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Well Merited Honor

Knighthood, even in the famed Order of the Garter, has seldom been bestowed more appropriately than it was by Her Majesty yesterday upon Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary who is by long odds the most likely ultimate successor to Sir Winston Churchill as government leader.

It is significant that both Labor and Conservative members cheered when news of the knighthood reached the Houses of Parliament yesterday. It recalled the occasion on April 24, 1953, when Churchill himself received knighthood in the same order.

The Jury System

In answer to the Supreme Court Justice in another Province who was quoted as saying that in his opinion "the time has come when a judge can do a better job than a jury", Mr. Garson, the Minister of Justice, says that no consideration is being given by his department to the abolition of the jury system.

Canada will sell more wheat to Britain in the coming year, financial experts predict. British purchases last year were the lowest since 1938, yet more than 63 per cent of British wheat imports were from Canada.

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Waterfowl Flyways

Four broad aerial rivers channel a majority of all migrating water birds down across the continent. They are the Atlantic Flyway, the Mississippi, the Central, and the Pacific. Since the earliest settlers watched huge flocks honk by in "V" formation, such birds have followed the same natural shorelines and river systems north and south with the seasons.

Dr. Arthur A. Allen, Cornell University ornithologist, writes both of inner physiological controls and intricate "releasers" from the outside environment, telling birds when it is time to migrate, to stop migrating, to sing, to fight, to mate. He summarizes man's findings in his recent book, "Stalking Birds with Color Camera," published by the National Geographic Society.

For many kinds of birds, amateur watchers scan the night skies to see them pass. Often only the rustle of thousands of wings, or shadows crossing the face of the harvest moon, reveal the flight of the warblers and vireos, the thrushes and tanagers, and the other land birds that travel by night and feed by day.

How do they find their way? It may be by the sun, or by some little-understood rotational force from the spinning earth; by polarized light, or magnetic influences. No one really knows. But fly they do, sometimes tremendous distances non-stop over open ocean, then return in the spring to the same spots but by different routes.

The Arctic tern, long-distance champion, surpasses this trip by far. From as far north as there is land, or islands running the Arctic Sea, these birds sometimes cross the Atlantic to Europe, wing south over all of Africa, recross the ocean by way of Antarctic islands, and return in the spring via South America and the Caribbean—a matter of some 22,000 miles in a year's travel.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Trafalgar Day, 1805.

Our citizens generally will extend a cordial welcome to the visiting members of the Atlantic Institutes of Chartered Accountants who are opening their regional conference here this evening.

London "bobbies" are the world's best, but their faces must have been red when the janitor of the Bow Street police station reported this week the theft of a Union Jack from the station's flagpole.

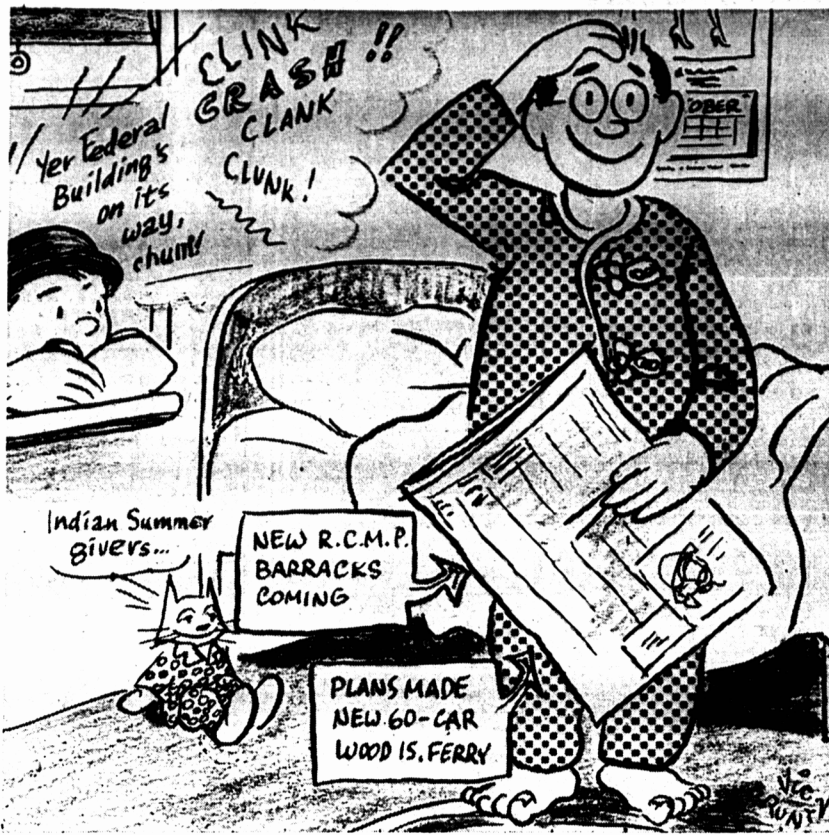
The extent of the Toronto area flood disaster well warrants Prime Minister St. Laurent's statement that a royal commission will likely be set up as a preliminary to federal rehabilitation aid. In the meantime relief contributions from across Canada are reported to be mounting steadily.

