

**It in Germany, why not elsewhere?** It would be interesting to know whether thorough tests have been made on cattle and pastures anywhere in Canada.

**Good News For Dawson**  
 The few sourdoughs who are still around will remember when Dawson City in the Yukon was a place of great excitement, enlivened by thousands of gold-seeking adventurers. Its glory did not last very long, but long enough to inspire songwriters and an occasional poet to record its romance, its achievements, and the endurances experienced by men in search of rich treasure. At the present time, it is a small community of some 500, some of whom, no doubt, revel in the memories of the past. But, if recent reports of a rich asbestos deposit in the region are substantiated by further research, Dawson will again come into prominence. According to the Western Miner and Oil Review, preliminary surveys at a point 37 miles north of Dawson indicate deposits of at least one million tons of asbestos of processable quality. The magazine goes on to say that future development will depend on the solving of marketing and transportation problems.

There is no question about the market; as for transportation, that ought to present no great difficulties these days. And, since physical difficulties no longer are insurmountable barriers to progress, the ease with which they can be overcome will make the new rush to the Klondyke, if it is to be, something very tame and unexciting in contrast with the hard journeyings of the late '90's. The new wealth may, and probably will, make Dawson City prosperous, but it will not revive the romance of the past. The spark of great adventure will be lacking.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**  
 The estimated number of poultry on Canadian farms on June 1 was 68,440,000, according to the Bureau of Statistics. This was three per cent more than at the same time last year. Included in this number are 4,014,000 turkeys, 326,000 geese, and 420,000 ducks.

There are places in the world where soap is a very rare commodity. In fact, millions of people have never seen a cake of it. But in New York the other day a street along a whole city block was paved with it as part of a ceremony inaugurating a "Keep The City Clean" campaign. A news item says that enough soap was used to last a family of four for more than 4,000 years.

**Growing Menace**  
 Mr. Thomas E. Murray, a member of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, has joined the rank of those who believe that the time has come to call a halt to hydrogen bomb tests. In his statement Mr. Murray declared that further testing was both unnecessary and dangerous. "The big thermonuclear weapons already in this country's atomic arsenal," he said, "are big enough for any conceivable purpose." He added that to continue the tests, each one bigger than the preceding one, would "raise both medical and moral problems by reason of the resultant world-wide contamination by radioactive substances."

On this question of contamination the experts hold conflicting views. Some of them argue that while there is a theoretical danger in radioactivity there is no evidence that so far any great harm has been done. Others maintain that lack of direct evidence does not necessarily mean that contamination of animal and plant life is non-existent.

Now comes a report from West Germany which says that a high degree of radioactivity has been detected in the milk of cows in at least one section of the country. According to this report, experts at the University of Freiburg have found that in some grain fields and pastures radioactivity increased during July and August to a level that if maintained would be extremely dangerous to humans. They noted that cows grazing on high land are contaminated five times as seriously as the cattle which graze in low places.



MAYBE IT CAN BE TREATED

**Conservatives Facing Challenge**

**OTTAWA REPORT**  
 By Patrick Nicholson  
 OTTAWA: The national organization of the Progressive Conservative Association is faced with a great challenge. It has lost its Federal leader, George Drew, the next session of Parliament, a crucial re-election session, will probably open within four months. Inside this span of time, the Progressive Conservatives must call, organize and hold a national convention to select their new leader. With Christmas and the New Year holidays intervening, and with an evidently early and probably severe winter almost upon us, this requirement will call for some efficient staffwork. It will serve to show whether the nationwide Conservative organization has been brought up to top shape to face next year's general election.

Prime Minister St. Laurent recently commented that it would take about a year to summon and organize a national convention of the Liberal party to select his successor; and this in spite of the fact that the need for his replacement in the not distant future has, unlike George Drew's replacement, become patently obvious, so that the preliminary arrangements can be made well in advance of the need.

**STORIES MOVE FAST**  
 George Drew's resignation was received here on 21st September. The national executive of the party has been summoned to meet here on 2nd October, to plan for a convention. Speculation is that it will be held in Winnipeg early in December. This timetable is substantially speedier than the Liberals' twelve months. It might even exceed the Conservatives' achievement in 1948, when the convention at which George Drew was elected leader—met in Ottawa on 20th of September, within two and a half months of John Bracken's resignation.

**Old In Time Of Moses**  
 National Geographic Society  
 The 100-mile-long Suez Canal splits a sun-baked land route that was old in the time of Moses. The two largest continents, Africa and Asia, face each other across the low-lying Isthmus of Suez. Only 72 miles wide, the neck of restless sand marks the ancient path of caravans from the Nile to the Euphrates Valleys, and from many-godded Luxor to Nazareth. Via the land bridge, young Joseph was carried as a slave into Egypt, a land that he was later to save from famine. At the dawn of Christian history, another Joseph fled from Galilee with Mary and the Christ Child over the same narrow expanse of desert.

**OUT OF BONDAGE**  
 West of the isthmus lay the Biblical land of Goshen where the Israelites, slaving for Pharaoh, built the treasure cities of Pithom and Raamses. To the east stretched the Wilderness of Shur and Sinai. The tongue of the Red Sea extended farther north then, and a miserly wind parted its waters to make possible one of man's most dramatic escapes to freedom. "And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground," it is recorded in Exodus, "and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left." Even today it is possible to retrace the supposed route of the Israelites. Led by Moses, they tracked the sea's ancient bed.

