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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Employment Campaign

Our civic authorities, business firms, Board of Trade, Canadian Legion and other organizations are cooperating with the National Employment Office in its annual campaign to ease the seasonal unemployment situation locally.

With modern facilities bricklayers, carpenters and roofers are able to work during a great part of the winter months, while painting, decorating and interior remodelling can be carried out just as expeditiously as under Spring conditions.

The campaign, which opens today, was conducted last year with satisfactory results, and it is hoped that all our citizens will cooperate in making it a success on this occasion.

800,000 New Homes

Since the end of the war, and not including the completions in 1955, approximately 800,000 new homes have been built in Canada. In the current year, housing starts have numbered around 135,000 with 125,000 completions.

In the period since the first post-war house was constructed, approximately one-fourth of Canada's population has moved into houses which did not exist in 1945.

But, though this new construction has eased a difficult situation, it represents merely a beginning in home-building to keep pace with Canada's steady growth.

Strangely-Based Fiction

A well known American statistician has stated categorically: "If no unforeseen event happens, President Eisenhower will be renominated and re-elected in 1956." On what evidence does he base his cock-sure prediction? Surely not on anything Mr. Eisenhower said either before or since his autumn illness.

On what then? Strangely enough, on photographs taken of the President in recent weeks. When he boarded the plane at Denver to return to Washington, "he ran up the ramp like a young colt and waded to the people," according to the statistician.

sident certainly took a subtle and uncharacteristic way of conveying information which the little word "yes" could have conveyed ever so much better, and which that great part of the population which lacks statistical talent, especially in the field of esoteric photography, could have understood much more easily.

Music And Statistics

The head office of the Royal Bank of Canada, in its Monthly Letter, gives some interesting reminders of the use and value of statistics. And a most important science it is, in this day and age, its aim being "to discover methods of condensing large groups of allied facts into brief and compendious expression suitable for discussion."

But there are limits to the statistical method of approach. An amusing example of this kind is cited in a London paper, of a symphony review written by an efficiency expert specializing in method engineering. After a concert in the Royal Festival hall, the specialist reported:

"For considerable periods the four oboe players had nothing to do. The number should be reduced and the work spread more evenly over the whole of the concert, thus eliminating peaks of activity."

"All the 12 violins were playing identical notes. This seems unnecessary duplication. The staff of this section should be drastically cut. If larger volume of sound is required, it could be obtained by electronic apparatus."

"Much effort was absorbed in the playing of demisemiquavers. This seems an unnecessary refinement. It is recommended that all notes should be rounded up to the nearest semiquaver. If this were done, it would be possible to use trainees and lower grade operatives extensively."

"There seems to be much repetition of some musical passages. Scores should be drastically pruned. No useful purpose is served by repeating on the horns a passage which has already been handled by the strings. It is estimated that if all redundant passages were eliminated, the whole concert time of two hours could be reduced to 20 minutes, and there would be no need for an intermission."

EDITORIAL NOTES

A 7-cent stamp, honouring the late President Woodrow Wilson, went on sale at Staunton, Va., one day last week. The sale took place, however, not in a post office, as is customary, but in the bedroom in which the great man was born. This, presumably, will add to the value of the stamp, philately-wise.

Publications from Moscow virtually admit that the first year's results from Agriculture Secretary Khrushchev's grandiose corn planting and virgin land programs have been disappointing. A good crop year in the Ukraine has only barely covered crop losses in the Siberian areas which were to have produced great increases.

The Defence Research Board, in its annual year-end review, reports a periodic test of precipitation to determine radioactive content. Even though it does not mention the extent of the survey, there is some room for encouragement here, in that at no time has the count reached an amount likely to prove harmful to human beings, or to animal or vegetable life.

J. Edgar Hoover, famed head of the F.B.I., wants the word "cop" thrown out of the American language. He calls its use "degrading to law enforcement and the stature it has achieved through long years of dedication to responsibility." It is a foolish little word, when you come to think of it. And it hasn't even a universally recognized derivation. With the English "bobby" now, it's quite different. It comes from Sir Robert Peel, who did much to make the London police organization efficient.



PLEADING HIS CASE

OTTAWA REPORT

The Goat Couldn't Take It

By Patrick Nicholson

Ontario's Minister of Highways is believed to be the only cabinet minister who has ever been an accessory in rattling a goat to death. This unusual slaughter recently occurred when a poor old lady filled her wish to acquire a pet which would also lighten her cost of living.

NO VELVET-SMOOTH RIDE This story is said to involve whose vomit flow with the milk of human kindness, rather than with calculating-machine lubricant. But the crux of the story is its reflection upon the main tourist approach to this capital city.

V. C.'s Invited Canadian Press More than 400 of the Commonwealth's heroes are being invited to London next June. All surviving holders of the Victoria Cross are being invited to celebrate the centenary of the institution of the medal by Queen Victoria in 1856.

