

Christmas Will be Mondays In Proposed Calendar Plan

We have a very awkward calendar observes The Halifax Chronicle. The earth takes 365 1/4 days to go round the sun, hence the year cannot be exactly divided. The history of the calendar is interesting. Roman emperors taking liberties with it to enhance their own reputation rather than benefit the people who were governed by it. For many years efforts have been made at reform but without avail. Now a movement is on foot, which has very wide adherents in many countries, which urges through the League of Nations to bring about a reform of the calendar which would benefit all people.

The suggestion which has received most favor is to preserve 12 months as at present, but to make the number of days in each quarter equal. Thus January would begin on Sunday, January to have 31 days, February 30 and March 30. And so with the three months of each quarter, the first month to have 31 days, the second 30 and the third 30. This would make 364 days for the year. To get the extra day, between December 30 and January 1 an extra day would be added, which would be observed as an international holiday.

By this means the calendar would always be the same. The year would always begin on a Sunday, Christmas would always fall on Monday, holidays would fall on the same date each year, and each month would have exactly the same number of working days, namely 26. The extra day on Leap Year would be taken care of by inserting the extra day between June 30 and July 1 and observing it also as an international holiday. The business days of any one year would thus be exactly the same for any other year and accounting would be so much an easier business.

The first year on which January 1 falls on a Sunday is the year 1939. It would not occur again until 1950. Hence the desire to reach unanimity of opinion and secure action by January, 1939, when the change could be brought about without disturbance.

British Warplane Fastest Yet Made

LONDON — Sir Philip Sassoon's proud claim that the equipment of Britain's expanded air force will be "second to none" in the world is justified by the extraordinary quality of the new warplanes that are now emerging from behind the curtain of official secrecy. Among the aircraft listed for assembly in the New Type Aircraft Park at Hendon on the occasion of the Royal Air Force display are fighters and bombers of astounding abilities — fighters faster than airplanes in the world except a very few racers and bombers capable of carrying immense loads at great speed over many hundreds of miles.

Five days ago a demonstration of six types of airplanes designed and built by the Vickers and Supermarine companies amply confirmed the impression of high technical quality made by earlier revelations about machines that will form the future armament of service squadrons. Three of the aircraft — a single-seater fighter and two bombers — are especially notable for flying performance and the use of novel methods of construction. The fighter is the Supermarine Spitfire I, a low-wing monoplane powered with a Rolls-Royce Merlin 12-cylinder liquid-cooled engine. It is the fastest warplane in the world, capable of a speed considerably higher than 300 m.p.h.; it does not carry so heavy load as the Hawker monoplane fighter which also exceeds 300 miles an hour. Both the Spitfire and the Hawker monoplane have been ordered in quantity for the equipment of fighter squadrons of the Royal Air Force.

Designed by Mr. R. J. Mitchell, who designed the racing seaplanes that secured Great Britain in permanent possession of the Schneider Trophy by a series of smashing victories over the best foreign machines, the new fighter is a beautifully streamlined craft with a highly polished stressed metal skin. A retractable undercarriage diminishes head resistance in flight. Wing flaps enable the machine to glide in steeply and land comparatively slowly.

Equally notable is the new Vickers twin-engine bomber, constructed on the "geodetic" system invented by Mr. B. N. Wallis and developed by him in conjunction with the Vickers Company during the past four years. This is a mid-wing monoplane, deriving power from two Bristol Pegasus air-cooled radial engines. In flight the undercarriage units retract into recesses at the rear of the engine nacelles.

Livestock Plans

In United Kingdom. Agriculture Chief Outlines Proposals

LONDON, Eng. — Walter Elliott, minister of agriculture, in a recent statement outlined the government's permanent proposals for safeguarding the livestock industry in the United Kingdom.

He said the government intended to proceed on the basis of a regulated market, with the maximum supplies for consumers consistent with a reasonable level of remuneration for producers.

