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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Remember Your Humanity

The charge is often laid to scientists that they are concerned with the advancement of knowledge to the exclusion of considerations of humanity.

It is possible, of course, that a relatively minor war might be settled before atomic weapons were brought into use.

Looking back in history to the discovery of gunpowder one sees a weapon by which warlike barons could destroy one another despite their strong castles.

We have reached a time when an international body must control the dreadful weapons science has devised and use them to maintain peace rather than for war which will be fatal to mankind as a whole.

Private Flying

During the Second World War, enormous expansion and development in the aviation industry led to a popular belief that the day of the "flying flivver", with a light airplane in every garage, was just around the corner.

In the meantime, however, businessmen have taken up flying in ever-increasing numbers. Airplanes have always been used in such enterprises as lumbering and mining.

Salesmen find the smaller types, two and four seaters, enable them to expand their territories by thousands of miles. Executives use the larger types, converted into flying offices, which enable them to make first-hand surveys and conduct face-to-face conferences with colleagues all over the continent.

The trend has been much more marked in the United States than in Canada. Last year, business aircraft in the U. S. flew almost twice as many miles as did the scheduled airlines.

Canada's vast distances and her large uninhabited regions place severe limitations on the use of private aircraft. Yet the numbers of both large and small aircraft being used for business purposes is steadily growing.

Increase University Grant

While there was undoubtedly a sly political motive in Finance Minister Harris' reference of his department's estimates to the Estimates Committee of the House of Commons, there are some worthwhile matters to be considered.

It would be desirable, suggests the Toronto Globe and Mail, if the committee were to look into this grant. The members would agree that in terms of the universities' need, the grant is insufficient.

The Government benefits very greatly from the universities, not only in the intel-

even in the fact that many university people have higher incomes which produce larger tax revenues for the Government. To obtain the best returns for society, there should be no stint in the support of our institutions of higher learning.

The most practical method of assisting the universities is for Ottawa to carry more, if not most, of the burden of research. It is not as if the money were not available.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Many are saying that we have already had more summer than last year. It is to be hoped that there is still more summer than last year ahead.

The last spike in the new B. C. rail line to Kitimat was most appropriately of highly-polished aluminum rather than being the traditional "gold spike".

A proposed Canadian Anglican prayer book may have eleven commandments, rather than ten. The revision, if adopted will add the commandment: "Love one another."

Sheep are being dressed in duck jackets with zippers in the southwestern United States. The idea is not so absurd as might appear.

With the federal share 78 cents of the taxation dollar, points out Quebec's solicitor-general, there is scarcely sufficient for the other governments to operate and some reform is highly desirable.

It is not unusual for Canadians to obtain their education in Britain but the contrary, except during and after the Second World War, is certainly more rare.

The Federal Government has spent three years and more than a million dollars in providing docking facilities at Port Aux Basques, Nfld., for a new car ferry, to ply from that port to North Sydney.

This highly pertinent advice is given to fishing industry by a Member of Parliament from Nova Scotia, Mr. A. J. MacEachern. "If the domestic market for fish is to be properly developed and extended in Canada, it involves first of all the type of investment which will provide facilities by way of refrigeration and display, and also the type of advertising that will induce the Canadian consumer to buy more fish."

State farms as well as private ones have their troubles. In Kazakhstan, a Soviet Republic, a farm director was recently sent to prison for falsifying reports. It seems that he reported 1500 acres sown to corn when the actual acreage was around 600; the quota set by authorities was 3200.

That the "vast prairies exert the same effect on your residents as does the sea on our people," is the interesting suggestion of Nova Scotian born Public Works Minister Winters to the people of Medicine Hat, Alberta. There is food for thought here for those who assume that different regions necessarily produce different mental attitudes.



"The Sincerest Flattery"

OTTAWA REPORT

"Canada, 1955"

By Patrick Nicholson

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics keeps track of our cost of living — among many other duties — and reports to us regularly upon the state of the economic health of our Dollar.

The rising cost of living, which in so many ways more than eats up those wage increases, is now vividly illustrated by the cost of Canadian statistics as supplied in capsule form by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics itself.

