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Notable Anniversary

Few firms in Eastern Canada have achieved such a noteworthy record in mercantile service as that of R. T. Holman Limited, which is celebrating this week the one hundredth anniversary of its establishment.

Its founder, Mr. Robert T. Holman, opened business in a small way in Summerside in the spring of 1857; but there was nothing small about his vision and foresight. He believed that a consistent policy of fair dealing would bring its own reward in satisfied customers, and he made his establishment a vital factor in the growth and development of his community. His sons and grandsons who succeeded him in the business never lost sight of this cardinal principle, and the remarkable expansion which has taken place in the firm's activities, from early years to the present time, is one in which all concerned may take legitimate pride. The firm name, of course, has long been a household word throughout this Province. Today its reputation extends far beyond our shores, and has added prestige to Prince Edward Island commercially and in other ways.

To the president, Mr. Alan Holman, the vice president, Mr. Harry Holman, and all the executive members and staff The Guardian extends warmest felicitations on this occasion.

The Music Festival

The twelfth annual Musical Festival, now in progress, is creating Province-wide interest and the schedule of classes and events is the most ambitious yet attempted by this fine organization.

From the start the idea of a competitive music festival proved a popular one, but few could have envisioned the success it has actually achieved. The first festival, held May 20-23, 1947, was launched with some foreboding; but as the entries came in, the executive of the Association realized that the original plan of a three-day programme would require revision. There were 371 entries, representing thirty-four communities. All the sessions were well attended and for the final concert on Saturday night, Prince of Wales College auditorium was filled to capacity. From that time to the present the movement has gone steadily forward. This year the classes number some 283, and the contestants are in the thousands.

The contests have proved, very conclusively, that not only is there keen interest in music in Prince Edward Island, but a great deal of latent talent as well. The development of this talent has been one of the major objectives of the Festival. But it has proven of inestimable value to the cultural life of the whole community. Many of the original promoters are still actively associated with the festival activities, and it must be a matter of great pride and satisfaction to them to note the progress achieved. All concerned are to be commended on their efforts, and on the zeal and enthusiasm which have brought about such wonderful results.

English Channel Tunnel

A dream which has interested engineers for almost 150 years once again bids fair to become a realization. This is the construction of a tunnel running beneath the English Channel to link Britain with France. Eighty-five years ago the question became a serious one with the organization of the Channel Tunnel Company. Work actually began in 1882 but was halted two years later when military leaders in Britain saw the scheme as a menace to Britain's security.

Times are changing. Today Britain and France are firm allies, the friendship having been strengthened by the tremendously successful visit to France recently of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen was greeted in Paris with great enthusiasm and the celebrations emphasized her popularity with the masses.

Economic ties with France, notes an exchange, are likely to become stronger. Six Western European countries recently signed treaties bringing them into a common market free of internal duties. Britain has great hopes for co-operation with this market, a factor which is emphasizing the advantages of uninterrupted land transport between England and France.

Military menace in this connection is now a thing of the past. Britain can no longer enjoy the safety of centuries provided by the English Channel. If there should be an invasion from Europe it would come from the air. In any event the facilities of a tunnel beneath the channel could be blocked by the use of modern explosives at a moment's notice. It would not be surprising if this time revival of the plan for a channel tunnel is successfully achieved.

People To People

It is often said that if international relations are to improve, much of the responsibility now being borne by governments will have to be assumed directly by the people of the various countries. To this end, according to a report from Washington, an organization known as "People to People Partnerships" has been set up in the United States with Presidential approval, although no funds from the Federal treasury have been made available. Already, more than a million dollars have been raised by interested groups for the purpose; and everything, so far, seems to be going well. The only direct aid given by the Government is the establishment of an "Office of Private Co-operation" in the United States Information Agency. This office will seek to co-ordinate the various subsidiary committees.

