

TEA COUNTRIES—In the early days of tea, most of this refreshing product came from China. Today, however, almost all of Canada's tea supply comes from the Commonwealth countries of India and Ceylon (See map above). The most flavourful varieties are grown on high ground.

Tea Has Had A Romantic Appeal Through 4694 Years

In 2737 B.C., says Chinese legend, leaves from a wild tea bush fell by chance into the Emperor Shen Nung's boiling drinking water. "What a delightful flavour!" said the wise Emperor, drinking the world's first cup of tea.

The Chinese poet Lu Yu, published the first book about tea in 780 A.D. Wait till the water boils, he tells us, and when the bubbles resemble crystal beads rolling in a fountain it is time to pour the water over the tea leaves.

By the ninth century, Japan was growing her own tea instead of importing it from China. The Buddhist saint, Dengyo Daishi, crossed the sea to Japan in 805 A.D. and planted seeds in a temple garden.

In Japan, the tea plants flourished. In 815 A.D. the Japanese Emperor, Saga, was entertained with tea at a monastery. He liked it so well he decreed that tea be cultivated in the provinces near his capital.

IN EUROPE
The first European book mentioning tea was published in Venice in 1559. The first account of tea in English appeared in 1598 in the Voyages and Travels of Hugo Van Linschooten, a Dutchman who had drunk tea in the far-away, mysterious Orient.

The Dutch traders were the first people in Europe to drink tea and their sailing ships carried most of the wondrous leaf for the West in the 1600's. But in 1669 the famous East India Company began bringing tea to England from Java.

Sailing from the Orient to Europe was perilous for the tea ships of 1610. The seas swarmed with pirates and cutthroats, there were few charts to show reefs and rocks, and the frail vessels were often sunk by storms. In 1618 another method of transportation was tried—tea was brought by camel caravan from China across the deserts and mountains to Eastern Europe. The journey took eighteen months.

NATIONAL BEVERAGE
By the 18th century tea had become England's national beverage. Rich and poor alike enjoyed it and Dr. Samuel Johnson, the great journalist, critic and lexicographer, described himself as "a hardened and shameless tea drinker."

The sound of pistol shots by night was common along the English coast in the middle 1700's. Tea smugglers would clash with the coastguards in their effort to avoid high import taxes. Two thirds of the tea drunk in England was smuggled in.

In 1721 the East India Company was granted a monopoly on the import of all tea into England. The tea was sold at auctions to the highest bidders in the Company's great warehouses in London. The monopoly ended in 1833.

At one time, all tea came from China, Japan and the East Indies. Then, in 1823, British Army Major Robert Bruce found tea growing wild in Northeast India. Plants were cultivated successfully and a new tea producing area was created.

"Why Not A Canadian Club," Now 40,000 Are Members

By JACK VAN DUSEN
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OTTAWA (CP)—Out of a casual conversation 66 years ago came a unique movement—the Canadian Clubs.

Charles McCullough, 26-year-old Canadian-born Irishman, was walking with friends in Hamilton one nippy fall day in 1891. They were discussing the merits of clubs for Canadians with ties in the old world, like the St. Andrew's and St. George's societies and the St. Jean Baptiste Association, when McCullough is said to have suggested:

"We all have one thing in common—we are Canadians. Why not a Canadian Club?"
FIRST IN 1893
On Feb. 25, 1893, the Hamilton Canadian Club—where "no matter what the difference of origin, occupation or opinion, we can meet because we are Canadians"—held its first meeting.

McCullough was elected secretary and W. Sanford Evans president. Evans later moved to Toronto and founded the second Canadian club there in the fall of 1897. The third club was formed in Ottawa. Its second vice-president was Labor Gazette editor W. L. Mackenzie King, who later became prime minister.

Prime Minister St. Laurent is a past president of the Quebec City Canadian Club.
By the end of 1907, there were 27 clubs, formed for "the encouragement of the study of the history, literature and resources of Canada, the recognition of native work and talent and the fostering of a patriotic Canadian sentiment."

