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Canada's National Business

The session of the Canadian Parliament just concluded was not highlighted by any spectacular developments, but a review of the proceedings reveals that there was an impressive list of fruitful accomplishments of far-reaching importance to all our people. Perhaps the most significant statement during the session was that made by Prime Minister St. Laurent, on the second day of the session, on the hitherto complex, controversial question of national selective service for Canada's armed forces.

Mr. St. Laurent stated, quite emphatically, that, in the event the time comes for the government to decide its policy on national selective service, the decision will be made "not on any sentimental grounds because of any appeals on a racial or religious basis, but on its actual effective value to the joint strength of the combined forces of the North Atlantic Alliance."

Highlights of developments in the social security program included plans for universal pensions for all at the age of 70 and pensions for those in need from 65 to 69 years of age. Payments of \$40 monthly to both groups are expected to start next January.

Legislative provision has also been made for the following:

Under a separate Blind Persons Act, between 8,000 and 9,000 blind persons between 21 and 69 years of age will receive blindness allowances of \$40 per month, at a cost of \$3,800,000 to \$4,400,000 per annum, with the provinces paying one-quarter of such cost. About 1,500 more blind persons will be paid allowances than under the former Old Age Pensions Act.

About \$2,000,000 annually in supplementary unemployment benefits for about 6,000 veterans of World Wars I and II and application of the benefits of the Veterans' Charter to members of the Special Army Force.

Increased health, education agricultural and trapping benefits under the revised Indian Act for 136,000 native Indians.

About \$7,100,000 in annual federal grants for Canadian universities.

Payment of \$65,000,000 to about 300,000 Western Canada wheat producers as a final adjustment of the Anglo-Canadian Wheat Agreement, 1946-50.

About \$11,200,000 of federal subsidies to Canadian marginal gold mines, an increase of about \$2,000,000 over those paid last year.

Important changes in the federal health program of grants to provinces and municipalities providing increased aid for such items as construction of nurses' residence, out-patient departments of hospitals, and expansion of different health services.

Canada's defence program, as this nation's contribution in meeting the world-wide threat of Communist aggression, features the expenditure of \$1,800,000,000 this year, as part of a government program to spend \$5,000,000,000 on defence in the ensuing three years.

This year's defence program at home and abroad, by way of discharging Canada's commitments under the United Nations Charter and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, covers such items as the following:

Maintenance of Canada's fighting units with the United forces in Korea, including the 25th Army Brigade of about 6,500 men, with about 1,500 men as reinforcements, and RCAF air transport squadron, three RCN destroyers.

Successful voluntary recruitment of the 27th Army Brigade of about 6,500 men, with about 1,500 men as reinforcements, to be sent to Europe within the

next few months as part of the NATO integrated force being built up by the Western Democracies there. As well, during the next three years Canada has undertaken to contribute 11 RCAF air squadrons for NATO forces in Europe.

Payment of the major cost — about \$200,000,000 — of training in Canada about 1,300 RAF airmen from the United Kingdom this year.

Gift of about \$200,000,000 of Canadian army equipment in stock from World War II, to such NATO Allies as the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy and Luxembourg.

Considerably increased strength for the three branches of Canada's armed forces with purchase of all the necessary expensive equipment of guns, tanks, rifles, armored vehicles, radar, planes, (fighter, bomber and transport), anti-submarine chasers, uniforms, etc. About 5,000 women are now being recruited for the armed forces including the RCAF and reserve units of the air and naval forces. By 1954 the target is to have about 115,000 men and women enrolled in the active forces of the three services.

Over \$4,000,000 this year in federal aid to the provinces and larger cities for a necessary civil defence program.

Allowance of \$1 per day income tax credit for Canadians on active service in Korea, in lieu of the former income tax exemption policy followed in the last war.

In recent years, Canada has spent close to \$30,000,000 on development of the F86 Sabre jet fighter plane, CF-100 Canuck long-range jet fighter plane, and Orenda jet engines therefor. Production of these most modern types of war planes is now being rapidly stepped up at plants in Montreal and Malton.

While not for defence in the strict sense of the word, but nevertheless, for the express purpose of offsetting the spread of Communism throughout the world, Canada, this year, is making \$35,545,000 in gifts to democratic countries less fortunate than this happy nation, as follows:

\$25,000,000 toward the Colombo Plan for economic development of backward countries in South and South East Asia and \$650,000 additional toward the provision and training of technical and professional men to participate therein.

\$7,250,000 toward the rehabilitation of South Korea.

\$750,000 for aid to Palestine refugees, \$500,000 for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund in European and Asian countries.

\$45,000 for Yugoslavian relief. The budget provided for about \$300,000,000 more taxes this year to cover a record peacetime level of \$3,730,000,000 of federal expenditures. The income tax was raised through imposition of a 20 percent defence surcharge thereon.

