

Sir Winston's Birthday

It is a happy coincidence that a very great man of our own troubled time was born on the anniversary of Saint Andrew.

In one of the few speeches he has made since his retirement, he counselled: "We must look forward and not back."

When Sir Winston declared, during one of the most trying periods of the war, that this was "England's finest hour" he was looking back as well as ahead.

Laden now with years and honours, he can still preach to us that the future is all-important.

Dr. Strasser's Politics

Dr. Otto Strasser, the one time Nazi who, according to his own testimony, repented of his ways, has not figured very prominently in the news since he left his Canadian retreat and resumed life in his homeland.

unification of their country will not come about unless and until West Germany is rendered militarily impotent; and reunification, at the moment, is the one treasure that every German covets in his heart.

As a purely political platform, therefore, nothing could suit the purposes of an ambitious politician so well as a policy of neutrality.

St. Andrew's Day

Saint Andrew is mentioned in Scripture as one of Christ's earliest disciples, zealous in propagating the faith and in enduring martyrdom for it.

Tonight a special treat is in store for those attending the St. Andrew's Day dinner under the auspices of the local Caledonian Club.

EDITORIAL NOTES

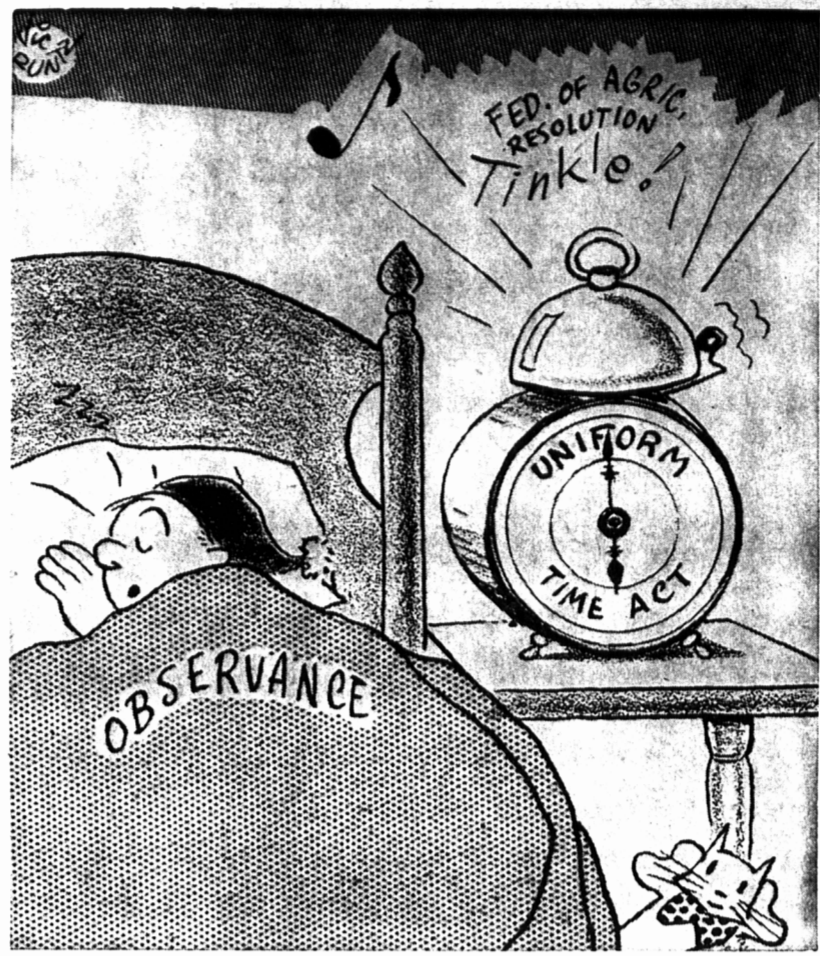
According to a report from Toronto, the 1955 Canadian Cancer Society fund campaign will have reached its \$1,805,000 objective by the end of the year.

As in the case of Canada, Australian sales to Great Britain have depreciated very considerably in recent years.

A British Columbia dry dock company has been considering building salvage ships and light ships for the Soviet Union, provided the necessary export permit could be obtained.

A Canadian aviator, F. Maurice McGregor of Vancouver, has just returned from Pakistan where he spent the last 18 months trying to put that country's aviation business on a sound basis.

Hindsight is, of course, easier than foresight. For all that, as Viscount Astor pointed out in the House of Lords debate on the Burgess-MacLean spy case, the British Foreign Office cannot evade all responsibility in the serious matter.



DUE FOR A ROUSING

Canada's First Railway

By F. R. Sayer Canadian National Railways

If history begets history, that has certainly been the case in the St. Lawrence River at Montreal.