Following are a few of the projects already underway: A Book Publishers' Committee which will collect libraries to be sent abroad; an Advertising Council to make special movies; a Cartoonists' Committee to provide for distribution of comic strips; a Civic Committee to arrange for exchange of visitors, newspapers, etc. between one country and another; an Education Committee to arrange college-to-college exchanges and scholarships; a Farm Bureau to provide hospitality for visiting farmers; a Music and Magazine Committee; professional societies to provide law books and medical journals; a Sports Committee to send baseball equipment where it is needed.

These committees and others like them are hard at work, trying in every way they can think of to promote peace and goodwill. Something of the kind might be attempted in this country. It certainly could not do any harm, and it might do a lot of good in one way and another.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A survey by traffic experts reveals that most car drivers are not qualified to drive more than 50 miles an hour. Many are not qualified to drive at all.

Already this year 9 1/2 million acres in the Great Plains region of the United States have been severely damaged by wind erosion. This is 12 1/2% more than the damage this time last year. Our farmers have their troubles, but they don't have to contend with this sort of thing to any great extent.

Canadians are near the top among the world's consumers of milk and milk products. Latest information on total per capita dairy products consumption ranks Canada in sixth place, after New Zealand, Finland, Ireland, Sweden and Australia. Canadians are the largest consumers of evaporated milk, but hold sixth, seventh and thirteenth positions respectively as per capita consumers of fluid milk, butter and cheese.

U.S. price supports for the 1957 crop of oats, barley, rye and grain sorghums will be at levels reflecting 70 per cent of parity. The national average supports announced are: oats, 60 cents a bushel for Grade No. 3; barley, 94 cents for Grade No. 2, or better; rye, \$1.15 for Grade No. 2, or better; grain sorghums, \$1.83 per 100 pounds for Grade No. 2, or better. Dairy support prices are being continued at \$3.25 per 100 pounds for manufacturing milk and 58.6 cents a pound for butterfat, through the 1957-58 dairy marketing year. These are 83 and 81 per cent of parity, respectively.



WELCOME TO SUMMERSIDE, DOC!

OTTAWA REPORT

New Way of Travel-Life

By Patrick Nicholson

New York: The family motoring in the States today has an entirely new way of travel-life available. It is far removed from the perhaps clean but certainly comfortless days of the few roadside cabins operated by the casual farmer.

The huge "motor hotel" of 1957 offers all the convenience of parking your car adjacent to your bedroom, but today this convenience is coupled with the comfort and amenities of the most plush modern hotel.

Rolling at the permitted steady but terrific sixty miles per hour down the smooth wide turnpikes now grid-ironing the States, one passes quite a number of these enticing new bed-for-the-night spots.

On my way down here, I stopped at one which may be typical, but seemed to a Canadian to be the last word in plushness. It was all brick, designed in the lay-out of a hollow square. Each bedroom of course had its own bathroom, with bath and shower. The whole was individually controllable to the taste of the occupants of each bedroom.

Visitors in the 200 suites had the choice of three restaurants. I had a dinner consisting of fried fruit cup with sherbet, fried clam and shrimp potatoes with salad, strawberry shortcake, and coffee. Good service, excellent cooking, generous helpings — I would not have to share the table with a huge chrome and glass and rainbow-lighted slot machine vending "Rock 'n' Roll" music.

After dinner, visitors had the choice of sitting in the lounge, lounging in either of two bars — or going to bed. I did the latter, relaxing in comfort to watch television on the set provided in each room.

Although five miles from a city smaller than Ottawa, there was a choice of three TV channels. I enjoyed 90 minutes of "The Yeomen of the Guard" before falling asleep.

Another evening, I watched "Tululah Bankhead acting 'live'" and Leslie Howard and Ingrid Bergman in their very old success "Intermezzo".

The thought crossed my mind

that nobody in the States hollers about preserving American culture. No politician in the States has come up with any formula of diverting \$100,000,000 to set up an Arts Council. On those two evenings millions of Americans as well as myself — must have thoroughly enjoyed television programs of a standard very seldom approached by the C.B.C. And yet what were they? A very un-American musical comedy seventy years old, coming from those distinguished Englishmen Gilbert and Sullivan; a play starring an English-trained American actress; and a film starring an English actor and a Scandinavian actress. Nothing very redolent of home-grown American culture there, and nobody explained.

