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Her Majesty's Message

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's broadcast yesterday followed the traditional pattern. It was a Christmas greeting to all her subjects at home and abroad, a message of hope and good cheer which we have come to look forward to at this season...

The problems besetting Britain and the Commonwealth at this time are serious and disturbing. It was not necessary for Her Majesty to remind us of these problems. She sought, rather, to put them in their perspective by dwelling on the bonds of unity that are stronger than the issues that divide us.

The launching of the Telstar communication satellite brought Her Majesty, by an easy transition, to thoughts of that other star which three wise men once saw in the East, and followed to the Cradle in Bethlehem. Men have always been reaching for the stars, she reminded us; but it is only by serving one another that our achievements can be made to count.

Simple, heart-warming words from our beloved Sovereign, which expressed her own personality and concern for the values we all cherish, regardless of race or creed, and which we can take with us into the new year with renewed confidence in the future.

Politicians And The Press
In a debate in the British Parliament two years ago Mr. William Deedes, a Conservative member who is also a journalist and who has since become a minister without portfolio but with the duty of co-ordinating the government's information services, made this frank comment:

"The relations between the politicians and the newspapers are founded not on sympathy but on antipathy. Both to some extent are rivals for influence over the public mind, and they take good care that neither should achieve a monopoly of it. Therein lies the incalculable value of this relationship, because in countries where newspapers and politicians are in the same camp, there freedom is threatened."

Commenting on this statement, a writer in that great newspaper, the Manchester Guardian, gives it his full indorsement. "The press, like the law," he says, "must never surrender an inch of territory which it occupies independently of the executive. Otherwise it would perish... The press lives on news and news—as the sharp-minded Mr. Deedes once wrote in a newspaper article—is something that somebody doesn't want to print."

wrote in his 'Memoirs': "I am not inquisitive for my own sake—only for the sake of my paper. I do not care to know what happens if the public is not to know it. I am a journalist and not a confessor... I have always told things when no imperative obligation prevented my doing so. And I maintain that journalists who are silent to their paper which they are supposed to serve, and in their duty to the public for whom they are supposed to be working."

This is an old truth, known to most working newspapers, but it needs to be restated from time to time. The reason for this is specifically given, but apparently it had to do with a recent occurrence in the British Commons, in which pressmen were made aware "that the politicians are huffy," "Pressmen," he adds, "can huff, too; they are no less human than the politicians."

Cape Breton Projects
The announcement that a \$10,000,000 United States satellite-tracking station will be built on Cape Breton Island, early next year, is hailed with satisfaction in the Cape Breton Post, as likely to bring new wealth to an area that has depended almost entirely on tourists and fishing. The project will mean a new community of 200 persons on Nica Hill, about five miles north of Neil's Harbor on the Cabot Trail. In keeping track of U.S. weather satellites, the station will obtain valuable information about cloud movements, winds, major storms and other atmospheric elements. It will figure in service of world-around scope.

These factors of the Neil's Harbor project are of foremost consideration to Ottawa and Washington, to justify its location of a 100-acre plot within the Cape Breton Highlands National Park. It says, The Post, be a notable exception to prove the rule that Canada's national parks are kept inviolate from industrial exploitation. Indeed, it won't be the least commercial. There will be nothing comparable to this project and mining operations that would scar and deface Canada's national parks, and that are not allowed.

The economic benefits to be derived by Cape Breton from the operation of the station and its small attendant community of people engaged in its operation have been stressed, and it is a matter of satisfaction that these benefits will come where they are most needed. Through no fault of its own, the community has been struggling along under exceptional difficulties. Anything that has a healthy economic impact there is of benefit to the Maritimes as a whole, and will be welcomed on that ground.

This is the second major lift Cape Breton's economy has received within the past few days. Earlier last week it was announced that the Sydney Steel Plant had received a rail order from India valued at \$8,000,000. At the same time Ottawa sources pointed out that Dosco could be expected to receive other contracts valued at \$40,000,000 within the next few months. Encouraging news, which we take pleasure in recording.