Mud being bulldozed in a drained section of riverbed between Moffat's Island and the riverbank at the town of St. Lawrence reveals a quantity of timber beams and piles.

The structure which they once comprised ran out across the shallow water at the southern side of the St. Lawrence, about 500 yards north of Victoria Bridge.

Trains from Laprairie rolled along the structure to connect with ferries transporting their freight across the river to Point St. Charles on the Montreal bank.

King Haakon's Golden Jubilee

Norwegian Information Service

Fifty years ago, following the peaceful dissolution of the 90-year union with Sweden, Danish Prince Carl was chosen King of Norway.

Born August 3, 1872 as Prince Carl of Denmark, the second son of King Frederik VII, King Haakon is an uncle of the present King Frederik of Denmark.

The historic decision which brought Prince Carl to Norway was made on June 7, 1905, when the Norwegian Parliament unanimously voted to dissolve the Union with Sweden.

As recorded in the diary of Fridtjof Nansen, the famous explorer, humanitarian and diplomat who headed the Norwegian delegation, Prince Carl declared: "Before I go to Norway, I want to know that the Norwegian people want me to come."

In 1859, the Champlain and St. Lawrence was diverted at St. Lambert to connect with the Grand Trunk line.

The 16-mile Champlain and St. Lawrence was designed as a portage route to connect Montreal with the Richelieu River.

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There's something in the air today That speaks of glens, and tartans gay.

And bids the stirring bagpipes play The tunes that tell Of heather hills so far away.

And so, like mustering clans of old, The Scots foregather to unfold The scroll of fame, wherein is told The tale of men Who sought their country's name to mould By sword or pen.

They hear of courage tried and true, Of honest toil, and honour due To learning paid, and faith that knew The hand of God— That things by which their greatness grew, And spread abroad.

In lighter mood they talk of home, The streams to fish, the hills to roam; Of rugged shores where break in foam The raging seas, The whole of Scotland they will comb For scenes like these.

While toasts with joy they freely drain, They hear the grand old songs again, From Hundred Pipers' rousing strain That brings a cheer, To Annie Laurie's sweet refrain That starts a tear.

But through it all they ne'er forget The heroes gone, or with them yet, For whom they owe a solemn debt They ne'er can pay, For freedom bought with blood and sweat In fierce array.

As hand clasps hand from friend to friend, Their silent prayers to Heaven ascend, That they may worthily defend The hard won peace, With Auld Lang Syne they homeward wend, And revel cease.

—Jas. K. McLetchie, in the Montreal Star.

slipped on a wet bathroom floor and broke his thigh bone. The bone fracture is now completely healed, and physicians report that the King's general condition is very good, although he still has to take it easy.

Meanwhile, flags will be flying throughout the country to commemorate three highlights of the 1905 events, November 18, the day on which Parliament elected Prince Carl to be King of Norway.

Back of this qualitative change in the people's feelings was King Haakon's decisive and courageous action in turning down a tempting peace offer from the German invaders, his utter disregard of personal safety during the stubborn fighting in Norway, and his inspiring leadership as head of the Norwegian Government which resided in London from June 1940 until May 1945.

OTTAWA (CP)—New municipal houses in London's Edmonton district are to have built-in television aerials.

OTTAWA (CP)—Egg production climbed 14 per cent in October to 31,300,000 dozen from 27,500,000 in the preceding month and 31,200,000 in the corresponding month last year.

OTTAWA (CP)—The banks have been informed that the federal government will guarantee loans to prairie farmers on farm-stored grain that already has been used as security for other debts.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

PLAN A GOOD BREAKFAST

Does your home have a vice president in charge of breakfast? If it doesn't, it would be a good idea to appoint one.

Breakfast suffers when no one has the responsibility of preparing it each day. Yet it is an important meal and should not be skimped of by-passed entirely.

Just doughnuts and coffee won't do the job. Two white rats proved this graphically to youngsters at the Dwight Morrow High School at Englewood, New Jersey.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The Union of Manitoba Municipalities is consistent in its illiberal attitude towards the Hutterites in this province.

The Owen Sound Sun-Times says eating a square piece of pie would be a problem.

There are about 6,000,000 acres of peat in the British Isles most of which are in Ireland and Scotland.

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The Duke of Argyll has given up his attempt to find gold, sunken Spanish galleon off Isle o' Mull, defeated perhaps by the white swan, the ghost of Spanish repression reputed to have stood guard over the ship.

Complaining, and with justice, of the monotonous similarity of much suburban building, a woman says houses look as if they had been cut out with a cookie cutter.

The plain truth is that most farmers do not like the bank loan scheme, whatever their views on Wheat Board Marketing.

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