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**Ottawa Letter**  
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A famous Canadian statesman of the Confederation era once said that "a wise nation preserves its records, gathers up its monuments, decorates the tombs of its illustrious dead, repairs its great public structures and fosters national pride and love of country by perpetual reference to the sacrifices and glories of the past."

As Canadians we sometimes are criticized for our apparent lack of national spirit and our lack of appreciation for the historic significance of places and events. However, in the House this week another Nova Scotian, Hon. Robert H. Winters, voiced the same sentiments as the illustrious Howe and introduced legislation to establish the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

The object of the Bill is to provide for the placing of the Historic Sites Board of Canada on a statutory basis. An advisory board has been in existence for some time and with the co-operation of government has carried on a most commendable work.

Public interest in the Board has increased greatly in recent years and there has been a quickening appreciation of the need for more extensive activity.

The Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences recommended a more comprehensive program of preserving and marking historic sites. The constitution of the Board under the authority of an Act of Parliament will give full recognition to the importance of its function.

It is many years since the federal government first recognized its responsibilities to honour and preserve historic sites and while progress has been slow we are hopeful of better things in the future. In 1919 an honorary historic sites board was appointed to advise the department in the selection of sites and events of national importance and worthy of commemoration. Since 1919 this board has examined for their historical significance the circumstances surrounding more than 1,000 sites. It has declared 623 of these to be of national importance. Already 429 historic sites have been marked or acquired.

There are five sites marked in Toronto but only one in North York. It is the cairn located just north of Richmond Hill at the Summit, commemorating the events connected with the construction of Yonge Street, the military road and highway built in 1794-96 between Lakes Ontario and Huron to promote the settlement of the province.

The powers and duties of the new Board are to receive and consider recommendations respecting the marking or commemoration of historic sites, the establishment of historic museums and the administration of such places.

The Bill defines an historic

place as a site, building or other place of National interest or significance, and power is given to suitably mark such places and provide for their care and preservation.

Supported by all parties here the Bill recognizes the need for permanency in this important phase of our National growth and development. It demonstrates that as Canadians we appreciate the greatness of the legacy our history has left us to cherish and preserve.

**Rural Mail**  
 Canada's Post Office Department in the fiscal year 1952-53 expended \$6,375,000. for rural mail services. This was an increase over the previous year of more than \$450,000.

In all the public services of Canada there are no more faithful public servants than the rural mail couriers, and in the main there are none more poorly paid. This condition is due not to the wishes of the government, nor certainly not the wish of the people served by rural routes. It is the result of the tender system of letting contracts.

This Parliament has been giving a lot of thought and study to the problems of the rural mail man. As a result the government has introduced legislation designed to improve conditions, and it has been generally accepted by all parties and by the rural mail couriers association.

Under the new legislation the Postmaster General is empowered to revise contracts where the contractor is trying to do a job at too low a figure in these days of rising costs.

There is such a great difference in conditions of the rural mail contracts in a country so widespread and diversified as Canada that it is impossible to set any definite schedule of payment. Road conditions, train schedules, number of boxes and many other factors enter into the work and cost of the different contracts. The new legislation gives the Postmaster General authority to take all these and other factors into consideration and make adjustments where warranted.

We hope the measure will result in more equitable treatment for the rural mail couriers of Canada, and in this I am sure we will have the wholehearted support and endorsement of the people.

I wish to thank the rural mail carriers in North York who have connected with this problem with me or written me their views and suggestions. Their co-operation has been most helpful and much appreciated.

Any contractor who is finding difficulty in making ends meet and feels his remuneration is out of line with costs of giving the service can have his contract reviewed. I will be most happy for the opportunity of lending any possible assistance to any who wish to refer their case to me.

**On The International Stage**

The name of Lester B. Pearson, the Methodist minister's son from Toronto, is a headline maker in the metropolitan papers of the world because he is in a unique position in the United Nations.

Down in New York where the United Nations Assembly has been meeting for months, Pearson presides over the wrangles between Communist spokesmen and the representatives of the free nations, but for the deadlock between these two groups he would probably have been chosen for the biggest full time political job in world politics; secretary-general of the United Nations. The election, however, follows a particular voting system called "the rule of unanimity" devised to insure that big power wishes prevail. Each big power has a veto on any choice and Russia said "No" to Pearson's nomination.

No veto, however, can eclipse the position that Mike Pearson holds in the councils of the nations. He has been in the thick of every important international meeting in recent years. He attended the birth of the United Nations at San Francisco in 1945, is an original member and former president of the council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The fact that a Canadian enjoys that kind of international prestige is symptomatic of the startling change which has come over Canada in the past 14 years. Canada has become a significant diplomatic force and where, only a short time ago, the major concern of the parliament and government of Canada was with domestic problems, now world problems, military, economic and diplomatic — bulk large in the attention of ministers and parliament.

The External Affairs Department was created in 1909 but it was only in 1923 when Mr. Pearson was already a man of 26 — that Canada first asserted her right to negotiate and sign a treaty on her own.

But it was the Second World War which really planted the diplomatic mushrooms in Ottawa launching an expansion which has multiplied nine-fold the number of Canadian missions abroad and the tiny group of 32 men who made up the nation's diplomatic corps in 1939.

For anything which requires the seasoning and schooling that diplomacy demands, this is an amazing expansion. But still the government is hard pressed to meet the demands of a world which has discovered booming Canada and is anxious to swap envoys with her. There were five Canadian missions in 1939. There are 44 today. There could be considerably more if Canada could meet the demand for them.

Actually representation of Canada abroad can be traced back as far as 1880

when the first High Commissioner was named to London and to 1882 when an Agent-General was posted to Paris. Neither post, however, called for diplomatic status.

