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Ninetieth Anniversary

Canada attains to her ninetieth birthday on Monday. Though still a youngling among sovereign nations, we can point with pardonable pride to our record of achievement.

While life in Canada has changed materially since the observance of the first Dominion Day, the sentiments of Canadians towards the national holiday remain substantially the same.

It is well to be reminded that some of the Provinces are older by far than Confederation and that its strength and achievements lie deep in the struggles and sacrifices of our ancestors.

In these Maritime Provinces where the pioneer tradition is so strong, Confederation has not been an unmixed blessing.

Election Promises

It is not likely that the Liberals, the CCFers and the Social Creditors have entered into a conspiracy to pounce on the new Progressive-Conservative Government at the earliest opportunity.

There are excellent reasons why Mr. Diefenbaker can be expected to make a good beginning in implementing his pre-election promises at the coming session.

At the same time, those who say that the Prime Minister must carry out all his promises in one Parliamentary session are talking with tongue in cheek.

A Clean Bomb

The scientists, at least three of them, have told President Eisenhower that a clean hydrogen bomb, one with relatively little radioactive fall-out, can be considered a possibility.

There is, however, one little hitch to the story. It is based on the assumption that nuclear tests will be continued. Apparently, the scientists who called on the President were perturbed over the possibility of a ban being placed on the tests before the clean bomb becomes a reality.

However that may be, the President's reaction to the scientists' report is not easy to understand. His first word seemed to imply, although he did not say it specifically, that he thought it would be unwise to stop the tests, now that there is hope they might produce a bomb free of fall-out.

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MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Freedom Of The Press

The freedom of the individual within the confines of the law of the state is the life, the soul, the single essential ingredient of a democracy.

Public speakers are given to lauding municipal government as being the closest to the people. They picture it correctly as the very roots of democracy.

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Nuclear Bomb Tests

In a week when the main topic has been the resumed London disarmament talks a many-sided picture emerges here.

Indications here are that the report, strong as it is, will have little effect on the outcome of the talks.

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New Agents in Medical World

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. A new long-acting sulfa drug, a new type laxative and an anti-convulsant of value in treating certain types of epilepsy are among the medical advances I would like to tell about in this month's report.

The new sulfa drug is sulfamethoxypridazine. But let's be practical and call it by its trade name, Kynex.

Let's also use the trade name of the new laxative, Dorbantyl. It is a combination of dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate and 1,8-dihydroxyanthraquinone.

Researchers at the University of Michigan experimented and found that the agents' wetting action resulted in a softening and bulking of hard fecal masses by promoting penetration and retention of fluids within the lumen of the bowel.

The Poet's Corner

ON A LETTER FROM A BOYHOOD-FRIEND

Empires have fallen, kings and armies flown Like roistersers scattered when the sleet-wind jeers.

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.

OLD ENGLISH CHURCH

Sir,—My husband and I read Ripley's "Believe It or Not" every day and we were interested in today's brief history of Speldhurst Church, England.

The Age Old Story

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

OUR YESTERDAYS

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NOTES BY THE WAY

"Anyone Can Direct a Movie." headline. And some of them look like it.—Branford Expositor

Home life is happier where mother pretends dad is smarter than she is. The man is so easily fooled about it.—Brandon Sun

Pasadena man was divorced by his wife for knocking the heels off all her shoes so he could appear taller than she.—Niagara Falls Review

A man has reached middle age when he contends there is no time like the old times.—Calgary Albertan

Many men still die with their boots on — the gas pedal.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

A University of Toronto psychologist reports that immigrant husbands are nonplussed by the Canadian practice of husbands helping their wives with the dishes.

a-methylphenylsuccinimide. It took five years to develop Celontin and another five years to test its safety. It is available only through prescription.

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NOTICE TO CHARLOTTETOWN TAX DEFAULTERS

The names of all property owners in arrears of taxes in respect of real estate will be published on the first Monday in October, 1957.

CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN EDUCATIONAL TAX NOTICE

All persons who have not paid their 1957 Educational Tax—General Assessment—are reminded that such taxes are in arrears as of March 30th, 1957.

This is the final notice with respect to Educational Tax for the current season.

THEIR FANCY NAMES

In this changing world barbers are becoming hair stylists and wallpaper hangers are becoming known as interior designers.

OPEN WIND TUNNEL

A supersonic wind tunnel in which airplane models can be tested up to three times the speed of sound was opened here Thursday at the British aircraft establishment.

MAXIMS

Sorrows are like thunderclouds — in the distance they look black, over our heads scarcely gray.