**Medically Speaking**

**GOOD BREAKFAST HELPS KEEP STUDENTS ALERT**  
 With the kids back in school again, maybe you should pay a little more attention to their breakfasts. Furthermore, since this is National Better Breakfast Month, I can't think of a better time to discuss the subject. It's important for everyone to have an adequate breakfast to start the day right. But it is especially important for schoolchildren. A hungry child can't learn as well as he should. He is at a definite disadvantage in his relationship with other youngsters. Scientific tests conducted by the University of Iowa have shown that good breakfast habits are essential for maximum efficiency, both physical and mental, during the late morning hours.

**BETTER ATTITUDES**  
 The studies demonstrated that boys aged 12 to 14 had better attitudes and better grades following the consumption of an adequate breakfast. Also, students who had a good breakfast turned out more work; did not tire as easily; and were quicker in their reactions than youngsters who went to school without breakfast. While many doctors believe that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, it usually is actually the most neglected meal in many homes. The Iowa studies demonstrated that the content of the breakfast is relatively unimportant as long as it contains adequate proteins and calories. Generally, I advise a basic breakfast providing about one-fourth of the total daily caloric and protein requirements. A heavy morning meal, one representing about 40 per cent or so of the day's total food intake, doesn't increase efficiency during the late morning hours. A good basic breakfast should include fruit, milk, cereal including oatmeal, whole wheat or enriched bread and butter or fortified margarine. You can add an egg three to five times a week. A breakfast such as this doesn't take much preparation. So, really, you don't have any excuse, do you?

**The Poet's Corner**

**THIS PORTICO OF GODS**  
 Theme-seekers, pause upon this desert floor  
 And look across the range of rimrock land;  
 There let your wit flow as the drifting sand.  
 For you have found a theme forevermore:  
 Rest then, and drink a draught of alien wine  
 Mellowed an age in caverns of the soul;  
 Look in its ruby depths and sip the bowl  
 Dreaming the fragrant vineyard and the vine;  
 For such a scene as this must move the pen  
 Or cause a Phidias in awe to stare  
 And ponder chiseled line and cryptic shade—  
 Recordings in red marble for all men  
 On some dim Parthenon, not yet aware  
 This Portico of Gods will never fade.  
 —Cullen Jones  
 in the New York Times

**OUR YESTERDAYS**

**From The Guardian Files**  
**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
 (Sept. 28, 1931)  
 A description of his recent trip to Hudson Bay was given by Mr. S.A. MacDonald when he addressed the Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon meeting.

**OUR YESTERDAYS**

**Plans were announced for the forthcoming visit of the Governor General, the Earl of Beesborough. They included receptions at Government House and a motor trip to Summerdale.**

**OUR YESTERDAYS**

**Former City Police Officer Gordon Poole was instantly killed when he came in contact with a high tension wire while assisting firemen during the fire which destroyed the Sterns Laundry.**

**OUR YESTERDAYS**

**Cyril Toombs, Rustico, won the Lieutenant Governor's Trophy for the highest standing in the Province in the Rural Beautification contest.**

**OUR YESTERDAYS**

**TORONTO (CP)—Two paint company employees, critically burned Wednesday in an explosion and fire at the Alcraft Paint Company, died today in hospital. They were Gordon Hendry, 48, of suburban Etobicoke and Harry Jackwin, 25.**

**NOTES BY THE WAY**

According to a University of Pennsylvania survey, 71 per cent of married people say they are happy, and 14 per cent say they are miserable. The rest, apparently, can't tell the difference.—*Changing Times*

Premier Smallwood is no fool. His expressed concern for the opposition's survival and his disarming frankness may prove to be shrewd campaign tactics. But they certainly constitute unorthodox—and refreshing—politicizing.—*Lethbridge Herald*

Human laughter, at its best, at its most musical, we are often told, "chimes." Or it "peals." A beautiful woman's laughter, as the novelists insist, must be "bell-like." A fine man's "rings" through the hall. "Silver" laughter, we take it, has the sheen of silver bells in it.—*Christian Science Monitor*

A Toronto lawyer recently spoke here giving tips on what to do in the case of an auto accident. One of them was "never admit the accident was your fault." Judging from past experience, this was probably the most unnecessary piece of legal advice handed out so far this year.—*Ottawa Citizen*

Carelessness with fast teeth costs the Middlesex executive council of Britain's Health Service thousands of dollars a year. For example, they cited a mourner at a funeral whose molars fell into the coffin and were buried and a truck driver who sneezed and blew his teeth through the window, after which he ran over them.—*Stratford Beacon-Herald*

Canadians are sick and tired of defense being made a political football. Therefore, we say again that there ought to be a permanent, all-party Commons committee on defense with the power to keep a close eye on all defense matters and to advise, irrespective of party, on possible avenues worthy of investigation. It has been said that war is too important a thing to be left to the generals. It is too important a thing to be left entirely to strictly partisan politicians, either.—*Calgary Herald*

We still have one or two crocodile tears left, and we are disposed to let one drop to the floor when we read that the Post-Halters' Union in New South Wales has ordered its members to wear hats. The fad of going bareheaded has caught on in Australia as much as in Canada, and apparently the hat workers liked the feeling of fresh air blowing through their hair, or over their bald pate, as the case may be. But the secretary of the Union—perhaps as a result of reading Alice in Wonderland—became something like the Mad Hatter and said: "there is no room in our industry for any man who does not wear a hat."—*Quebec Chronicle Telegraph*

By 1960 the Navy no longer will need Middle East oil, according to its atomic-power experts. By that time nuclear plants can be driving so many ships that oil supplies will lose their strategic significance. What's happening in the Navy can also happen elsewhere, and as the use of atomic energy increases some major economic patterns and sources of crisis are extremely likely to fade away. The question of uranium resources may give us equally pressing new ones, at least Middle East oil will lose its magic both as a source of raw material for the dispensers of gloom and of luxurious toys for desert royalty.—*Detroit Free Press*

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