Counting for Canada

Canadians will be counted next month, and the district enumerators are training this week to be prepared for the task. It's interesting to note that the taking of the Census is not an innovation of modern society. It dates from the very dawn of civilization, and through the ages history records the taking of the Census in many ancient civilizations.

Early records clearly show that in Babylonia in 3,800 B.C., in China in 3,000 B.C., and in Egypt in 2,200 B.C. population and agricultural censuses were carried out by official census takers appointed to represent the rulers of these early cultures.

The Bible tells us that about 1,500 B.C. Moses numbered the Children of Israel, and in 1,017 B.C. King David ordered Jacob to take the Census of fighting men.

Six centuries before the birth of Christ the Greeks are known to have instituted the Census.

For the past several years highway

accidents have been Canada's number

three killer - right up there behind cir-

culatory heart diseases and cancer. What

is the cause of this carnage on the high-

modern freeways contribute to the acci-

dent toll and recommend that only well

qualified drivers with excellent driving

records be allowed on the freeways.

Others point out that during peak traffic

periods, such as summer vacation time,

more people are involved in accidents

on secondary highways than on free-

ways. Still others insist that it's not

speed but alcohol which is the villain on

the road, and recommend the use of

breath and blood tests to disqualify the

when all cars travelled at the posted

speed and all the drunks called a cab,

there would still be accidents - for other

But if the ideal could be reached

drunken driver.

reasons.

Some contend that high speed and

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Be careful, be courteous . . .

The Romans were assiduous census takers under the King, the Republic and the Empire. One of Julius Caesar's claims to fame comes from the fact thathe reformed the census to supply knowledge for the guidance of public policy - to "substitute certainty for conjecture". And he, incidentally, gave the census its name, "censere".

The Breviary of Charlemagne (A.D. 808) and the Domesday Book of William the Conquerer (A.D. 1086) in which were listed all the lands of England, are probably the most celebrated medieval census, but then for many centuries the census disappeared in Europe.

- All of these early censuses were undertaken basically for such reasons as, to count available men to form armies, to form a basis of taxation by rulers, to determine the political status of rulers, or to assess the available labor forces for state purposes.

Editorial Page

As desperate people plant bombs on

jetliners, so the family car at times be-

comes a lethal and homicidal weapon.

Recent reports from investigators reveal

slashed hydraulic brake lines and other

forms of tampering with motor vehicles

to promote a deadly accident. People

are shocked to discover that this sort of

persons. Yet the unthinking and the dis-

courteous driver is little removed from

this, as is indicated by the charge which

may be brought against him of 'criminal

an examination for her first driver's

license was passed by her examiner who

though she was aware she had made

the examiner. "That's what is required

of a good driver. The rest is simply

"You're careful and courteous," said

commended her on a "good road test",

some mistakes. Why did she pass?

Recently a young woman who took

negligence'.

practice."

thing is being done, even by a few

Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley



Virtually everybody these days is upset about our educational system. The public schools are not teaching the urchins to read, write and figger. The high schools are massive, seething factories turning out illiterates. The colleges are septic tanks of sex, marijuana and LSD.

Most of this is purely poppycock, of course, but a critical society is a healthy one, according to Hugh Dunnit, that great Welsh bard and beatnik of the eleventh century. This makes Canadians about the healthiest critters in the hemisphere.

Columnists aver that high schools are run like military camps producing lockstep conformists who haven't learned to think. This is patent baloney. They think one helluva lot more than did these same columnists, when they came out of Hayfork Centre with not much more than a burning desire to get away from said centre, a lousy basic education, and a shiny blue serge suit.

Lots of parents, and some teachers, are of the opposite opinion: that there is. far too much freedom of speech, dress and action, too many frills, not enough good hard work and good hard punishment. These comments come from parents who worked one-quarter as hard in school as their kids do, and teachers who atrophica some years ago.

The kids themselves, depending on home background, their own personalities, and their talent, or lack of it, look on school as a jail or a ball. Some think of it rather like having a ball in a jail.

School boards beef about the cost of everything and the administration beefs about the shortage of everything and the teachers beef about the paper jungle and the custodians beef about salaries and the hours and the teachers and the administration and the school board.

You might think, from all this nagging, that there are some slight imperfections in our high schools. And you might be right. But it's not as bad as it sounds.

What I can't understand is that I haven't been approached for a definition

of the perfect high school. It's probably just an oversight, and because I'm not a pushy type. But who is better qualified? I've been to high school myself, I worked in the blasted factory every day, and I have a daughter who comes home every day and moans, "Do I ever hate school!"

