

Modern-day Christmas observance lengthening

By M. MCINTYRE HOOD
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In those days the House of Commons and the Law Courts might well be found sitting on Christmas Eve, something unheard of today. The newspapers appeared as usual on Christmas morning, and the exchange of presents at the breakfast table over father could retire behind his 12-page paper, confident that no less than on other days, it would inform him of commodity and stock market prices and the latest serious news from far and near, and with no long-drawn-out preliminaries.

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each an early train out of London to avoid the rush. By 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Christmas Eve the paper-chained offices are likely to be deserted, except by revellers returning to put up their parcels.

MORE GOING AWAY

The tendency to stretch the Christmas holiday has been encouraged by the ever-increasing number of people who go away. They are still a minority, but the reports of booked-out hotels at the seaside and continental winter sports resorts points to a growing fashion.

The new tendency to look at Good Friday and Easter Monday as holidays rather than holy days has resulted in a demand for a fixed date for Easter. It is not difficult to imagine the convenience for the holiday-maker of Christmas always falling on a Monday, resulting in it becoming a movable feast as this year is always the case.

So it is perhaps not altogether in the realms of fancy to suggest that 25 years hence there may be a general mid-winter week's holiday centred on Christmas Day.

As in an increasingly affluent society such as exists today in Britain, with the basic annual holiday increased from two to even three and four weeks, it could be argued that there would be advantages in dividing the holiday season so that one week falls in mid-winter, at Christmas time, when the summer holiday is only a memory and the Easter break more than three months ahead.

Britain's post offices felt Yuletide strain during 1880

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LONDON — A century ago, when the newly-invented Christmas cards were sold in hundreds rather than in millions, they presented no problem of distribution. They became popular only with the introduction of the halfpenny post rate in 1870. Ten years later, the Post Office began to feel the strain, and made its first exhortation to the public to post early for Christmas.

It has done this with such success through succeeding years that, in spite of an annual frost in Britain of three and a half per cent in the Christmas mail, most people can be certain now of receiving their first Christmas cards in the first week of December, and none at all on Christmas Day, since there are now no Christmas Day mail deliveries in this country.

The estimated total of 650 million cards this year will be swollen by the fashion, which came into being only after the second world war, of sending "business" Christmas cards. But apart from this, there seems no sign of an end to the annual increase of private cards.

A recent innovation of growing popularity is the card produced by a charity, which offers the possibility of giving support to a custom which threatens to become almost pointless. This year the form of "best" cards, which satirize the whole business of exchanging cards.

But it would probably be unwise to put too much emphasis on these tendencies. British people are slow to adopt and to ab-

2 Men Charged With Terrorism Refused Bail

MONTREAL (CP)—Two men charged in connection with terrorist activities earlier this year, were refused bail during their brief appearances in court.

Richard Bros, 19, charged with attempting to set fires at two armories last summer, was ordered held without bail until Jan. 10 when his trial date will be set.

The Montreal financial district, was ordered held in cells until the next term of the criminal assizes Feb. 3.

It will appear on that date for setting of a trial date.

Treault had sought political asylum in the United States while free on bail but was ordered deported after a hearing in Boston.

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Tragedy Seen If Army Militia Is Discontinued

OTTAWA (CP)—It will be a great tragedy if the army militia ever disappears, John R. Matheson (L-Leeds) said in the Commons.

He urged Defence Minister Hellyer to consult expert military leaders before carrying out an announced manpower reduction in the militia and air force and naval reserve units.

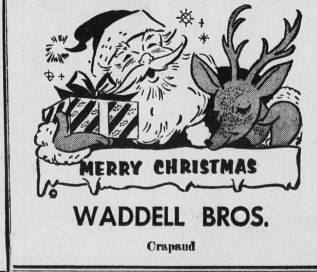
Mr. Hellyer announced Dec. 5 that the manpower authorization for the three reserve forces will be cut to 33,360 men from 37,500 in the 1964-65 fiscal year. A committee will decide how each reserve unit will be affected.

DIAMOND DRILLS

Diamond drills were first used in tunnelling as long ago as 1872.

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Tax Inspectors' Activities Annoy Opposition Members

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition complaints over the way income tax inspectors deal with taxpayers' claims for deductions on religious and charitable donations showered down on Revenue Minister Garland in the Commons.

Credit Leader Real Caouette said he has received many complaints from taxpayers that their claims for deductions from taxable income have been arbitrarily cut.

Gilles Greoire (Creditiste — Lapointe) attacked "arrogant" tax inspectors. He said their inquiries into the financial records of church parishes should be stopped.

Mr. Lambert proposed a solution.

Mr. Lambert's suggestion: Churches should use envelopes for donations.

Mr. Lambert, who represents Edmonton West constituency, said if a parish priest was "under pressure" from parishioners seeking false receipts, "all he has to do is to introduce an envelope system."

Mr. Grezore suggested that everyone be allowed the present 10-per-cent deduction from taxable income for charitable and religious donations, or else provide a sliding scale with lower deduction rates on higher incomes.

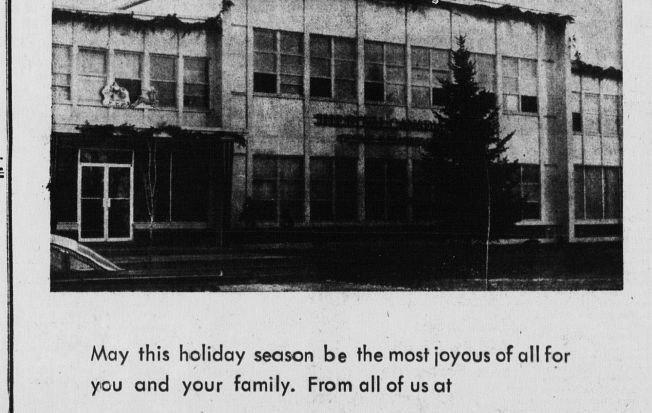
PRESSURE ON PRIESTS?

Arnold Peters (NDP — Timmins) said priests and ministers are under pressure to give receipts for church donations that aren't being given. They were being asked "to do something that is dishonest."

The issue arose as the House studied the revenue department's spending estimates.

Even before Mr. Garland had a chance to reply, former Conservative veterans minis-

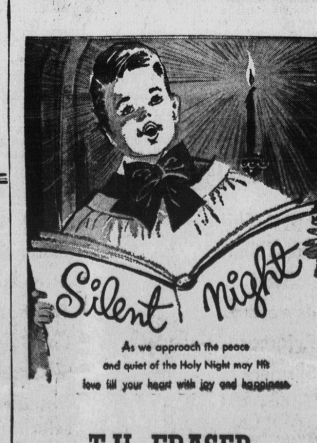
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