

**Autumn Changes**

For millions of school children, summer ended as they put on new clothes, picked up blank notebooks and sharpened pencils, and heeded the call of the school bell. For astronomers, however, summer ends today, at precisely 3:24 p.m. ADT—the time of the autumnal equinox. Twice a year, as the earth spins through space, its axis leans neither toward nor away from the sun and, for a brief moment, the sun passes directly over the Equator. These two moments mark the beginning of spring and fall.

We are indebted for this reminder to a bulletin from the National Geographic Society, which recalls that the term "equinox" comes from the Latin words for "equal night." Nights gradually become longer than days in the northern hemisphere after the autumnal equinox. Temperatures drop; trees begin to take on magic touches of color; dew is heavy, and then a filigree of frost traces a pattern on the ground to delight the early riser.

Birds gather in flocks, after a summer of relative solitude, for companionship on the long journey south. Squirrels that lazed away months away burst into a frenzy of activity stocking their winter caches of food. In the deep woods, lumbering bears devour colossal meals to carry them through their winter sleep.

There's a lot more in the bulletin about the changes going on at this time—changes that we know and take for granted on the farms, and in the woods and wherever nature is visibly at work. To the city dweller, they are not so noticeable. But with the arrival of colder weather, the mind seems to clear, the step to quicken. For example, a survey in Chicago showed that metropolitan errors increased by 1,000 percent during the hot summer months, while efficiency was at its peak in the fall and spring.

**Worthwhile Endeavor**

Before Parliament adjourned Prime Minister Pearson reaffirmed the Government's decision to submit to the House of Commons a proposal for a new "distinctive" national flag within two years of assuming office—that is, by April 8, 1965, at the latest. In answer to a question as to whether a sub-committee of the cabinet or a departmental committee had been set up to prepare a new flag design, Mr. Pearson replied: "There has been no sub-committee of the cabinet appointed on this subject," thereby inferring that a departmental committee of civil servants has been formed for the purpose.

This, at least, is the interpretation put on the Prime Minister's statement by The Legionary, national magazine of the Royal Canadian Legion, which has been unceasing in its advocacy of retaining the Canadian Red Ensign. It points out that "at the latest" by April 8, 1965, can mean "any time," and that the Government may act before this date if it considers the timing propitious for earlier action.

At all provincial Legion conventions this year the flag resolutions favoring the Red Ensign passed unanimously at the 1960 and 1962 Dominion conventions have been endorsed; but getting these resolutions implemented is another thing. The Legionary is now urging a campaign of education under Legion leadership at all levels, for the purpose of explaining the true meaning

of the Red Ensign "as a symbol of Canadian history since Confederation days, of Canadian values in two world wars and as the only emblem that stands a real chance of being regarded as a permanent symbol of national unity for the majority of our people."

Emphasis is also placed on the importance of provincial and municipal co-operation in flying the Red Ensign on public buildings, including schools, when it is customary to fly a flag, and of Legion branches acquainting their Members of Parliament with the Legion's stand on this matter.

We do not know of any organization in Canada that has a better right to be heard by our parliamentarians on an issue of this kind. The Legion has scrupulously avoided being entangled in partisan political matters, and it does not lobby for selfish ends. But we hope it will go all out this time in pressing its claims for recognition of its policy, and giving the leadership that is sorely needed in retaining the only symbol of our sovereignty that is worth a hoot as a Canadian flag.

**Japan's Way**

The creation of national and provincial parks has proven such a boon to the tourist industry that further progress in this direction is now recognized as a pretty safe investment. Another national park for Prince Edward Island has been mooted, and proposals are being pushed in other provinces where the attractions from the tourist standpoint warrant such expenditure.

But there are other advantages to be derived from the provision of such vacationing centres, and in Japan the concern seems to be with utilizing them for the benefit of the Japanese people rather than for the more profitable tourist trade. There the nation's health and welfare minister has established 20 national and 19 quasinational parks—"People's Vacation Villages". It calls them—where suitable accommodation at moderate rates is provided so that the average Japanese family can enjoy vacation trips to scenic spots throughout the country.

