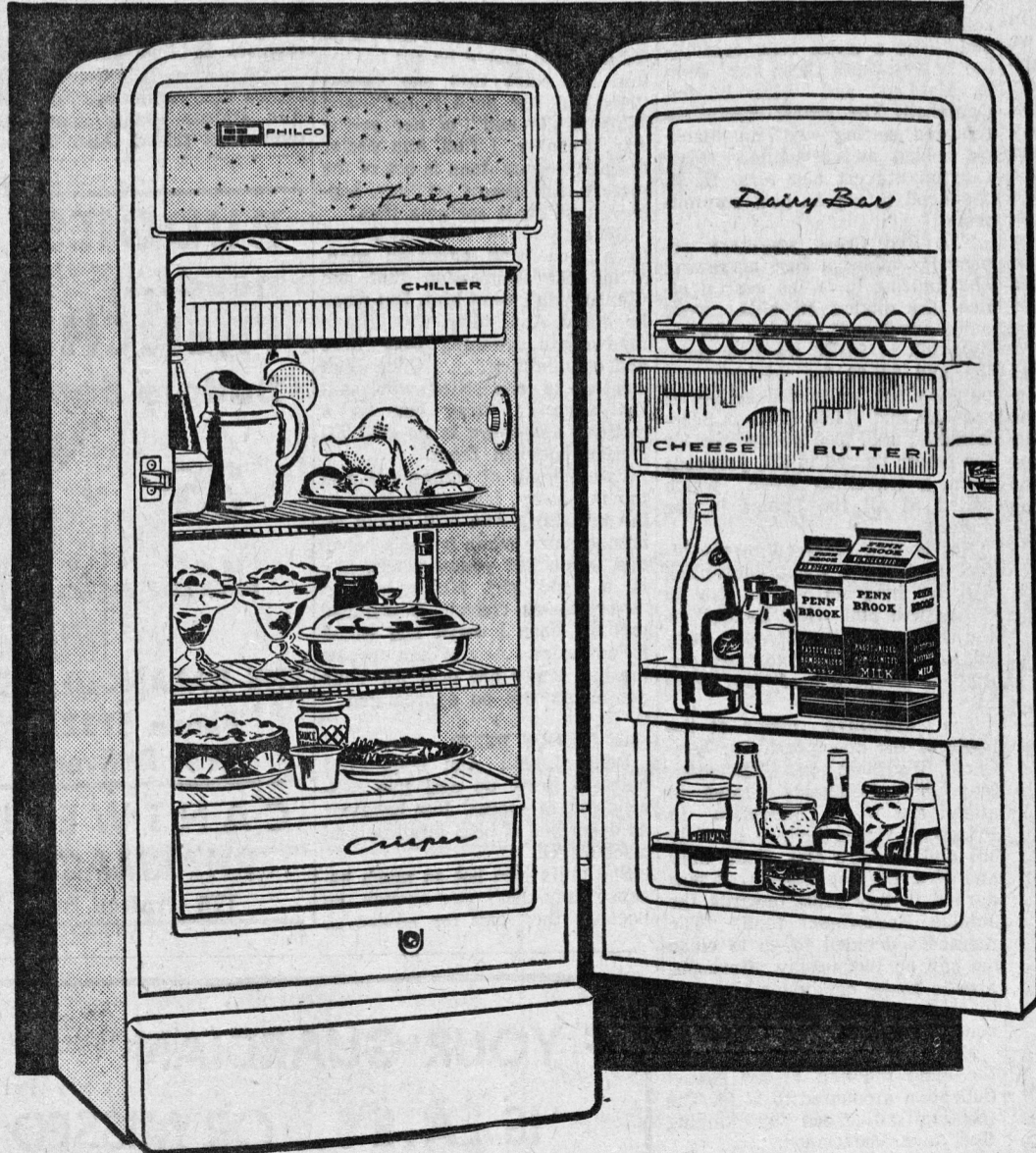
**UNIQUE ORGANIZATION**  
I could go on making more suggestions as to what Canadian clubs could do but I shall spare you. I speak with some knowledge and also with conviction, when I pay tribute to the great importance of the Canadian Club movement. You have been often told, I am sure, that it is the only national organization in Canada

which exists for no other purpose than to widen our knowledge of our country and our belief in it. As far as I am aware—and if I am correct, it is an interesting fact—there is nothing resembling the Canadian Club in any other country. There are no English Club in England; French Clubs in France; American Clubs in the United States. Canadian Clubs were founded here and have multiplied and prospered because there was a need for them. There still is an important role for them to play. Our vast country, with its relatively small and scattered population, calls for what the Canadian Club can give it. So the responsibility of this Club and similar bodies elsewhere is no trifling thing. May I wish you well.

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