AND THE COST? From wall-to-wall broadloom, free television and beauty-rest bed to luxurious bathroom, the whole works cost \$7 for a night. The dinner cost \$1.75. Cheaper than a good hotel in the States, and approximating to the cost of motel accommodation in Ontario.

But what one gets for the money in the States now sets a new mark for our tourist industry to aim at. And, with television programs beginning at 6.30 a.m., and going straight through the day, that sets a new target for our poor old night-hawk the C.B.C.

This revolution in the motel business is of course closely tied up with the new development of building insulated and heated motels round. Coupled closely with it in the States is a new phenomenon; the Shopping Town, or local shopping centre fronted by a mammoth car park, with quality stores of all kinds, opening from noon until 9 p.m. six days a week. Some Ottawa stores were recently prospected for remaining open until 9 p.m. on Fridays; our stores have to close at the very hour when working Canadians, the biggest slice of our spending population, leave their offices, or plants.

While my baptism of this new U.S. style of life on the Road was with me, I read that the C. P.R. plans to sell three of its big hotels, because in its experience travel, railroad passengers and hotels no longer go together.

Saxon Discoveries in Britain

From The BBC Bulletin

An account of one of the most important Saxon discoveries ever made in Britain was given on the BBC by Brian Hope-Taylor, who has been carrying out excavations for the Ministry of Works at the village of Yeavering in Northumberland.

England's early ecclesiastical historian, the Venerable Bede, he pointed out, had recorded in the eighth century that a century earlier, King Edwin of Northumbria, greatest of the English kings before Alfred, had had his royal township at Yeavering, and had there been converted to Christianity by Paulinus, a missionary sent from Rome. But it was not until an aerial photograph reveal dark green rectangles in a field of ripening oats in that area that the actual site was discovered.

Archaeologists, Mr. Hope-Taylor said, had always been hampered in their efforts to fill in the gaps in the history of the Dark Age that fell on Britain after the collapse of the Roman Empire in the fifth century by the fact that the Anglo-Saxon warrior-farmers had built in wood a perishable material which left little trace of their settlements.

The main tool of archaeological research had been a study of the objects buried in Anglo-Saxon graves. These included magnificent and artistic jewelry which contrasted strongly with the depressing picture of domestic squallor presented by the very few dwellings that had been excavated. Until the discovery at Yeavering no trace had been found of the great halls, richly hung, and merry with feasting and minstrelsy, described in the surviving heroic poetry of the period.

The results of the excavations had surpassed expectations, Mr. Hope-Taylor said. "The focus of the township was the great hall of the palace. We have found not one such building but a great complex of seven structures representing different phases. The most impressive are four halls, nearly 100 feet long; two with a porch at each end; the others of simpler plan, but elaborately buttressed. Set about these main palace buildings were 13 smaller halls, most were probably the private halls of noble retainers, but one appears to have been a native servant's home,

and another a pagan (temple later put to Christian purposes).

But the most astonishing single structure of the royal settlement was a massive timber grandstand like a wedge cut from a Roman amphitheatre. Tiers rising from a narrow front to a wide back about 25 feet high focused attention on a little platform large enough for only one man to stand or sit with dignity, and screened by wattle walls to give shelter and better acoustics.

Evidence suggested that it was a place of assembly for law-giving or administration — in fact, a "moot".

Although no actual timber remains in the foundation trenches of the royal buildings it has been possible by dissection of the soil to determine the exact dimensions of the upright timbers of which the walls were composed. Each timber represented a whole tree trunk laboriously squared with the adze, and even one of the minor halls had demanded for its walls between 150 and 200 such timbers.

Mr. Hope-Taylor said the excavations had shown that Edwin's palace was the climax of a series of buildings and events which must have begun somewhere in the sixth century after the capture of Bamburgh, on the coast not far from Yeavering, by Anglo-Saxon pirates in AD 547.