The first incandescent lamp was tested 75 years ago today. Carbon arcs had long been used to produce light but had serious disadvantages. The modern electric lamp was developed by Edison. The carbon filament in a vacuum has been replaced in recent times by a tungsten filament surrounded by inert gases but the principle is the same.

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North Korean Communists are reported to be shipping large quantities of opium and morphine into South Korea with espionage agents. The Reds have two purposes—providing operational funds for Red spies through sales of the drug, and deteriorating the health and morale of the South Korean populace as well as United Nations troops.

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—And It's Still Two Months 'Till Christmas!

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

POTATO BOARD STATEMENT

Sir,—You published a letter on Sept. 29, signed by Mr. A. A. Seales of Freetown, in which he accused the P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board with issuing annual statements incomplete, obscure, and at variance with statements made on the Floor of the House.

This statement shows a re-payment to the Potato Promotion Committee of \$10,000. As a member of the Potato Industry Promotion Fund Board, and as a contributor to the funds of the Potato Marketing Board, I am interested in finding any published statement covering receipt of this, and of the details of how this \$10,000 was dispersed and to whom.

Will the manager of the P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board, who must have this information, or Mr. Seales, who may also have the information, pass it on to the public and myself through the columns of your paper, and oblige.

I am, Sir, etc., D. F. MACAULAY Souris

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I.

A NOVEL SIGHT

"The Schooner 'American Lass' belonging to Mr. Horatio Webster, last Fall near, which got aground near Peter's Harbour, having been raised by means of screws and levers, and placed upon a sledge, sixty-two feet in length, was, on Thursday last, hauled out to sea, near half a mile, with her masts and rigging standing, by the united strength of eighty-two horses, a sufficient distance to be out of danger of grounding when the ice broke up. Upwards of 200 persons assembled to witness this novel scene.

—Royal Gazette, April 6, 1841.

The Poet's Corner FROM "SUSSEX"

I never get between the pines But I smell the Sussex air; Nor I never come on a belt of sand But my home is there.

A lost thing I could never find, Nor a broken thing mend; And I fear I shall be all alone When I get towards the end.

I will gather and carefully make my friends Of the men of the Sussex Weald. They watch the stars from silent folds.

They stily plough the field. By them and the God of the South Country My poor soul shall be healed.

—Hilaire Belloc

NOTES BY THE WAY

The '55 models will soon be out, with improvements all over the job, except the "trunk" on the steering-wheel. —Ottawa Citizen.

Natural gas, it says in a headline, proves a strong competitor for the heating dollar. Ah, yes, remember way back when anybody could make a hot buck? —Windsor Star.

Let's keep our emotions balanced and our attitude toward both nations is one of alert and intelligent watchfulness, sustained by a long and detailed memory for history. —Peterborough Examiner.

When the Lee-Enfield army rifle was formally and finally abandoned in Britain on Tuesday, it was appropriate that the ceremony of last rites was carried out, even to the slow-march as the old model weapon was removed from the parade ground. Nothing less of pomp and pageantry could adequately sum up the feelings of most soldiers at the loss of an old friend which had outlived its usefulness. —Winnipeg Free Press.

The general public is gradually realizing why so many people put forth so much effort to avert a strike at the Ford of Canada. As the situation worsens, it becomes apparent that this is more than just a strike. It is destined to be a bitter fight with the end nowhere in sight. Those close to the situation understood that as long as the men were working, there was some hope for a settlement. But, once the men were out, that was it. The battle was joined. —Windsor Star.

