

Celebrating Canada's Centenary

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give the occasion for fighting over again the old battles of war and politics and regions and sections.

We have inherited the fruits of the labor of forefathers we are proud to recall upon this occasion.

The three centuries that elapsed between Cartier's first voyage to Canada and the confederation of the provinces were marked by the hardship of pioneering in a country for which life in French and English villages had been a poor rehearsal.

Besides the difficulties of climate and loneliness, there were hostile clans, belligerent neighbors, natural barriers and the uncertainty of life under rulers who were 3,000 miles away across an ocean traversed slowly by sailing vessel, rulers who knew little about conditions in their colonies.

This backward glance should give us a hint about what we are planning to celebrate. It is not some philosophy of loyalty to an abstract and general thing we know and think of as "Canada." That, indeed, would be a difficult enthusiasm to arouse in a land so big and with so many diversities of people, economies and environment. What we celebrate is the courage of men and women who settled here, the skill and pertinacity which kept them here to build what we inherit, the good sense which enabled them to live and work together, and the vision which prompted them to form this union we call "Confederation."

Preserve Our History
Every province and every locality has its own highlights which it will wish to memorialize, and its own ambitions to fulfill, but all these historical episodes and plans for the future are comprehended in the Centenary.

An excellent chance is offered by the celebration to collect regional and local histories, a part of our culture which is much neglected. Starting now, historical societies can engage the interest of thousands of people in providing letters, diaries and records, early newspapers, archives of local governments, and material things like tools, utensils and implements used by former generations.

Writing local histories might be made a project for the schools. When Saskatchewan held its Jubilee a few years ago, the school children came up with some 3,000 local histories which have been microfilmed and filed in the Saskatchewan archives.

This is a good time, too, to think about local historic sites. It is not enough to build a stone monument and affix an all-but-unreadable metal plaque saying "on this site . . ." A score of tablets will not take the place of the birthplace of one of the world's most eminent astronomers, nor failing to pieces, or of the War of 1812 buildings and trenches if they are allowed to disintegrate.

A revival of interest in historical sites is evidenced by the number of people who visit those which have been preserved or restored. In the United States, historical sites are running ahead of scenic areas in the percentage of increase in tourist visitation.

Our Heritage
The proper place to start a birthday story is in the past. There is no need, on this occasion, to wrinkle our brows in attempting to disentangle the web of events, because all Canada's history is woven into the fabric of the dress she wears today.

It is said that the greatest benefit of inheritance is to succeed to an ancestor's virtues. Together with practical qualities, there has come down to us a love of right things and the desire to live life for all it is worth. That is our heritage.

Canada has offered to many other nations one supremely valuable demonstration, that tolerance must be an intrinsic part of any real democracy. The development of two cultures, two attitudes, hallowed by a legal and constitutional system, is the reason why our 10 provinces can celebrate the Centenary in fel-

lowship. Quarrels refused to turn into friendship, seeds of dissension were sown in a soil that brought them up as flowers.

Our heritage prompts us to continue building toward a nation in which all talents are generously recognized, all forgivable oddities forgiven, all viciousness quietly frustrated, all graciousness honored.

While we are built upon the bedrock of two cultures, our country includes large numbers of other racial groups. This cosmopolitan population requires that we treat the Centenary in such a way as to emphasize our common Canadianism.

Querulous and impatient voices occasionally rise in demands for the conventional symbols of nationhood, but we can see all around us the more mature symbols of a people working together in unity but not uniformity.

Confederation
All of the good that is Canada today cannot be credited to passage of the British North America Act of 1867, but who can express the impact of that event upon what followed. Canada was an imposing ideal in the year of Confederation, but a very unimpressive reality. The provinces had no association with one another, and every province operated under a separate government with its own political structure. Today, separated by miles of mountain, forest, lakes and wide rivers, every region is making its special and necessary contribution to the Confederation.

What brought this about? Chief among the political aims was to establish a new nation to meet the changed conditions of British policy to unite the scattered provinces against possible aggression from the south. Economically, Confederation was designed to spread dependence over many industries instead of only a few, and thus lessen exposure to the effects of economic policies then being pursued by both Great Britain and the United States. Through mutual concession, it was hoped to preserve cultural and local loyalties and reconcile them with political strength and solidarity.

Of course, enactment of the British North America Act establishing Confederation did not of itself assure solution of either political or economic difficulties. It did, however, provide a framework within which we are still working to bring about the balance of loyalties and interests, needs and supplies, which an effective federal system requires.

Through the efforts of daring explorers, missionaries and traders, this land, bigger in area than all Europe, was opened up. Today, we are part of a changing world pattern of innovation and obsolescence. We are firmly based amid new states which have inadequate economic resources, erratic frontiers, dissident minorities and delusions of grandeur. Many political and intellectual things have shifted from their old moorings.