An earthwork fort was the earliest feature; the building of the first timber hall outside its shelter indicated a period of security, and probably two phases of palace building could be attributed to Edwin's predecessor Aethelfrith, including the nucleus of the moot.

The final phase under Edwin counts by distinguished with certainty, and the end of the story could be set in or about the year 633. There was clear evidence that the township had been deliberately destroyed by fire, and this must have been the work of Cadwallon, king of the North Welsh, who ravaged Northumbria after the defeat and death of Edwin.

Several types of large pigeons are hunted in tropical areas of Australia for their excellent food quality.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M.D.

FAMILY CAN AID ARTHRITIC Family attitude can go a long way in making things easier for an arthritic patient.

A victim of rheumatoid arthritis must remain on an even emotional keel. If a member of your family suffers this often disabling disease, you must see he had as little cause for anxiety, worry or anger as possible.

Be sure to keep all family problems and squabbles hidden from him. He'll have enough problems of his own.

If one of your loved ones has arthritis you know how easy it is for him to become discouraged. While you should be sympathetic toward the patient it is your duty to bolster his spirits as much as possible.

Although proper and continued medical treatment might well be essential to relieve the patient of all active household chores. Still, making him believe that he can't do anything at all might make his condition even worse.

You've got to help him accept the fact that it will take a long, hard fight to regain his health. His determination to conquer his illness will be a great help in the battle.

Exercise and massage, when advised, generally should be carried out at the beginning by a physical therapist. But you or

some other member of the family can take over these duties eventually after getting the proper instruction.

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The Poets Corner

By Fred Lape

SPRING DAY, Day of the young heifer head up sniffling air; sky, light and trees one earth caress;

hills' feet north moving sun, reaching fingers under the pine shadows; cock crow in barnyard; water drip down solemn rocks; wind scuffling pine branches; crows cawing in blue distance.

Come over the centuries, Sung artist, sit down with me by the woodlot edge.

We are all sun and mountain lovers. Where valley haze trembles at the our laughter and our cries dance in the sun.

And the crow and the wild heron nourish us, not our bodies' needs, which are brief, but our minds', which crisscross centuries.

—Fred Lape in the New York Herald-Tribune.

The Age Old Story

He gives power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Krushchev angrily reports a shortage of dairy products in Russia, but it's hard to imagine how it came to his attention, unless he has switched to milk punches.—Winnipeg Tribune

If, as they say, human nature doesn't change, how do you explain this report that the people of Abe Lincoln's days were disappointed in his speeches because they were too short?—Detroit News

Before facing the stresses of the day, it is a good thing to remember what General Montgomery said once during the war: "I am not a bit anxious about my battles. If I am anxious I don't fight them. I wait until I am ready."—Kingston Whig-Standard

The Great Barrier Reef of Australia, 1,250 miles long, is the world's largest coral structure. Like an iceberg, most of the reef's 80,000-square-mile area lies under water. A loose chain of shoals, reefs and lonely islands betrays the stupendous mountains of submerged coral.—St. Catherine's Standard

We published an interesting picture yesterday. It showed a group of young girls marching in uniform in Syria and carrying automatic weapons. We learned from the caption that they were celebrating "cultural unity" with Egypt and Jordan.—New York Times

When a passenger was stepping from a train not many miles from Fort William, the trainman noticed his coat collar was awry. With a pleasanter trainman adjusted the collar. As the passenger walked away and the train drew out, he said to himself: "That's really a smart coat. When he was preparing to leave for home at the division point, he found a shabby coat in place of his. The coat he admired was his own.—Fort William Times-Journal

Momma's darling baby will soon be daddy's little genius. And it won't be very long before they'll both be calling him a teenage problem.—Lethbridge Herald

Twenty-nine years from the time it was started, a 720-mile railway in Iran has finally been completed. If you've wondered what Iranians have been doing since 1928—they've been working on the railroad.—St. Catherine's Standard

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