Now they have grown to 92, with a membership of 40,000, located in all provinces except Newfoundland.
EMINENT SPEAKERS
The Canadian Clubs have a unique way of achieving their aim—by listening to speeches of prominent Canadian and world figures.

Canadians in all walks of life, including governors—general and prime ministers, have addressed the clubs. Speakers from other countries have included such persons as Rudyard Kipling, the South African soldier-statesman Ian Smuts, Sir Winston Churchill, and prime ministers and cabinet ministers of many countries.

"Most of the members today are business and professional leaders who want to keep their horizons broad," Eric W. Morse, national director of the Association of Canadian Clubs, said in an interview.

"They are often too busy to read, so once a month they listen to someone tell them about national and international issues. ALL WELCOME
"But we don't want to give the idea you have to be a third-generation Canadian with a university education and live on the right side of the tracks to join," said the 52-year-old sportsman and former history teacher.

"Anyone in sympathy with the club's purpose of knowing Canada better is welcome."
Membership fees range from \$4 to \$5 a year depending on the size of the club.
The Association of Canadian Clubs, formed at Montreal in September, 1909, and incorporated by Parliament in 1939, provides most of the seven or eight speakers heard every year by the smaller clubs, which make up about three quarters of the movement.

Larger clubs enlist their own speakers. No professional speakers are used and only a speaker's expenses are paid.
WIDESPREAD MOVEMENT
There are nine clubs in the Maritimes, seven in Quebec, 40 in Ontario, 18 in the Prairies and 18 in British Columbia.

Mr. Morse, national director since 1949, travels about 7,000 miles a year visiting the clubs and organizing new ones.
Clubs have set up scholarships to foster Canadian literature, culture and history; and help new Canadians become "integrated into the community." They assist projects on Canadian historic sites.
Governor-General Massey, club patron and perennial Canadian Club speaker, has said: "One cannot appreciate the part which the Canadian Club movement has played over the years—such things defy a close assessment. But we can be certain that Canada is profoundly indebted to this, the only national movement existing for the sole purpose of fortifying our belief in our country."

Ice Blockade At St. John's Is Resumed

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ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Ice-fields resumed their hammerlock on St. John's Harbor Thursday as the second day of spring brought strong winds from the southeast.

Ice emerged from low hanging mist over the ocean and rafted into the harbor, leaving a few lakes of open water along the southern edge but halting all shipping.

No vessels entered or left the port Thursday, although the blockade lifted long enough earlier in the week to permit the cargo ships Vela, Blue Peter, Inverleight and Bedford to come in.

A shortage of fresh fruits and vegetables was reported in St. John's but this was ended by the arrival of shipments carried across the ice-clogged Cabot Strait by Canadian National Railways vessels and brought to St. John's by rail.

Most provisions for Newfoundland come by rail from Nova Scotia via Fort Aux Basques and the blockade of St. John's creates little scarcity.

However, the pinch of the blockade is being felt increasingly on Bell Island, cut off from surface transportation by the icefields clogging nearby Conception Bay.

Miscouche H. S. Gives Concert

The Parish Hall, Miscouche, was filled to capacity Tuesday and Wednesday evenings when the High School students of Miscouche High School presented a variety concert to an appreciative and enthusiastic audience.

Peter Skerry and Eric Skerry announced the program which consisted of three one-act plays and music, singing, dancing and skits. The pupils of the High School were highly commended for this successful venture in dramatics.

The following is the program: Duet, "Dance of the Pixies," Wilhelmina Gaudet and Elaine DesRoches.
Chorus, "Partons la Mer est Belle."
Piano solo, "For Elise."—Beethoven, Patricia Poirier.
Play, "Women Must Talk."—Grade XI.
Vocal Solo, "Country Gardens," Anne Wedge.
Skit, "Bashful Cousin Jim," Grade XI.
Piano solo, "Sonatina," Mozart Dorothy Monkley.
Vocal Duet, "Daddy Boy," Yvette Arsenault and Maria Bernard.
Skit, "A Brave Lover," Grade XI.
Highland Fling, Marilyn Granic.
Play, "Camouflage," Scene I, Grade XI.
Piano Solo, "Yellow Butterfly," T. R. MacLochlan; June Hutchison.

