

# Editorial Page

## A Great Store of Resources

Canada has a great store of natural resources. It is a treasury of material things to be turned into useful commodities by our skill and energy. Canada is a country of new frontiers, new developments—a country destined for a place of leadership in the councils of nations.

Canada has a fair share of the world's 5,000 million acres of forests. It has been estimated that about 44 per cent. of the land area of Canada is covered by forest growth. We have according to Canada Year Book, 582,000 square miles of commercially productive forest.

Having reached her western limits in wheat and having embarked on full use of her timber, Canada is now rolling back her northern frontier in search of minerals. Today, Canada is the chief world producer of nickel, the platinum metals, and asbestos. It ranks second in the production of gold, zinc, cadmium and selenium; third in silver, molybdenum and barite and fourth in copper and lead.

Agriculture is of course, Canada's leading primary industry, providing raw materials for many manufacturers. At the time of the last census, 20 per cent. of Canada's people

lived on farms. The past 80 years have seen Canada change from a land of sickles and sythes to one of threshing machines, trucks and tractors.

Fishing was probably the first industry carried on by Europeans in the New World. Long ago these stalwart adventurers caught their fish off Newfoundland and the Maritimes, cured or dried them and sailed back to sell them in Europe. Today two of the four great fishing areas of the world border on the east and west coasts of Canada.

Water flow has been an important natural resource in Canada from the time the first settlers set up their water mills to grind grain. Canadians are now the second largest per capita consumers of electricity in the world.

This editorial has covered the boundless material resources of Canada, but far more important are the human resources of the country. Canadians have a freedom to develop accompanied by a responsibility to preserve.

Canada has risen to her present position of influence and prestige through the enterprise and character of her people and their energy in using intelligently the resources she has provided.

## Canada's Future

As Canadians we've never done too much shouting about our national birthday—July 1. We've allowed our politicians to change its official name from Dominion Day to Canada Day. Most of us hardly consider it a birthday. To the great majority of Canadians our birthday means only another holiday. We plan to spend it at the lake, fishing or gardening.

But slowly Canada Day is becoming more important. Canadians are becoming aware of just what a great nation we have. We have different ideas than our American cousins, and in many respects we're ahead of our mother country.

But the great unifying force in Canada today is not our disagreement with our American neighbors or a common ancestry of a majority of the nation's citizens. It is the great unifying force of this young nation is its expanding interest in developing Canada—one of the largest nations in land area in the world.

People on the Atlantic Coast dream of industrialization, and today something is being done about industrialization for them. In the central provinces a new seaway reaching into the heart of the continent has been

constructed. Manitoba is building a northern seaport and rich new mining communities. Saskatchewan's dream of a huge dam and irrigation project is becoming a reality. Oil-rich Alberta is arguing about a northern railroad, while British Columbia is discussing huge development projects in her interior.

But the province-by-province growth of this nation is only part of our 92nd birthday story. The big future in Canada is her untapped northland. At places such as Baffin Island, Uranium City, Aklavik and Labrador projects of great importance are being undertaken. Development in our north country is just beginning. We are just at the dawn of far reaching developments.

The immensity of the task of developing the northland is the great unifying force in our generation. We must do it now. If we fail other people will almost certainly do it for us. Canadians of our generation must show the world we are capable of developing this vast land and its opportunities.

Rest well on your holiday. We must all work hard for Canada's future when we return to work. There is a great future for every man and woman who is willing to contribute.

## Alarming Increase

With no other qualification than money to buy equipment, too many people are setting out in our waterways in high powered boats and adding to the mounting total of accidents, injuries and deaths on the water.

Nearly all boating accidents can be prevented, states an article in the current issue of Reader's Digest, if operators are careful and courteous and understand the rules of boating.

Many boating experts feel it is more difficult to maneuver a boat than an automobile. A boat is on a fluid, ever-changing medium and a prey to the vagaries of wind and wave. A boat has no brakes and waterways have no white centre lines and no stop signs. Unfortunately many novice boat owners are blithely unaware of the hazards involved and many who should know better deliberately flout them. Regulatory measures are now being taken to make sure that the recreation becomes a safer one.