Parliament approved agreements made at the extended international trade conference at Torquay, England. Canada secured practically every concession which the United States could offer under President Truman's existing authority over tariffs. Without losing any of the advantages Canada has had through empire preference rates with the United Kingdom and commonwealth countries, Canadian exporters will have greater access to the large and lucrative American markets than at any time in the past 20 years.

These and many other hundreds of items occupied the attention of Parliament for the past five months, and another session will be necessary in the fall to complete the country's business. The volume and variety of the session's program is evidence of Canada's growth as a nation and the increasing importance of our part in world affairs.

National Holiday Celebration

This week we celebrated our National birthday and once again it was regrettably noticeable that the day was lacking in the way of national or patriotic celebrations. Our national holiday has never been celebrated with the fervor and enthusiasm displayed by our good neighbours on the fourth of July.

Canadians generally pay little attention to the national significance of Dominion Day. Most people are content to accept it as just another holiday and an opportunity for a day off to catch up with work around the house or to go picknicking. Not a single celebration was held in this county last Monday which paid any attention to the historic importance of the eighty-fourth anniversary of Confederation. This is regrettable as a National Holiday should have a very definite place in the life of our people and could serve a most useful purpose.

July 1st, 1867, marked the birth of this great nation which in a comparatively few years has grown from colonial status to full nationhood and an honored and important place in world affairs. We have an interesting and colorful history and it certainly is time we gave some serious thought to encouraging a more patriotic observance of our national holiday.

Many new people are coming here every year and an annual patriotic celebra-

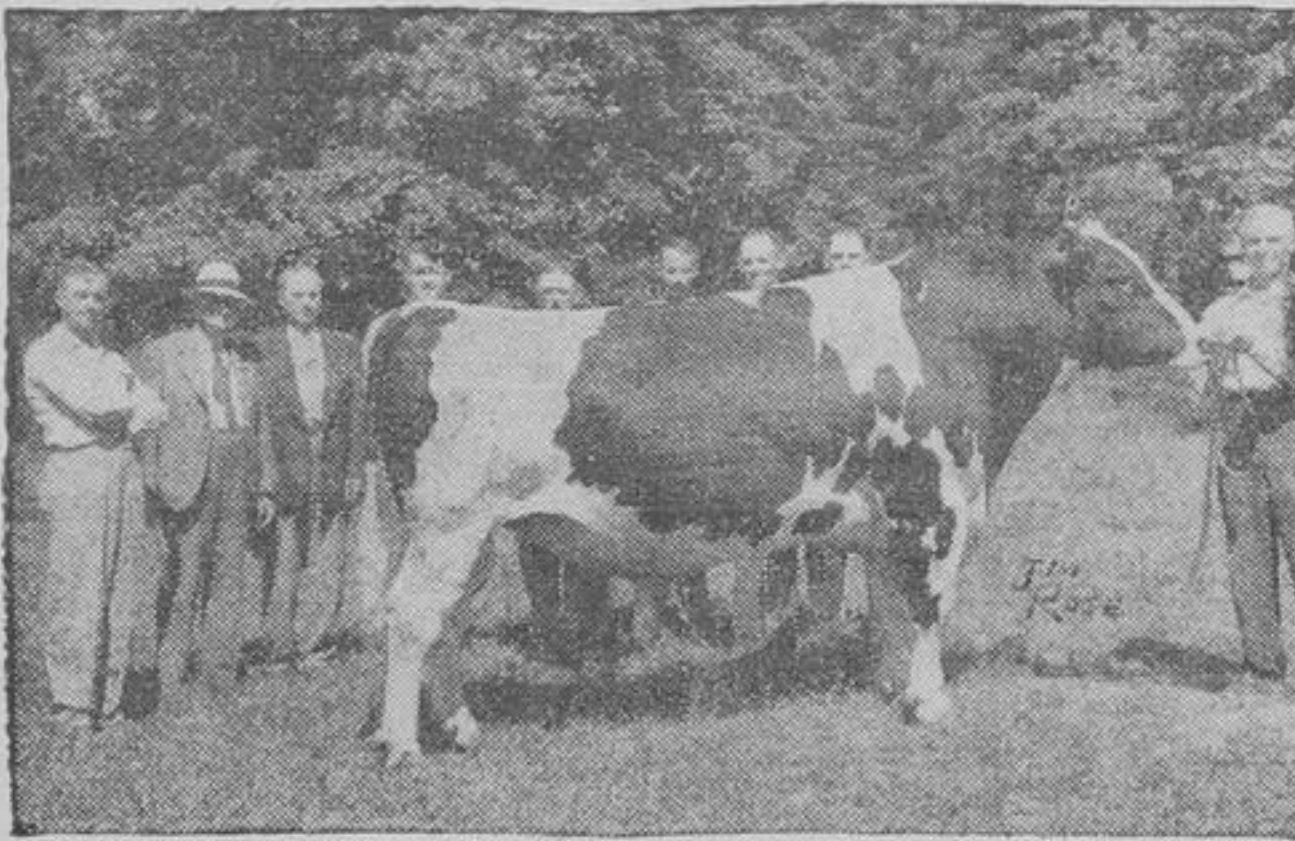
tion of our national holiday would be an excellent opportunity for a lesson in good citizenship. It would be helpful to our new citizens who know little of our history and heritage, and as well to our own people who take these things very much for granted.

