

Published every week-day morning at 120 Prince Street, Charlottetown, P. E. I. by The Thomson Company Limited.

MONDAY, DEC. 20, 1954

Peace On Earth

All too often the Christmas season of peace on earth, good will to men, has found the world engaged in war.

Not all Canadian soldiers, however, can be at their own firesides at this time. Their contribution to peace is to stand side by side with those of many nations united in the will to preserve the peace.

Christmas is a family festival. It celebrates the birth of man as well as God. Families make every effort to be reunited for its observance and in the giving of gifts it is the children who are first in our thoughts.

In this part of the world we have many things to be grateful for. Material prosperity is ours on a scale never before known. With it and enabling us to enjoy it, is a measure of freedom and justice that certainly exceeds our deserving.

Cherishing The Past

Perhaps it is because they are such a forward-looking organization that the Women's Institutes are deeply concerned with records of the past. They realize that the future evolves from the past and that communities, like plants, have their roots deep in the soil.

The booklet was compiled in 1953, which marked the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the coming of the first settlers to Springfield, and has been revised and published this year in its present form. It deals briefly but comprehensively with every phase of community life, from pioneer times to the present.

One gets the impression, from its well-written pages, that here is an epitome of much of our Island history, and that its examples of courage, enterprise, faith and good works have invaluable lessons for us all. During the thirteen year period from 1828 to 1841, fifteen families settled in Springfield.

As noted above, other branch Institutes are employed in the same laudable enterprise, not only in Prince Edward Island but throughout Canada.

task, at least with the same devotion, understanding and sympathy. We look forward to the time when every community will have its history compiled in this manner, not only as a memorial of pioneer achievement, but as an entrancing record and source of inspiration.

Number One Job

From reports coming out of Des Moines, Iowa, it looks as though the new Governor of that State is about to institute a new idea in government planning. "The number one job facing me," said the Hon. Leo Hoegh shortly after his election, "is to build an educational system that will meet the need of all the people, not only for today but in the future."

This primary concern for education shows Mr. Hoegh to be an unusual kind of political leader. Usually, the needs of education are about the last thing taken into account in government budgets; mainly, perhaps, because it ranks lower in popular agitation than other public services.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The remarkable safety record of TCA is somewhat marred by the crash near Toronto of the Tampa-Toronto Constellation. There is much to be thankful for, however, that the crash was not accompanied by heavy loss of life.

Some 15 per cent of Canadian servicemen and civil servants voted against the life insurance scheme to provide one year's salary up to \$5000. All entering the Canadian Government service in future, however, will participate so that in a short time it will be practically a blanket coverage.

Lighting a 65-foot tree on the White House grounds, President Eisenhower declared that the world is large enough and the skills of man great enough to house mankind in peace. He added, however, a warning that he was not advocating peace at any price.

Strix in the London Spectator usually has urbane comments on a civilized scene. He must have been as shocked as his readers, however, to have to report that a high school student, left by the teacher to keep order in class, did so by covering the class with a fully-loaded army revolver and announcing that anyone so much as opening his mouth would be shot.

On slippery roads and streets it requires as much as twelve times normal distance to stop a car. A glance at the speedometer, therefore, should be accompanied by a mental multiplication of the speed shown by ten in order to compare the risk with summer conditions. The fact that many people are in holiday spirits and perhaps not as cautious as usual adds to the danger of driving at this season.

Robert Gordon Menzies, Australian statesman and lawyer, was born this date 1894. He followed his father's footsteps as a member of the Victorian Parliament and held a number of cabinet posts. He became Prime Minister of Australia in 1939, after four years as Attorney General.

Invitations have gone out to heads of universities in Canada and 31 other countries to attend next year's International Festival of Music and Drama at Edinburgh. It will be the ninth anniversary of what has proved to be one of the major international cultural events. More than 23,000 visitors from 45 countries, the highest number ever recorded, attended the 1954 Festival.

Hon. Mr. Pickersgill, Minister of Immigration, is regarded as the logical minister to direct the administration of the Canada Council to be set up at the next session of Parliament opening on January 7. The National Gallery, the National Film Board, the National Library and the Library of Parliament function under his jurisdiction.



Can Now Be Heard

Europe Comes Back

News and World Report

A new mood of confidence, self-assurance, even exuberance, is growing in Europe. A business boom that took hold in the face of a U.S. downturn, suddenly has given Europe the feeling of a patient who has recovered to the point where he is in better health than his doctor.

Industrial production has climbed nine percent in a year when U.S. output fell by almost precisely the same amount. The boom has lifted 300 million Europeans to levels of prosperity never before known on this side of the Atlantic.

People are producing more, earning more, selling more abroad and living better than ever in their history. The business peaks of 1929 and 1931 both have been surpassed. For the first time since World War II, prices are steady while production soars. Inventories are normal. Not a sign of inflation has appeared, even in France, which is accustomed to chronic inflation.

