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The Editor's Corner

CANADA TAKES STOCK

It is the custom of most business concerns to have a regular stock-taking, when all assets of the firm are checked, in order to get a composite picture of the business.
 It is just as important that a country, from time to time take stock of itself, in order to ascertain its assets. Some of these are tangible—population, religion, racial origin, profession; others are more intangible in nature—social conditions, trade, housing. When taken all together, an accurate picture of the people and life of the country can be tabulated.
 It is the custom in Canada to take a census every ten years. On June 2nd, the eighth decennial census begins. In thousands of localities, trained groups of census-takers will begin making house-to-house calls asking questions, compiling a vast store of information in our national stock-taking.
 It is expected that from two to four weeks from June 2 will suffice in normal localities for the completion of the field work. After the third month it should be possible to give out the first results for many municipalities. As to when the absolutely final count by provinces for the entire Dominion will be available, unforeseen contingencies make prophecy difficult. Under ordinary circumstances, the results should be ready before next Christmas time.
 The census, as it concerns individuals, is strictly private. The official Enumerator, sworn to secrecy, is entrusted to keep information given to him in the strictest confidence. It is compulsory by law to answer the questions, and refusal to answer a census question is penalized by statute.

HISTORY OF CENSUS-TAKING

Census-taking dates from the dawn of civilization. Moses numbered the Children of Israel in the fifteenth century B.C. (Exodus XXX, 12 - 15; Numbers 1, 2 - 4 and 47 - 49; III, 14 - 16; IV, 24 - 49). But statistical investigations were made many centuries earlier in Babylonia (4000 B.C.), in China (3000 B.C.), in Egypt (2500 B.C.). A census taken by King David in 1017 B.C. achieved evil notoriety in history from the Divine wrath which it provoked (II Samuel XXIV, 1 - 25; I Chronicles XXI, 1 - 27), and was cited for many generations in opposition to the spirit of scientific inquiry. The Census was one of the institutions founded by the great law giver Solon at Athens in the sixth century B.C. The Romans, too, were assiduous census-takers, both under the Republic and the Empire; Julius Caesar reformed the census among other things. The Breviary of Charlemagne (A.D. 808) and the Domesday Book of William the Conqueror (A.D. 1086) are celebrated mediæval censuses. Later, the census disappeared from Europe.

It may not be generally known that the credit of taking the first census of modern times belongs to Canada. The year was 1696; the census was that of the Colony of New France. There had been earlier records of settlement at Port Royal (1695) and Quebec (1698), but the Census of 1696 was a systematic "nominal" enumeration of the people, (i.e., a record of each individual by name) taken for a fixed date, showing the age, sex, place of residence, occupation and conjugal condition of each person. The results are to be seen in a document of 154 pages in the Archives of Paris, of which a transcript is in the Public Archives at Ottawa. Altogether this census recorded 3,215 souls. When it is recalled that in Europe the first modern census dated only from the eighteenth century, whilst in the United States no census of the country as a whole was taken before 1790, the achievement of the primitive St. Lawrence Colony in instituting what is today one of the principal instruments of Government in every civilized community may call for more than passing appreciation.

At Confederation the British North America Act specifically mentioned "The Census" as falling within Dominion as distinguished from Provincial jurisdiction (Section 91). The first Dominion Census Act was passed in 1870, and the first Census was taken every tenth year, namely, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1921 and 1931.

The Census of June 2, 1941, is therefore the eighth comprehensive decennial census to be taken since Confederation. The administration of the Census was originally vested in the Minister of Agriculture; in 1912, however, in a reorganization and centralization of the statistical work of the Government it was transferred to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, who is accordingly promulgating the schedules and regulations of the present census.

A GREAT PRIVILEGE

It was distinctly an honor for the guests at the Cedar Crest opening last Friday to have as their guest speaker such a distinguished scientist as Dr. Charles H. Best. This brilliant man's fame has already spread far beyond the confines of our Dominion, and his career is just beginning. He is a young man—in his late 30's, we should judge, and it is all the more remarkable that in a few short years, one brain could have accomplished so much.