A recent scientific study has backed up what women have long been saying to the unheeding ears of their husbands—that they ought to eat their salads. Nearly one-third of 600 men in industrial plants whose diet was studied in a two-year survey by a team of Rutgers University scientists were low in vitamin "C"—which is found in citrus fruits, tomatoes and leafy green vegetables. About one-fourth of the men were deficient in calcium needed for sound bones and teeth and found to a large degree in milk. Even more significant, 44 per cent of these men were overweight. —Washington Post.

If there's anything we like it's this "relative prosperity" the economists are talking about. When relatives are prosperous they don't mind so much if we drop in on them and stay for a week! —Ottawa Citizen.

Some news stories are painfully incomplete. Like the one regarding the London township woman who, seeking her cat in the barn, struck a match and set fire to a bale of hay. The story didn't tell the most important thing, what happened to the cat? —Chatham Daily News.

Anything that will aid in reducing the mounting number of motor fatalities on the highway of this country is a development to be greatly welcomed. So the advent of the tubeless tires on some of the 1955 models of Canadian cars should surely be hailed with satisfaction. The manufacturers who have adopted this latest type of tire as standard equipment on their automobiles are certainly displaying realism in order to lower the accident toll, and in this they merit commendation. —Moncton Transcript.

Two teen-age girls stood watch at a newsstand near their school in Chicago to learn who was buying the "comics" with the lewd and horror covers, Sigrid Arne of the Associated Press writes from Washington. A three-year-old girl toddled in and bought one of the latest issues. On its cover a scantily-clad woman was pictured in a suggestive pose. The little girl's father, ashamed to buy the magazine himself, had sent her in to get it for him. Spurred by this incident and others like it, Ann Osetek and Armella Bujnowski undertook one of the liveliest campaigns the U. S. has seen against the horror, crime and sex "comics" being sold to children, most at 10 cents a copy. The girls now have 34,000 names on a petition asking Congress to ban such books. —Woodstock Review.

The Age Old Story

As an eagle stirreth up her nest, flutereeth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them on her wings; so the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer

OCCIDENTAL-ORIENTAL DIFFERENCES

In continuing his thesis Dr. Iyengar considered the differences between East and West from the standpoint of peace and war. "The West," he wrote, "is militant while in East is peaceful. Since the modern barbarians (the meat and the European nations) trampled mighty Rome under foot and laid the foundations of their nationalities their history is almost one uninterupted record of fighting. War has been their favourite profession and they have carried their art to such perfection that no nation, unless it adopts their methods and weapons of warfare, can cope successfully with them in the field.

"To the West nothing is more indicative of the strength and civilization of a nation than its military prestige. The fact that half a year of war with China and another with Russia made Japan jump from an insignificant to a great nation is too sad a commentary on the militarism of the West. Nor is this the sole commentary for in the West religion has consecrated the heroes of war, literature has immortalized them on its pages, art has adorned the forum and the market-place with their statues, and the people have idolized them in their hearts."

"Such a militant spirit," he went on, "is not a part of Asiatic life. He is, as a rule, peaceful, self-sacrificing, restful. True, the Huns under Attila, the Mongols under Genghis Khan and Tamerlane not only overran Asia but made incursions to Europe. But these were the Nomadic tribes of Asia and formed only an insignificant portion of the Asiatic population; their voice did not exercise any appreciable influence on the general tone of the Asiatic chorus."

"It is true that India and China each had many internal wars and revolutions. But they owed their origin mostly to the caprice, cupidity and whim of monarchs and ambitious upstarts. That the Chinese are at heart a peaceful people (this was in 1905, remember!), that their danger lies in the lack of military spirit, is too well shown by the sad plight they find themselves in today. For 4000 years they have proved their loyalty to the spirit of peace. They have invented gunpowder but have used it for firecrackers. It is to the credit of the moderners (Westerners) that they have also invented gunpowder and used it for killing men instead of time."

"It affords much mirth to the moderners to watch the Chinese still clinging to bows and arrows, swords and halberds, to the military tactics and strategy formulated 3000 years ago. If necessity is the mother of invention, this fact is a strong argument that the Chinese felt no necessity for war."

"It is true also that the Japan of feudal days has a record of wars and struggles as bloody as the history of Europe can boast of, that the songs of those dread warriors still form the lullabies for Japanese infants, and that the emulation of those heroes is still the goal of many ambitious youths. Japan, however, it must be said, is the most warlike of all the Asiatic peoples. And yet it may be contended that her people on the whole love peace better than war, far more so than the moderners do, by the historic fact that during her life of five and twenty centuries she had only



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