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### Canada is 70

Next Monday is Dominion Day and the seventy-ninth anniversary of confederation getting near the four score. On anniversary occasions there are many things that might be called to attention. There are many achievements of the past that have given glory to Canadians and made an impression on world affairs. Not the least of these is the record Canadians established in the last World War—not only on the fighting front but in production of materials. But in these days of a young country it is the forward look that counts.

Canadians are not as a rule people who brag about themselves, but it is well to keep in mind that Canada is nearly as large as the continent of Europe and that British Columbia, the third largest province, is three times the size of Great Britain and Ireland. It might be well to remember that the land area of Canada is 400,000 square miles greater than the land area of continental United States. We could go on if space permitted and tell about Canada's lumbering, natural resources and manufacturing and her war record and it might be well if these facts were presented more often.

The point we want to make is that Canadians on this seventy-ninth birthday have no need on their history and accomplishments to take a back seat to any country. We would not like to see a boastful people but we do think that too often we are apt to accept the inferior attitude when others tell of their accomplishments.

The seventy-nine years have seen much progress in Canada. The years that follow will see greater progress in this newest and greatest of countries with its unbounded opportunities. We are in a world again where wars have ceased. The scars of war are not deep in this land and for this we should give thanks. But Canada must and will take a place in the world affairs of the future and the leadership must be for greater world unity and a brotherhood not narrowed by country borders.

### Not the Canadian Way

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has recently announced that it intends to take over the wave length of radio station CFRB, and to build a new fifty-thousand-watt transmitter in Toronto for station CJRC—the key station of the CBC's Dominion network.

We are not thoroughly conversant with the deal but we, like thousands of other Canadians, do not like this "take over" attitude of CBC. For years CFRB has rendered a service to radio listeners in this district. If memory serves us right a better service in the early days than CBC provided. The station was somewhat of a pioneer in this field and we, like many others, do not like the attitude of CBC backed by our license fees putting a private station out of a position it has held. It's too much of the big stick style to suit Canadians, which if allowed to continue will threaten our whole freedom.

There are many other reasons why the change should not be made. In view of present acute shortages of materials and changes that are coming rapidly in present day radio equipment, it is not reasonable or sensible for CBC to proceed with making these changes now and forcing other stations to make their alterations to meet the situation. Radio fees may be coming in well these days and CBC may have plenty of funds but it is certainly unfair that the power given the commission should be used in such a manner. We believe most sincerely in freedom of the press. In these days it is also in the interests of democracy that we retain freedom of the air.

### Planning Our Towns

Shortages of labor and materials, coupled with strikes and industrial unrest, are delaying the onset of the long-awaited reconstruction period. But the

delay gives Canadians a chance to prepare for the task ahead by doing some careful, long-range planning.

Changes are on the way, developments that will transform the face of the countryside and alter the way of life of thousands of Canadians.

War brought to Canada greater industrialization than she had ever before seen in her history. In peacetime the new industrial machine can turn out materials to make work easier and living more pleasant, push back the frontiers and release great natural wealth in the north and northwest.

Some post-war projects already are under way. Trans-Canada Air Lines has started construction of airports, radio beacons and other facilities for extension of its services. Licenses have been issued for several privately owned air services. Highway departments are driving new roads through many areas and improving existing traffic arteries. Several new town sites are being built.

Many communities, both large and small, have realized that they will be caught in this march of progress and are working on plans to meet the changing conditions. But others have not been so forward looking and now is the time to start. Otherwise the quiet little town of to-day may face to-morrow a problem which confounds large city planners—the high cost of re-development. In many sections two or three towns might consider the joint study of such regional problems as housing, industrial and business location, parks, recreational centres, highways and airport location.

Intelligent planning in this time of transition may help to correct some of the mistakes which arose from haphazard development in the past. It is certain to guide construction activity of the immediate future into a pattern of direct advantage to the communities concerned and indirect benefit to all Canada.

### How the World Moves On

The world to-day cannot move on while it shuttles back and forth between a myriad of false alternatives. At home, it seems, you must either "spank or spoil your children." You must either "grin and bear it" or lie yourself to the divorce court. In industry labor must either take strike action or no action. Management must either put labor in its place or lose its own place. Politically you must either be left or right—communist or fascist while, in world affairs, you must either hold the edge of power or take it in the neck.

Some men and nations, liking neither extreme, try the middle course of compromise. And get nowhere fast. But a few are learning a better way—a third alternative. That way is CHANGE.

Take the child you are tempted to spank or spoil. Instead of doing either, try change. Try behaving differently yourself and you will find the child behaving differently. Learn to say "No" to yourself more frequently and you won't have to say "No" so often to the children. They follow what you do, not what you say.

And, if you are the family martyr who always has to "grin and bear it," you may get the other members of the family to grin if you admit that you're the bear. In industry both men and management can look to see where they are wrong instead of where they have been wronged. The politician can become a statesman curing human bitterness instead of using it. World statesmen too can change. It is when we change to something better than we were not when we stand out for extremes or fall for compromise—that deadlocks are broken and the world moves on.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Some people are so broad minded everything slips through.

Canada's birthday next Monday and a legal holiday for all Canadians.

Yes, the road between Acton and Milton is easier to ride these days, but the highway department cannot take all the credit for the improvement.

Not likely for the next two months that there will be much complaint about a cool summer and in all probability the coal situation won't seem so serious.

The interest in a county assessor is not nearly as much since Halton made the appointment as it was before the change was made. Or is the change being made?

The home grown strawberries are making the desserts on the family menu less of a problem these days and from now on many other fruits will follow right through the season.

By the time this issue reaches our readers, the news, good or bad, from the budget will be known. Tax relief is looked for by all, now that the war is over and government expenditure should be sharply decreased.

The taxpayers across the country may think that all these discussions in parliament about the government's huge financial appropriations are dry, but they will change their views when they find out how they are going to be soaked.—Roland (Man) News.

### OPEN PERUVIAN MISSION

QIMBEC (CP)—Magr. Damas La-berge will leave here shortly for the Peruvian country where the Franciscan Order will open a new mission centre. Father LaBerge will be first prefect of the Amazon vicariate.

### MORE DEFINITE

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