Well, here goes. Don't panic, now. The changes would be slight and inexpensive. I think we'd all enjoy life more, students, parents and teachers.

First of all, let's cut out the muttered, mumbled morning prayer. I believe in prayer and practice it quite often (usually when I'm in a jam). But it's almost sacrilege the way it's delivered. The R.C.'s whizz through it and leave out the last part. The Jews and atheists are silent. The teacher winds up leading three or four dogged Protestants who aren't always sure of the words.

Next, out goes The Queen. While I am a royalist, and have the utmost respect for Queen Elizabeth, I see no reason 30odd teen-agers should be submitted every morning, to a pompous and bad piece of music, the words of which have no more relation to their world than does the horse and buggy.

How would you like to go to the office and stand at attention while a taperecorded band blares out one of these awful tunes, before you get down to serious business, like waiting for the coffee break?

In place of these, I would suggest a warm-up period. We're all pretty dang doggy first thing in the morning. The class cut-up would be master of ceremonies. Witty sayings, announcements, brief weather report. Some Beatles and Bob Dylan and the Rolling Stones. An original poem or song from the students. If a girl has Go-Go boots, let her demonstrate a new dance. Probably on the teacher's

By this time everybody is friendly, warmed-up. The real learning atmosphere has been created. But unfortunately, I have run out of space. Read next week's column for a futher thrilling instalment on The Perfect High School.

Commons from the Gallery while the

few yards away from the Ladies' Gallery

which was jammed with school children

and only a few yards away in the other

direction from the Office of the Prime

Minister. I would sincerely hope that this

episode will cause adequate security

measures to be instituted and carried out

survived its closest vote by a margin of

only seven votes. This was a non-confi-

dence motion criticizing Government ec-

onomic policies. The Government was

expected to win the vote, and the actual

vote was much closer than anyone had

anticipated. Had the Government not re-

ceived the support of three Social Credit

Members it would have won by only a

On Monday evening the Government

Yesterday's explosion took place a

House was in session.

Tree Press

Back Issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, May 23, 1946.

The Canadian Electrical Association, meeting in Guelph, made recognition to Mr. Chas W. Wilson, superintendent of Acton Public Utilities for saving a life in July of last year. A certificate and special medal of the association were presented. Last year Robert Dixon came in contactwith a power line, fell, stopped breathing and appeared lifeless. Mr. Wilson immediately applied resuscitation and his quick action and the prompt response of Dr. Kenney were the means of saving Dixon's life.

Reeve Kirkness and Commissioner J R. MacArthur and Messrs. J. Lambert and E. Rognvaldson of the Public Utilities were in attendance.

Council by resolution decided to exempt from poll tax for this year all men who have served on active service with the armed forces during the last war.

The Y's Men scored a fine success with their play Nothing But the Truth in the town hall three nights last wek. The cast was a strong one, many of the members having taken part in other local presentations. The play was under the direction of Syd Lorne assisted by Karl Klanfer and Hal Robinson.

In the cast were Monty Roote, Syd Lorne, Ray Arbic, Fred Helson, Grant Kalbfleisch, Miriam Ritchie, Lulu Warner, Jean Harris, Verna Bean, Irene Michel, Ruth Masters. Members of the orchestra under the direction of Mr. Chas. Mason were Rudolph Spielvogel, Reno Braida, Duke Hall, Ray Agnew, John Agar, George Elliott, George Smith, George Simpson, Don Lamb, O. Stapleton, Doris Wilson. George Mason entertained with acts of magic. R. R. Parker thanked all.

Cadets of Acton Continuation School unloaded from troop carriers and gave a demonstration at the annual inspection. Maj. Beal, O.C. of the district, gave praise for the smartness and drill. Principal Stewart took part in the inspection with Reeve Kirkness. The girls demonstrated first aid and the boys showed their skill in firing mortars and piat guns and laying a smoke screen.

50 years ago

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, May 25, 1916.

Dr. W. G. C. Kenney, V.S., son of Wm. R. Kenney, J.P., and formerly of the Free Press, who is on active service with the Royal Veterinary Corps of the British Forces in France, has been promoted from the rank of Lieutenant to Captain. Captain Kenney sounds good for "our Billy".

Corp. George, Corp. Smethurst, Corp. Swackhamer of the Acton Platoon have been promoted to the rank of Sergeants, and Pte. Ernie Barr is now Lance-Corpor-

After 14 months of prohibition of vodka in Russia, crime, suicides and absenteeism have dropped drastically.