Dr. Best added another laurel to those which we know he already possessed. It is often true that a great man, who is at ease when "talking shop" with his own profession, cannot translate his words into laymen's language. Dr. Best, in treating a complicated scientific subject so simply, left out no essential details and yet made the whole process seem so easy that a public school child could easily understand it. This in turn, gave us an insight into the character of the man. Truly great, there is no conceit about Dr. "Charlie." There was no trace of false modesty. He spoke as an authority, who knew his subject, but there was no arrogance, no hint of an "I'm good, and I know it" attitude which one sometimes sees in famous personages.

In introducing himself, he told of his days as a young medical student, when he spent a summer working at Cedar Crest. With just the right touch of humor, he sketched one or two incidents—the time that he and his friend, Dr. Clark Noble, rolled all the greens twice in one day, and had it explained to them by a member of Cedar Crest's "labour union" that rolling the greens was a four-day job. And again, how at the time he was here, he was engaged to Miss Mahon, now the charming Mrs. Miller, who would run up a flag over the Club-House, to flash the word to young Charles Best, whenever he might be working on the course.

Dr. Best has not forgotten his days at Cedar Crest. He has been in the past a frequent visitor, and has spent many hours of relaxation on Mr. Willoughby's beautiful golf course. Now, we are to welcome him as a resident of the community. On land behind the course which he purchased last year from Mr. Job Board, a summer home is at present being built, where Mrs. Best, "Bandy" and Henry will spend their holidays, inasmuch as often as possible by the doctor.

Here he can slip away from his multiple duties for a few hours, and seek the relaxation that is needed by all men, both great and small. Here we Georgetown-people will have the pleasure of intimately knowing a great man and his family. If we judge him rightly, there will be only one sign on his door, and that will be WELCOME.

LEGION W.A. THANKED FOR PARCEL

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion sent a parcel of clothing last January to the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund in London. Each member donated an article of clothing, and the parcel when shipped weighed thirty pounds.
 Last week the following letter was received by Mrs. T. Getove, President of the group:

The Mansion House, London, E.C. 4, March 25th, 1941.
 Mrs. L. B. Grievs, President, Ladies' Auxiliary, Canadian Legion, Branch 130, Georgetown, Ontario, Canada.
 Dear Madam: I am deeply indebted to the Lord Mayor for the gift which you were kind enough to send to London for the use of women and children who have suffered in consequence of enemy action.

The Lord Mayor will be glad if his thanks will be conveyed to all the ladies participating in this gift. Yours faithfully,
 A. W. HERBERT,
 Secretary, Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund.

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MINUTE MINIATURES

Brief backgrounds in the careers of Canada's Captains of War.



Rear-Admiral Perry W. Nelles, R.C.N., Chief of the Naval Staff

Young man in command of a young navy, Rear-Admiral Perry Walker Nelles at 48 is Canada's Chief of Naval Staff and Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee in the severest struggle of the Empire's long history. The man on the street is beginning to be aware of what this country and indeed the entire Commonwealth of Nations owe to the foresight and energy of this brilliant and modest officer during the peace-time years directly preceding this war. The foundation he laid made possible the amazing accomplishments that started with the drop of the hat when war was declared.

Looking back at Canada's pre-war Navy of fifteen vessels, and realizing as we now do that with the U.S. neutrality regulations, every item of war supply and equipment from the U.S. as well as Canada, must leave this continent for the British Isles via some Canadian port, Canadian citizens today feel an extraordinary thrill over the first exchange of messages between Great Britain and Canada's Navy. How soon, the Admiralty asked, on the outbreak of war, could the Canadian Navy be ready to organize a convoy to accompany merchant ships out into the Atlantic. Admiral Nelles replied, "Now"—or the technical words to that effect.

Since his appointment in 1934 to succeed Commodore Rose as Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Nelles had visualized the role his little navy must play, that of a skeleton organization that must be planned to act as an instrument of expansion the moment the war clouds gathering on the horizon should break into the inevitable storm. He is said to have known personally by name every vessel afloat in Canada, private, merchant, pleasure craft, sailboat or launch, and what wartime role each could be made to play.