The government desires that the responsibility for securing stable market conditions should be assumed by the producers of various countries. To this end, it proposes an empire meat council, representative of the United Kingdom, and other empire countries, and an international meat conference, representative of the United Kingdom, empire and foreign countries.

It is proposed that the aggregate exports and imports of frozen and chilled beef and meat equivalent to fat cattle during the next three years should not exceed recent levels. The government proposes also that United Kingdom producers of fat cattle should have a subsidy not exceeding £5,000,000 (about \$25,000,000) annually.

Parliament will be invited immediately after the summer recess to pass legislation providing for customs duties on imported chilled, frozen and other descriptions of beef and veal from foreign countries.

It is not proposed, however, that there should be duties on imports from empire countries on such meats as on mutton and lamb from any country. The government proposes to continue the existing system of regulation of imports of mutton and lamb until 1937.

Thereafter it would have to be decided whether an international meat conference in association with the empire meat council should operate with regard to exports of mutton and lamb.

The government also intends to ask parliament to give it general power to regulate imports of livestock and meat, should need arise.

Air-Mail Service

May Start in 1937

Preparations for Trans-Canada Line Going on— Funds Ready

OTTAWA — A million dollars will be spent this year in preparation for the trans-Canada air mail, which is expected to start in 1937. Preparatory work is being carried on looking to the future. This consists in the construction or completion of landing fields, radio beams, lighting devices and other facilities for the service.

The project has always contemplated much flying by night rather than in the day owing to the connection with mail trains and the time of their arrival at the points of exchange.

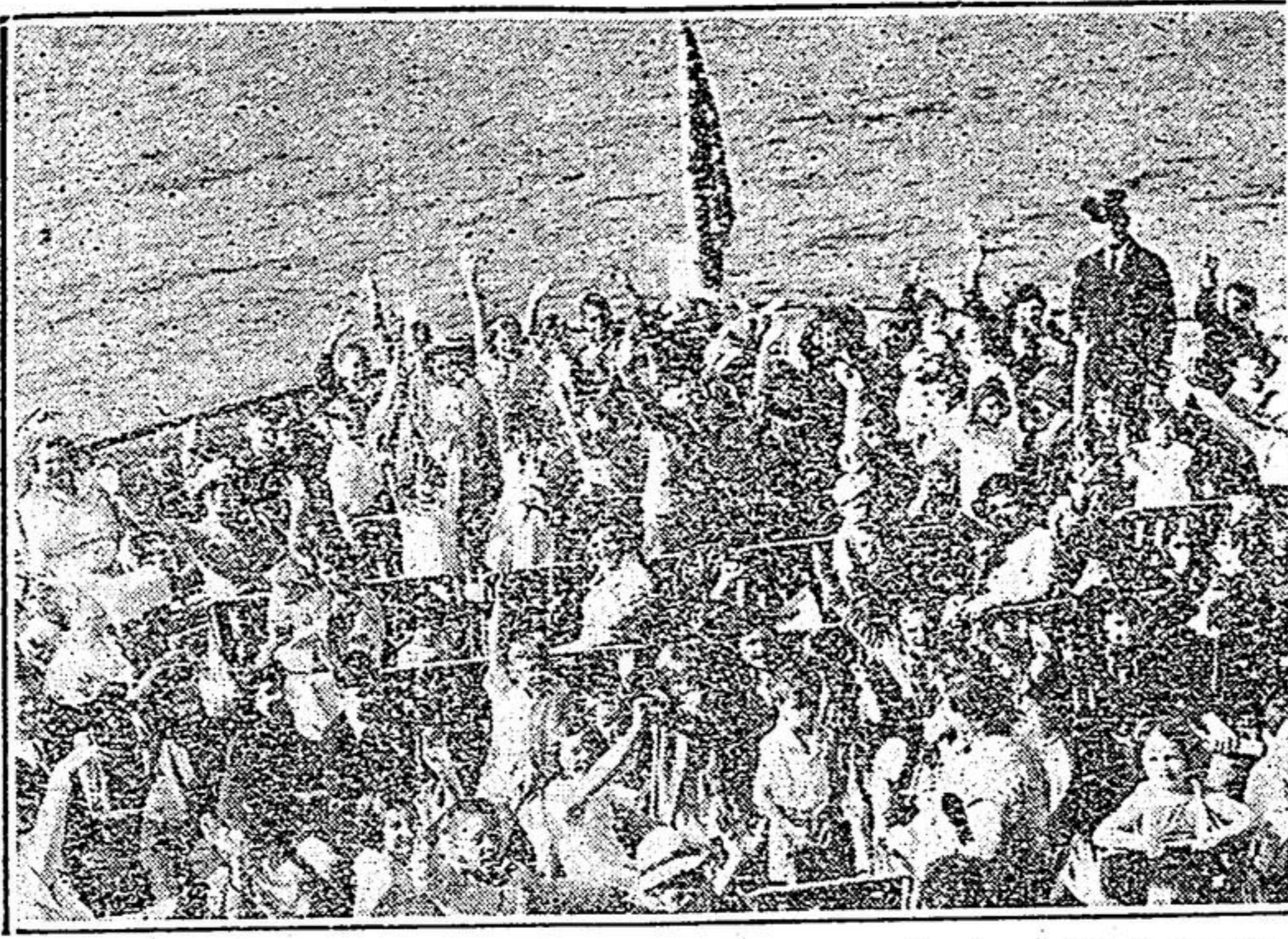
Establishment of the service next year — and passengers as well as mails, would likely figure in such development—is dependent on financial conditions. What they will be a year hence cannot be foreseen now, and until this is possible the expenditures will be in preparation. By another year, on the scale of operations now being started, everything will be ready for the trans-Canada service if the money is available for the essential subsidies.

