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Notes and Comments

What's in a Name? Do you know why this country is called Canada? This

may some day be put to you as the \$64 question. The Encyclopaedia of Canada says there have been many fanciful derivations suggested for it, one from the Portuguese, another from the Spanish, and one even from Sanskrit. But the word is almost certainly derived from the Huron-Iroquois "Kanata," signifying a town or collection of huts. It is first met with the narrative of Jacques Cartier in 1534, where it seems to have reference to the Indian village of Stadacona. The name was applied to the St. Lawrence River (which is described as "that famous river of Canada" in Robert Merchants' map of commerce in 1638), and so to the whole country. It became the popular designation for the colony of New France, as distinct from Acadia, and it continued in popular usage after the British conquest. What does the word "Ontario" mean?

According to Ontario Government Services, issued by the division of public information, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ontario originally was the Iroquois word "kanadarie," which means "sparkling or blue water." It was used to describe the waters of the lake that is now known as Ontario.

Later "kanadarie" was corrupted to "Ontario," and the white settlers gave the name to the land along the lake's shores for an ever-extending area.

A Great Hymn

The 100th anniversary of the composition of the universally popular hymn, "Abide With Me," was observed recently. The words were written by Rev. Henry Francis Lyte, English divine and hymn-writer, and the music by Dr. W. H. Monk.

. Since "Abide With Me" was written, scores of other popular hymns have been given to the world, many of which at least run it a close second, but it is doubtful if any hymn surpasses "Abide With Me" in the beauty of its words, the charm of its music and its appeal to the Christian heart.

The Encylopaedia Americana places "Abide Wih Me" at the head of its list of "One Hundred Widely Used Hymns."

Scared and Hungry

A 115-pound Great Dane, ruled a baggage car this week for a distance of 240 miles beyond Indianapolis, where the leashed animal was to have been put off. Because of the dog's vicious snaps and growls baggage men were afraid to approach him or even to handle baggage in range of his quick jaws. When St. Louis was reached an agent of the local humane society readily placated the aggressive traveller with a few kind words, followed by two pounds of hamburger. The dog, said the agent, had been "just plain scared and hungry"— a statement which the released great dane promptly confirmed by offering his paw.

Dogs, of course, are not too different from men. A scared and hungry dog, a scared and hungry man, both will growl and bite. This fact is natural and natural history has proved long before a frightened, half-famished dog took over a baggage car or there were people who were in fear and not sure of their next meal. If the road to a man's heart is through his stomach so has been the road to peace after every war. For peace is more closely related to a man's stomach than some well-fed idealists might suppose. When it comes to eating, arguments butter no bread and any ideology makes pretty poor fodder. There is some thing to be learned from the friendly Great Dane.

Etiquette in Court

Having had occasion to attend the various court sessions in the county over a period of years, we have noticed that the average layman is at a complete loss as to the correct method of addressing the presiding judge.

This is to be regretted as the courts of law are the people' courts under the democratic form of government. It would be well therefore for the people to familiarize themselves with the functions and procedure of the law as it applies to the correct form of address to judges.

At various times we have heard a judge of the Supreme Court addressed as "Your Honor," "Your Worship" and just plain "Judge." The latter form of address was closer to the correct one than the others but still not the proper

A judge of the Supreme Court should be addressed as "Your Lordship" and referred to as "His Lordship." A county court judge is addressed as "Your Honor" while a magistrate is always addressed as "Your Worship."

We would not suggest for a minute that familiarity with the correct terminolgy should in any sense indicate that the layman has been arraigned before a court as a defendant. Rather, there should be pride in the knowledge of the operation of the courts and in the ability to use the correct terms when the occasion may demand.

Farmers Grouse But Won't Act (The Newmarket Era)

Less than 50 farmers in the county attended the meeting in Richmond Hill Saturday night, called by the York County Federation of Agriculture to protest the unprecedented increase in the price of feed-grains. The farmer is often heard stating his case thus: "Big interests control the government and the farmer never gets a hearing." That small audience at Richmond Hill is the reason farmers never get a hearing. They have a case but they won't press it.

The farmers are the largest single group in the country. With the pressure of organized numbers, they could get whatever they want from the government. If the farmer is to be believed, the opposite happens. "The farmer always comes last." The farmer always will come last if that protest meeting at Richmond Hill is any sample of farmers in action. Numbers mean nothing unless organized; organization means nothing unless backed by an active membership.

The night the meeting was called was a raw one with rain and wind. For most farmers, it would have meant a long drive to attend the meeting. But what are those discomforts when compared to knocking little pigs on the head or selling off poultry flocks because it costs too much to feed them? Perhaps the federation isn't what the farmers want, but if it isn't, is there anything as good or better in sight? Maybe the farmers thought that a protest meeting in Richmond Hill wouldn't mean anything, but a good shout from Richmond Hill would have meant a lot when blended with protests from all over the province. At Richmond Hill, the protests of 500 farmers would have carried a lot of weight but 50 aren't going to be given much attention.

From the look of the meeting at Richmond Hill, the increase in feed grain prices can't mean much to the farmer. Were it not for the economic fact that production costs cannot rise while revenue remains the same without someone feeling the pinch, the whole business could be passed off. As it is, the farmers are up against a serious situation. But they'll get no sympathy as long as they wait for someone else to skin their cats and grousing all the time at the delay.

The farmers have a case but until they show they are willing to do something about it, all the talk on the concession corners isn't going to accomplish a thing.