Camouflage, Scene II, Step Dancing, Pauline Gaudet. Camouflage, Scene III, Chorus: "I Pass by your Window," High School Girls.

PIUSVILLE

Miss Pearlene Cocoran returned to the Polio clinic Charlottetown for further treatment.
Due to the condition of the road through this district, the Electricians are having difficulty in getting through for wiring the houses. There are very few houses to wire now and the arrival of the poles is the next step.

Misses Arlene Cocoran and Marion Gaudet, Charlottetown, spent the weekend visiting in Piusville.
Mr. and Mrs. James Rooney, Mill River, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Cocoran on Saturday.

Sincere sympathy is being extended to the relatives of Mr. Charlie Gallant, whose death occurred on March 17 in Charlottetown.

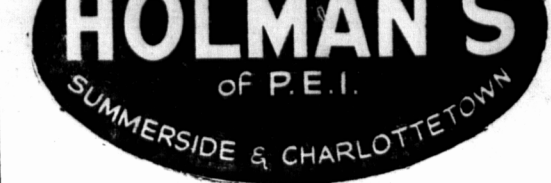
ALBANY UNITED W.M.S.
The World Day of Prayer Service was held at the home of Mrs. Sterling MacKay, Albany Village, Friday evening, Feb. 8, with women representing the Presbyterian, Anglican, Baptist and United Churches.

This impressive service was prepared by Mrs. Serena Vassady formerly of Hungary and now of the United States. The theme being "Who Can Separate Us."
Mrs. MacKay presided assisted by the following as leaders: Mrs. Harry Ross, Mrs. Earle Boulter, Mrs. Stanley Delaney, Mrs. Lester MacLeod, Miss Ingrid Dawson, Mrs. Peter Nicholson.
Mrs. Stanwood MacLeod read the scripture Romans 8: 31-39 and prayers of Intercession and Commitment were given by Mrs. Peter Nicholson, Mrs. Paul Dawson, Mrs. George Burns, Mrs. Vernon Webster, Mrs. S. M. MacKay.

A fitting solo "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer" was rendered by Mrs. Kenneth Muttart, Sealton, accompanied by Mrs. E. V. MacLeod, organist.
The guest speaker was Miss Mary A. MacKenzie, Deaconess of North Tryon Presbyterian Church, who gave a heart searching message on the theme "Who Can Separate Us." The service closed with the hymn "The Day Thou Gavest Lord is ended" and the Benediction in unison.
A friendship hour followed, refreshments were served by the members of the Albany Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society.

U.S. COSTS JUMP
WASHINGTON (AP)—The cost of living jumped another four-tenths of one per cent in February to its sixth-straight record, the U.S. labor department reported Friday. The consumer price index advanced to 118.7 per cent of the 1947-49 average. This culminated a 3.5 per cent advance over the past year.