The growing popularity of an air service for passengers and of air mails where they are available both suggest a larger public patronage than was accorded such services when, originally, it was inaugurated. It was stated in the House of Commons last session that the great reason for the abandonment was the small degree of public patronage at the time.

The proposed trans-Atlantic service has not yet reached the practical stage. Test flights across the ocean which were projected at conferences here and in Washington last fall of British, Irish, Canadian and United States postal and air service officials are not coming off this summer. Other tests, however, will be conducted into meteorological and other conditions, but the flying boats will not attempt an early crossing.

The trans-Canada service would hook up with the trans-Atlantic, though development of the former is in no sense contingent upon the latter.

Health on Waters



Away from crowded New York tenements for a day, happy youngsters and their parents cheer heartily as hospital ship, St. John's Guild, starts first trip of season.

Even A Turtle Is Welcome Around a Newspaper Office

"Life is seldom dull around this office," remarks the genial editor of the Peterborough Examiner. To illustrate his point he relates that in season trappers call at the editorial sanctum to show wolf pelts. Last week the game warden brought in a four-days-old fawn and this week members of the staff have been lugging in snapping turtles and sun turtles. Even as he wrote a fair-sized snapper was sitting under an upturned waste paper basket where the reporters do their work. Another and much smaller sun turtle has the run of the office because he does not snap. The reporter who brought the snapping turtle in has mastered the art of catching it by the tail, that being the one way in which the snapper can be handled with safety.

The whole picture is a very delightful one, contrasting pleasantly with the popular notion that a newspaper office is a sort of a madhouse where editors, reporters and office boys scramble wildly about amid a bedlam of ringing telephones, shouted orders and clicking typewriters. There may be newspapers like that, in fact one sees them every now and again in the movies, but most editorial rooms, while possibly a little untidy at times, are places into which ordinary citizens may venture with perfect safety, except for the remote possibility of being bitten by the staff's pet snapping turtle (and he it understood that this is not a reference to the city editor).

Turtles, it seems to us, should make ideal newspaper office pets because they have so many valuable lessons to impart to youthful reporters. A turtle knows how to plod steadily about his business and is also aware that it is dangerous to stick his neck out unnecessarily. He also knows how to make it snappy when the need arises and, as all good newspapermen should be, he is a consistent snapper up of unconsidered trifles.