This information-filled capsule is called "Canada 1955". It is the latest annual edition of the Canadian Government's official handbook, which is produced by the Information Division of D. B. S. and printed by the Queen's Printer here in Ottawa.

This yearly handbook was sold for the ridiculously modest figure of 25 cents as recently as 1951. This year the rising cost of printing, labour, paper and photographic work has pushed the price up to treble that figure.

SIX BITS AND WORTH IT

"Canada 1955" has the dry-as-dust but quite undeserved subtitle: "The official handbook of present conditions and recent progress." The illustrated baby brother of the Canada Year Book is one of the best produced and most interesting of all our government publications.

Its three hundred pages are packed with facts about our country, and generously interlarded with photographs and coloured reproductions.

We see Red Indians riding bareback against a sail-dotted blue lake edged with pink sandy beaches, in a coloured reproduction of "Prince Albert National Park" by Fred J. Finlay. This is one of the magnificent murals specially commissioned for the Canadian Pacific Railway's new dome lounge cars. Other similar murals are reproduced in the handbook illustrate Kootenay National Park, Quebec's Laurentide National Park, and — I learn all the time — a beauty spot in Ontario named Sibley National Park.

The descriptive articles in "Canada 1955", taken with the statistical tables, provide a complete picture of the average Canadian today, or of the average inhabitant of each province, as well as of his surroundings and background.

Most of us know that the winter is long and cold. And just now, at least in Ontario, we know that the summer can be very hot and very humid. "Canada 1955" tells us that the greatest temperature between winter and summer is found, among our great cities, in Regina. There the temperature fluctuates between an average high of 110 in summer and an average low of "54 below" in winter.

In contrast, Victoria enjoys our most temperate city climate, with a temperature variation of only from 95 to 6, both "above".

OUR RISING STANDARDS TOLD Most of us know that our living standards are going up, and fast. "Canada 1955" tells us how high and how fast. Our biggest improvement in the past decade, it reveals, has affected the quality of our food and the economy of our food dollar.

PUBLIC FORUM

OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE

Sir — For our children's sake and for Canada may I suggest a project for your own and other organizations? As you know, our civilization and our high standard of living are built on and around the metals such as copper, iron, lead, nickel, zinc, etc. It has been proven that continental supplies of these metals are "running dangerously low", so if we want to prevent our children from sinking to Asiatic living levels we must start now the greatest conservation program in the history of man.

Still Dominion This matter of Dominion Day. The latter is still, as far as we know, the official name for Canada's national holiday or birth day, although there have been some suggestions for a change. We could wish, however, that if the change is to be made, the Government of Canada would take the matter in hand forthrightly. As matters stand there seems to be a devious sneak-up on the public unaware with a substitute title.

The Age Old Story How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

There a river quietly flows— At my feet a pond I see. Around whose bank the lily grows, I am a giant looking down, On my land and home, A land of plenty for all, Who in its boundaries roam.

Yet while I look down at this below, I feel small and very alone, For this was made by Someone Great, And I am only flesh and bone, Lorna Lawson

Summerside ANCIENT LAND Crete in the Mediterranean had a flourishing civilization as early as 3000 BC.

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Bees At Work New York Herald Tribune When Isaac Watts wrote his little verse that begins "How doth the little busy bee improve each shining hour" he could hardly have expected that the timing mechanism of the bee would some day be put to a solemn scientific test. Bees, it seems, are naturally able to determine time intervals without the aid of outside influences—at least so the theory runs. As a conclusive test, an elaborate experiment has been arranged whereby 5,000 bees in a portable hive are being flown from Paris to New York. In Paris, their feeding time has been from 8.30 to 10.30 p.m. In New York it will be from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—the difference being due to the trans-Atlantic time differential. If they do not maintain their schedule, it will be apparent that external factors outweigh the bees' built-in timing mechanism. Ordinary citizens, who have

The Poets Corner TALL NETTLES Tall nettles cover up, as they have done These many springs, the rusty harrow, the plough Long worn out, and the roller made of stone: Only the elm butt tops the nettles now.