The Free Press was glad to receive a note from Mr. J. Waldie, son of Alex Waldie Esq.: "Dear Mr. Moore: I thought I would drop you a line or two and send you my photograph in my war uniform. I am driving an army transport wagon in France for the British Forces . . . " Driver

Waldie enlisted at Brandon, Man. His training on the old farm home in handling ---horses will be a great value to him in his present responsible position in the army service.

C. A. Zavitz of the O.A.C. has warned farmers to beware of a change of name of O.A.C. 72 oats.

Since Burlington put on the airs of a town the taxpayers have found it costly.

The hands of all clocks in Britain were puhed forward in accordance with the daylight saving act. A movement has been on foot in Acton to adopt this plan for the summer months. It is difficult to see how this plan can be worked satifactorily unless it is Dominion-wide.

Advertisement - Waste Paper, Rags and Rubbers Wanted by the Red Cross, The Boy Scouts will collect in June. The receiving station will be the old Baptist Church, Elgin St. Mrs. W. H. Stewart, convener of committee.

The businessmen of Rockwood have contributed generously to a collection taken up for the building of a shelter or pavilion for picnikers to the Rocks.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, May 28, 1891.

The new farmers' society - Patrons in Industry — is enrolling the tillers of the soil in every direction. During the past week strong societies have been organized at Bannockburn, Lorne, Dublin and Leslie's schools. We learn that the officers at Bannockburn are president N. F. Lindsay; vice-president Alex Kennedy; secretary John M. Warren; treasurer J. A. Moffat; Guide G. McDonald; sentinel, P. Kennedy; Mivera, Miss B. C. Warren; Demeter, Miss A. E. Gordon.

Rev. W. E. Norton was ordained as pastor of Acton and Georgetown Baptist church.

The Queen's 72nd birthday was quietly celebrated Monday. Many of our citizens visited other places. She bids fair to continue on the throne of the greatest empire the world has ever known, notwithstanding the fact that the Prince of Wales is getting on in years and is now a grandlather. Victoria has been a model constitutional ruler and a paragon of virtues. The Queen's birthday is significant for Canadians and should be celebrated with gladness.

The Congregational Church, Church Hill, is presently being supplied by students from Toronto.

Scores of our citizens visit Guelph each week for the purchase of goods. Our local merchants don't appreciate the fact and think the G.T.R. should discontinue the cheap Saturday trip.

PASSING KNOWLEDGE

It passeth knowledge, that dear love of Lord Jesus Saviour; vet this soul of mine

Its heights, and depths, its everlasting strength,

Would of Thy love, in all its breadth and

Know more and more.

Harley to Halton

by harry harley m.p.

Don't sign in a hurry . . . There will always be those who will take advantage of a trust, just as there will, always be those who can't resist the something-for-nothing bait. It's that combination that leads to a good many problems as the spring season brings out

the door-to-door promoters. An \$80 a week factory worker must pay \$64 a month for five years for goods he was told were free. A woman tricked into signing 60 promissory notes by a salesman runs up \$3,840 unawares.

It couldn't happen to you?

It is happening to people all over Canada, who are being tricked by sham salesmen. These men are experts. They often represent themselves as vice-president or sales managers of reputable firms whose literature they are carrying. They will assure you that your signature is just a formality. It is not. Every time you sign one of their bogus documents you may be signing your savings away.

Certainly there are reputable doorto-door salesmen. The fastest way to find out is to ask time for consideration.

If the pressure is for an immediate signature, there must be something that won't bear closer scrutiny.

A list of suggestions for you when a salesman calls urges that you first ask for identification. Then phone the office of the firm he says he represents, or wait and write if this is impracticable. If you are a woman, check with your husband. Tell the salesman you are checking and ask him to call back in 24 hours. If he is not genuine this may put him

But all the suggestions in the world lose their value, if the something-fornothing bait usually offered is so overpowering as to cause a buyer to abandon all common sense. This is the softspot on which the unscrupulous fraud artist will prey, and as long as there are those gullible enough to accept such reasoning, there will be those willing to take advantage.

Don't rush into a deal and don't sign papers without full consideration.

Wednesday afternoon started in the House of Commons like any other afternoon. In the morning the various Parties had held caucus, followed by lunch, the usual business of correspondence and dictation. As the session began at 2.35 p.m. I was in my usual place in the Chamber,

below and to the Speaker's right of the Ladies' Gallery. The routine matters were completed and the question period began. Suddenly there was a loud explosion coming from the front of the House of Commons lobby, in front of the main door of the Chamber. For a moment there was stunned silence broken by whispers, queries and exclamations from Members and Gallery spectafors alike. "It's a bomb!" cried a startled voice but there was no panic on the floor

of the House or in the crowded galleries. Nothing further happened at the moment and then the Speaker called for order and the question period went on.

