

Canadian Army (Militia)

On June 30, 1954, his last day as Minister of National Defence, the Hon. Brooke Claxton wrote a letter to the editors of Canadian newspapers stressing again the importance of the work of the Reserve Army, once more to be known as Militia.

The size of the active force has a bearing upon recruiting for the Militia. In the past four years 11,280 officers and 108,868 men joined the regular forces which now total 113,919.

The Canadian Army (Militia) is designed to provide a partially trained and equipped force as the nucleus of units to be mobilized and brought up to strength in the case of emergency.

The changes which are now being made are the outcome of a study by a committee with wide experience in the reserve forces, thoroughly briefed on peace and wartime plans for the use of Canadian troops.

They undoubtedly represent the best available ideas for promoting the efficiency of the Militia. Napoleon once said that one cannot make an omelette without breaking eggs.

Rural Youth Opportunities

The changes which have taken place in rural Canada in the past quarter of a century, and the expanding opportunities for rural youth, are dealt with extensively in the current Monthly Letter of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Agriculture, it is pointed out, remains the chief occupation in which the "group" art is transmitted in an altogether natural, spontaneous, matter-of-course and informal manner.

The handed down technique, however, is not enough in these days. Young people are asking about the theory behind it. Intellectual curiosity and the spirit of inquiry are abroad.

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live things in garden, orchard, barn and hen-house, and the products are all the time coming back into the kitchens to be prepared for meals or market.

It is natural, then, that the democratic characteristic of counselling together should unite farm families in a way seldom known to city people.

The bank letter deals at length with the activities of 4-H Clubs. The great membership in these organizations, it says, and their wide recognition by young and old indicate the way in which Canadian rural youth is planning its future.

The bank letter concludes: "It is as young people catch a vision of better home and community life, and by their own effort command the agencies that will enable them to realize it, that rural life will maintain its ancient status as the birthplace of civilization's advances."

Canada's Banks

Two main reasons account for Canada's banking system having become the envy of bankers around the world, says the Regina Leader-Post.

The branch bank system has many obvious advantages, continues the Saskatchewan newspaper: "Small communities, many on the frontier, get the advantages in their small bank of the knowledge of great financial institutions, excess deposits from one area are available readily for loans in other areas where demand for money may exceed supply."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Canada's latest warship, H. M. C. S. Labrador, is designed to fight ice as well as an enemy. The Arctic patrol vessel starts on her maiden voyage to the far north this week to commence a major surveying and charting programme.

Premier Mendes-France was generally assumed to favour a quick end to hostilities in Indo-China. His firm declaration, however, that French draftees would be sent there if a cease fire was not attained in a month makes it clear that he will not accept peace at any price.

Aircraft designers, by the use of pressurized cabins and otherwise, try to simulate sea-level conditions at high altitudes. Canadair, however, has announced plans for a new building to house equipment capable of simulating flying conditions at heights up to 80,000 feet.

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A 'New' Emphasis

The Poet's Corner A GIPSY'S LULLABY

Haud your wheesht, ma bonnie loon! but the siller moon Glintin' ower the Weirldaw Hill: Cuddle doon noo saft and still.

Ettrick, Ettrick, ere ye rin Yont the birks and ower the linn, Ettrick Water, clear and deep, Sing ma gipsy bairn to sleep.

Na, ma ninn, dinna fret ye Tod, noor hoolet shanna get ye: Nor the fair folk themselfs' Twine ye in their wesome spells.

Ettrick, Ettrick, ere ye speed Doon the glen to siller Tweed, Ettrick Water, clear and deep, Sing ma gipsy bairn to sleep.

—Joan MacKenzie in the Edinburgh Scotsman.

Books Received

THE CHANNEL SHORE by Charles Bruce (Macmillan, Toronto, \$3.95, 398pp.).

The South Shore of Nova Scotia has character, and characters. The author as a newspaperman is well acquainted with many Maritime types.

THE CANADA'S TOMORROW edited by L. P. Gilmour (Macmillan, Toronto, \$3.50, 324 pp.).

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U. S. Farm Supports

(New York Times)

On no other domestic issue before Congress has the President committed himself more firmly than on farm policy.

The central issue on farm policy is price supports for six basic commodities—wheat, corn, cotton, rice, peanuts, tobacco.

The Government now supports prices on these crops by lending money on them at 90 per cent of parity (parity is the price at which a farmer is supposed to be getting a fair return).

