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Mr. Martin Acclaimed

Canada's Health Minister, Hon. Paul Martin, has distinguished himself on other occasions for statesman-like qualities...

Among the warmest in his praise at the Assembly meeting was Sir Pierson Dixon, of Great Britain, who not only expressed pleasure at "the great role which the senior Dominion played in this matter..."

Mr. Martin modestly places the credit upon the co-operative spirit shown by the Assembly itself. His one regret is that Japan has not been accorded membership...

Mr. Martin added that "in this first year of the second decade of this organization it may be that our decision tonight will give hope to all peoples, and a strong purpose to the charter of the United Nations..."

Even those nations which do not profess Christianity must feel the timeliness of these words at this particular season and their affinity with the message proclaimed to all men of good will on the first Christmas morning.

A Pathetic Plea

One of the most pathetic stories to come over the wires in many a day is that one which tells about the sobbing woman, Mrs. Lydia Szarwarkoska, and her plea to Archbishop Boris of the Russian Orthodox Church to intercede with Soviet authorities to permit her aged mother to come to Canada.

It is pathetic because it reveals the cruel hardness of a political system which seems to overlook the individual in its inordinate obsession with that abstract thing called the "State".

Reports from Ottawa about this case—one of thousands—indicate that there is no valid reason why this woman's mother should not be permitted to join her daughter. No matter of security or political convenience is involved.

reason to suppose it has lost its hold on charity, the most excellent virtue. But, the present rulers of Russia, like the unjust judge in the parable, fear not God nor regard man. As long as they remain callous to the plight of the nations and the peoples whom they have robbed of freedom, they are not likely to heed the importunity of a woman in a foreign land.

New Labor Leader

The British Labour Party appears to have made a sound choice in electing Mr. Hugh Gaitskell as its new leader. According to the left-wing 'New Statesman and Nation' his weakness is "a certain obstinate narrowness of view, an inescapable commitment to one wing of the party, and an apparent inability to feel the burning desire for social change which eats at the belly of the militant rank and file."

Certainly the new leader has intellectual qualifications as well as political experience. A first-class honors graduate of Oxford in philosophy, economics and politics, he later studied economics in Vienna and at the age of thirty-two was appointed head of the economics department at London's University College.

Many Books

If the secretariat of and delegates to the United Nations do not have all the information they need for doing their work efficiently, it is not because of any shortage of reference books. A report recently issued by the librarian of the U.N., Dr. R. Borba de Moraes of Brazil, shows that at the present time there are 200,000 volumes on hand, and they deal with almost every conceivable subject from social problems to atomic energy—about 300 in all.

Besides books of modern origin there are 20,000 volumes which were borrowed from the old League of Nations Library in Geneva, presumably to give delegates and other U. N. officials a better perspective in world affairs. And, just to make sure that U. N. personnel have no trouble in finding information on any topic when they happen to be in Geneva, where many important international meetings are held, 400,000 volumes are kept in the old library.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Beethoven born this date, 1773.

If new industries do not settle in Owen Sound, Ont., it will not be because land is too expensive. Town officials have stated they would give any prospective manufacturer a suitable site for \$1, and even advance the dollar if that would be of any help.

Nikita Khrushchev who, according to news reports, has been slandering the British right and left during his tour of India and Burma, says now that he was misquoted. If he isn't prevaricating, he ought to fire his official interpreter and get a new and more reliable one.

Reporters who cover the Washington, D.C., beat have to be specially careful about words. When it became known that President Eisenhower would be away from the capital most of the winter, one man reported that the official social season had been cancelled. For this he was rebuked by White House officials who explained that the proper word was "suspended".



What he gets for Christmas Are his two front teeth--

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN A. WEBSTER

Sir,—I wish to write a few words of sincere appreciation of the lifetime record of public service of one of my greatest friends Jack Webster. During my fifteen years as health officer of the city, as well as Provincial Health Officer, typhoid fever epidemics occurred often, and specimens of water for examination could be examined only in Ottawa. I began to appreciate and admire John Webster's great service to Charlottetown, not only as finance minister of the City Council, but his wonderful record of twenty-eight years as chairman of Water Commissioners.

