

Canadians Consume Much More Than Did Ancestors

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OTTAWA (CP)—A federal economist, digging into Canada's past, finds modern Canadians are a hungry lot. In purchases of goods and services, they consume about three times as much as their ancestors three generations ago.

Dr. O. J. Firestone, trade department economic adviser, says there has been significant changes in buying habits, some developing from inventions, such as the elevator and the plane, and others from higher pay and increased leisure.

A greater share of the dollar now goes for automobiles, alcohol, tobacco and medical care. A smaller part was spent on food, clothing and housing.

And there was no doubt that compared with pioneer days, Canadians had turned into big spenders. Consumer spending in 1953 rose to \$15,100,000,000 from \$4,000,000 laid out in the pre-and-bug era of 1870.

INCREASES 13 TIMES

Part of this came from higher prices. But price changes aside, Dr. Firestone concluded in his new book on Canada's economic development that spending increased 13 times in the 83 years. The book, recently published in

London, is entitled Canada's Economic Development, 1867-1953.

"In 1863 the average Canadian consumed about three times as much goods and services as his ancestors did three generations ago," Dr. Firestone says.

On over-all expenditures, food dropped to 24.8 per cent from 34.9 while tobacco and spirits rose to 8.8 from 5.5.

The part going for transportation leaped to 12.6 per cent from 3.2, mainly because of the automobile.

While food bills showed up as a small part of over-all spending, consumption of certain items increased.

DIET ENRICHED

"The diet of the average Canadian has been enriched and diversified by the addition of more fresh vegetables and fruits, cereal, milk and preserved and processed foods to the predominantly bread, potato and meat diet of the early days.

"The per capita consumption of tobacco—pounds per person per year—in 1951 was almost three times the 1870 level. Beer consumption has also risen at an extraordinary rapid rate with per capita consumption in 1951 being about five times that of 1870. On the other hand, per capita consumption of spirits in

1951 was only about two-fifths of what it was in 1870."

Life insurance became a real factor in the consumer's dollar. In 1953 life insurance in force amounted to the equivalent of \$1,412 for every Canadian, compared with \$12 in 1870.

"Even though prices rose notably over this period, the increase in life insurance protection has been quite extraordinary—the per capita protection in real terms in 1953 being 43 times that what it had been in 1870."

Young Canada Is Record Reader

OTTAWA (CP)—Young Canada is reading at a record rate. But the library book supply isn't keeping pace with the demands from a heavy-reading 5-14 age group, the bureau of statistics said Thursday.

In a preliminary report on library use in Canada, the bureau said the trend over a 19-year period indicates that youngsters from five to 14 show a growing interest in reading.

This age group increased by 49 per cent between 1947 and 1956. And more readers boosted book circulation, "although the supply of books did not keep pace," the bureau said.

The total number of all types

of libraries increased by 186 to 1,560 in 1956 from 1,374 in 1953. Regional libraries are bringing a world of reading to more and more Canadians. First started in British Columbia's Fraser Valley in 1931, seven provinces had regional libraries in 1956, with two—Manitoba and New Brunswick—in the organization stage.

In all types of libraries—in public, government, university and technical libraries—the total number of volumes was 23,925,665 in 1956, with a circulation of 40,694,922.

GOOD SWIMMERS

Raccoons find much of their food along streams, marshes and lake shores.

SCHOOL PIONEER

Robert Raikes, the English founder of Sunday schools, was born at Gloucester in 1735.

Goose Survives Gun Blast To Flourish After Surgery

GOODWOOD, Ont. (CP)—When a poacher's shotgun pellets shattered the wing of a wild Canada goose with the gentle name of Jonathan, it seemed unlikely that he would amount to much among the other birds who survived a wanton blast of gunfire here last year.

But Jonathan's grit belies his name and the gander's feats of endurance constantly amaze ornithologist Dr. Alan C. Secord, who watches over a flock of the wild birds at a refuge near this town 20 miles northwest of Oshawa.

Dr. Secord performed immediate surgery on four-year-old Jon-

athan and inserted a stainless steel core in the bone of the shattered wing.

Slowly, Jonathan recovered. Last fall he flew on schedule to Florida and returned here this spring with a mate.

RAISE FAMILY

According to the book, Jonathan should really have taken her to the usual Arctic nesting grounds. Instead, he preferred Dr. Secord's pond where another achievement came about—a string of goslings which he shepherded and schooled for a time in happy domesticity.

But his place in society was consolidated only after a battle

royal with a grisly old gander who was bossman over the rest of the flock.

Peaceful Jonathan was never considered a rival to the boss as his injuries had taken a heavy toll on his strength.

But the two must have been training for a battle which flared as Dr. Secord was studying the movements of the flock with a 20-power telescope.

HELPED BY MATE

The water churned and feathers flew as the two birds clashed. Jonathan pecked, slashed and clawed and although his courage was matched, he seemed doomed to defeat.

Then came the surprise that Dr. Secord has never seen in 10 years of watching wild geese. Jonathan's mate joined the fray with a fury that amazed Jonathan and the boss gander.

This was too much for the old boy who would have been killed if Dr. Secord hadn't hastily rushed for his boat and separated the three.

There's a new respect for Jonathan on the pond. Today, the family paddles where it pleases—mama in front, goslings in the middle and Jonathan following blissfully behind.

PIONEER CO-EDS

Women were admitted to the faculty of arts at McGill University, Montreal, in 1864.

