National Jubilee Year Time to "Think Canada"

Canadians Should Appreciate Present and Potential Advantages of Their Country.

"NOW" IS CANADA'S OPPORTUNITY.

Over 1900 organized radio broadcasts throughout the country were arranged to hear Premier King speak in Toronto recently. Aside from all political aspects of the case it is impossible to estimate the great educational value such an adaptation of Radio broadcasting is to the people of our country.

Canada's Opportunity.

In the present and near future lies Canada's great opportunity. We, as Canadians, do not fully appreciate what an extraordinary country we have. We have been used to hearing political spellbinders tell us what a wonderful country Canada is that we are perhaps apt to mentally underestimate our good fortune and our opportunities. We hear so much about the success and wealth of the country to the south of us that some of us are apt to be envious and to think that the United States is more fortunate than Canada.

Our Greatest Asset.

The people make any country and we in Canada are thrice blest in having a predominating Anglo-Saxon nation. We have yet no great polyglot population to create racial difficulties and this is perhaps Canada's greatest asset. The United States has about 10 million negroes and 80 million foreign or other than Anglo-Saxon inhabitants. Canada has no Negro problem and a very small percentage of Europeans. The United States has about 82% trouble making alien people, while we have over 80% of pure Anglo-Saxon and old French-Canadian inhabitants. Due to this, probably, more than anything else, is our great strength and national vitality. Our future depends on our maintaining this preponderance of Anglo-Saxon and French Canadian blood.

A Nation Now.

Returning to the broadcast of the Premier's speech, we can be proud, as Canadians, to learn that Canada is accepted as the elder son of England's great family of Dominions. We may well be proud that our Political Status within the Empire is one of equality with the mother land. That That if any change is to be made in our constitution we in Canada will make it and that we have arrived at full nationhood within ourselves. Such information cannot but help to make us individually and nationally hold our heads higher and meet the future with greater confidence and optimism.

"Live" Canada.

In this our anniversary year we owe it to our country and to ourselves to read more, think more and talk more about Canada and so become better informed and more intelligent Canadians. As the year advances and our national birthday approaches, we should be mentally equipped to take full cognizance of that birthday and at that times to fully appreciate what Canadian citizenship means. It is the intention of this paper to print from time to time a series of articles that will be illuminating and instructive to its readers as Canadians.

Light.

Milton's address to Light, from the prelude to the third book of "Paradise Lost," is one of the greatest as well as one of the most pathetic passages of pure poetry in our literature, for the poet was blind.

But thou
Revisitest not these eyes, that roll in vain
To find thy piercing ray, and find no dawn;
So thick a drop serene hath quenched their orbs,
Or dim suffusion veiled. Yet not the more
Cease I to wander where the muses haunt
Clear spring, or shady grove, or sunny hill,
Smit with the love of sacred song. . .
. . . . . Thus with the year
Seasons return; but not to me returns
Day, or the sweet approach of even or morn,
Or sight of vernal bloom, or summer's rose,
Or flocks, or herds, or human face divine;
But cloud instead, and ever-during dark
Surrounds me, from the cheerful ways of men
Cut off, and for the book of knowledge fair,
Presented with a universal blank. . .

Pays £5000 to Insure His Meals for Life

London.—A London restaurant has contracted with a forty-year-old man to supply him with two meals a day for the rest of his life, for 5000 pounds.

The tables of mortality show that his expectation of life at that age is twenty-seven years, which would make his food cost about 185 pounds a year, or about $1.25 a meal.

I Married a Wife.

I married a wife. It was no more trouble
Than hitching our old gray team up double,
But which would pull and which would balk
You'll never learn from my crazy talk.

I married a wife. 'Twas a fortunate thing
For one or the other at our wedding,
But which was lucky you'll never guess
For my lips are locked in silentness.

I married a wife, a merry jade,
Cool and clever and unafraid,
With a careful eye and a nimble tongue—
One or the other of us got stung.

I married a wife according to law,
The best housekeeper you ever saw,
Always at work from morning till night—
Dear God, 'twas a depressing sight!

I married a wife when I was twenty,
I married but one and that was plenty.
If I married again may the devil take me,
For there's never a woman on earth can make me.