The project was initiated in 1961. Ten villages are currently under construction, all of which will be completed this year. These so-called villages are quite elaborate and are capable of accommodating from 800 to 2,000 people daily in bungalows. Recreational facilities include camping grounds, swimming pools, boating, ski and skating rinks, ropeways, aquariums, museums and botanical gardens.

Cost per person per night, inclusive of two meals, is the equivalent of \$2.

**May Reopen Inquiry**

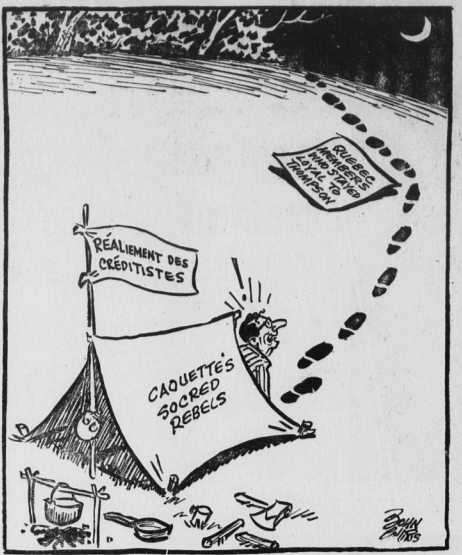
More than half a century after it was convened, the British government has been asked to reopen a court of inquiry into a famous sea disaster. The disaster was the sinking of the great ocean liner Titanic in April, 1912, and at the inquiry Captain Stanley Lord, master of the steamer California, was severely censured for being in a position to go to the Titanic's assistance but for some reason failing to do so.

Although he subsequently had a long and distinguished career at sea, the shadow of this reprimand never left Captain Lord until his death in 1962. The Mercantile Marine Service Association, which worked on the case for many years, has now made public a mass of evidence which suggests that he had been censured unjustly. It indicates that the court of inquiry was incorrectly informed about the California's position and that the ship could not have reached the Titanic in time to help the passengers.

The association also says that Captain Lord was not properly represented at the inquiry and that defects in the procedure have been revealed. This has shocked the British people. They want to have the record put straight, and it is likely that the government will concur in seeing that this is done.

**EDITORIAL NOTE**

An authority on traffic says inferior road signs and traffic signals are a factor in causing a great many deaths in Canada and the United States. Another factor is the number of motorists who ignore the very best of signs.



**THE FIRST NIGHT AWAY FROM HOME**

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

**The Warnings of The Paul Reverses**

The Federal Government's plan or contributory pensions is causing more storm than an even its checked budget. Led by insurance company executives, financial critics are damning the plan which is so staunchly advanced by Health Minister LaMarsh.

"They are Paul Reversing all across Canada," complained Lord J. LaMarsh. And that sentence, which so typically exemplifies Miss LaMarsh's quick wit, inadvertently hits the nail on the head.

For our history books tell us quite clearly that Paul Revere was not giving a false alarm on his famous midnight ride through the ficus trees in his warning his fellow-citizens of a very real danger to their security.

And so, I believe, Miss LaMarsh's Paul Reverses of today are warning us of a very real danger to our nation's economic security.

**INSTANT SECURITY**  
 Pensions and annuities are not new. They have been a familiar part of the savings programme of this country and all other industrialized nations for very long time.

The lazy grass-hopper played all summer; then when winter brought hunger and cold he had to beg for help from the president and who had worked through the summer to provide against winter. Miss LaMarsh's "instant security" may prove as costly as the grass-hopper's.

Our grandfathers and fathers saved all their lives to provide for their own old age; and they did not saddle their descendants with a 15 per cent increase to provide for their old age. Why should we show less feck?

But this is only one of the serious criticisms being leveled against the plan which, though excellent in objective, is defective in execution. What age will be the retirement for your job? Probably 65, or perhaps earlier. But that is the sky-LaMarsh pension of \$75 is not payable until age 70.