Virtually every mechanical boat must now carry a number. This will identify boats as license plates do automobiles. It is now compulsory that all boating accidents be reported and reckless or negligent operation

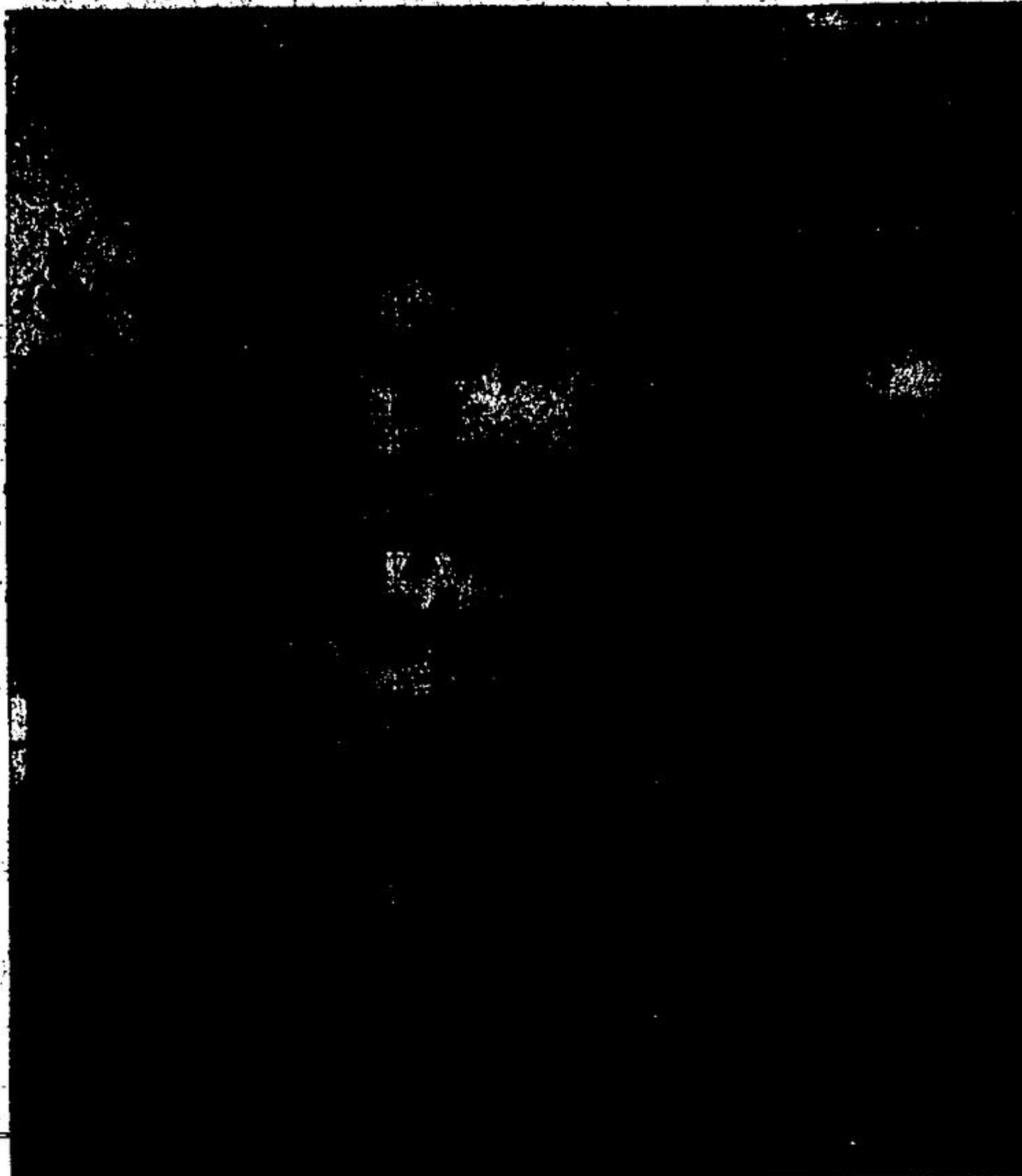
will be aggressively prosecuted under a new program of civil penalties with fines up to \$500.00.

