

A Bit Of Spoofing

When Premier Lesage spoke here on the occasion of the sod-turning ceremony at the Confederation Fathers Memorial Building site, he dealt earnestly with the need for renewed biculturalism in Canada.

It fell to Premier Shaw to thank the speaker for his excellent address, which he did very warmly. Then he went on to note, reminiscently, how prevalent the use of Gaelic was in this Province in years gone by, how deplorably it had been neglected by later generations, and how hopeful it was to keep in mind the heritage of our pioneer Highland settlers.

In that half-humorous manner which Mr. Shaw can bring to bear so nicely upon delicate subjects, he urged the Quebec Premier to join him in a "tricultural" campaign for the restoration of this grand old language to its proper status along with French and English. Mr. Lesage joined smilingly in the applause which greeted this proposal, and one gathered that he appreciated the deft way in which the point had been scored.

Perhaps the Quebec minister of resources, Mr. Rene Levesque, was equally appreciative of a letter he must have received by now from a New Democratic Party member of Parliament, Mr. Frank Howard—though his first reaction would likely be one of complete astonishment. The letter which Mr. Howard says he sent started out, like most letters, "Dear Mr. Levesque." But from there on it was written in Iroquois.

It seems that Mr. Howard had written Mr. Levesque on June 6, in English, about some Indian lands at Oka, near Montreal. Mr. Levesque replied on July 3, in French. So, with some help from Iroquois friends at the Caughnawaga Reserve, Mr. Howard penned his reply. He wrote the minister in Iroquois: "Possibly if more thought was given to the position of the original inhabitants of this country we might be able to develop a truly multi-cultural nation within which each of us could exist in peace and harmony."

The letter ended: "Ton sa kon non va e, you e, which is Iroquois for 'You are sincerely,'"

This could be described as a bit of spoofing, but it is of the kind that helps to restore a sense of proportion where it is needed.

Farming The Hard Way

It is claimed for West Berlin—the biggest industrial centre between Paris and Moscow—that its cows give the best milk yield in the world. Its 2,400 cows produce an average of 9,000 pints each year or a total of 11,818 tons of milk. Israel, according to the Kiel, West German, dairy association, comes second, and the Netherlands third.

Few people in the outside world would think that isolated West Berlin, surrounded by Communist territory, would have many cows, much less establish milk production records. But there are many small farms on the city outskirts where farmers have an added incentive for reaching maximum production.

A large amount of Berlin's food must be brought in from West Germany across 110 miles of Communist East German territory. Even with the high milk production, about 90 per cent of the milk required by the population must be brought from the West, shipped in by tank trucks and refrigerated foreign cars.

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When leaving it for West Germany. Each is searched by the police equipped with sticks and bars on the hunt for refugees. This necessitates a second costly pasteurization of all imported milk in West Berlin before it is distributed through 3,000 milk dealers to the population.

There are five small villages with a total of 200 farmers in West Berlin, all of them situated on the outskirts of the city. The farm adjoins the triple barred wire fences of the East German fortifications. So farmers driving their tractors down a potato field are within a stone's throw of brown-uniformed East German guards and their machine guns. Yet they produce, as well as dairy products, a remarkable amount of fruit and vegetables.

Ever since West Berlin was fed only by airlifted supplies during the 11-month blockade of 1948-49, the city has been cut off from its natural agricultural hinterland in East Germany. Its response bespeaks the determination and ability of its people to maintain their independence. The only major foodstuffs still obtained from East Germany, it is said, are potatoes.

The Soft Approach

One of the criticisms levelled at the former Diefenbaker Government was at the way in which it exploited, politically, its wheat deals with China. That was how it built up its present Prairie support, they say. The Pearson Government was supposed to be above that kind of thing, and to have modestly soft-pedalled its own part in the \$500 million wheat and flour agreement with Soviet Russia.

The soft approach, however, can be just as effective as the hard sell; and this is the way Hon. Mitchell Sharp, minister of trade and commerce in Mr. Pearson's government, handled the matter in addressing the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union at Moose Jaw recently.

Said Mr. Sharp: "To begin with, let me say this although it is superfluous. When the present Canadian Government took office, it was determined to act in the interests of all parts of the country without regard to the distribution of Liberal members. The fact that there are no Liberal members from rural constituencies on the Prairies did not lessen, in the slightest degree whatever, our interest in the welfare of this part of the country."

Mr. Sharp went on to say: "I might be permitted to add, however, that it would be helpful to those of us who have the responsibility of governing Canada to have the advice in the House of Commons of members from rural constituencies on the Prairies who support the Government, and with whom we can work and consult from day to day."