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**The Pesticide Problem**

A new report prepared by the United States Department of the Interior on the effects of chemical pesticides on wildlife has prompted Secretary Stewart Udall to ask Congress to provide more money for research in this field. The present limit on appropriations is \$2,365,000, which seems pretty meagre in relation to total U.S. spending.

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**PUBLIC FORUM**

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**THE ISLAND HYMN**  
 Sir:—May I trespass on your columns to enquire whether any of your readers can enlighten me on the copyright of the Island Hymn.

I have two sheets. On the first one there is a copyright notice, "Copyright, Canada, 1908 by L.W. Watson. Published by permission of author and composer." The name of author and composer were given respectively as Miss L.M. Montgomerie and Lawrence W. Watson, M.A. No further copies of this sheet are obtainable.

The second sheet, "Harmonized for Charlottetown Centennial by Royston F. Mugford, ARCO" contains no indication of copyright.

It would be very grateful if any of your readers would be kind enough to enlighten me on this subject.  
 I am, Sir, etc.,  
 CHRISTOPHER GLEDHILL  
 Director of Music for School

**Numbness From Nerve Pressure**

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen  
 Of Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen. Mrs. R. has a complaint that appears to be on the increase. "When I'm asleep, my right hand gets pins and needles in it. Sometimes there is pain, especially over the palm side of the thumb, index, and ring fingers. This condition usually awakens me and when I raise the arm it feels better. Don't ask me how old I am but I'll admit I'm being a grandmother."

**NOTES BY THE WAY**

Fred: "What did your doctor tell you?" Al: "He told me to cut down on my smoking, try to walk a mile every day, and to see a nurse to write a letter to my MP against medicine." — Galt Reporter.

**Doubts About Pakistan**

By Jim Peacock  
 Canadian Press Staff Writer  
 Communist China is seen in Washington as the common enemy of India and Pakistan and the United States has poured aid into both to strengthen them against the Chinese.

Thus it is to be expected that the rifle fire reported this week along the India-Pakistan border will echo in Washington.

India Prime Minister Nehru accused Pakistan of encouraging the border shooting to create new tensions between the two Asian neighbors, which have been at odds over the division of Kashmir since British rule in India.

**Our Yesterdays**

(From The Guardian Files)

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
 (September 23, 1938)  
 TORONTO, Sept. 21.—Rev. John W. Woodside, minister of Chalmers United Church, Ottawa, tonight was elected moderator of the United Church of Canada, succeeding Rt. Rev. Peter Bryce, now minister of Metropolitan United Church, Toronto.

Yesterday afternoon three men, residents of the districts of Mt. Stewart, Fanningbrook and Riverton appeared before Justice of Peace, Harvey MacEwen at Morell, charged under the Game Act with hunting on Sunday. They were fined. The cases were prosecuted by the RCMP.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
 (September 23, 1953)  
 Pierre Montoux, one of the world's most famous orchestra conductors, left yesterday after a two-day visit—his first—to Prince Edward Island. Conducted by his wife and her sister, Mrs. Michin, whose husband is also an orchestra conductor.

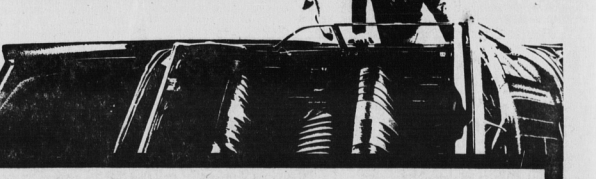
India has been infuriated at these moves and the U.S. postponed a \$4,500,000 loan for a Pakistani airport as a result of the airline agreement.

**CHINESE COURTESY**  
 President Kennedy dispatched Under Secretary of State George Ball to Pakistan early this month to see how far President Ayub Khan intends to carry his courtship with China, to assure Ayub that Western arms in India were not for use against Pakistan, and to point out that close ties with Peking would nullify alliances with the U.S.

Pakistan has said it has not changed sides in the cold war, but grave doubts remain about the country's intentions.

India proposed early this month that officials of both sides meet in Kashmir to undertake a definite demarcation of the territory in dispute—a move, which if successful, would remove the basic cause of the India-Pakistan feud.

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