With his approval and sanction as president of the Rotary Club in 1927, I had Miss Mona Wilson address the club appealing for funds for crippled children.

I was proud to call this great man my friend and during his long and very busy life he gave unstintingly of his great talents to the public service of this City and Province; twenty-five years as secretary-treasurer of his church; twenty-five years in the Fire Department; an outstanding member of the Royal Salvage Corps; a long and honourable record in the Canadian Artillery with the rank of Captain; a pioneer in marking roads in the Charlottetown Club; a director of the Arena Bank Co.; a director of the Patriot Publishing Co.; constitute a record of public service very seldom equalled in this Province.

Yes verily, he was a great man, a true friend, a generous warm-hearted Christian gentleman, who will be sorely missed. I extend my sincere sympathy to his sorrowing widow and son.

I am, Sir, etc. W. J. P. MacMILLAN

STEEL LOBSTER TRAPS

Sir,—As a lobster fisherman of twenty-five years standing, I was interested in your editorial of Dec. 9 on Fishery Affairs, in which you mentioned the steel traps which were used last summer for the first time and with very poor results. My own experience has shown me that these traps have two serious drawbacks: They are far too expensive for general use, and for some reason the lobstermen don't seem to want to have anything to do with them. What's the use in making a trap storm-proof if lobstermen insist on giving them a wide berth?

The conventional type trap is much too large and cumbersome. And although this may surprise the experts, it is as easy for a lobster to get out of one as it is to get into it. I have seen this happen many times in tests I have made. Luckily (for the fishermen) probably 70 per cent of all lobsters which enter the traps don't make any attempt to get out. There is a lobster trap, though, that is cheap and rugged and from which the smartest lobster in the world could not escape. I know, because I had a good deal to do with designing it. It is smaller than the one now in use, but strange as it may seem, it will hold more lobsters. It can be built for 75 cents.

Tractors In The Far North

By Richard Anco Canadian Press, Winnipeg

The great sheet of snow and ice which for generations all but silenced winter activity in Canada's Far North is being ruffled.

Where the delicate trail of dog-sled runners and the print of moccasin feet once were the only marks of man's winter passage into the tundra, giant tractors hauling tons of freight on sled trains now forge tracks across the snowy vastness. Spearheaded by mining development and defence building, a record year is shaping up for equipment transportation over ice-hardened rivers and lakes.

A heavy early snowfall this year, however, has added problems to the operation. The snow is acting as an insulator, preventing lakes and rivers from freezing hard enough to bear the trains safely.

But travel over ice has its disadvantages. Danger accompanies the crews whose tractors at any time may crash through weak spots on lakes or rivers. Winds, too, throw up formidable barriers of snow.

Where ice is not safe, artificial packing of snow and artificial flooding must be done by man. Travel over land presents its problems, too. Sled runner ruts must periodically be levelled out and melted spots filled with ice or snow.

MAPPING A TRAIL Before undertaking a haul a trail has to be located and out-Gravelles must be kept to a minimum to prevent "doubling up" or "jack-knifing" by the train which usually has five or six sleds. Topography of the area is studied on maps, and helicopters make aerial surveys. The trail is finally laid by crews working with bombardiers and tractor plows.

Patricia Transportation Company a leading tractor-train hauling firm expects to put more than 40 tractors and 200 sleds in operation this season.

The hauling period, the "blue ice" season, lasts from 75 to 120 days between January and April, depending on the winter.

Patricia's projects this year are taking them to two mining developments in northern Manitoba, one at Stewart, B.C., and a section of the 3,000-mile mid-Canada radar line which sweeps through virtually unknown territory south of Hudson bay and approximately along the 55th parallel.

Three tractor trains are used in a hauling "swing" and freight is moved in an almost continuous line. Under ideal conditions one train is en route while the other two are either unloading at the destination or loading at the shipping centre.

TRAIN EQUIPMENT

Each train has a heavy-duty tractor which pulls a string of cargo-laden sleds, one for fuel and miscellaneous equipment and a caboose where the crew sleeps and eats. A cook, a utility man and two tractor drivers who work in shifts make up the crew.

