

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Today we can boast of many types of Canadians, but the original Canadian, the peasant of Normandy and Brittany, is much the same as when he first landed on the shores of the St. Lawrence some 300 years ago; he has kept his customs with such extraordinary fidelity that a French Canadian travelling now in these parts of France finds himself right at home.

There are also many Canadians with Indian blood. You can quickly spot them by their high cheek bones, small dark eyes, and slight beard. And now and then one meets fine looking half-breeds, with a swarthy complexion warmed with Saxon blood. Some of the Scots and English engaged in the fur trade, married Indian women and founded legitimate families of half breeds. Travelling in the province of Quebec it is not uncommon to meet Wrights, McPhersons and Browns, with blue eyes and red hair, who can't speak one word of English, and there are Irish tongues rolling off their brogue in French. Some of these are the descendants of English soldiers who married Canadian women and settled here after the conquest.

Others are orphans that were taken from some emigrant ship wrecked in the St. Lawrence, and all absorbed in the remarkable homogeneous nationality of the French Canadian people.

Among the oddities of the Maritime Provinces are the little known ice caves on the Chambers farm at Waterford in Kings County, New Brunswick. These natural caves of ice have existed as long as the oldest residents and their forefathers can remember. Several in number, the openings leading to them are concealed by shrubbery. If you wish to enter, you must bend low. Once inside, you'll find the floor a smooth stretch of natural ice. The walls and ceilings are of ice too. No one knows just how deep these caves are for the simple reason that the entrance is only a few feet of the entrance. Why? Because the floor drops so sharply downward the explorer would surely be killed. Summer and Winter they never change. Even on the hottest days of July or August you'd freeze to death in these amazing natural ice caves of our sister province.

Strange but true is the story of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hungerford of Douglas, Michigan was a gala event because the baby is the first girl born in the father's family in 123 years. The Hungerfords have 3 sons.

Lost in a blizzard near Nicholas River, Canada, 70-year-old Pat Whelan survived by using a trick early settlers learned from the Indians. Pat snuggled up to a hibernating bear. A search party found the old man, unharmed and suffering only a slight cold.

Faith, Hope and Charity are small towns in Missouri, believe it or not, and the owners of a liquor store in Baltimore are the Sobor brothers, Sydney and Harold.

Now let us go back to the Middle Ages — to Europe — and learn how the law courts of that day treated bugs, birds and animals. In France, animals, fish, birds, reptiles and insects were the same as people in the eyes of the law.

A porker bit a man in 1936 at Falais, France. When the pig appeared before a judge to grunt the charge it was charged with murder. The porker was indicted, prosecution and defense lawyers were appointed, and the trial got under way.

The best the pig's lawyer could do was to plead lack of malicious intent. A verdict of guilty was announced and the porker was hanged!

Winemakers of St. Julian were pestered by vine destroying beetles in 1545 so they hired a lawyer to prosecute the case and another to defend the bugs. The trial went on for a week. The bugs' attorney said the insects had rights in the vineyard which nobody could deny.

The judge ordered a compromise. Namely: that the beetles wing their way off the place. But and there was a but, the winemakers had to provide another field where the bugs might live out their days undisturbed. The judge sent a bailiff to notify the bugs of the court's decision. Up and down the vineyard went the crier bellowing the order: "Beetles! Take notice that by order of the court you are to vacate this vineyard at once and repair to the field which has been set aside for you."

Prince of Wales 4th Year Graduates



Shirley Clay: daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clay, Parkdale, plans to continue her studies to obtain a degree in Nursing at Dalhousie University. Ruth Currie: Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Currie, Hantsport, N. S., plans to complete her pre-graduate course at Columbia University. Margaret Beagan: daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Beagan, Charlottetown, plans to be a laboratory technician. Craswell Photos

Ottawa Report

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa's second annual Tulip Festival will be opened by a ceremony on Parliament Hill at mid-day on Friday of this week. His Excellency A. H. J. Lovink, Ambassador of the Netherlands, will preside over the ceremony centered around two million tulip bulbs imported from his country; the band of the Dutch Royal Marines will play; and Ottawa's famous Lady Mayor, Dr. Charlotte Whitton, will present a specially selected bouquet of prize tulip blooms to Miss Trans-Canada Air Lines, who will carry them to Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace.

The Tulip Festival was originally designed by Ottawa's Board of Trade to provide a focus to attract visitors from other parts of Canada and from the United States, to tour our national capital at the time of year when it looks its greenest and freshest best. With the abundance of tulips flowering in the public parks, along the scenic drive-ways, and in the open-edged private gardens, backed by a million other spring bulbs and by the magnificent display of lilac blossom, Canada's Capital now has a rival of the Cherry Blossom Show in Washington and to the brilliance of the Chestnut blooms in Paris in the Spring.

A National Festival Ottawa however is not content that her fame should rest solely

Why? Well, a superstition of the time held that if a rooster laid an egg, the egg would hatch out a dragon. So, the poor rooster, whose only crime was laying an egg was burned at the stake along with the terrible egg!

Deep sea clams can attain the size of a football. Whalebone has nothing to do with true bone. It is part of the skin lining of the whale's mouth.

Blood is not always red nor purple either. The blood of oysters for example is colorless.