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"Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that all Marriages, heretofore had and solemnized within this Island by Protestant Dissenting Ministers, by persons reputed to be Protestant Dissenting Ministers, and by Justices of the Peace, in all cases where the parties so married have, subsequently to such Marriages, cohabited together, shall be adjudged, esteemed, and taken to be, and to have been, from the day of the celebration of such Marriages, respectively, good and valid in Law, to all civil effects, and to all intents and purposes whatsoever, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be construed or taken to confirm any Marriage between persons who at the time of the celebration of such Marriages could not legally intermarry with each other, nor

to confirm any Marriage which shall be celebrated after the passing of this Act."

Senate 48 47 House 219 215

All 435 House seats and thirty-six Senate seats (four more than the Constitution requires) are in contest.

The concern of the politicians—particularly the Republican politicians—over these measures is a reflection of the nature of the election battle that lies ahead.

Nevertheless, Eisenhower is in the White House, and some politicians maintain that the Republicans' main hope of holding control of Congress rests with his popularity in the electorate at large.

It was in line with this view, apparently, that many in the House last

NOTES BY THE WAY

A ladies' night for service club members provides the ladies with a chance to meet their husbands.

Horse sense generally means common sense which, by the way, doesn't include nagging.

Many people are late for church because they have to change attire; others because they have to change a quarter.

A French prima donna was the first woman to go aloft in a balloon. And going up in the air still is a favorite prima donna pastime.

Who started the curious belief that break-of-dawn was the best time to start pushing a noisy lawn mower?

It is deplorable that in so many cases the difference between right and wrong is identical to the difference between what a person ought to do and what he wants to do.

No charge is made for this prescription: Schedule all your worrying for a specific half-hour about the middle of the day—and take a nap during this period.

The rate at which engineers are leveling off hills and filling in valleys, we suspect, they won't be satisfied until the earth is perfectly smooth and covered with concrete.

This is the age of pictures, machines, assembly lines, speeches, promises, price cuts, graduation, comics that aren't comical, and drivers who can't drive.

The dean at Northwestern University, with seven well-chosen words, turned back a party raid by 300 male students at a girls' dormitory.

Elephas In Aquila (The Italian Scene) Up to ten thousand people a day were milling recently around the site of a small brick factory near Aquila in the heart of the mountainous Abruzzi, Italy.

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The following conversation is supposed to have been overheard in the Congo: A witch doctor treating a native king for stomach ailments, told the black monarch "If you follow my prescriptions you'll be able to eat anybody."

Now we note that a blind man convicted of a crime in California is to be accompanied to prison for a year by his seeing-eye dog. It goes to show that a dog's faithfulness does not end at the prison gates.

It's the little services that count in making a political career. A senator from the prairies tells of one constituent, widow of an American Civil War pensioner, who used to come to him to sign a declaration that she was still alive.

Never be above your business, no matter what that calling may be, but strive to be the best in that line. He who turns up his nose at his work quarrels with his bread and butter.

Slow drivers on crowded highways are as bad a menace as fast drivers. Usually, fast drivers are good drivers; at least their attention is on the job.

Wonder just what the judge was thinking as he dismissed the charge against a man in Detroit this week? A man pleaded guilty to parking illegally in an alley near his home.

Some people don't need it, but people plagued with insomnia might get some help from a new book, "How to Get More Sleep," written by the British Science writer, Chapman Pincher.

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Gold and dollar reserves have soared to new heights. The cost of living is no longer high records. Employment remains at a high level. The backlog of housing, which baffled the Socialists, is rapidly being solved.

Soak your clothes; go to sleep early enough to get all the sleep you need; go to bed with a satisfied but not overburdened stomach; ensure complete darkness in the bedroom; fix that dripping tap and that noisy cistern; take pains to make yourself as comfortable as possible in bed; never count sheep; try deliberately relaxing your muscles; try to convince yourself that you will go off to sleep; if you still have a few bad nights don't worry and do not be scared to take sleeping drugs if these are prescribed by your doctor and you sound as usual, doesn't it? —Woodstock Sentinel - Press.

The Age Old Story This is that bread which came down from heaven; not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead; for he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

Advertisement for Hudson cars featuring 'BIG TRADE-INS! LOW PRICES' and 'SEE how much more we give you in fine-car performance'. Includes a photo of a Hudson car and the name 'W. R. JENKINS'.