The machines work day and night for as long as the hauling season lasts. As the winter gets colder and the ice thicker, size of tractors and hauls are increased. Because of the hazard of a break-through in the ice the tractors have no roofs, allowing the driver an emergency exit. Only a windshield and canvas sides protect him from the wind.

To salvage a tractor, experienced crews are needed. They first set up a canvas wind-break around the hole in the ice and build a fire inside to keep warm and prevent a freeze-up. The lost machine is drawn up by another tractor on a cable running through a tripod-type structure over the hole. Manager B. H. Wilson of the Patricia Company says break-throughs are the greatest hazards in tractor train freighting. The company has lost three men in its 20 years of operations, two of them as a result of tractors dropping through ice. The other fatality came in an airplane mishap.

BOOKS RECEIVED

A TREASURY OF FAITH (Prentice-Hall, New York \$6.95). "The Power of Positive Thinking" by Norman Vincent Peal, D. D. does not need reviewing, its simplified and direct techniques for better and happier living being familiar to readers in almost every land. The King James Version of the Bible, also, stands in no need of the reviewer. The two, however, are published in an attractive gift form, the two volumes, bound in red and black respectively, enclosed in a presentation box.



THE VOYAGE

There lives no beauty, I believed when young But at the vessel's prow. Only the foam is beautiful Which flies before the voyage and is gone.

There lives no wisdom, I believed when old But in the ship's wake Where the waves Cover their noise again with the great sea.

—Walter Bynner.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sandesen, M. D.

CONSIDER CHILD'S AGE WHEN PURCHASING TOYS

What kind of a Christmas toy should you get Aunt Lucy's baby? Undoubtedly, many of you are wrestling with the toy-buying problem right now. Well, maybe I can help you. Let's see just what kind of toys babies should have and when they should have them.

Even a very young baby will appreciate a brightly colored dangling object which can be hung from the wall, ceiling or the crib itself.

SOOTHING SOUNDS

From about a month and a half on, an infant will be pleased with toys which make soothing sounds such as a music box, musical balls and the like.

Between three months and a year, and even after, tots greatly enjoy toys that can shake and rattle. Don't worry about someone else getting the same idea. A baby in this age bracket certainly needs several such toys.

You'll help a baby, three months or older, to stimulate his eye and muscle skills if you give him a toy which he can hit or grasp. Many such toys come equipped with rubber suction cups which can easily be fastened to high chairs or cribs.

After a baby reaches this age, he also needs several toys he can freely chew, bite and suck. Many practical items are made of plastic or rubber.

Bathrub toys also are good gifts for tots of three months or better. Just about anything that floats, as long as it doesn't have sharp points or corners, is all right.

A baby old enough to sit up and grasp things will get a kick out of toys he can really bang around. Punching bags, large stuffed balls, hammer and peg sets and similar items really will be appreciated.

Teddy bears, stuffed bunnies, pandas, just about anything he can cuddle and love, are good presents for a tot past the age of six months.

By the time he's a year old, a baby is ready for toys he can work with—Simple building blocks, peg and ring sets and such will help develop his eyes and hands as well as his mind.

For a walking or creeping baby, pull toys of all kinds will give him a lot of fun and good exercise. So, maybe you had better clip this out and take it along when you do your shopping for babies of friends or relatives. It might make your job a little easier.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

H.J.G.: After the birth of my third child, I developed milk glands under my arms. My physician suggested I have them removed. Is there any medical reason why I should permit surgery?

Answer: It is advisable that you follow your physician's suggestion in this matter. Otherwise, the glands may cause some difficulty.

Flying Into History

(Montreal Gazette)

There are many Churchillian phrases which symbolize Britain's "finest hour" in English. In German there was one, too. It was the simple alert—"Achtung, Schlitze!" One German flier, after being shot down, awarded the famed Spitfire his Iron Cross, so deep was his respect for its ability.

Although, in fact, Hurricanes far outnumbered Spitfires in the Battle of Britain, the "Spit" became the symbol of that magnificent victory. When air-power funds were raised by public subscription throughout the Commonwealth, the slogan always was, "raise \$40,000 and buy a Spitfire."

How long ago that is now is emphasized in a dispatch from Brussels. There, at nearby Cozyde airfield, 25 Spitfires are advertised for sale at auction. The bidder is required to deposit his proposed price in a sealed envelope, to be opened on auction day.