—Warren Gilbert.

A Trinidad Garden Beautiful.

Let me share it with you. A soft breeze is wafting exquisite perfume from the frangipani and the lime trees, so that the eye shall not feast alone. And what a feast! A luscious riot of vivid colorings. The poinsettias are just one blaze of scarlet, hardly a green leaf to be seen, but the tall hibiscus hedge that gives us privacy provides the dark green of shining leaves as a background for its own bright red, pink and orange blossoms.

At this very moment humming birds of iridescent plumage—golden green and blue — are hovering over these flowers, pausing on beating wings for a few seconds only, to sip honey and insects; then darting off to sample the clusters of orange and red Barbados pride.

The walk to the lawn is bordered by gay yellow, reddish brown and green-leaved crotons, and we enter through a pergola of red and purple bougainvillea. Opposite to us rise the graceful Areca palms clustered with green and tangerine nuts, and bearing on their straight stems clumps of orchids, shining in their white purity in modest contrast to the vivid colorings of the surrounding flowers and shrubs.

At one side of the lawn the purple and yellow blooms of the Alamander are intertwined with the ivory, goblet-shaped flowers of the Chalice vine. Ferns in endless variety and beauty are softly banked around—giant maiden-hair and pots of the fascinating gold and silver-backed varieties, which present a plain green front, modestly concealing their more delicate beauties.

That high stand in the corner is for "figs"—bananas—for the birds. Such sweet, sweet singers and charming to behold. Blue and yellow semps and wrens carol their gratitude. L'oiseau bleu and Cardinal proclaim themselves, and that big brown and yellow beauty who earns his name from his incessant query, "Qu-est-ce-qu'il-dit?"

Towering over everything there on the sky line are four Palmistes, with trunks like marble columns, surmounted by green boles, and graceful waving tufts of leaves. These are locally known as "cabbage palms," and often these beauties are sacrificed for the delicate salad or "cabbage" which the green boles contain.

That modest little plot that you see over there with the pale blue forget-me-not border and the rather straggling rose bushes and sweet violets, is just a little reminder of the homeland.

Dusk falls and brings the flash of fireflies and the chirp and hum of insects. Have you been able to visualize the garden beautiful?

Many French Girls Are Fencers.

Fencing is indulged in by many young women in France as an aid to health and grace.

It is not what he has, not even what he does, which directly expresses the worth of a man, but what he is. —Arriel.

A Reasonable Faith.

Recent studies in psychology are disillusioning to those who suppose that all their acts are reasonable. Humanity lives more in the realm of its emotions than on the high plane of reason. We often act on the impulse of emotion, and employ reason as accessory after the fact to justify our more or less unreasonable conduct. And religion has much to do with emotion.

Yet conspicuous in religions is that appeal in the Bible to the rational nature of men. "Come, let us reason together," saith the Lord. It is a remarkable invitation, but the more it is thought upon the less strange it seems. God, the author of reason in mankind, appeals to reason in his approach to men.

This can never mean that the mysteries of life are easily to be measured and defined by the human mind. "We know in part, and we prophesy in part." But the knowledge we have and the faith in which we prophesy are both born of reason. The Bible reveals to us a reasonable God. We live in a reasonable universe, free from caprice and the whim of fate. Cause and effect proclaim an ordered system, and faith discerns benevolent intent.

We have a reasonable revelation, dealing not with trivialities and inconsequentialities but with the deep and permanent needs of human life.

We have a reasonable morality, based on reciprocal rights and duties among men and high reverence for the spiritual quality in human life which makes it akin to God. There can never be a firmer basis for ethical relations between man and man than that which derives human nature from the very being of God.

We have a reasonable redemption. The world can never obliterate the influence of Jesus of Nazareth from the record of its progress, nor spare Him from the definition of its ideal.

We have a reasonable ground for love of all that is good, and for humankind as the worthy object of benevolent motive and action.

That reason halts where faith begins has often been affirmed, but never proved. Faith soars above reason as the melody rises above the keynote and basic harmony; but the Bible does not urge an irrational faith.

There is reasonable hope of a better race. There are many voices which affirm that the noon of the human race is already past; but the Bible exhorts men to believe in the improvability of mankind. "Ye therefore shall be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." We are far from the realization of any such hope, but our reason forbids us to accept anything less.