I was suddenly summoned (along with four other doctors present in the House of Commons) and led to the men's washroom just above and to the left of the open lobby in front of the main door of the House of Commons. The door appeared to be damaged. A glance inside showed that medical attention was already there and already too late.

I returned immediately to the House of Commons to hear the Leader of the Opposition ask the Prime Minister if we should adjourn. The Prime Minister agreed and suggested we meet at 4.00 p.m. to continue the business of the House. At that time the business of Parliament resumed, question period ended and we moved on to legislation.

This dreadful and frightening occurrence again reveals the lack of suitable security measures in our Houses of Parliament. This was demonstrated in the last Parliament by the "bucket of blood" thrown onto the floor of the House of

Business and Editorial Office

I feel that Ottawa's money would

of loans Further, the Federal Government

which occurs on July 1st, 1967.

Quote of the week . . .

single vote.

"In every village in our infant country we have the quiet graves of those who subdued the wilderness, who beautified the land by their toil; and left not only the fruits of their labors, but the thoughts and feelings that cheered them in their solitude, to cheer and stimulate us amidst the inferior trials and multiplied enjoyments of a more advanced state of society . . ."

> -Joseph How, fiery 19th century nationalist.

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Sermon Theme: "The Wonder of Life, Man and God." Everyone Most Welcome

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11.00 a.m.-Morning Worship. "The Word of God. 7.00 p.m.-Evening Service, "Oil and the Brimming Cup."

Wednesday-Prayer and Bible Study, 7.30. Thursday--Choir practice, 7.30. Iriday-No B.H.F. or Explorers. Text for the Week: "Be ye therefore

of God, as dear children." .. Eph. 5:1. MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

(Georgetown) SUNDAY, MAY 29th, 1966 9.45 a.m.—Sunday School.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Service. 7.00 p.m.-Evening Service. Wednesday, 8 p.in. - Prayer meeting. ' Acton 852-1956 Georgetown 877-6665

Queen's Park Report

by george a. kerr m.l.a.

An announcement was made last week by the Federal Government that a Medicare program was to start in Canada on July 1st, 1967. There was nothing new in this latest announcement and the four main principles set down as requirements to the Provinces in order to receive a subsidy have not really changed in the last year or so.

The four principles are that provincial plans must:

1. Provide doctor services,

2. Provide universal (compulsory) coverage of the population, that is a minimum 90 per cent rising toward 95 per

3. Provide benefits portable to other provinces, 4. Be under public control, that is, be operated by a government or by a non-

profit agency subject to government

The main conditions, in effect, require compulsion and the elimination of all private medical insurance plans in the provinces. There is some encouragement in the report out of Ottawa that although the plan must be under public control,

that is, operated by the government, it allows "a non-profit agency subject to government audit". I hope this means plans such as P.S.I. and those provided by many tarm co-ops in Ontario will be acceptable. If so, this will eliminate much of the Ontario Government's objection to the Federal conditions and allow our own provincial Plan, OMSIP, to continue to operate as well.

However, I still feel this is a pressure play by the Federal Government interested in embarrassing Ontario. We in this Province have a new plan now in operation. It provides low cost, subsidized or tree medical insurance for nearly two million subscribers. If all people who 'we expect to join do, about 98 per cent of ~ the population in the province will be covered by some form of medical health in-

It is important to realize that Medicare is a Provincial matter. The Federal Government is saving to the Province that if you operate a plan that is based on the four principles I have mentioned, Ottawa will pay half the cost. However, this is estimated to be only about 40 per cent of Ontario's cost and the province will still

have to find about \$125,000,000 for such a plan. The cost of OMSIP on the other hand has been estimated to cost a maximum of \$70,000,000.

have been more effective and less controversial if it was used to increase its hospital bed grants up from \$2,000 (which is about 15 per cent of cost) and which amount has not been increased since 1958. The Provincial grant is about \$5,300 per bed and with the cost of hospital construction steadily increasing, we are now required to provide more money by way

could have assisted in the cost of providing medical schools, nursing schools, clinics, etc., as well as providing supplementary help for the cost of drugs and other needed medicines and treatment. On this basis, the Province could have provided the medical insurance that our people need without the wholesale up-heaval