Of course, it wouldn't really make any difference! But it might be helpful, by way of consultation, especially to a minority government. No crude boasting here, it will be noted. No crude threats. But the wheat farmers, no doubt, will get the point and the Government will still have the satisfaction that comes from meritorious deeds unselfishly done and without the slightest thought to political interest. Not the teeniest, veniest thought, as Mr. Sharp emphasized.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Giant Soviet turbo-prop airliners at Idlewild Airport may be the next concrete result of the current East-West thaw. The subject of an exchange of air service between New York and Moscow is understood to be one of the items which Secretary of State Dean Rusk will take up first with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko when they meet.

The announcement of Mr. Donald Gordon's reappointment as chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian National Railways was made within three days of the date when Mr. Gordon's appointment expired, and this would have to be renewed. This note the Montreal Gazette, is a far better record than what happened on the previous occasion when he had to be reappointed. His contract with the Government then expired in September, 1960, and not until October, 1961, was its renewal announced. This meant that Mr. Gordon was left for more than a year as the day-to-day head of the Canadian Nation's

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TRADE TWO-WAY STREET NEW MODEL U.S.-CANADA HIGHWAY

What a radical suggestion! The article discusses the potential of a new model highway between the U.S. and Canada, highlighting the benefits for trade and transportation.

IT'S THE NEW MODEL TIME

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Opportunities In Canada's Northwest Arctic

"Canada should develop an immigration policy to attract 20,000 new settlers," Mr. H. Budani, Liberal M.P. for Fort Williams, told one of his returns in Ottawa, in an inspection tour in our Northwest Arctic.

"There are tremendous opportunities in our far north," he said. "The immense resources there could support one million residents."

Bert Badani, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Works, made a two-day tour by air during September, visiting all the leading settlements in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. His purpose was to see for himself just what his department is doing in that area, and why.

His tour took him from Edmonton to Whitehorse, to the old Gold Rush capital of Dawson City. From there he went to the great Mackenzie River, at the mouth of the great Mackenzie River; this is an enormous community built by his department at a cost of \$43,000,000 to replace Alkivik, which was gradually sinking into the water and permafrost. From there, he went to the Reindeer Station, where herds of reindeer imported from Siberia are being raised to replace our own depleted herds of reindeer at a cost of \$2 million. Then to Toktokyaktik, then south again through Hay River and Fort Smith to Yellowknife, and thence home to Fort Williams.

This was Bert's first visit to our great Northwest. The valley of the great Mackenzie River, running 2,000 miles before it empties itself into the Arctic Ocean, especially impressed him.

"Along its banks can be found gold, silver, oil, furs and timber," he said. "That valley alone could support one million settlers in a truly Canadian style of living." He also mentioned WARM CLIMATE, GOOD FOOD. I asked Mr. Badani about the climate. Could settlers adapt to it with the rigid conditions and the loneliness? In reply he showed me the many coloured photographs taken with his camera during his tour. These depicted the modern two-story homes, unadorned interiors, the majestic sweep of the blue-tinted mountains in the foreground. In many, there stood the Parliamentary Secretary's office, as he pointed out to me, the same clothes as he wore in his office, a politician's black hat.

What about food "down North," as the residents call it?

"I saw the largest cabbage I have ever seen in my life," he said. "It was an experimental market garden at Inuvik," he replied. "Each was 100 lbs. and weighed 100 lbs. Such large cabbages are grown nowhere else. And they grow rapidly and bear fruit in 100 days, owing to the permafrost. These potatoes must be shipped to the north in airtight containers. Most food has to be shipped in, and so is a bit more costly than in the south. But they have an abundance of delicious fish, caught in the Arctic seas and rivers, and many lakes and rivers there."

ESKIMO BANQUET

Perhaps the most unique experience during his trip was to eat dinner in an Eskimo home. This was not the carnivorous tent which the Eskimo used to call home, but a fine two-story house with a kitchen and a wooden pile driven down into the permafrost, and built by the Federal Government. It had a clean well-kept modern home, his Eskimo host served a delicious meal of Arctic fish and wild rice.

The handful of white residents in the Northwest Territories are very happy. Neither is, nor the newly arrived settlers. "I would be glad to come 'Up South' again to live," he told me. "But it is that huge expanse of empty country with its great

Mult. Sclerosis Common Disorder

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen One of the kindest and most beautiful vices is to have experienced a temporary loss of vision in his right eye when she was 24 years old. The blindness was confined to the central part and when she looked at a picture it was blurred on an abscised foot.

Sight returned within a few weeks and the blindness was confined to the central part and when she looked at a picture it was blurred on an abscised foot.

Two years later, in the spring, her hands became clumsy, awkward and numb. This disability was most noticeable while typing, writing, and dressing. It lasted all summer and then disappeared gradually.