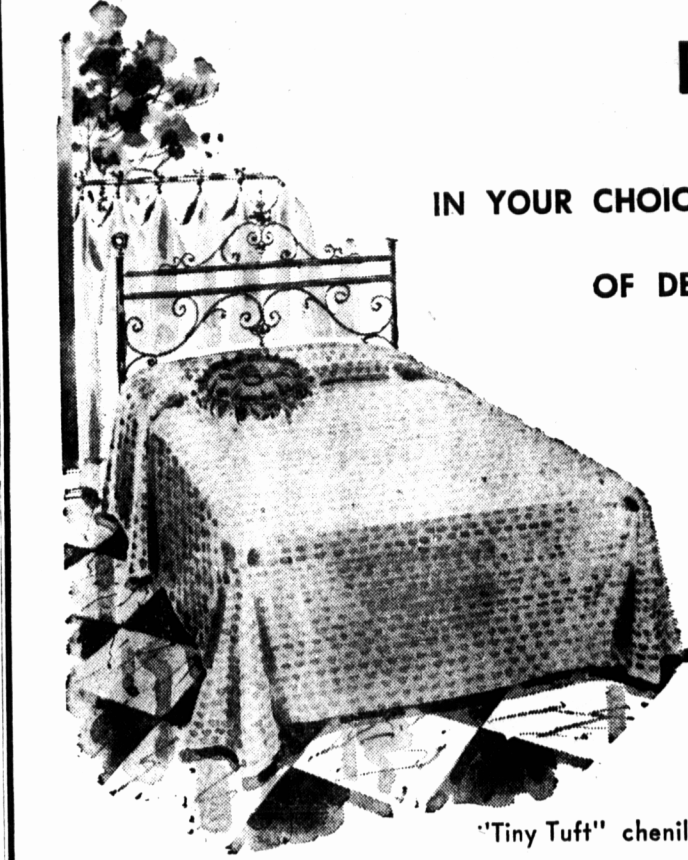
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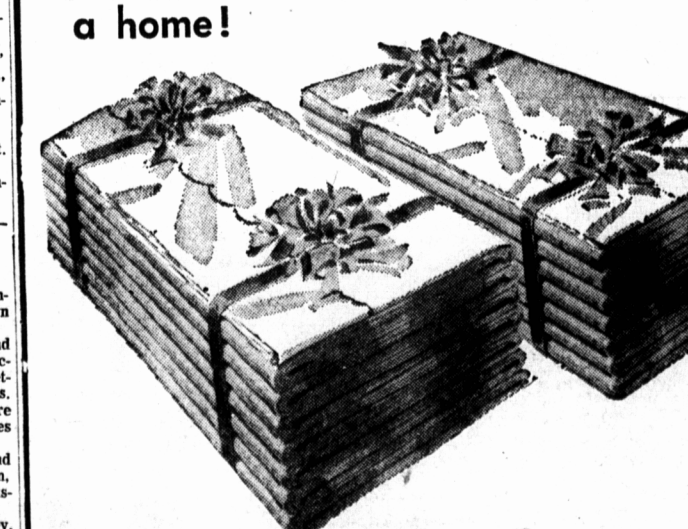
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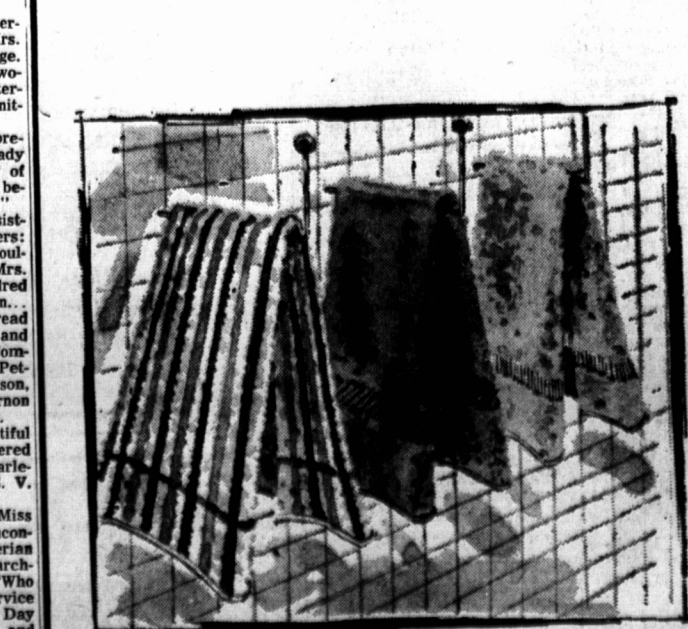
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