But his chief value as an object lesson to members of the fourth estate is his general structure. Even a snapping turtle is soft and tender at heart but has a hard outer shell into which he frequently finds it prudent to retire. Most newspapermen are built on a somewhat similar plan. They may have a crusty exterior developed through years of contact with the stern realities of an exacting profession, but this is merely a protective mechanism exactly like the turtle's shell.

Highway Lighting Safeguards Life

MURRAY BAY, Que. — Importance of highway lighting as a safeguard to the life of pedestrians and motorists was stressed recently by L. S. Wood, Cleveland lighting engineer, in an address before the annual convention of the Canadian Electrical Association. Canadian safety campaigns, he said, paid too little attention to highway lighting. "Safety campaigns have improved roads and automobile designs, and have cut down daytime accidents, but highway accidents at night remain at a high level," Mr. Wood said.

Sir A. D. Hall, in an address to the Royal Society of Arts on "Can Agriculture Provide Substantial Relief for Unemployment," said that the continued decrease in small holdings in face of deliberate efforts to increase them was sufficient evidence that they no longer represented a form of occupation that would attract and retain men.

Vacation Hard For Shy Girl

Miss Suffering from Inferiority Complex Given Advice

Vacation time is here again with many shy girls dreading the coming season because they feel so alone even in a crowded resort where they have gone to meet new people, particularly new men, says the New York Sun.

In most instances they begin their vacations with a bad mental outlook. "It won't do me any good to go away and to meet new people," one attractive girl said, as she dejectedly packed her bags. "I just can't get into the swing of things."

The shy girl is not alone in a feeling of social inadequacy. Many persons with outgoing personalities are tremendously insecure underneath, psychiatrists tell us. If the shy girl could realize that some of her more noisy companions were just as self-conscious as she, it might help her to overcome her difficulties.

One major difficulty is in making her first plunge into the icy pool of a new social environment. If possible, she should select a place where the ice will be broken a bit for her by an experienced hostess or recreation leader.

Once she has been introduced it is up to the girl to do her part by appearing interested in the people she is meeting whether they bore her or not. The use of a little acting ability has gotten many a girl over the first awkward stages.

The shy girl often makes good progress with new men whom she meets but gives up the game when a rival with more assurance appears. She completely relinquishes her man to the new girl.

"The other girl can have him if he is that easy to get," she shrugs.

This attitude is often misunderstood by the man who thinks he may have offended the shy girl in some fashion which he cannot understand, or that he has bored her. This mistaken pride on her part often causes her to lose good dates for the coming winter months.

The shy girl is often too timid to join in the group activities. She should realize that most of the other guests are amateurs too and that her efforts will not be disparaged. She should take part in group activities as much as possible, even if she lacks skill for her associations with her fellow guests promotes good fellowship.

The shy girl need not be a brilliant conversationalist in order to get along socially. Most men and women talk too much so that her non-talking may be an asset to her if she listens well and smiles frequently. She can be gracious, too, about favors done for her by the male guests.

She can be polite and charming to men whom she may not care for on first sight because knowing them better may enable her to discover qualities which may interest her.

The shy girl cannot remake her personality for a vacation but she can assure herself of a reasonably good time if she hurries the first barriers. The follow-up work is important. Having made acquaintances on her vacation, she should try to cultivate them further to increase her circle of friends.

Canada Is Best Customer of U.S.

Dominion Leads May List as U.S. Buyer and Seller

WASHINGTON — Canada was listed as both the best buyer and seller for markets of the United States during May in a detailed study of exports and imports by the Commerce Department.

The study showed that merchandise moving out of the United States to 51 others during May was greater than for the same period of 1935, except to five nations. These were France, Portugal, Iran, the Gold Coast and Jamaica.

May imports, although above 1935 in aggregate, declined from last year's total from more than a score of countries. Chief declines were from Japan, Brazil, Argentina, Netherlands, Chile and Colombia.