Greina's Example
Gretna, Manitoba, is a rural town of some 500 population. Recently the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Philharmonic Choir and the soloists Lois Marshall, Donna Looma, Ronald Dobbs and Gerald Bowen paid it a visit. Their purpose—a performance of Handel's Messiah. They performed before an audience of 1100 persons. The Winnipeg Free Press highlights this incident editorially, as something which should help allay the unwarranted assumption that perceptive and appreciative audiences are confined to the big cities.

It's a good point, and we shall let our Winnipeg contemporary take over in elucidating it. "People who do not know this southern section of Manitoba, with its large Senioic population," it says, "may be surprised that in a town so small there should have been so large an attendance; but it is no surprise to anyone who knows the cultural background of these people. For years now they have conducted perhaps the largest musical and speech arts festival to be found in any rural part of Canada."



THE UNRESOLVED ISSUE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Our New Era of Instant Credit

"I've had a good year. I never once went to bed hungry." An ostentatious acquaintance of mine from the Prairie provinces... While wages reached record levels during this closing year, our apparent wealth soared even higher thanks to the modern here's-yes which permits us to pledge our future pay packets.

Manitoba Question Mark

The return of Premier Duff Roblin to Conservative Government in Manitoba came as no surprise. Mr. Roblin had given the Liberal Party a hard run... The most significant development was the sharp drop in support commanded by the New Democratic Party. The NDP lost three of the seven seats in the legislature, and its share of the popular vote declined by 7 per cent.

Animals In Winter

Henry David Thoreau welcomed that "grand old poem called winter," but then he neared the end of his life, and was now looking for acorns. For most animals, winter is a time of survival. They must find adequate shelter, and devise ways to survive the cold. Insects seek shelter, and birds, however, are different. These microscopic aquatic animals ignore seasonal changes.

182 Million Mile journey

The American spacecraft, Mariner II, has successfully accomplished its principal task in its voyage into space. It has passed within some 20,000 miles of the planet Venus, with its instruments intact and functioning after a journey of 182 million miles that lasted 109 days. Although it may be many weeks before the information sent back can be analyzed, it seems certain to add to mankind's knowledge of this planet, which, indeed, very little has been known. Venus, above all other planets, has been the subject of the furthest reaches of the solar system, which man has known relatively little. By sending its spacecraft, Venus has surely opened an important field of space research.

Climate Change Proves No Cure

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
CLIMATE does not cure any disease but it may influence symptoms and the sense of urgency. Count 10 before pulling up stakes when a change of climate is suggested.

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Christian Science Monitor
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NOTES BY THE WAY

Today's lesson in mathematics: The number of horn blasts in a traffic jam is equal to the sum of the number of horns on the wheels. — Galt Reporter.

One big trouble with the world is that a lot of its history has been made and is being made by firewalls. — Oshawa Journal.

The government is always looking for ways to speed up mail delivery. Try looking in hubby's coat pocket. — London Free Press.

Prince Rainer of Monaco has proclaimed a new constitution giving women the right to vote. How long before the national industry changes from roulette to bingo? — Ottawa Report.

A British Ministry of Health official is credited with the following definition: A neurologist is a person who builds castles in the air, a psychiatrist is a chap who lives in a castle, a hypnotist is a chap who collects the rent. This is more than just a joke. It is more than just a joke about individuals. It is also true about nations. — Moncton Transcript.

Requiring leaders to spell out the real issues is a measure made would prevent much of the distress that some borrowers get themselves into. If you don't pass federal legislation along the line of the Ontario new budget, the Ontario courts should be introduced promptly. Such laws would not hinder legitimate lenders. Britain and the United States of America are the only two countries in the world that have a central bank. — Financial Post.

Manitoba Question Mark

Globe and Mail, Toronto
Reasons for the NDP decline will be widely canvassed, but an important one could be the Liberal Party's shift to the left. The Liberals of the left could be nationally, have emboldened so much of the NDP voters that they have not found it an acceptable political cover.

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The ceropha moth spins itself a snug waxen-bottle cocoon — with a double wall and an air space between for insulation. The female tent caterpillar lays eggs on a twig, then spins a protective shell.

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