As an incentive to a greater appreciation of our National Holiday it has been suggested that its designation be changed from Dominion Day to Canada Day. The suggestion has considerable merit. In fact anything which might inspire a more general observance of our National Holiday should be welcomed by Canadians.

Editorial Opinions

Fire Chief Bert Cook who retires this week has rendered outstanding service to the community in the ten years he has headed the fire brigade. Under his leadership the local brigade has reached a high standard of efficiency and much credit is due the retiring chief. Thanks to retiring Chief Cook and best wishes to his successor Chief Alfred Stong who enjoys the confidence of his associates and should make an excellent head for the fire-fighters.

Henry Bull To Maple Cattle Breeders



This five-year-old Reserve All-Canadian Holstein Bull, Rembo Texal Sovereign brought \$5,000 at the dispersal of the Oriole Lodge herd of former Ontario Premier Geo. S. Henry, Todmorden, Ont. He was owned jointly by Hon. Geo. S. Henry and Geo. C. Jackson & Whittaker Bros., Downsview, Ont. The buyer was the Maple Cattle Breeding Association, Maple, Ont.

L. to R. — George W. Henry, Hon. Geo. S. Henry, Maple Cattle Breeders' Association officials G. W. Keffer, Manager, Dr. D. C. McKay, head technician and veterinary Frank Stark, Milton, Douglas Wellesley, King, R. J. Darlington, Todmorden, president and John Whittaker. At the halter is George C. Jackson.

The entire herd brought \$64,940 for an average of \$618 on 105 head.



THE ROAD AHEAD
The little mirror which enables motorists to see behind them is a useful device. It must have prevented many accidents. However, no driver wants to spend too much time looking over the road which has been travelled. He knows that the important thing is to look ahead; it is safer and more satisfactory.

The habit of looking back over the road that one has travelled in life has a few disadvantages; but it should be indulged in in moderation. By looking back we see how utterly foolish most of our fears have been. Ida M. Thomas wrote a lovely little poem on this theme:

Last year I had a grief so great,
I thought I could not with it cope,
And that all doors in future closed
On happiness and hope.

Yet now I laugh, as if that grief
Had never lived within my heart,
And in the sunlight of today
Forgotten is its smart.

Time's kindly instruments have dulled
And worn away its sharpness, till
I find that hope and happiness
Are dwelling with me still.

So if life sends another grief
Another trial to go through,
I'll not be wholly desolate,
Knowing what time can do.

I sent this poem to a lady in England several years ago and recently she wrote to thank me for it. "I have read that poem hundreds of times she said: 'every time I get worried about the future, I remind myself that nearly all my fears of yesterday were groundless and present ones will likely be the same.'"

Dwelling over the past is responsible for a great deal of unhappiness. Rarely does any good come of it and psychologists blame it for many nervous breakdowns. A man who lost his wife brooded over it so continuously that his depression became a disease. He consulted a wise physician who discovered the man often spent hours reading over old letters written to him by his wife.

"Take those old letters you treasure so much," said the doctor, "and burn them." The patient was shocked at the very idea, but he did as the doctor ordered and soon

got hold of himself and became a happier man.
In a letter to the Philippines the Apostle Paul gave emphatic approval to looking ahead rather than backwards. He said: "One thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forth to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal." Paul knew that the race wasn't over and nothing was to be gained by living in the past. We have known a lot of people who, as they grow older, lapsed into their "anecdoteage."
We should forget our past failures. Robert Louis Stevenson wrote: "Never allow your mind to dwell on your own misconduct; that is ruin. The conscience has morbid sensitivities; it can be employed but not indulged." Again in one of his prayers Stevenson wrote: "Lord, help us with the grace of courage that we shall not be cast down by lamenting amid the ruins of our unhappiness; teach us with fire from the altar that we may be up and doing to rebuild our city."
Too many nations are content to live on the glory of their forefathers. We can respect the courage of our forebears and whatever there was about them to admire and emulate but this is a new day with its own problems to face. Some nations with glorious histories are today abodes of vice, crime and misery; their past doesn't help much.
One writer puts it this way: "Some pass through life as a man might go through over broken bottles with bare feet." That is a forceful way of putting it but substantially true. Everything seems to wound and hurt such people until they become bitter and resentful.
There is no need for it. We have it in our power to refuse to dwell on the unpleasant and ugly. To depressing and evil thoughts we can hang a card over the door of our minds: "No admittance."
And remember this: We are creatures of habit and wholesome, healthy thinking can be strengthened and built up until it becomes second nature; to think right will become normal.
Our quotation today is from the Epistle of James:
"Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

