



BEWARE THE CANNON

Visitors coming by boat to the log cabin home of Ken Kendall near Nanaimo, B.C., may be startled to see a shot from this cannon whistle

across their bow. If the visitors are regarded by the Kendall's as "stuffed shirts," the shot could be a warning; otherwise it's a welcome. They've

had more than 5,000 visitors in the last 15 years and have entertained them by serving such delicacies as rattlesnake, octopus, wolf-eel, beaver, racoon and crow. (CP Photo)

Bargain Hunters Converge On London Street Market

By CAROL KENNEDY
LONDON (CP)—Nostalgia is for sale Saturdays in the street market in Portobello Road.

Bargain hunters from all over the world converge weekly on this narrow, seedy thoroughfare a short walk north of the posh antique shops of Kensington. There are few antiques to be found in Portobello Road—this is the place for souvenirs of the recent past, the Britain of the day before yesterday.

Over the babble of a dozen languages drift the reedy strains of a wax cylinder record revolving on an Edison Bell phonograph. It might be John McCormack's yearning Irish tenor in "I'll Walk Beside You, or soldiers' songs of the First World War—recorded on the battlefield," the stallholder tells you proudly.

Many of the part-time salesmen who spread their wares Saturdays on a few yards of Portobello Road are collectors themselves, including their hobby and making enough out of it weekends to pay the rent. The photograph man, for instance, has more than 1,000 cylinders at home and can't resist raising his stock for his own collection.

CHAIRS BIG SELLERS
Some stalls specialize in brass and copper or Victorian furniture; others are a ragbag of sentimental bric-a-brac.

Here is a pile of Edwardian song-sheets with a picture of

music-hall star Vesta Tilley strutting in a scarlet uniform—over there a china mug made for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. Under a map of the world the inscription boasts: "The Empire on which the sun never sets."

Buttressed plush chairs are perennial best-sellers. They command a high price however lattered. So do pairs of handsome lamps and tall Victorian telephones with curly brass handsets that sell for anything up to \$20. They can legally be installed only as extension phones, but many people buy them as exotic ornaments.

Genuine bargains such as Victorian glass paperweights for a few shillings are almost impossible to find these days. American tourists are often blamed for inflating the prices in Portobello Road, but furnishing crazes have a lot to do with it and there has been a boom in trappings of the gashlight era.

EDWARDIAN REVIVAL
Right now fashion is swinging towards Edwardian decor. It's smart to convert ornate gas street lamps to flower holders, to have rooms filled with squishy couches, green baize tablecloths, brass curtain-poles holding heavy velvet drapes in rich period colors—plum, burgundy, Parma violet and charruse.

Columnist Drusilla Beyfus, writing on the woman's page of The Observer, says the Ed-

Air Passengers Pose Problem As 'No Show'

The cozy solidity of the style, she writes, seems to "evoke an aura of permanence"—a remark that perhaps explains why Britons appear so powerfully fascinated by the confident years before the First World War.

Almost any stage or television play set in the period seems predestined for popularity here. A weak drawing-room comedy produced recently by London critics is nevertheless won praise for its plushy 1914 decor. Now it's drawing packed houses.

REFORMER RETIRES
LONDON (CP)—Father Joseph Williamson, for 40 years an anti-life campaigner in the capital's notorious East End, is retiring to take charge of two homes he founded for reformed prostitutes.

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had been made to penalize such home comfort, welcome after years of bare Japanese and Scandinavian interiors.

OTTAWA (CP)—The electronic reservation system established by Trans-Canada Airlines to help beat the problem of the passenger who doesn't appear—is 80 per cent in operation, the Commons railway committee was informed Wednesday.

TCA President Gordon McGregor said the system remains to be established on some routes including trans-continental ones. Its automatic reservation capability gave a true picture of seats available.

He told Art Smith (PC—Calgary South) that the government-owned airline must have taken 15 looks over the years at the problem of the passenger who fails to materialize—the "no show."

But he was glad no attempt

that there is also the problem of "show and no go." Mr. McGregor agreed that some flights never get off the ground because of weather but this same time was a tough problem of forecasting. Mr. Smith said TCA's safety record over the years is a credit to the corporation.

"At this stage of the art, it is."

He was reminded by S. H. Rideout (L.—Westmoreland)

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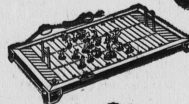
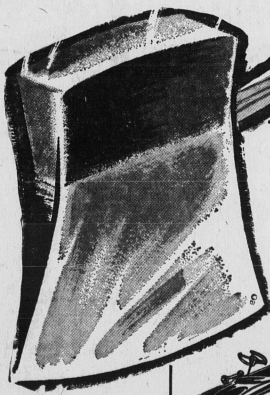
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