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An Encouraging Sign

It is reassuring to note that in spite of inflation and high taxation, Canadians individually are saving more money, to support themselves in leaner years, than they ever did before. This is shown in the record purchases of life insurance which they made in 1951.

As Mr. Macdonald says, Canadians are benefiting themselves in two ways by their increased insurance savings. They are adding to their own and their dependents' protection at some later date and they are also helping themselves and the whole country at the present time by joining in the battle against inflation.

Corruption in Public Life

Canadians are apt to look on rather smugly while Uncle Sam takes drastic steps to curtail widespread corrupt practices which have been revealed in the public service. We have, it is true, a high standard of morality amongst those serving the Dominion, Provinces and municipalities but that standard will only be maintained or raised to the extent that public opinion insists.

If we prefer to be able to bribe office holders or if we are indifferent to the attempts of others to do so, then in very short order the public service would become the haven of venal parasites. Especially in this day of almost limitless government activity the type of official employed tends to reflect accurately the manners and morals of the general public.

"Twelfth Night"

Old Christmas Day, or Twelfth Night (January 6th), has its own celebrations. In Devonshire in the south of England, famous for its apple-cider, the custom of "Charming the Orchards" has been handed down. Local farmers and their men go to their orchards after dark on Twelfth Night, carrying guns and a great jar of cider, with a large piece of toast or cake floating in it.

Like many old superstitions, this custom was founded on a practical belief: the shot was supposed to tear the bark of the tree and to quicken the fruiting in a similar manner to the English technique of beating a walnut tree.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A feature of Physical Training should be snow-shovelling—it is both health-giving and profitable, more so than hockey or curling.

Observance of the Universal Week of Prayer commenced here yesterday. It would be a callous individual indeed who did not agree that the world stands in need of prayer.

The rise in value of the Canadian dollar in relation to that of the United States is gratifying, but it also means less money in the pockets of those selling on the American market.

A ceiling price in the United States on our main cash crop will affect us very considerably, both in export and import, as the shipping of the cheaper inferior Maine potatoes will compete with ours in the Montreal and Toronto markets.

The news that didn't happen is the rush to cut prices on the outlawing of retail price fixing by manufacturers.

The increase of the Electric Company's rates means the production cost of The Guardian goes up another \$190 per annum.

Paul Verlaine, French poet, died this date 1896. At first pagan but later Christian, his poetry broke away from the traditional Alexandrine verse. In melody his work has no rivals and is often sharply poignant and extremely beautiful.

A correspondent of the Hamilton Spectator points out that Canada, contrary to a very general view, is not without inherited titles. By Act of Parliament descendants of United Empire Loyalists were granted the right to the title U. E.

The Federal Government will administer and pay out of a special tax fund the pensions to persons 70 and over. Approximately 635,000 persons are expected to qualify for the pension by the end of this month. Cheques will not be received until February.

Report that the price of tea took a four-cent drop in Vancouver pleased householders in that city but, unfortunately for the housewife elsewhere the favorite English beverage stood at the same price. On the average, Maritimers pay 10 cents more a pound than Vancouverites.

The eyes of the world are on the White House today. No striking manifesto is expected, of course, but the spirit of brotherhood and friendly understanding should be strengthened by the meetings of Mr. Churchill and Mr. Truman. Whereas it has long been common for Americans to go to old lands from which their ancestors came, Mr. Churchill comes to the new world from which came some of his ancestors.

Unemployment insurance will be available to any veteran seeking work after serving up to three years in the regular forces since July 5, 1950. An order-in-council published in the Canada Gazette extends the benefits of the Unemployment Insurance Act to such people. An earlier act by the government guaranteed their jobs back for any men who enlisted and served up to three years after the same date.

A V.C., M.P., Major-General Pearkes has returned from the United Nations Conference in Paris with the announcement that the policy of sending Canadian infantry to Europe is "wholly unwarranted." He says Germany requires technical troops and more economic aid. Canada, he claims, is not helping to give Europe full value for the amount of the taxpayers money being spent.

The employment of tanks against Egyptians sniping at British troops is, of course, only common sense and prudence. It recalls, however, fighting of another sort. When the British Raj was responsible for the defence of India some villages of raiding tribesmen on the northwest frontier were bombed. A delegation waited on the authorities to let it be known that unless the British agreed not to use aircraft—the tribesmen would decline to make further raids.

It isn't clear whether or not the Defence Department and the Defence Production Department are working at cross purposes. But it looks that way. The Defence Department announced that there wouldn't be any more bare knees in the Army. From now on summer shorts were going to be out. But a few days before Mr. Howe's Defence Production Department had released a list of new defence orders. Included was one amounting to \$142,333, for a Kitchener, Ont., firm. The commodity in question: "Shirts and summer shorts."