Our Task Today
The task facing Canada is to develop a set of values and a series of habits suited to seeing us through the new situations. Besides all the material things

that will be erected to mark the Centenary, we need some spiritual things, like a rededication to the principles of the democratic way of life. By espousing democracy, we have adopted a life-long assignment in human relationships.

Anyone can copy out a constitution and translate the democratic ideal into the machinery of self-government. It takes great insight by statesmen and sympathetic understanding by every citizen, to devise a practical system of democratic government which will most surely suit the needs and character of the people.

But Canada does not stand alone in the world. To be a patriotic Canadian does not mean that we hate every country but our own. If a man wishes his country to prosper, but never at the expense of other countries, he is at the same time an intelligent patriot and a citizen of the world.

Our ideas of geography have changed. Our neighbors are no longer the people in the next county or province, but people in continents at the other side of the earth. Every day sees thousands of transactions pass through this bank's International Division, evidence of business being done by Canadians in Australia, Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas.

We accept our responsibilities as a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations and of the United Nations. In Pakistan, a party of 150 Canadians helped other members of the Commonwealth to construct a dam, a power station and an irrigation system; we sent a contingent with the United Nations force striving to keep peace in the Congo.

We do not, on the occasion of our Centenary, seek to impose our ideas or our way of life on others, but we do believe that in the course of our history we have discovered some great truths which can help all mankind.

Our Future
Canadianism, which started before Confederation but was given definite direction by that union, is no mean instrument with which to face new conditions. J. B. Brebner said in his presidential address to the Canadian Historical Society 20 years ago: "Canadianism . . . is made up of over three centuries of successful struggle with a reclarified environment, of over a century's original and successful political adaptation and inventiveness, and of a kind of conservatism which history has shown can be converted by adversity into stubborn, indomitable will."

Every one of us, from east to west and north to south, whatever his ethnic background, his creed, his color, his economic stature—everyone has a vital interest in seeing Canada endure. Only by a union of its people can a country be prepared for the ambushes set by chance and change. The little states of Greece destroyed themselves by their egotism, their jealousies, and their struggle for rights one against the other.

How shall we contribute, during Centenary year, to the unity we need? Well, we now have Citizenship Week, designed primarily for the benefit of New Canadians. Why not make 1967 Citizenship Year for all Canadians? Citizenship needs a rededication periodically if it isn't to lose its significance. We have not inherited citizenship as something to have and to hold without effort. Every generation has to earn its own citizenship and we need to remind ourselves periodically about its values and its obligations.

Through a year of citizenship exercises, we can confirm our status as a close fraternity of people who know what they want to do and are united in finding ways to do it. We can show ourselves as being constructively patriotic, trying to raise the standard of our society. We can display our freedom from those three great enemies of citizenship: indolence, self-interest and blind adherence to factions. For citizenship is more than the right to vote; it is the art of living together.

Let's Do Something Notable
As inheritors of a great tradition, let us do something notable to mark the centenary of Confederation. The project is thrilling. We are often called "sober-sides" by our visitors; for this occasion, let's really enjoy ourselves, not only in pageantry and festival but in construction and fulfillment.

Disappointment is never so bitter—so "sour grapes"—as when one has had superior advantages and has neglected them or frittered them away or watered them down. Every Canadian should say, "This is Canada's hundredth birthday celebration, and I am going to be an enthusiastic and useful part of it."

New Trafalgar Firm Pine Reproduction

Trafalgar Township's newest industry—Canada Pine Reproductions Limited officially opened its doors to the public Friday. The factory and showroom of this new company is located on the South Service Road of the Queen Elizabeth Highway, adjacent to the General Electric plant.

Company officials, headed by president Hugh Ogilvie, received guests and personally conducted them on a tour of the plant and premises. The plant, fully equipped with modern high speed wood working and wood finishing equipment and the visitors saw the process involved in reproducing early Canadian furniture.

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Eleanor Taylor Wins Honors During Land Judging Contest

Eleanor Taylor daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Burlington, was high contestant in the annual Land Judging Competition held on July 13. Miss Taylor was awarded a trophy by the Credit Valley, Sixteen and

Twelve Mile Creek Conservation Authorities. High senior in the competition was Bob Merry, Milton, who was awarded a one week scholarship to a Soils Course at the Ontario Agricultural College.

The Land Judging Competition is held under the direction of J. A. Francis, agricultural representative, and J. Douglas Burnside, assistant agricultural representative, of the Extension Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with the Soils Department, O.A.C., under the sponsorship of the Credit Valley, Sixteen and Twelve Mile Creek Conservation Authorities.

Classify Soil Types
Forty-six contestants took part in the competition. Each contestant classified four soil types; rated each for the growing of

four different crops and gave reasons for their selection. The results of the competition were as follows:

Juniors: Larry Gardhouse 75 total points, Harold Thompson 72, Norm Wells 71, Kenneth Wilson 70, Bill Alexander 68, Don Featherstone 66, Arthur Lawson and Jeffrey Nurse and Ralph Van Dalen tied with 65, Janice Johnston 62, Don Heatherington and Verna Thompson tied with 61.