The forward surge has imbued Europeans with a feeling of strength and independence. Together with growing military power under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization the new prosperity is restoring Europe's belief in itself. People have a new jauntiness in their walk and a new look of confidence in their eyes.

The whole thing goes back to the business boom, which itself has come as a surprise to the experts on both sides of the Atlantic.

Prosperity on its own is a new experience for Europe. A 10 percent drop in U.S. production in 1949 provoked major crises abroad. Almost every European country was forced to devalue its currency. Only a year ago a repetition of catastrophe was predicted by the Organization for European Economic Co-operation. It warned Europe that "grave repercussions" might follow "even a minor fluctuation in the U.S."

Instead, hardly a month goes by now without some new record being set in Europe. Economists in Paris jokingly suggest that Europe ought to launch a Marshall Plan in reverse to buoy up the United States.

Steel production in Britain is climbing toward a rate of 20 million tons a year. Italian automobile output has gained 31 percent over 1948. The percentage of unemployment in Germany is lower than in the United States. France's gold and dollar reserves have gone above the billion dollar mark.

Sleek new automobiles fill the traffic-jammed streets of ancient European capitals from London to Berlin. Europe this year will produce more than 2.5 million passenger cars and trucks. The continent is getting its first taste of an economic revolution that the U.S. experienced when mass production of automobiles hit its stride in the '20's.

In Berlin, a million television sets have been sold in 12 months. The home-building record of 1937 is being matched with 350,000 dwellings going up. The last rationing restrictions have gone. British tourists are roaming the Continent again. The Chancellor of the Exchequer predicts that Britain's living standards will double over the next 25 years.

Europe Comes Back

News and World Report

sets have been sold in 12 months. The home-building record of 1937 is being matched with 350,000 dwellings going up. The last rationing restrictions have gone. British tourists are roaming the Continent again. The Chancellor of the Exchequer predicts that Britain's living standards will double over the next 25 years.

In France, the number of automobile owners has jumped 700,000 in 36 months, a 50 percent rise. Home building, after years of the doldrums, is 80 percent over 1953. With 100,000 dwellings scheduled for completion, 1954 looks like the second-biggest building year in French history.

In Holland, Switzerland, Britain, and the four Scandinavian countries, unemployment is down to 1 percent or less—smaller than the minimum hitherto thought possible. German exports are expected to cross the 5-billion-dollar mark this year. Sales abroad have jumped 46 percent for German automobiles and 38 percent for electric machinery in 12 months. Austria, a chronically sick country until 1953, has quadrupled its foreign exchange reserves.

The economists advance many reasons for Europe's seeming immunity to the decline in the U.S. But one factor dominates like a high Alp towering over its neighbors: Europe's productive power, helped by years of U.S. aid, finally has been restored and revitalized.

In every country and in every industry war losses have been more than replaced. Plant capacity is at an all-time high. Productivity is on the rise. New spindles are replacing old; automatic lathes are displacing hand machines. Output is climbing faster than employment and hours worked. The work week now exceeds 48 hours in Germany and Holland, 47 hours in Switzerland, 45 in Britain, 44 in France and Austria.

Industrial production over all has soared 50 percent above pre-war levels and is up spectacularly from 1947—the year before the Marshall Plan started operating. Some industries have made almost unbelievable gains. Production of electric power, chemicals, aluminum and automobiles has doubled since 1938. Oil refineries have been expanded seven-fold since the war.

PEMBROKE, Ont. (CP)—Hunters in the Pembroke area have shot 117 bears so far this season. Henry Bahr leading the list with 23 bears killed. Runners-up are Percy Keen with 14, Martin Rathwell with 10 and Herbert Sell, seven.

The Poet's Corner

ADVICE ON APPLE FIRE

Bring in the apple wood Against the winter; It will burn blue and good To the last splinter.

Set match to apple bough For the slow ember; Let orchards blossom now In white December.

Once they were blooming pink But now in this room He who would dream and think Marks red fire in bloom, —Anobel Armour in the New York Herald Tribune.

Old Charlottetown

and P. E. I.

GUNNERY MEDAL

"We were today shown a very handsome medal, that has been presented to No. 1 Battery, P. E. Island Provincial Brigade of Garrison Artillery, by the Hon. Judge Young. The medal, which is suspended from a ribbon having three gold clasps, consists of a military star, surmounted by an Imperial crown, having a centre piece of gold, on which an artilleryman is shown in bag relief in the act of taking aim. The conditions under which it is to be competed for are that the members of the Battery making the highest aggregate number of points in four half yearly competitions, shall become the winner, and that in the meantime it be held by the member making the highest number of points at each half yearly competition. Gunner Frederick McKenzie, who, though a recruit, succeeded in beating the veterans of the Battery at their first match in the competition, is its present holder." —The Examiner, Dec. 29, 1932.

SWEET RACKET

VANCOUVER (CP)—Rev. Edward Smith, retired minister of the United Church of Canada, told city council here he agreed the "burial business is the sweetest racket this side of heaven." The original quotation, he said, was made in a magazine published in eastern Canada. The clergyman made the statement during a stormy discussion over the sale of 216 acres in suburban Burnaby reserved by the City of Vancouver for cemetery use.