Three years ago, more recently, her legs were afflicted in a similar fashion. She drugs her feet when attempting to walk and is so unsteady, she usually needs help.

This girl has multiple sclerosis (MS), but, despite the disease, she continues to be cheerful, and hopeful. Her story which may be of help to MS begins, in addition, there are neurological findings such as possibility of our rich north-land in the reflexes and spinal fluid.

Improvement occurs periodically, but, despite the disease, she continues to be cheerful, and hopeful. Her story which may be of help to MS begins, in addition, there are neurological findings such as possibility of our rich north-land in the reflexes and spinal fluid.

MS is a fairly common neurological disorder. There are said to be 200,000 cases in the United States, and six out of 10 are women. It favours the young (ages 20 to 40).

We do not know why these widely scattered plaques of diseased tissue develop at random throughout the brain and spinal cord. The lesions may be reversible but not after the insulating sheath of myelin is destroyed, leaving scarred areas. The result is a disturbance of nerve function, which may be temporary or permanent.

The onset is not always as mild as mentioned previously. It may start as a paralyzing disorder, or it may come on more slowly, without periods of relief. Relapses may occur in situations that bring on stress, including pregnancy.

FLAVORFUL LEG PAIN B.V. writes: Could pain in the calf of the leg be to fall asleep? If so, can anything be done about it?

Yes, this is the cause of leg pain. RABBIT RAISING: Can any disease be contracted from raising domestic rabbits?

Not if the animals are properly cared for. Rabbits raised for meat do not come into contact with other animals. Tuberculosis usually affects wild rabbits.

E. P. writes: Does Pott's disease ever occur in any other animal? Not when recognized early and treated properly. The condition is not as common today as it was in the past because of more strict control of tuberculosis in cattle.

E.A.S. writes: I have read that it is dangerous to wear a hat in winter. Is this true? No, it is not. It is only when wearing one in winter that it is dangerous.

No, considering this is the way nature intended. TODAY'S HEALTHY HINT—A child imitates those he loves.

Our Yesterdays (From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO October 8, 1938 Dr. J. E. Sisson, Simon Paoli, vice-president, and A.W. Matheson, secretary, were re-elected at the annual meeting of the Ontario Liberal Association of Queens County.

Little Marie Gallant, Charlottetown, was injured in a fire accident about three months ago in which she lost both feet, and was unable to walk a short distance unsupported. She has been fitted with artificial limbs.

TEN YEARS AGO Miss Kathleen Archibald "Miss Canada" was given a civic welcome by the Mayor and City Councilors at a brief ceremony in City Hall yesterday morning.

Nineteen Red Cross workers met Monday night at the Motors Garage for a demonstration of the first aid facilities provided in the hotel truck which is used by the Blood Transfusion Service.

COCHRANE, Ont. (CP)—Three settlers charged with possession of offensive weapons following the shooting deaths of three strikers during a northern Ontario labor strike. 11 each were fined \$100 Monday by Mr. Justice J. C. MacRuer of the Ontario Supreme Court.

Three men were charged with the murder of a woman, Herbie Murray, and 17 other settlers last night of the 1938 strike.

DEER ABE BIG European hunters "live in the Carpathian Mountains of Romania, says the Romanian government.

NOTES BY THE WAY

I've noticed recently the announcement of a great number of twins being born. The only reason I can come up with is that under the present conditions, they are able to come to the world alone. — Larry Calkins, in the Dane County News.

A Montreal corporation has experimented with courses in French conversation for its personnel and found them "spectacularly successful." It would be a spectacular contrast to the teaching of French in most Canadian schools. — Financial Post.

New Gulliver Ardor

A television program is France's latest play to sweeten Franco-German relations. Under a new arrangement, the show will be expanded from a domestic competition between French cities into an international affair pitting Gull against Gull in a similar fashion. She drugs her feet when attempting to walk and is so unsteady, she usually needs help.

It sounds innocuous. Everyone knows how to swim. Everyone knows how to swim. Everyone knows how to swim. Everyone knows how to swim.

Other competitions included a water polo match with live seals among the players, a race to rescue girls trapped atop castle towers and a painting match followed by charging bulls.

Winning city in this year's championships was Turin, a community in the Eastern Pyrenees. The other finalist was St. Malo in Brittany.

Apart from the television program, the plan for closer Franco-German links includes the "winning" of towns, exchange of teachers and students to corresponding French schools, and business contacts.

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MRS. KENNEDY ARRIVES LESBOS ISLAND Greece, Oct. 7.—The yacht Christy, carrying Mrs. John F. Kennedy on an Aegean cruise, arrived Monday at this island birthplace of the Greek poet Sappho. The yacht dropped anchor about half a mile off the port of Lesbos after an overnight voyage from Istanbul through the Dardanelles and down the Turkish coast.

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