Two-Way Traffic The United Kingdom had 82,000 immigrants from Commonwealth countries in 1953, against 127,000 emigrants.

Medically Speaking

TINTED WINDSHIELDS ARE NOT FOR NIGHT DRIVING Colored windshields keep your car cooler and cut down the sun's glare on hot summer days. However, they also cut down your seeing efficiency at night, the time when you drivers need all the vision you can get.

Detection Distance The green filter does snuff out heat carrying red and infra red rays. But, the Institute insists, any tinted glass—that goes for sun glasses too—reduces your detection distance. Your detection distance is the distance at which you can just barely see an object.

Visual Sharpness Even clear glass cuts down visual sharpness at night from a normal 20/20 to 20/32. Light yellow glass cuts it to 20/34. Pink glass lowers it to 20/40 and a green windshield drops it to 20/46.

One Big Mass Two objects which would appear separate to you at a distance of 100 feet through a clear windshield would seem like one big mass when viewed through a green windshield until you were only 25 feet away.

OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE Mrs. R. N.: What is the disease called Pica, and what would cure an abnormal appetite in my 11-year-old? Answer: Pica is a condition of abnormal appetite, such as eating of sand, coal, dirt, paper or wood. This does not indicate that there is anything seriously wrong with the child, but he should be watched and prevented from indulging in this abnormal craving. It would be well to have a physical examination made of the child by your physician.

difficultly enough trying to figure out the time difference between New York and Chicago, probably will be slightly dazed by the whole affair. That any one should care about the time of day that a bee dines is surprising enough; that a hiveful of them should be flown across the Atlantic to prove a point is downright astonishing. Certainly man's respect for bees is going to improve considerably if it should develop that they can really tell time. Next thing you know, people will be asking them for matches.

I AM ONLY This wide expanse of land, Stretching to my right and left, Was surely carved by someone With skillful hands and deft.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Seaforth is one of those communities in which a planned program of pole removal was set in motion nearly twenty years ago. Delayed by the war, the program got under way again a few years ago, and today is well advanced.

A football pools firm has changed hands for a purchase price of £1,050,000; the net profit for the year ending July 31 next is expected, state the directors of the purchasing company, to exceed £600,000 before taxation. The firm concerned is William Hill (Football), Ltd. carrying on business as fixed odds pools promoters. Mr. Lionel Barber, chairman of Holders, Investment Trust Ltd., states in a letter to his stockholders that the company has acquired, as an additional investment, the whole of its issued capital. — London Times.

Canadians apparently plan to spend more time around the garden and in the backyard this year than ever before. Their planning—and spending—are causing the biggest boom yet for plant nurseries, manufacturers and retailers of outdoor furniture and even swimming pool builders. The "green thumb" urge and the desire to relax in the outdoors is increasing business as much as 25 per cent for those firms that cater to "leisure." This relatively new "leisure industry" already is growing rapidly as Canadians continue to spend considerable time, effort and money on preparing the proper setting for relaxation. — Barrie Examiner.

An otherwise responsible English journal is giving space which it shouldn't be doing, but it's summer! to an ultra-minor, amateur-pure British-American controversy. The subject is spelling, particularly the spelling differences which exist between this side of the Atlantic and 't'other. We spell it labor, they labour. They prefer phantasy, our fantasy. Our American cousins especially like fonetics; the English abhor phonetics. The argument has been precipitated by a gentleman from Alabama, who has been appointed to decide how certain words should be spelled, and that a bargain ought to be struck by which the British should adopt American spelling for certain words and that the Americans should adopt British spelling for others.—The Montreal Star.

I wish to Announce the Opening of a Private Practice in Charlottetown on July 11, 1955. Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 4-5 p.m. Daylight Time. Saturday: 2-4 p.m. Daylight Time —and by appointment. 16 Rochford Street (Corner of Rochford and Richmond Sts.) Telephone 7183. T. GENCHEFF, M.D., L. M. C. C. Orthopedic Surgeon

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