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The eight year old twins of Mr. and Mrs. George Bourlay, Bobby and George, passed from grade three to grade four at Oak Ridges School with first class honors.

Miss Freda Saunders was awarded the Edna Lowndes Memorial Trophy as the most outstanding student in the graduating class at Oak Ridges School. She will be attending Aurora High School next year.

The fish were biting at Dorset over the week-end. Leaving home Saturday morning your correspondent and family enjoyed in the three days a ride in a seaplane over beautiful Lake of Bays and a trip through Algonquin Park.

The strawberry festival held on the lawn at Mr. McCarron's home at Lake Wilcox, Friday evening by the Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox Ratepayers Association was enjoyed by about one hundred and fifty people. The ice cream and strawberries held out for seconds and thirds, which adds up to a good time. We are indebted to Mr. Cook and some of the men who brought the piano from the community hall so that a musical program could be put on. Mrs. L. Harnden played for a sing song led by Mrs. R. Robbins, who also sang two solos, as did Miss Anne Stephenson. Donald Ash played two numbers on the piano. Mr. MacIntyre sang a group of Scotch songs. A beautiful cake baked by Mrs. N. Tracy and decorated with Lake Wilcox 1951" was auctioned off and fell to Mr. Gilchrist for \$6.

Mr. Wilmot Harnden and his fiancée, Miss Lois Budge of Owen Sound spent the week-end with his brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harnden, Lakeland Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. English, Lakeland Avenue spent the week end with Mr. English's mother in Huntsville.

The following Oak Ridges boys are spending ten days at Camp Ahshunyon, Charlie Kirk, Ken Blyth, Ron Norman, Donald Moore, and Jimmie Bolsonello who is a councillor.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hulme spent the week-end in Toronto, the guests of Mrs. Hulme's sister, Miss Martha Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Renwick will be returning to their house at the Lake for a couple of months. Mrs. O'Brien has taken another house on the same street.

Mr. and Mrs. Oiva Hoikka spent the week end at Furnace Falls, near Minden.

Mrs. F. Bevans had the misfortune to fall off a chair and break two ribs.

The Ridge Inn reports a very busy week end. A wedding reception on Friday and another on Monday, with the usual holiday crowds for dinner, kept everybody busy.

Thursday morning at Oak Ridges School the pupils were assembled in the play ground facing the flag for the closing exercises which opened with the National Anthem by Freda Saunders. Four hymns were sung by the whole school. Mr. Martin spoke on holiday safety, and announced the winner of the trophy, given by Mrs. Lowndes in memory of her daughter Edna for the most outstanding student in grade eight for the first time this year. Miss Freda Saunders holds it for the year. The annual field day took place next. Suitable events were run off for the various grades.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Ash and Donald spent the week end in Port Hope, with Mr. and Mrs. Lancelly Mills. Mrs. Ash also visited her grandmother, Mrs. S. Sowden who is 95 years old. She lives with her daughter, Mrs. E. Peters. Mr. Ash enjoyed some fishing in Rice Lake, catching a seven pound pickerel and some smaller ones. Raymond and Donald Mills, 6 and 4 year old grandsons of Mrs. Ash returned with them to spend couple of weeks.

Mrs. L. Nichols of Winnipeg and her daughter Mrs. Ronald Davies, who is residing at Camp Borden while her husband is overseas, spent Sunday visiting relatives in Oak Ridges. Mrs. Nichols is a sister of Mrs. John Bull.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Colombo who have occupied Mr. J. Topper's home at Oak Ridges have purchased a home at Willowdale and will be moving this week. Mr. Topper and family will be in their home for the summer.

Twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. Murch, Thomas Lesley and Kerry Graham and the infant son of Mrs. Murch's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Capf, Theodore Martin, were christened Sunday, June 24, in St. Clement's Anglican Church, Toronto. The Rev. Dr. Shrell officiated. Nine godparents, three for each child took part in the service. Mr. and Mrs. Murch are former members of St. Clement's congregation and were married there six years ago. A family party on the lawn where tea was served concluded the happy occasion.

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