Bob Peddie 59, Don Brander and Leonard Hoogenboom tied with 56, Maureen Sweetman 55, Lorne Ella 53, Ronnie Brander and Chris Kranendonk tied with 50, John McGee 46, Larry Pickett and Bernard Bastien tied with 43, Colin Elliott 40.

Intermediates: Eleanor Taylor 79, Marilyn Sherwood and John Stull tied with 72, Marion Hunter 62, Russell Murray 61, Dennis Sinclair 59, Keith Ella 56, Jean Roby 55, John Kranendonk 49, Ambrose Valade 46, Jules Hurtbise 43, Julian Cortean 39, Alcide Mariel 37, George Boudreau 36, Mario Legare 35, Viamsey Cantin and Yvon Robest tied with 34, Maurice Grandier 32.

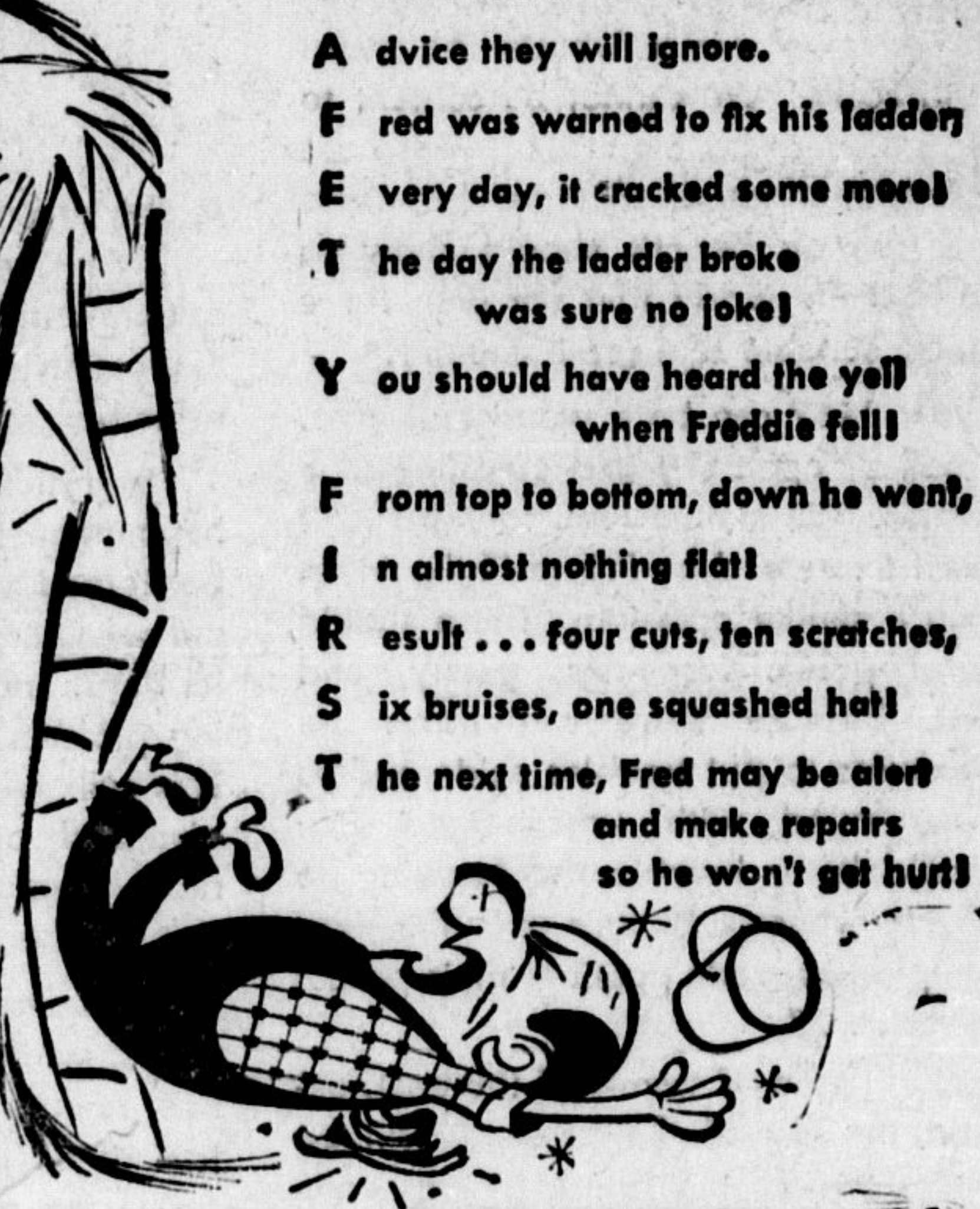
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