It was in 1907 that the wheels began to turn. Sir Joseph Pope, undersecretary of state, recommended to a Royal Commission that a separate Department of External Affairs be established. One reason, he said, was that there wasn't a single complete record of international correspondence in Ottawa. Two years later his wish was met but little happened for another decade.

The insistence of a separate identity at the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919, the assertion of the right to make and sign her own treaties in 1923, all these were milestones. Then came the Second World War and the start of a growth that has placed Canadian missions in every major capital, in every global region. The one big gap now is in the Middle East where Canada is represented only in Turkey.

In this development, the emergence of Mr. Pearson as permanent and then political head of the Department as a member of the St. Laurent cabinet has perhaps been the outstanding fact. But the whole diplomatic service has grown steadily in stature until a non-Canadian Atlantic pact official said privately in Ottawa recently that Canada's political-official teams that go into the international councils of the world are recognized and eulogized for their sound and speedy judgment.

These post-war years, with the birth of U.N. and the Atlantic Pact and with the steady evolution of the Commonwealth, have thrown open both the challenge and opportunities of international responsibility in a way Canada has never before known. It has matured the diplomatic corps itself and produced a global vision of the Canadian as the same, quiet, energetic mediator who soothes division and keeps his eye on the ball.

It has also thrust the cabinet deeply into a new dimension of responsibility and brought such ministers as Mr. St. Laurent, Abbott of Finance, Claxton of Defence, Martin of Health to the international stage. Mr. St. Laurent has already been credited with fathering the Atlantic Pact. Mr. Abbott was only recently described by Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, R. A. B. Butler, as the "doyen of Finance Ministers". Mr. Claxton has assumed an unusual position in NATO because he is by far the most senior defence minister among the 14 member nations. Mr. Martin is one of the real veterans. His experience goes right back to the League of Nations.

**Cancer Patients Need Special Aid**

Volunteers who work for cancer control are touched by the plight of the patient. Skilled in making "something for nothing" they use salvaged materials to help in the preparation of cancer dressings. Last year more than 800,000 dressings were distributed free to patients living in Ontario. They were prepared by literally hundreds of church groups and women's clubs throughout the province and distributed by the local units of the Canadian Cancer Society which supplies the fillings required to make the dressings soft and absorbent.

Thousands of cancer patients last year were assisted in many ways through the Ontario Division of the Society's welfare program. Through its Units, it made provision for needy patients' transportation to and from clinics for treatment; loaned special beds to facilitate in their

care and comfort at home, together with sickroom equipment and the gift of special comforts. For patients forced to live at a distance from their homes in order to be near the treatment centre, volunteer groups from the Units in several clinics provide tea wagon service and arrange for the patients free admission to movies and other entertainment to help pass long dreary hours. The services to be rendered are unending, and growing!

It's a natural desire to assist a stricken neighbor. To the Canadian Cancer Society volunteers, cancer patients are their neighbors needing friendship, needing help. All phases of the fight to control cancer are being covered, not only in welfare service which helps those who have cancer now but in education, to protect the future cancer patients and in medical research to find a cure for this dread disease.

**"Way Back When"**

Excerpts from the files of The Liberal Home paper of the Richmond Hill district since 1878

**60 YEARS AGO**

April 7, 1893  
 Mr. Richard Wiles sowed five acres of Spring Wheat on Wednesday, April 6. This is the first seeding we have heard of in this section.

Rev. W. Amos of Aurora will deliver an address before the Mental and Moral Improvement Society in the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening April 15.

The report given at the Council meeting on Tuesday evening by the manager of the skating rink showed that after all expenses had been paid, the building had netted for the village, during the past year considerably over \$100. It was suggested that if season tickets are to be sold another year and the rink is to continue to be a popular resort for winter recreation, Council will have to make up its mind to be more generous in furnishing attractions (i. e. carnivals band music and good publicity) for the young people.

**40 YEARS AGO**

April 10, 1913  
 A freight car standing on the siding at the Metropolitan Waiting Room ran down the grade Friday afternoon and through the lumber shed, the property of Mr. Trench. A cart was completely smashed, a covered wagon badly damaged along with other articles. Workmen on the job spent most of the afternoon and night jacking up the car and getting it up on the tracks.

**Changes are taking place at the Lorne Block**

(corner of Yonge and Arnold Sts.) Mr. Ransom has removed to his residence opposite the Rustic Inn property and the two south rooms in the Lorne Block are being fitted up for Mr. Norman Glass' gents furnishings. The Richmond Hill High School Alumnae will produce the play "Alice in Wonderland" in the Municipal Hall on April 30.

**10 YEARS AGO**

April 22, 1943  
 The fourth Victory Loan Drive starts next Monday. The objective for North York has been set at \$2,150,000.  
 Markham Township is proceeding, despite much local and partial Council opposition, with plans to remodel a Unionville residence belonging to the township for new township offices. Some of Council feel that no expenditure that is not absolutely necessary should be considered for the duration of the war and wish to sell the house for \$2,500, leaving the present offices to serve.

**David McLean Ltd. Opens Oshawa Office**

S. J. Carlisle, General Sales Manager for David McLean Limited, Realtors, with head offices at Thornhill has announced the opening of an agency in the City of Oshawa, at 43 Bond Street W. under the management of M.O. Tindall. Mr. Tindall comes to the company with a great deal of real estate experience in both city and country properties.  
 This new agency will employ three salesmen to start, selling residential, rural and industrial properties.  
 The McLean Company also reports the establishment of an agency in the Village of Keswick with the appointment of Ross Heaton of that community. The Keswick agency will service farm properties for the area in association with the Company's extensive farm agencies systems, as well as the sale of summer property and residential homes.

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