There is a sad note of nostalgia in the Brussels story. But it is not really necessary. The last of the machines can disappear in the cold, material sense without injuring the legend at all.

The Spitfire may disappear, in fact, from the skies. Yet it will always remain, swift and valiant, in world history. For those who love freedom, its ghostly shape, with long eager snout and graceful wings, will still patrol the skies over Britain.

The Age Old Story

He knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: for forty years the Lord thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.

NICE DOGGIE

POOLE, England (CP)—Bruce, a police dog retriever, is in deep disgrace in this Dorsetshire town. He let someone steal his collar.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

We have come to the conclusion that all humanity can be divided into two classes—those who seek publicity and those who try to keep it out of the paper. —Brandon Sun

University of Maryland dairy experimenters are working to stimulate the consumption of milk. Already strawberry-flavored milk is being produced commercially. Cherry, grape, coffee and raspberry flavored milk have been tested on the consumer. Still to be tried - ugh - are orange, lemon, tangerine, peach, lime and pineapple flavored milk. What a bunch of softies Americans are becoming if they can't drink their milk straight. —Detroit Free Press

Last summer a ball player in Chatham, in a fit of pique, threw his bat at random and it struck a woman spectator, breaking one of her arms, which, because of a diabetic condition, would not heal. Up to now she has incurred \$1,450 medical and hospital costs, of which the youth has paid \$400, and he has been given suspended sentence of one year, provided he pays the rest of the expenses. The Canadian Amateur Softball Association has also banned him from playing in any game over which they have jurisdiction. —St. Thomas Times-Journal

Stories of dogs saving the life of their masters are common, but similar feats performed by cats are rare. But they do occur as the following story, related by a Swedish foreman on an East African ranch indicates: "My cat Kalliocki followed me day and night, sitting on my shoulder or on the saddle as I rode out to look over my ranch. "One day I went out for a stroll, with Kalliocki ahead of me. Suddenly the animal turned around and jumped at my feet, forcing me to stop. He made another leap, to the side this time, and attacked a snake which he had grabbed by the neck and killed. The reptile was a spotted cobra whose sting is often fatal." —Stockholm Svenska Dagbladet

Politically Canada became a nation by boldly cutting loose from British apron-strings. Growing numbers of Canadians are convinced and are saying that we shall not become a sound nation in the economic sense until we Canadianize our industries and financial operations. But as a matter of hard fact, if Canadians themselves demonstrated their possession of American gumption and go, there'd be little need to fret about our being hewers of wood and haulers of water for other people. Most people are still backward when it comes taking a chance. —Northern Miner

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To The Citizens of Charlottetown

Our City had its greatest number of visitors, in its history, this past season, yet our traffic accidents were kept to a minimum. We are now in December, the worst month of the year for car accidents because of the combination of winter driving conditions and the holiday spirit. I am sure that nobody wishes to have the Holiday Season marred by accidental death, Charlottetown cannot afford the loss of even a single citizen, therefore I would ask your full and complete cooperation in following these few simple common-sense rules of behaviour:—

- 1. If you are going to celebrate, it is safer to leave your car at home and take a taxi. This is especially true if you plan to accept alcoholic beverages. NEVER drive if you drink. 2. If you are going to a family or religious gathering or party, leave your home early so that you will not be obliged to drive too quickly. Even if you fall to leave on time watch your speed. On icy streets, or in heavy traffic, fast driving may mean sudden death. 3. When you entertain, or are being entertained, and "Take One for the Road" make it strong coffee or some other alertness beverage never alcohol. 4. Be considerate about your guests who may be unfit to drive. Arrange other means of transportation for them so that they will reach home safely and will not be a menace to other drivers or pedestrians. 5. If you are driving, be careful of pedestrians many of whom may be carrying parcels or may be tired and in a hurry to get home. 6. Remember, courtesy is the best kind of good wishes you can extend to other motorists, to your guests or to pedestrians. Don't argue about the right of way. Be considerate and MODERATE and you'll enjoy a happy holiday season and be alive on New Year's Day.

J. DAVID STEWART, Mayor