LONDON PARADE They will parade in London's Hyde Park where the first Victoria Cross was presented. A total of 1,347 V.C.'s have been awarded. They went to Great Britain, 999; Indian army, 111; Australia, 87; Canada, 79; South Africa, 28; New Zealand, 21; Newfoundland, 1; Fiji, 1; King's African Rifles, 1.

OTTAWA DEMANDS HIGHWAYS As the most poorly-served of our big cities in the matter of road approaches, our national capital may have suffered from the fact that it is entirely surrounded by territory under the jurisdiction of two non-liberal provincial governments.

KINGS SALUTE Even kings and general officers are bound to salute it whenever a holder passes by, even if he is the lowest private. Early crosses were struck on Queen Victoria's orders, from guns captured from the Russians in Crimean War of 1854-55.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

PREVENTING THE DANGER OF FALLS IN THE HOME

Winter may turn out to be a dangerous season. Nearly one-fifth of all accidental deaths are due to falls. Nearly half of the home fatalities are the result of falls, most of which occur during the winter.

Under most conditions, shoes with rubber heels will grip a floor better than those with leather heels. If the floor is wet, however, rubber may slip more easily than the others. Soft-soled slippers are as bad on slippery floors as stocking feet.

Most housewives want the floors to be nice and shiny, and, as a rule, it's safe to wax them. In fact, tests conducted by the Underwriters' Laboratories show that some floor waxes have less slip than the surfaces on which they are used.

CLEAN FLOORS

Before applying the wax, make sure the floors are completely clear of soaps or detergents. Then apply the wax in a thin coat. Use only self-shining (water base) wax on asphalt floors and on all but the highest quality rubber tile.

Stairways present special problems. A hall light, or a small light installed near the baseboard at the head of the stairs, might save someone from a bad tumble.

Don't place a mirror at the foot of a stairway; it might be misleading. And above all else, don't leave anything lying on the stairs. Get a basket or box and place it in safe place at the foot of the stairs.

Age of Speed (THE PRINTED WORD) A recent article on "speed reading" mentions with approval that "a sales trainee taking a course in speed reading jumped from 300 words a minute to over 700 a minute without losing a fraction of a percentage point in his original 80 per cent comprehension."

QUESTION AND ANSWER A. P. R.: Can fractures occur without injury? Answer: At certain times, fractures occur due to bone disease in which the bone is eaten away, so that in the normal process of walking and moving, the bone may break or fracture.

The Poet's Corner

SNOWY AFTERNOON

With snowflakes ticking at the windowpane, I know the happy time has come again To lean the library... this is a task I save for such a day, when I may bask In leisurely delight amid the books. True, if I did the cleaning just for looks, It would be quickly done. But I must stand, Holding an old, loved volume in my hand, And read a line or two—for just to touch A book while dusting it invites so much Of reawakened pleasure. I must see If lines remembered still come winged to me. By night the snow is high upon the sill. The room is bright, my thoughts are brighter still! —Lee Avery in the Christian Science Monitor

EARLY CHECK Children may develop dental caries as early as three years of age, when the first dental check-ups should start.

NOTICE

On the advice of the Department of Health owing to the current epidemic of Gastro-Intestinal Disease, the Children's Ward of the Orthopedic Centre, will be closed to visitors until further notice. The co-operation of the public is requested.

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In Saskatoon, a Norwegian immigrant came out of the court house after a 90-minute citizenship ceremony to find a parking ticket waiting on his car. Now, there's a real initiation into Canadian citizenship!—Vancouver Province.

A Polish immigrant who shot a Toronto policeman (and put out one eye) is going to prison for 15 years after which he is to be deported. But the taxpayers of Canada meanwhile must maintain this fellow, pay for his food and lodging and for the guarding of him! Better to send him home sooner and close the book on a bad bargain.—Ottawa Journal.

It would be good if some grumbling Canadians were given a chance to read a booklet prepared by the Immigration Department. It is a collection of "testimonials" by recent immigrants telling their Canadian success stories, invariably the result of hard work and determination to make sacrifices for the sake of early security. In this respect some immigrants see an example to many native Canadians.—Brantford Expositor.

A dehydrated steak may soon be added to the ration of the United States field soldier. The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps cooked up one publicly the other day, said the soldier of the future will be able to have his steak with no more equipment than a mess kit, some water and a fire. Frozen, the dehydrated steak looks like a chunk of wood before it is sliced into individual portions. Experts say that when cooked it smells like steak and tastes like steak. The soldier hopes so. Otherwise there would be little to avert a fall by sitting down at the first sign of an attack.—Sydney Post-Record

In an effort to head off compulsory or state auto insurance, more than 150 insurance companies doing business in New York State have made a dramatic move. To all their clients who have public liability insurance, the companies have voluntarily extended the coverage to include bodily injury or death suffered through the negligence of uninsured drivers. This additional protection covers the family of the insured, friends staying at his home and guests in his car. It applies even if the victim is walking or riding a bicycle at the time of the accident. The new coverage is given the insured free of charge until his present policy expires. After that, a small annual premium, probably \$2.00 to \$3 will be charged.—Toronto Star.

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