For the first five months of this year the 10 best customers of merchandise from this country ranked in order are the United Kingdom, Canada, Japan, France, Germany, Mexico, Cuba, Italy and Australia. Export totals range from more than \$158,664,000 to the United Kingdom down to \$26,610,000 to Australia.

Imports for the same five-month period this year show this country bought from nations of the world in this order: Canada, United Kingdom, Cuba, Japan, British Malaya, Philippine Islands, Brazil, China, Germany and Dutch East Indies.

These ranged from Canadian exports to this country valued at \$129,491,000 down to \$26,411,000 from Dutch East Indies.

Exports for five months this year were computed at \$953,971,000 and imports at \$958,469,000.

Noted Clydesdale Breeder Is Dead

Mark Duff, of Myrtle, Has Been Judge at Many Horse Shows

OSHAWA, Ont. — Mark Duff, of Myrtle, 42, known all over Canada as a noted breeder of Clydesdale horses, died in hospital recently after a short illness. He was a past-president of the Clydesdale Horse Breeders' Association of Canada and was a member of the board.

He had acted as judge at all the large horse shows, including those at Toronto, London, Ottawa, Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary and Edmonton.

Mr. Duff started as a boy to breed Clydesdale horses and at the time of his death owned one of the best strings of Clydesdale geldings in Canada. He won the Saskatchewan shield for the best Clydesdale gelding raised in Canada on two occasions. He also owned the Grand Champion mare at the Royal Winter Fair in 1935.

Great Britain

The London Gazette announced that Duke of York would head committee making plans for the coronation. The committee includes Baldwin, Hoare, Lloyd George, Winston Churchill, Austen and Neville Chamberlain.

The Canadian Society of Agricultural Economists will hold its eighth annual meeting at the University of New Brunswick from July 13 to 16. The sessions will be held in conjunction with those of the parent organization, the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists.

More Interest In Public Life Urged

MONTREAL — Serious living and interest in public as well as domestic affairs on the part of women were urged by Mrs. D. C. McDonald, addressing the Montreal Sisterhood Federation. Mrs. MacDonald believed women should be so well trained and instructed they could step in and carry on successfully if war or anything else took men out of the country's everyday activities.

Recalling pioneer days of English settlement in Canada, Mrs. McDonald pointed out that then women helped their husbands in the work of seeding, harvesting, threshing, barn raising and in social activities. "Changes are coming very fast these days," the speaker continued. "Many young women of today have quite different ideals from those of their grandmothers. The question they should study more carefully is whether movies, card playing, cocktail parties and dancing are more conducive to good health, happy homes and the conservation of the rewards of industry than the social enjoyments, recreational programs and home life of half a century ago."

Says Keep Calm To Keep Cool

Public Health Head Urges Emotional Serenity

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The advice of the United States Health Service as to what to do to stay comfortable and healthy in hot weather is, first and most important, to "remain emotionally calm."

Dr. Louise Stanley, chief of the Bureau of Home Economics, has some words of advice about keeping cool in hot weather. Fruits and vegetables, she says, should form the largest part of a hot weather diet. They contain bulk, water, minerals and vitamins. All this means that the diner satisfies his hunger and gets plenty of nourishment without consuming more heat making calories than he can comfortably manage in summer.

And don't overeat. It is bad at any time, but especially dangerous in hot weather and defeats your efforts to keep cool. Eat slowly, eat moderately, eat plenty of vegetables and fruit, and avoid all the heavy heat-making foods. Drink plenty of cool water—you need more water in summer, but don't overdo it.

Hot weather clothing? Dr. Stanley smiled and gave us a note to Ruth O'Brien, the bureau's expert on clothing and textiles. Her research workers have been accumulating facts on textiles, fabrics and their heat conductivity. Much other information, too, that is mighty interesting to women. But clothing in hot weather? It is obvious that light apparel does much to help one endure the attacks of heat and humidity—"but look at most men," chorused the workers in the department. "They for the most part take slight advantage of the improvements in textures and garments."