A number of friends here are congratulating Mr. Harold C. Cross as acting general secretary of Montreal Y. M. C. A. The appointment was made by the Y.M.C.A. metropolitan board of directors following the recent death of Mr. John W. Beaton, general secretary for 32 years. Mr. Cross was secretary of the association here for sometime and went overseas with the Canadian Y.M.C.A. Military Service in the First World War. For 17 years he has been a senior member of the staff as metropolitan program secretary. Recently, in connection with the centennial of Montreal Y. M. C. A., a history of the association by Mr. Cross was published, entitled, "One Hundred Years of Service with Youth."

Not So Silent Night



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) PASSENGER LIST "In the Cambria from Boston, at Halifax, on Sunday last, Hon. A. Young and lady, Hon. E. Palmer and lady, and Miss Tremain. "In the Caledonia from Pictou on Friday - Mrs. Allan and Miss Alan, Mr. Deane and Mr. MacKay, and 7 in the Steerage. "In the Acadia at Halifax from Liverpool, Oct. 5. Robert Bruce Stewart, Esq.; lady and family on their way to P. E. Island. "By the Steamer Cambria from Halifax for Liverpool - Lady Huntley, three children and maid-servant. "In the Caledonia (Packet Boat), last evening the Hon. T. Heath Haviland, Hon. Edward Palmer and Lady, Mr. Robert Haviland, Misses Palmer, E. Tremain, F. Mayne, Mr. John McDonnell, Mr. Griffith, Mr. C. Doherty, Master Tremain and 20 in the Steerage." -Royal Gazette, October, 1946

The Typewriter Keyboard

Replying to a reader who asks why the typewriter keyboard is not arranged alphabetically, the Cleveland Plain Dealer lady who answers correspondent explains that the lettering has been standardized since the first practical typewriter was invented by Christopher L. Sholes and James Densmore. They found, she says, that in the early machines the type bars would collide and stick fast when the keys and bars so as to eliminate this trouble as much as possible. The arrangement was perpetuated because of the inconvenience incident to making a change.

We are inclined to assert, however, that the letters of the typewriter keyboard were jumbled up the way they are for the same reason that the keys of a linotype are jumbled - so as to produce faster work. It might be thought that the easiest way to find the letters would be to place them in alphabetical order - A B C and so on. But an analysis of words showed that more words could be produced per minute by placing near each other the letters that are most frequently used. Thus it is possible to strike several letters with the fingers in rapid succession without moving the whole hand. If the letters were arranged alphabetically the operator would have to do a great deal of wrist work in order to reach over to the keys. The result is not only a saving of time, but it produces more accuracy and reduces mental as well as physical fatigue.

There is, apparently no hard and fast rule regarding the proximity of convenient lettering. The standardized keyboard of the typewriter and the standardized keyboard of the linotype machine are different. Which board is the more convenient we would not like to say, not having operated a linotype machine, but we do know that, punching our typewriter we get an aggravating percentage of letters in the wrong places. We blame ourselves; not the typewriter

Unfair To Fish

(Sydney Post-Record) Canadian women not know how to cook fish properly. That is the verdict of the Home Economics Section of the Department of Fisheries at Ottawa. The accusation appears to be justified. It may account for the fact that Canada is not an outstanding fish-consuming country. The Maritimes would be less dependent upon United States markets if Canadians ate more fish—if more Canadians ate fish often. The Home Economics Section has begun a campaign to remedy the situation. Home economists are being sent around the country for a year to demonstrate the proper way to cook fish. The fishing industry is co-operating in the cam-

Says It's Spinach

(Edmonton Journal) Children the world over will look with mixed feelings on Dr. Charles Hill. He is a junior minister in the British food ministry, and will no doubt be known in the future as the anti-spinach man. Millions of youngsters who have to choke down great helpings of spinach, "because it's good for you," will applaud the doctor's attack on the food value of the green and stringy vegetable. Speaking before the Royal Society of Arts in London, he said that the theory that spinach is a good source of iron is just a myth. The plant does contain iron, but it also contains oxalic acid—the stuff that gives rhubarb its flavor—and this apparently neutralizes the iron in some way so that it cannot be used by the body. If this is true, there's not much point in pouring the stuff into Junior—as Junior will be the first to point out. But then Dr. Hill went on to undermine the dearest beliefs of another army of children—those who have been persuaded that eating spinach will make them strong, like Popeye. He claims that this too is a myth; "there is no scientific reason why spinach should give anyone... strength." Popeye's biceps, it would seem, are due to some other cause, and can't be acquired so easily. It's just another of life's early disillusionments.

The fish-cooking lessons will be before women's organizations, schools, hotels and restaurants. A spokesman for the Home Economics Section said that most Canadian chefs and housewives cook fish too long and do not serve it immediately after it is done. "Fish must be cooked quickly at high temperatures," it was explained. "Letting it stand spoils the flavour and produces the fishy odor."