The Heart of Africa

By Charles Mercer

FATAKI, Belgian Congo (AP)—The red clay road winds eastward up the mountains, leaving the bush behind, and soon you are on a high, rolling plateau. It is the heart of Africa, a couple of hundred miles north of the equator.

Africans line the road, waving and smiling, black skins shining in the sun. Here an African walks with spear in hand, his bare-breasted wife trailing behind him bowed under a load of faggots. Up the road a Belgian settler is plowing with a tractor.

Spear and tractor are symbols of what is happening in the Belgian Congo, this vast saucer-shaped land of jungles and high mountains athwart the equator. In this country about 90,000 whites live in peace with 12,000,000 Africans.

The Congo has become one of the most prosperous areas of the world since 1908 when Belgium began operating the territory as a chartered colony. Last year, for example, its total gross national product was more than \$1,000,000,000. It's rich in cobalt, copper, gold, tin, manganese. It may hold the world's largest deposits of uranium—though the extent of uranium operations today is a closely-guarded secret. Cotton, coffee and palm oil are among its agricultural exports.

There is no unrest among natives here such as Britons face in Kenya, French in North Africa and South Africans in the south. The Belgians, last and most reluctant of the European powers to stake a claim in Africa, have tried to learn from the colonial experiences of the British, French and Portuguese. A practical-minded people, they have a sharp eye for business and few illusions of imperial glory.

Fifty years ago cannibalism was widespread among the Bantus of the Congo. Today it is almost nonexistent. You find missionaries seemingly everywhere, operating hospitals and conducting schools far in the bush and on remote hilltops of the rolling uplands. The Belgian government, recognizing their importance, gives them the fullest cooperation.

The missions, for example, are the backbone of the Congo's educational structure. There now are about 1,500 white settlers in the Congo. They continue to come at the rate of only 100 a year, all carefully selected and trained. But none can settle now on this rich land around Fataki. The government has forbidden further white settlement above 3,000 feet elevation in this area, preserving the land for the use of the Africans.

The government astutely realizes the basic conflict between white and native on this continent comes over land. Thus the Belgians are going to great pains to teach the

Africans improved agricultural methods. As yet the overwhelming majority of Africans farm only a subsistence level. But many white settlers are prospering, living like feudal lords in a land of no daily newspapers, no television sets, no retail stores. Some make as much as \$200,000 a year, growing coffee, raising cattle, extracting oil from the eucalyptus trees they introduced here.

The Age Old Story

And straightway Jesus constrained disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray; and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

OTTAWA (CP)—One of the pioneers in the survey of the north, C. H. Ney, was honored on retirement as assistant Dominion geologist. He was presented with the gold medal of the Professional Institute of the Public Services of Canada for his work in mapping Arctic aviation routes.

See Us for KODAK Gift CAMERAS FILMS ACCESSORIES. Includes an illustration of a camera and a person.

Brownie Cameras from \$3.50 up Kodak Duaflex, Pony, Tourist and Bull's Eye Cameras. Kodacraft Printing Sets \$6.75 Kodak Just-Right Gift Sets

Brownie Movie Cameras—\$47.75 and \$56.75 Movie Projectors—FREE DEMONSTRATION. COLOR FILMS FOR ALL CAMERAS. Kodachrome Film (movie & 35mm) The famous Sylvania Blue Dot Flash Bulbs in all sizes.

Johnson & Johnson DRUGGISTS Corner Kent & Prince Sts. Dial 4133 We Deliver

TEA-HILL GROCERY SPECIALS

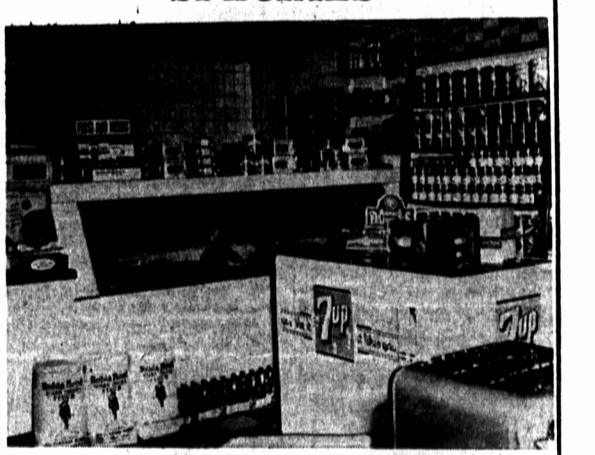


Table with columns for GROCERIES and MEATS. Items include Robin Hood Flour, White Sugar, Seeded Raisins, Crisco, Maple Leaf Mince Meat, Nuts, Barley Toys, Pot of Gold Chocolates, Rib Roasts, Shoulder Roasts, Steak Meat, Pork Chops, Beef Liver, Cooked Ham, Bologna.