Cool clothing in general is made of loosely woven material, is light in color and is cut loosely. The loosely woven fabrics allow a free circulation of air, so essential to carrying off heat and perspiration. The ideal clothing in hot weather gives protection from the rays of the sun while making little contact with the skin. That is why cool garments are cut fuller, and is a good reason for the kind of garments worn in tropical countries.

Color has much to do with comfort, also. Of course you, being well informed, know that dark colors absorb the sun's rays while the light colors reflect the light and heat.

Lady Tweedsmuir Receives Honor

LONDON — Lady Tweedsmuir has been appointed a Dame of Grace of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, the Westminster Gazette announced recently.

Persons admitted to this order are "such persons, being subject of the British Crown, and professing the Christian faith, as have performed or are prepared to perform good services for the order and its objects." The objects of the order are the encouragement and promotion of ambulance, hospital and other charitable work.

The order received a Royal charter from Queen Victoria in 1888 as a revival of the military and religious grand priory dissolved by Queen Elizabeth in 1559. His Majesty the King is the Sovereign head of the order.

British Women Tell B. B. C. Their Wants

Voice Pent-up Grievances and Suggestions at Conference

LONDON — In more ways than one the British Broadcasting Corporation got more than it originally bargained for at its conference of women listeners. More, that is to say, numerically, and more critically.

Certainly no sensible woman would miss such an opportunity for voicing pent-up grievances and helpful suggestions, even though they were not within the legitimate scope of scheduled subjects for discussion. All parts of Britain, India, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, and about 50 women's organizations were represented among the 450 delegates.

The morning session was devoted to the question of a suitable time for women's talks, whether cookery and child welfare were valuable subjects for such talks, and whether listeners liked the "Week in Westminster" series. On all points there was a good wrangle. Almost every time of the day was advocated by housewives, domestic servants, hospital nurses, university women, business women, and others. By a majority the meeting favored two o'clock. A solitary hand supported four p.m.

Television Sets To Sell at \$250

WASHINGTON — Television sets that can be sold to the public at \$250 or less and new improvements in equipment that will expand this field for radio, were described recently at hearings being held by the Federal Communications Commission.

Philo T. Farnsworth, of Philadelphia, vice-president of a television corporation in San Francisco, recounted these advances. He said the public interest in television was such that if any attempt was made to withhold it from the public for perfection, "bootleg operations" would result.

The engineer disputed testimony of previous experts that television must be without flaws before it can be offered to the public. Farnsworth said it was not necessary "that the baby be born with a beard."

He said television stations should be located on the outside of large metropolitan areas and the programs directed "toward the centre of the area" so that "interference will be in one direction."

Broiler Trade In Summer

Probably no phase of the poultry industry is more over-supplied than the broiler trade during the summer months, says the Dominion Department of Agriculture and Poultry Market Report. At one time broilers were scarce and prices paid for chickens of this weight were high. It is evident that this is a trade that can be quickly over-loaded. Rarely does one hear of broilers being used in the hotel and restaurant trade. One large restaurant organization in Canada is now following the English practice of roasting all chickens over two pounds in weight and serving half the chicken thus prepared with dressing per person. Experience in this direction, continues the Report, is encouraging and one which might well be followed by other catering organizations, and even featured to advantage by salesmen for produce houses in their sales of poultry.

Jock, a Scottish Terrier

K. A. Mackinnon, in the Montreal Star. You greet me every morning with as joyful a surprise as if I came from Singapore or dropped down from the skies. You're every bit as lonely when I leave you for a day as if I strapped my pack for a trip to Mandalay. But when you know we're going where a beckoning, white road lies,

There's heaven in your titled head and in your eager eyes. And even when I'm quiet with my paper, pipe and book There's utter satisfaction in your most sagacious look. My comrade of the steadfast heart, who knows but there may be Beyond the years a rendezvous for friends like you and I, And whether you arrive there first or whether it be I We're hopeful fellow-rovers and we'll never say good-bye.