This may be a blow at Canadian pride but it is a blow struck in a worthy cause. It may be that Canadians don't appreciate all they have been missing in not being served fish dishes that have made some cities in other countries famous for their restaurants and home fare. It is a serious lack from the viewpoint of the great fishing industry of these Atlantic Provinces. All the more deplorable because there are no better fish anywhere in the world than those caught in the cold ocean waters off our shores. It is some of the most famous restaurants in the world in such cities as Marseilles, France; New Orleans, San Francisco, New York and Paris, are chiefly famous because of the great variety of fish dishes cooked by celebrated chefs, which are served with choice wines to go with them. Why should not Canada have restaurants of equal fame? This question should not have to be asked of a country whose Atlantic waters yield the best sea fish and whose clear flowing streams and sparkling lakes contain fresh water fish unexcelled.

The Poet's Corner

THE THINGS THAT ARE MORE EXCELLENT As we wax older on this earth, Till many a toy that charmed us seems Emptied of beauty, stripped of worth And mean as dust and dead as dreams— For gauds that perished, shows that passed, Some recompense the Fates have sent: Thrice lovelier shine the things that last; The things that are more excellent... The grace of friendship—mind and heart Linked with their fellow heart and mind; The gains of science, gifts of art; The sense of oneness with our kind; The thirst to know and understand— A large and liberal discontent: These are the goods in life's rich hand, The things that are more excellent. —Sir William Watson.

The Age-Old Story

I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

No Oysters

(Manchester Guardian) As one of the results of their visit to Canada, it has now been officially established that Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh do not like oysters. That is important news for their future hosts, and Mr. Casey, Australian Minister for External Affairs, has been saying that the shellfish will not be served at banquets when the Princess and the Duke go to Australia in the Spring. Mr. Casey has also been saying that Australians are very proud of their oysters and that, without this discovery of their taste on this point, the visitors might have been offered oysters "at every meal—including breakfast." Surely even the Walrus and the Carpenter might have flinched at oysters for breakfast—and what about afternoon tea?

FIRT ON ROCK

The Rock of Gibraltar is believed to have been first settled by the Moors in A.D. 711.

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Notes By The Way

Members of the House of Commons are again demanding that a loud speaker system be installed in the green chamber. While this would be useful, a gadget that would automatically cut speeches off at about the half way mark might also be valuable. — Ottawa Citizen.

In Edmonton, the other day, citizens were enjoying a pleasant winter temperature of 16 degrees while in Regina, not so very far away, the thermometer registered 46 below zero. Almost as great differences were being registered in different parts of Ontario if Canadians can't regulate their weather more equitably, how can they expect other peoples to believe that this country's affairs are well run? — Ottawa Citizen.

The federal old age pension plan has started, but—unlike "baby bonus"—family allowance—there is still no commonly accepted name for it. "National pension," "National dividend," "universal pension," all are possibilities, yet do not hit quite the right note. "Granddad's bonus" sounds flippant. But no doubt a satisfactory name will yet be devised. —Ottawa Citizen.

Saskatoon wants to know if anyone can top its story about a slow delivery of mail. A despatch from that burgh tells of a clergyman who complained that, having officiated at a funeral of a citizen, he received a week later, a Christmas card the unfortunate individual had sent. Well, it's not quite in the same class, but there was the classic case of a Bradford man who was given the Christmas cards to mail, put them in the pocket of a light coat he was then wearing, changed the coat for a heavier one when he decided the weather was becoming chilly and discovered the cards when he took out the light coat the following Easter. What's more, friends got Christmas cards for Easter.

An innocent-looking snow shovel, oddly enough, can be a more deadly weapon of destruction than a sawed-off shotgun that red gangsters domains in the big U.S. cities during the "Roaring Twenties." Or so it proved to be in the case of the liquor baron Sam Genna, who with his five brothers, once terrorized Chicago's Little Italy district. Sam managed to stay alive in that turbulent era when Chicago newspaper readers thought it was an extraordinarily quiet day that didn't have even one murder. But the other day Sam died in bed—stricken by a heart attack that Canadian political life was definitely the poorer between 1940 and 1948 for the absence of Agnes Campbell MacPhail, who in the first of those years lost the seat she had held for nearly 20 years in the Commons, and did not get into the Ontario Legislature until eight years later. In 1940 this journal urged Mr. MacKenzie King to appoint Miss MacPhail to the Senate, and we still think it would have been a good idea if he had done so. But we now even more strongly urge Mr. St. Laurent to take that course. Miss MacPhail has added color and a certain civilized dignity to every legislative session in which she has participated. The color comes from her personality, and the dignity from the fact that she is a woman and a lady, and conducts herself as such. She would certainly add color to the Senate, and while that body may be in no urgent need of dignity, still it is impossible for it to have too much. — Saturday Night.

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