But there are still no tests of skills, no licensing of the operator, no minimum or maximum age limits, no liability insurance required for most boating — so it is still largely up to boat operators to regulate themselves.

## Brief Comments

The premium is not the only good thing about Canadian folding money, thinks the Lacombe (Alta.) Globe. "When it comes to printing bills on different color paper to denote various denominations, Canada has it all over the U.S. which clings steadily to its green color throughout. In Canada, you know at a glance whether a proffered bill is worth more than a dollar."

A trip through an amusement park's "Tunnel of Love" is the safest transportation available. So says the National Safety Council, whose statisticians can't scare up any accident figures on the swan boats. Several million one-time bachelors will dispute the hazardous condition of those tunnels.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

## "What is so Rare"

### Sugar and Spice....

BY BILL SMILEY

I've always been a loyal citizen of the Crown, but if I could afford it, I'd take the next few weeks off and head for Hudson Bay, or any other place, inaccessible to newspapers and television.

The other day, the Toronto Globe and Mail announced with pride that no less than 62 reporters, photographers and correspondents would make up its "Royal Tour team." Isn't that sickening? Add to that mob a proportionate number from the other big dailies, a vast gaggle of radio and television people, and another couple of hundred from the smaller dailies and the U.S. press, and you can see what we're in for.

Who would want to be the Queen, and be pursued across a continent by a horde of harassed, hot and hungry reporters, a rabble of radio and rambling photographers? Only a Queen, in a democratic age, could be subjected to such an appalling ordeal.

On the other hand, who wants to read all that gush and garbage the scrambling press will produce? Are you interested, Mac, in perusing breathless columns about the warm, human way the Queen scratched her nose at a state dinner? Are you fascinated, Elmer, by a 1,200-word description of the Royal Yacht? Do you thrill, Buster, at the 34th dizzy photo of Her Majesty inspecting a guard of honor?

Not me. And not Joe Dope, down the street. I'll tell you who is responsible for all this baloney: it's the women. Don't ask me why, but from the time their Queen set foot on Canadian soil, the women of Canada will be in an anxious, subtle state of titillation, ecstasy and near-hysteria.

They will read miles of sentimental slash written by sad sisters of both sexes. They will exclaim with delight at hundreds of photos of Her Majesty, good, bad and indifferent. They will allow hundreds of thousands of dinners to spoil, as they sit in the living room, gawping at the lighted box in the corner.

Forty-four thousand times they will ask their husbands if they don't think the Duke is cute, and be oblivious to the answering grunt. On eighty thousand occasions they will note with sympathy and not a little satisfaction that the Queen, poor dear, looks tired.

There was a tell-tale survey the other night, in one of the Toronto papers. The completely misleading headline stated: "Most Want to See the Queen." Beneath it were the photos of 10 people, five men, five women. And beneath these were equal comments from their statements found in the story. Here's how they read:

- The women:
1. "I'd be thrilled!"
  2. "Queen means something."
  3. "She should meet the people."
  4. "Should see the country."
  5. "Very nice to see them."
- And the men:
1. "I'm not interested."
  2. "Should stay over there."
  3. "Too much publicity."
  4. "In favor of visit."
  5. "Just a waste of money."

Digest that one, kids. All five women think it's simply grand. Four out of five men couldn't care less. And the other was probably scared of his wife. So that is why we have four or five hundred news, radio and television people, filling all over each other for the Queen's tour.

## THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
Acton, Ontario  
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D. Minister  
Mr. George Elliot, Organist and Ch. Leader  
SUNDAY, JUNE 28th, 1959  
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m. — Junior Church and Church School  
11:15 a.m. — Morning Worship

**THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN**  
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SUNDAY, JUNE 28th, 1959  
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11:00 a.m. — Mattins  
All are Welcome

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28th, 1959  
10:00 a.m. — Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship  
7:30 p.m. — Evangelistic

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON  
Rev. Andrew H. McKee, B.A., B.D. Minister

SUNDAY, JUNE 28th, 1959  
9:45 a.m. — Church School  
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship  
Stations: 10:00 a.m. — Church School

**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
ACTON  
Pastor  
Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A., B.Th.  
125 Bowyer Avenue

SUNDAY, JUNE 28th, 1959  
9:45 a.m. — Church School  
11:00 a.m. — Public Worship  
7:00 p.m. — Gospel Service  
Wednesday 8 p.m. — Mid-week Service for Bible Study, Witness and Prayer.  
All are Welcome

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1939 Back in 1909

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, June 29, 1939. Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 1, 1909.

Acton Band, led by bandmaster Walter Mendham, won the trophy for placing first at the Waterloo Music Festival Saturday and topped all other competition. There were 23 bands playing in competition with the Acton band and competition was keen throughout the day's program.

Members participating in the contest under the Georgetown bandmaster were C. Landsborough, R. Spielvogel, D. Maplesden, T. Wheelahan, H. Lambert, N. Braida, F. Turner, R. Riddell, H. Taylor, J. Holmes, S. Simpson, B. Nicol, G. Smith, T. Nicol, B. Patrick, C. Wheeler, D. Dawkins, C. W. Mason, R. Agnew, G. Simpson, N. Gibson and H. Price.

Acton Intermediates dropped to second place in the Halton county baseball league on Monday evening when they lost to Oakville 8-3. Gordon pitched sparkling ball but was let down by his team mates, who pulled off several errors in the field. H. Mooney and R. Brush had a bad day with two errors each and Lamb and Morton each committed one error.

While unloading hay yesterday afternoon at his farm three miles north of Acton, Basil Johnston, well known farmer and life long resident of the district, was instantly killed when he sustained a fractured skull in a farm fall from a load of hay to the barn floor.

A most severe electric storm and torrential rain struck Acton last night and caused considerable damage. Lightning struck the residence of Mrs. Thos. Gibbons on Main Street and fires started at two points, gaining considerable headway before it was brought under control. One blaze started over the verandah and when Mr. Gibbons broke through the ceiling, he found another fire was raging in the second storey above the ceiling.

Last Friday, for the first time in Miss M. Z. Bennett's long term of teaching, the command "Forward March" was disregarded by the pupils of the Acton public school, lined up to enter for the afternoon's work. The mystery was soon solved, however, when Gordon Gibbons, a member of the entrance class, appeared on the steps and read a message to Miss Bennett. Following this, another pupil, Frank Tuth, stepped forward and presented the retiring teacher with travelling bags on behalf of the school pupils.

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Daylight Time  
8:33 a.m. (Daily except Sun. and Holi.)  
8:58 a.m. 11:23 a.m. 2:08 p.m. 5:08 p.m. 8:33 p.m. 11:23 p.m.  
10:18 p.m. (Sun. and Holi.)  
Weekend  
10:27 a.m. 12:57 p.m. 2:57 p.m. 5:27 p.m. 8:27 p.m. 11:27 p.m.  
11:32 p.m. 1:12 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun. and Holi.)

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Standard Time  
Railroad  
Daily 5:40 a.m.: Daily except Sunday 7:40 a.m.: Sunday only 8:01 p.m.: Daily except Sunday  
Flyer at Georgetown 8:21 a.m.: 6:27 a.m.: Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.  
Weekend  
Daily 11:04 p.m.: Daily except Sunday 8:39 a.m.: 6:15 p.m.: Saturday 8:45 a.m.: Sunday only 8:01 p.m.: Daily (except Sunday) only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m.: Daily except Sat. and Sun. 1:31 p.m.

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