How would you like to have to furnish a home for 200 wives and then find a way to support them? It's no easy job but the new king of Arabia, Abdul Aziz, 52, has taken over the 150 widows of his late father and 50 others to bring the strength of his harem up to 200.

A London firm got the order for 257 chairs, 124 tables, 37 settees and a score or so of flower vases. King Abdul Aziz, insists that all the furniture in the 1954 harem be right up to date.

"I fancy she was too young for me," sighed Charles Martell of Montreal and aged 90, after his 65-year-old wife left his bed and board.

The couple were married last June 3rd. Mrs. Martell broke company with her aged husband the following day, strange but true.

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CHURCHILL WILL BE HONOURED JUNE 14 IN BRILLIANT CEREMONY

LONDON. (Reuters)—Sir Winston Churchill will be installed as a knight of the Order of the Garter June 14 in a solemn and brilliant ceremony more than 600 years old.

It will be a day due him for more than a year and one brimming with appropriate pomp and circumstance. On the day after St. George's Day (patron saint of England and of the Order of the Garter) April 23 last year Queen Elizabeth called Churchill to Windsor Castle and in a brief ceremony bestowed upon him the most exalted honor

his country can offer. He knelt before her and she, taking a sword, touched him first on the right shoulder and then on the left. When he rose he was no longer "Mister" Churchill but Sir Winston Churchill, K.G.

HANDED INSIGNIA

The Queen handed him the insignia of the order—a collar of 24 gold pieces each in the shape of a garter; the George, an enameled figure of St. George on horseback encountering the dragon; the lesser George, a gold badge which bears the same fig-

ure: the blue velvet garter on which is inscribed the motto "Honi Soit Qui Mal y Pense" (Shame to Him who Thinks Evil of it), and the broad blue ribbon. He wore them proudly for the first time at the Coronation service. In June, however, he will be the star in his own right. The ceremony consists of two parts: the investiture, when the Queen will once more present the prime minister with the insignia, and the installation, a religious service in St. George's chapel, Windsor. For the occasion all the knights of the garter are mustered from all parts of the world.

"TO BE COURAGEOUS"

The ancient words which the Queen will read for the first time in the new Elizabethan reign have come down six centuries from the days of Edward III, founder of the order. One of the admonitions seems predestined for Churchill's ears. The Queen will tell the rugged, cheeked statesman and soldier who has served his country in three wars "to be courageous and having undertaken a just war into which thou shalt be engaged, thou mayest stand firm and valiantly fight courageously and successfully conquer."

FIRE PATROLS

Aircraft are used extensively in fighting forest fires in the Yukon and Northwest territories.

Railways Unable To Grant Premiums

MONTREAL, MAY 10 — Canada's two major railways informed the Federal Department of Labor today that because of a continuing decline in their traffic and earnings they are unable to grant any of the requests of their non-operating employees for fringe benefits and additional overtime premiums.

In a letter to M. M. MacLean, director of industrial relations, Ottawa. The Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways report a drop of more than \$32 million in their combined gross revenues for the first four months of 1954 and add that the trend of both carloadings and earnings is continuing to worsen.

They cite these and other figures as evidence that "the railways have even more justification now than they had some months ago for declining all requests. The granting of which would increase their costs of operation."

Town Planners Meet In Toronto

TORONTO, (CP) — Delegates from every province attended the second annual meeting of the Town Planning Institute of Canada here during the week-end.

The meeting discussed traffic problems affecting metropolitan areas, industrial developments for small and large communities and new trends in shopping centres and recreational areas.

Council members elected include: P. Dumaresq of Halifax, E. Piset and B. Pelletier, both of Quebec City.

time home. In such volume, this is a very expensive present, although the Red Emperors and Triumphs and other beautiful species no longer cost the \$1,200 per bulb which the first prize specimens fetched when the Austrian Ambassador first introduced this exotic Persian bloom into Europe just four centuries ago.

DISNEY'S DAUGHTER WED

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) Diane Disney, 20, daughter of film producer Walt Disney, was married Sunday to Ron Miller, 21, former University of Southern California football star.

Flowing Mass Display

Much of their effect is lost to anyone except a man in a balloon by the traditional method of planting them in soldier-like ranks in flat beds, he believes. He has therefore arranged that the tulip beds should slope upwards towards the back, so that more blooms are visible at pedestrians' eye level.

By carefully arranging planting of the different varieties, mingling a selection of early-blooming varieties with mid-season bulbs and late bloomers, the display in each bed is kept at its vivid best for more than three weeks. Then he arranges the various species to give eye-catching designs of colours in harmony and contrast, in repetition and balance.

Visitors to the city may obtain specially printed "Tulip Maps," showing where the principle displays are located. These maps are the most widely distributed piece of tourist literature coming from Ottawa, which is evidence of the rapid prominence achieved throughout the north eastern part of the continent by Canada's own Tulip Festival.

The origin of this annual show of the imported Persian flower is a little piece of history of which Canada may justly be proud. It recalls the sanctuary which Ottawa accorded Juliana, Princess of the Netherlands, and her young family when Hitler's army swarmed over her country 14 years ago. As a thank-you present, Juliana makes an annual gift of many thousand prize bulbs to her war-

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