

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Do you know Dalhousie University has given Canada more Prime Ministers, Provincial Premiers, Cabinet Ministers, Supreme Court Judges, University Presidents and otherwise weighty figures than any other school in the country.

Now they drill square holes with square drills. If you doubt this achievement, better take a look at the Granville Bridge in British Columbia, where the square hole is no longer a joke.

This splendid bridge boasts of 420,000 component parts, weighing from one to 85,000 pounds. 8700 tons of steel went into the structure, compared to Dominion Bridges 8250 tons, in the new Halifax bridge. Half a million rivets were used. Weight of the largest pier member is 47 tons.

Some oldsters tell us there's a lot of fun in living, even after eighty, and the last phase of life should be the happiest. The decent way to die is of course, of old age, but to get into the long-every brackets perhaps one ought not to eat more than a couple of good meals a day, and sleep 10 hours. Smoking and drinking should be in moderation and according to the late George Bernard Shaw ninety per cent of our food should be vegetables and fruits.

The natives of Tristan Island trace their ancestry back to most of the countries of Western Europe, as well as to the U.S.A., Africa and Malay. It is also interesting to note that among them, they have only seven surnames — Green, Glass, Swain, Laveralls, Rogers, Hagen

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and Nepeto. They do not intermarry and are highly moral people in spite of the fact that no formal body of law has existed prior to 1948. Crime and violence are unknown. Disease is rare and death is nearly always due to accident or old age. And strange but true the natives never brush their teeth which we are told are the most perfect in the world.

Publishers are not always right. Authors Stephen Crane, Poe, Hawthorne, Edwin Arlington Robinson, and Willa Cather, were compelled to subsidize their maiden efforts. Other famous persons who paid for the publication of their first books include, Thomas Hardy, Walt Whitman, Henry David Thoreau, etc. And who has not heard of Lloyd C. Douglas's 'Magnificent Obsession'? Yet this book was turned down by every large publisher in New York, and was finally brought to the reading public by an obscure little house in Chicago. Even Upton Sinclair's first works were rejected again and again before a brilliant editor saw the gold in them.

Alexander Cameron, 102, of Elmsdale, P.E.I., has lived under the reign of several British Monarchs, has voted in 21 federal elections, and has lived to see the reaping hook and flail replaced by the modern combine-harvester.

When Mr. Cameron was a youth, Island farmers carried on their affairs in much the way people did in Europe for centuries. They performed their labors either with their hands or with some crude equipment. When they builded, they used the simplest kinds of materials and methods. Their traveling was by water routes, in two-wheeled carts, or on foot. Their tools were primitive, their wants few and easily supplied, their comforts scanty, their conveniences limited.

Looking back over a century, our grand old citizen still can recall an age in which there were no telephones, no telegraph, no rural mail delivery, no trains, steamboats or airplanes, not even a buggy.

Electric lights were far in the future when Cameron was a boy, and not even a kerosene lamp could be found throughout the province. Light when needed was furnished by the old tallow candle. Mostly though, Island folk went to bed at sundown and arose at the first peep of day.

There were no sewing machines, no farm machinery such as farmers use today. Practically all work was done by hand and the sweat of one's brow. Newspapers such as we know, were yet to come, and only winding forest trails led from one settlement to another. There was no knowledge of microbes or disease germs, and no use of anesthetics in surgery.

Indeed, it is scarcely possible for our generation to conceive of life in such a time as that. And yet Alexander Cameron lived in those days. It has been within his memory that these and almost countless other comforts and conveniences came into general use.

Recalling earlier days, Mr. Cameron remembers when almost everybody everywhere believed that human progress had reached its limit. He knows better now, and believes that another century will bring forth as many remarkable inventions as has the century he has lived to see come and go. With the world only one-tenth of a second wide, and with atomic energy only in its infancy, he feels that the wonders and marvels he has seen come into daily use will be eclipsed by the wonders yet to come.

Be that as it may, Mr. Alexander Cameron has lived to see greater development in his century than in all previous time. Think of it!

Only a very few reach the century mark, and most of those who do are to feeble and senile to recall past events. But Mr. Cameron has passed that milestone by almost 2½ years. What is more remarkable, however, is that his mind is



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By Myra Hope Sander

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