Born in Brantford, Ontario, Nelles is the son of Brigadier General Charles M. Nelles. His mother was one of those rare "grande dames" of army circles, a woman whom the ranks revered. Of her two only children, the younger, Norman Cunningham Nelles, was killed in action at Ypres, in 1915. Admiral Nelles was educated at Lakeside Preparatory School and Trinity College School, Port Hope. When Admiral Kingsmill came back to Canada from England to organize a Canadian Navy in 1908, second youth to sign up on the strength was Perry Nelles, age 16. He has come right through the entire life of the Navy, from the days when his preliminary training was done on a Fisheries Protection Service Vessel, to the acquisition of the "Noble," and the gradual achievement of a small fleet of our own. Nelles attended Royal Naval College, Greenwich, and followed the usual course of instruction for officers of the Royal Navy till he was commissioned a Lieutenant.

Nelles began the last war attached to Admiral Cardozo's flagship in Amstelveen and West Indies waters. Later in H.M.S. "Antrim" he saw continuous service conveying Canadian troops and war supplies from Halifax to the Clyde. After the war ended, his service sheet shows him continuing study, turning to London for further study, with the Fleet, training step by step in the same position as officers of the Royal Navy. He had the remarkable experience in 1929 of being the first and only officer of the Canadian Navy ever to command a British Cruiser when he served as Acting Captain of the "Dragon." His promotion to Rear-Admiral came in 1938.

"IN OUR MAIL BAG"

B74738, "C" Coy, 1st Bn, Q.O.R. Camp Sussex, N.B. May 19th, 1941

Dear Sir: Having been transferred to the Queen's Own Rifles, I would be obliged if you would forward my copy of the Herald to the above address. The weekly visit of the Herald is very welcome and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for sending the paper to us cheap on active service.

I find New Brunswick a very interesting province, in many respects backward, compared with Ontario, but the people are very friendly and easy-going. The scenery is a pleasant change after Camp Borden. Sussex is in the Kamloops Valley midway between St. John and Moncton, and is I understand the finest agricultural area in New Brunswick. The farms are typically English, quite small but well tilled and have about them an air of prosperity. Needless to say, we are all anxious to get across the pond and help write fine to Hitler's wild orgy of brutality and wanton destruction, but we have to be patient in the meantime. You

can be sure we are making good use of our time. Camp Sussex is very well equipped with recreational facilities. The Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army and Knights of Columbus have large halls with canteens, libraries, and comfortable reading and writing rooms. Motion picture shows are put on in these huts almost every night. The boys are all grateful to the people who have contributed to the War Services Fund, thereby making these facilities possible. Well, Mr. Editor, I will say goodbye for the present. Wishing you and your staff all the best, I remain, Yours truly,
 (Rifleman) T. H. PARRY.

Aldershot, England, April 26th, 1941.

Dear Sir: I must thank you for the copies of the Herald that you have sent me. It is best to receive news, and especially from home. I was greatly interested in the sports section and now that Paisley is on top I am taking a great riding, as I have three boys from there in my section. We have just come back from a fifty mile route march to Windsor, where we were taken all through the castle

and Kion College, and I never thought fifty miles could be so long. We are all in good shape here and hope everyone at home is the same. Hoping to see a lot more of the Herald. I remain
 Yours sincerely,
 (Lance-Corpl.) H. F. TOST,
 B37193, "C" Coy, 1st Bn, R.H.L.I.,
 Canadian Army Overseas.

—What a record to ring down in age: "There was a Victory Bond in every Canadian Home!"

Attention! Dog Owners

All dogs in town are prohibited from running at large from May 15th to September 15th. This order applies to NIGHTS as well as days, and will be strictly enforced.

W. G. MARSHALL,
 Chief of Police.

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Passenger daily	8:41 p.m.
Toronto and beyond	

Going West

Passenger and Mail	8:34 a.m.
Passenger Saturday only	1:15 p.m.
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11:48 p.m.	9:13 p.m.
6:23 p.m.	
Westbound to London	
9:35 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
12:05 p.m.	8:15 p.m.
2:05 p.m.	10:35 p.m.
4:05 p.m.	12:15 p.m.

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