There is reasonable faith in life everlasting. That faith, if it has any root at all, must be planted deep in confidence in a righteous and mighty God, who is able to elevate human character to likeness with his own. No other immortality would be worth having than that which is based on God's own righteousness, reflected and incarnate in human life. This is the faith which the Bible gives to us, a faith at once animating and reasonable.

In the Boudoir.

Wife—"Are you going to wear your overshoes out to-day, dear?"

Hubby—"I think not, love; I'm not going to do much walking."

How Do You Breathe?

Breathing is one of the most important functions of the body, yet there is one muscle, very seldom used, that will do all our breathing for us. This is the diaphragm muscle,e the second most important in the body.

An example of the usefulness of this muscle is to be found in four-footed animals, all of which are said to breathe with the diaphragm.

A simple test to tell how you are breathing is to place one hand over the upper chest and the other over the diaphragm—the flat muscle that divides the trunk into upper and lower sections. Press the chest firmly with the hand placed there, resisting the action of the chest as much as possible, and then watch the other hand. This will give you a good idea of the action of the diaphragm.

The ability to breathe with the diaphragm is believed to explain what is known to athletes as "second wind."

Stability.

There is a story which is useful for a man in public life. It runs: that in olden times an oriental sultan ordered his grand vizier to get engraved on his favorite ring a motto which would encourage him in adversity and keep him modest in prosperity. It had necessarily to be a short sentence and yet it must serve this double purpose. The grand vizier was equal to the occasion. He advised the sultan to have engraved on the ring the following sentence, "And this also shall pass away." This does not mean that our attitude is to be one of waiting to see it pass away: but it means that, being sure of our motives . . . we should hold them fast in success, and should not be unduly depressed when we find things are not going as we wished. This latter aspect of the motto is specially to be commended in the present time, when things are certainly not going as we wish. It should encourage us to persist and to hold on to the course which we think right. . . .

To most people it is essential that they should continually examine the motives from which they act. There are a few exceptions, men so happily constituted that they have little or no need of this. Unconsciously, and without effort on their part, their motives remain unselfish, sincere and pure. I know of no better instance of that purity and unselfishness of motive in a public capacity than the fourth Earl Grey . . He . . . never lacked interest in public affairs; he was always enthusiastic and unselfish, and his interest was ardent, sincere and generous. One who knew him well said of him—and it was true—"He lit many fires in cold rooms." That is one high type of spirit which we need in our public men.—Viscount Grey, in "Fallodon Papers."

Big Airliner to Link Egypt and Central Africa.

A big new triple screw air liner to use on a 1,200-mile jungle airway from Khartoum through Central Africa to Kismayu in the Kenya colony is being designed in Leeds. This new empire airliner will be based on the successful Blackburn Rolls Royce flying boat built for the air ministry which proved to be the fastest in existence.

Owing to the presence of rivers, lakes and swamps along the route, it will be possible by using seaplanes to alight at almost any point. Passengers may be picked up and set down at any "safe" spot along the line.

New Trans-Ontario Road To Open Scenic Paradise

Who Wrote It?

There are tens of thousands of poems the authorship of which no one knows, and possibly never will know. The following is one of them:—

Let me to-day do something that shall take
A little sadness from the world's vast store,
And may I be so favored as to make
Of joy's too scanty sum a little more.

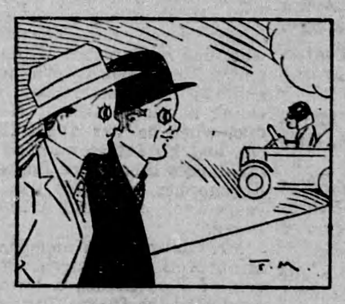
Let me not hurt by any selfish deed,
Or thoughtless word, the heart of foe or friend,
Nor would I pass, unseeing, worthy need,
Or sin by silence where I should defend.

Let me to-night look back across the span
Twixt dawn and dark, and to my conscience say:
Because of some good act to beast or man,
The world is better that I lived to-day.