ARABIAN FRUIT

The centuries-old date gardens near Muscat in Arabia extend for more than 150 miles.

Not Enough Money Being Spent On Mental Research

HALIFAX (CP)—The founder of the Canadian Mental Health Association said here Thursday money being spent on research is peanuts when compared with expenditures on treatment of mental patients.

Dr. Clarence Hincks of Toronto told the association's annual meeting an autonomous research organization with \$2,000,000 is needed to seek the causes and cures of mental illnesses. The \$500,000 being spent annually on research was small compared with the \$5,000,000 a year it costs to care and treat for mental patients.

During the past five years, said Dr. Hincks, major steps have been taken to cope with mental illnesses. For the first time last year the number of patients decreased thanks largely to tranquilizers and new and better

methods of treatment.

Judge Luther Alverson of Atlanta, Ga., president of the United States Association for Mental Health, said education of the public is the major problem.

EDUCATION NEEDED

"Teachers, ministers, courts and parents need to be educated to recognize mental illness problems so that the mentally ill may obtain proper treatment," Judge Alverson said.

"The removal of the stigma placed upon mental illness through the ignorance and prejudice of past generations is the most important single problem today."

Psychiatrist Dr. James E. Gilbert of Ottawa said mental hospitals have undergone great changes until now they stand optimistic and ready to make "a tenacious attack upon even the most unpromising cases."

British Columbia Butchers Try N.Z. Beef And Like It

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VANCOUVER (CP)—With high prices deflecting Canadian beef to the United States, British Columbia butchers are experimenting with New Zealand beef and liking it.

More than 1,200 tons of meat has been unloaded here from three refrigerated vessels from New Zealand in the last few weeks and shippers say an increasingly large proportion is top grade beef. One Vancouver butcher has imported 800 carcasses.

The imported beef is priced on butchers' counters here at 69 to 70 cents a pound for t-bone or sirloin steaks, compared with \$1.05 to \$1.10 for Canadian-produced meat of equivalent quality.

President Sonny Wosk of Save On Meat Stores, a Vancouver firm which has pioneered the new field, says the New Zealand meat is frozen solid when it arrives but is partly thawed in the

store and is ready for cooking when it reaches the customer's home.

He says packinghouse men and customers who have tried it say its flavor compares favorably with the Canadian product.

The first ship of the Crusader Shipping Company, a new line formed by four big Pacific steamship companies to transport frozen meat from Australia and New Zealand to North America and Japan, arrived here this week.

The line's agents say a second vessel will arrive in about six weeks, sailing on to the eastern United States and Montreal after unloading some of its cargo. Monthly calls may be made later.

New Zealand meat is landed without duty. It is prepared for shipping under New Zealand government supervision but is ungraded. Provincial government graders check the beef carcasses on arrival and so far have stamped almost all "grade A choice."

Former Speaker In Commons Weds In Las Vegas, Nevada

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Louis Rene Beaudoin, former speaker of the Canadian House of Commons, was married Thursday in Las Vegas a Presbyterian church to Miss Alice Outram, formerly of Ottawa.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, John Charles Outram of Ottawa. He and Mrs. Outram came here for the ceremony. Also attending the ceremony was the bride's sister, Alice Bell Outram of Ottawa.

The best man was Ford Hoskins, operator of a Las Vegas gift shop and friend of Beaudoin. The bridesmaid was Mrs. Naomi Kitchel, a cousin of the bride and wife of Denison Kitchel, a Phoenix, Ariz., lawyer.

The bride wore a seed pearl necklace with an illusion finger tip double veil. Her gown was embroidered organza over polka-dots fitted to the waist. She had a flowing skirt, full length, with green Elizabeth neckline and a white orchids. The bride departed her own gown.

Beaudoin, 48, and the bride, 23, obtained their marriage licence Wednesday.

He was divorced Tuesday in Reno from Margaret Weesper Beaudoin. He obtained the divorce on routine Nevada grounds of mental cruelty. Beaudoin and his first wife were married in 1927 and they have two sons, Pierre Louis, 19, and Michael, 17.

In Reno Tuesday Beaudoin confirmed reports he would marry Miss Outram and said there would be a ceremony in Nevada

and later a Roman Catholic ceremony elsewhere. He is a Catholic and she is a Presbyterian.

He said the Catholic ceremony would be performed if he obtains a papal annulment of his previous marriage.

The new Mrs. Beaudoin has been living in Phoenix. Beaudoin said he met her several years ago when she was a public relations officer in the RCAF.

He said they will live in Las Vegas and he hopes to practice law here.

N.B. Man Named To Tariff Board

OTTAWA (CP)—Appointment of Francis L. Corcoran, 41, of Moncton, N.B., to a 10-year term as member of the tariff board was announced Friday.

He will fill an existing vacancy on the board and bring it to full strength with five members.

Mr. Corcoran, Crown attorney for Westmorland County, is a graduate of St. Mary's College and Dalhousie Law School, Halifax.

EX - MINISTERS SENTENCED

VALLETTA, Malta (Reuters)—A magistrate's court Friday sentenced Agatha Barbara and Dr. Albert V. Hysler, two ministers in the former Labor government of Dom Mintoff, to 32 days imprisonment. They were found guilty of intimidating people during the general strike April 28.

Miss Barbara was formerly minister of education and Dr. Hysler was minister of health and social services.

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