Professional "Best Man" Officiates at Reception

London.—The first professional "best man" has appeared in England. "My friend who was to be my best man has taken ill. Can you help me with a 'best man' for my wedding next week? If so, please state your terms." This is only one of several extraordinary requests made recently to a big London firm of caterers.

A best man was found, well dressed, well spoken member of the outdoor catering staff, who, in addition to his duties at the church, acted as master of ceremonies at the following reception, arranging the speeches, all for an inclusive fee of 3 guineas.



Her Attractive Figure.

"You think he married her because of her attractive figure?"

"Yes—it was a half million."

Prince Henry is Skilled Rider.

Prince Henry, the twenty-six-year-old son of the King, is less discussed in the public prints than his three brothers. He is of a retiring disposition and takes his military duties seriously. Only recently he was promoted to a captaincy in the Tenth Hussars.

Prince Henry is a keen horseman and a much more skillful rider in the hunting field than any of his three brothers. The future status of the young Prince is not discussed much in the British press, but it is believed he will eventually be made Duke of Edinburgh. There has been no Duke of Edinburgh since the death of the father of Queen Marie of Rumania, who was Queen Victoria's son. He left no son.

Farthest North People.

The world's most northern inhabitants are the polar Eskimo in northwestern Greenland.

It won't be long now—the seed catalogues are out already.

Ontario's Mid Hinterland Can be Made Available to Motor Tourists by Moderate Road Expenditure.

A NEEDED HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT.

With Spring and the open roads drawing closer day by day it is an opportune time to take stock from the standpoint of what advances we are making to attract Motor Tourists to Ontario. We must either go ahead or backwards, we can't stand still. Last year over a million and a half American motor tourists visited Ontario, leaving some thirty million dollars behind them in this province. Tourist traffic can be looked upon as an Industry and should be treated as such, and the year 1927 may well be expected to surpass all former records as to visiting motorists entertained.

The Unusual Attractive.

If we can supply the unusual, the out of the ordinary and the altogether different we will appeal to even a greater number of tourists than we could expect to attract with the commonplace. It is with the idea of suggesting an entirely new country to our American guests and with the view of opening up a secton of Ontario to our own motorists that this article is written. New scenes, new by-paths, new waters, little frequented hamlets are located along the route we are about to discribe, the whole abounding with all the elements usually associated with an unexplored country.

New Trans-Ontario Road.

We in Ontario have only one established trans-Ontario Road, Route No. 2 from Montreal to Windsor. Should not this great Province have an alternative way to get from East to West? In the early days General Monck established an alternative way by which he could be assured of transporting troops in case the southern traffic way was in the hands of the enemy. In these piping times of peace we are in danger of (and we welcome) an invasion of an entirely different kind which also suggests an alternative path of travel. Surely to link up present existing roads, improve them to carry summer traffic would pay for the investment.

Following Old Precedent.

General Monck has been mentioned and we can well follow the broad line of his alternative to the lake front highway. From Haliburton to Bancroft and beyond lies a veritable fisherman's paradise, but at the present this whole district is practically inaccessible to the tourist owing to poor roads. During the past summer it was the good fortune of the writer to tour this country back and forth. The result of these trips was to impress the possibilities of this mid-hinterland of Ontario. A new Trans-Ontario Highway is possible in this district and can offer attractions to make it worthy of the early and serious consideration of the Provincial Highway department.

The Route.

In approaching the consideration of such a new highway venture would it not be wise to swing far north and afford the motorist an opportunity of becoming acquainted with accessible Ontario wilds? This would certainly be an attractive change from travelling the present old highly organized section of Ontario by way of Route number two. Our suggestion would be to link up with the so-called Blue Water Highway at Orillia, thence easterly by Udney and the old Monck Road to Coboconk, Minden, either via Gooderham or Haliburton, Cheddar to Bancroft. From this town, where, by the way, there is a splendid inn, the suggestion would be to turn northward via Combermere to the Renfrew Road and so into Ottawa.

A New Sports Paradise.

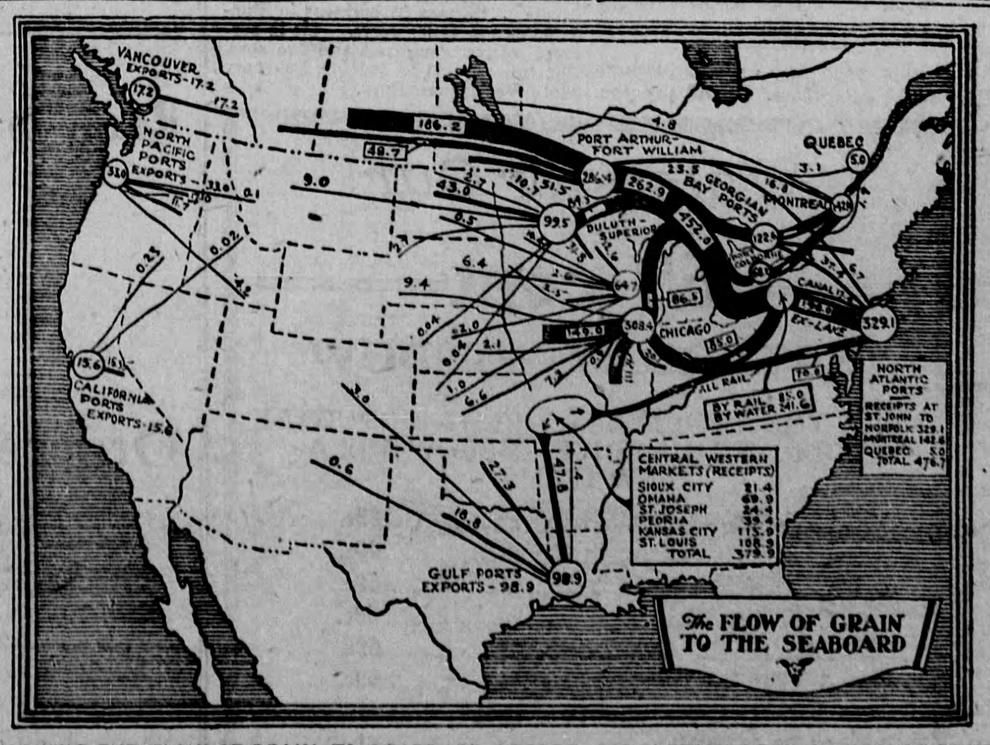
Such a road would open up a new motorists' paradise, fishing in season not to be equalled any place. Partridge and deer in season, water fowl by countless thousands in their time of flight. Scenically the country defies description. The beauties of Lake Killarney, Lake Louise, and the English Lake region all combined give but a faint idea of this wonderful country. A rugged grandeur of towering rocky hills, well wooded in part, combine with water vistas to keep the traveller constantly on the "que vive," while thrill follows thrill.

Of Economic Value.

The economic value of such a project can be defended by showing that the opening of such a motor highway would open up mining and other industries at present in a condition of inertia due to lack of satisfactory transportation. We will deal with this at a later date.

The Poor Are Rich—

—If they have the spirit of contentment.
—If they have closed their hearts on the spirit of envy.
—If they have saved their self-respect.
—If they eat their bread in thankfulness.
—If they live in a home furnished with kindness.
—If they wok at a task they love.
—If they hold hatred for no one in their heart.



MAP SHOWING THE FLOW OF GRAIN TO SEABOARD BEFORE COMPLETION OF ST. LAWRENCE ROUTE

That the deepening of the St. Lawrence waterway will react to the detriment of Montreal as claimed by Premier Taschereau of Quebec, is disputed by many authorities on commerce and transportation. Alfred Ritter, in a recent report to the St. Lawrence Commission of the United States, presents the map reproduced above as showing the present flow of grain to seaboard and its transportation to destinations for domestic consumption. The figures represent millions of bushels and are averages for the three years 1921, 1922 and 1923. Figures in circles represent receipts at North Atlantic ports, including grain for domestic consumption. At Gulf and Pacific ports they are receipts for export only. Quantities shown moving from various states and provinces, have been computed from data available from 1921 and 1923. Total receipts shown at the seaboard are 641,000,000 bushels. It is believed that the construction of the St. Lawrence would, for one thing, divert much of the 198,000,000 bushels shown as going overland by rail from Buffalo to New York, sending it down the Welland canal to Lake Ontario and down to the St. Lawrence to Montreal.