Balanced-Buying

Canada's import restrictions, imposed November 18, and aimed at cutting our United States dollar expenditures, will sharply influence buying habits in this country. The import of some consumer goods is prohibited, while quotas have been established for others Capital goods, consisting mainly of industrial machinery, may be prohibited or restricted at the discretion of the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply.

Though at first glance these regulations seem drastic, they are designed to correct our lop-sided balance of trade with the United States. In the case of quota imports, expansion room has been allowed for the volume of goods coming from the sterling countries, and if these sources are fully exploited Canadians should be able to satisfy many of their needs from that area. At the same time, by spreading our buying more evenly over the world, we are not only helping to correct our own dollar balance, but that of all countries in similar difficulties.

Goods which may be imported on a quota basis include oranges, grapefruit, lemons, fruit juices, potatoes, apples, onions, and almost all out-of-season fruits and vegetables. No restrictions have been imposed on bananas, figs, raisins and prunes. Also in the restricted group are most manufactured textiles, all leathers, and many miscellaneous items, such as clocks and watches, cutlery, toys, sporting goods and smoking supplies.

Canadians living near the border will find their international shopping drastically curtailed, for all of these prohibitions and restrictions apply to goods purchased in the United States and included in travellers' baggage.

With a moderate measure of austerity prevailing in the country But that is not the whole story and unrest in the rest of the world, of the new early session and in the fourth session of the 20th Canaddition there are many other adian Parliament is meeting in troublesome matters bound to be Ottawa confronted with an unusual-brought up for discussion and decwhich promises to provide bitter question of oleomargarine, revision controversy and a flood of exciting of the Income Tax laws labor code, news for the masses such as this revision of the Elections Act, vetveteran, impartial observer cannot erans preferences, Bill of Rights on freedom, abandonment of appeals At the moment three events stand beyond the Supreme Court of Canout. The trade and tariff agree- ada, declaring the Communist Party ments are the most comprehensive illegal, inguiry into the Canadian

ment was summoned for this rea- eral provinces, especially in Quebec scenes on Parliament Hill now ason. Such restrictions could be im- and Ontario, followed the consult- bout the need for Senate reform in

parently these were not foreseen the National Liberal Federation in prise to hard-boiled politicians when exchange control laws were Ottawa in Dec. These reason that this new session if action is taken ent. established so that the Government when Premier King will relinquish to start such reform, though so far wants approval now of its action the Liberal leadership that he has the gossip has been in whispers afrom Parliament. The soaring cost-held since Aug. 7, 1919, his succes- bout such a move. Right now the of-living and continuation of some sor, suggested here as Rt. Hon. Senate is composed of 65 Liberals much the precious contribution inflation," said Transport Minister kinds of controls are exceptionally Louis St. Laurent, will possibly and 23 Progressive-Conservatives, urgent subjects requiring the at-call an election for next fall or not with no less than 10 vacancies. tention of the people's represent-long afterwards before the Presi-

atives. These are all bitter, controv-dential vote in the United States, While various estimates have ersial issues in Canada and it is though, of course, the new premier been made of the probable amount this in mind, they argue that Pre-save under the new bans or resthat happens, noting that Quebec's time is practically impossible be gough, president, Trade and Labor strictions that hindered trade.

the moment that the banned goods program. will involve about \$150 millions and capital goods group about \$500- ian Government Travel Bureau. 000,000, together with untold import cuts resulting from 25% excise tax cutting out use of U.S. im- established a pace-setting pattern ports, so that it is impossible to for other countries," stated Prof. estimate exactly how mny U.S. Charles Hendry in a speech in the dollars may be saved. Briefly, these capital. estimates are guesswork and can only be judged as such in efforts to determine trade balance.

cigarettes to move up too, just as coal supplies this winter. soon as present stock in the stores States; one thing you do not have port restrictions. in to smoke, but with food it's differ-

which universities and colleges are Chevier. making to the progress of the Canadian nation in all its domains," said Acting Premier Louis St. Laurent in an address here.

cause concrete actions have not so Congress of Canada on the new far been decided. It is expected at Canadian Government austerity

based on these imports up to June "In our lifetime, our game re-30 this year; travel restrictions sources have disappeared and we from \$30 to \$40 millions; automo- have been apathetic about it," combiles and parts about \$65 millions mented Leo Dolan, Director Canad-

"In social services Canada has

"Reports received recently from fuel dealers' associations show that this advice has not been heeded as Reports here indicate that cigar fully as the situation demanded," prices are rising in Canada at the declared Reconstruction Minister retail level and tobacconists expect Howe warning Canadians about the

is sold. In addition, imported cigars "We urged this policy upon the are expected to disappear from the government weeks ago but accommarket since the wrappers. for panied our demand by urging that many cigars are received from out-beneficial price controls should be side sources, such as Havanna, continued," commented M. J. Cold-Sumatra and Southern United well, CCF Leader on the new im-

"An increase in our production of highly-sought materials and food-"Canadians cannot appreciate too stuffs is the best bulwark against

> The fight between the trucks and the railroads will undoubtedly begin again due to the results of the 23-nation Geneva conference.

"It will probably take some time Few people realize that the mier Duplessis may want to get trictions, yet it is learned here for the full effects to become ap- Geneva conference did more than ahead with his election call before that an accurate estimate at this parent," remarked Percy Ben-just slash tariffs. It wind out re-

evident that excitement over them can choose his own timing. With of U.S. dollars which Canada will is reaching a climax. ly important and heavy agenda ision, including the budget, the human rights and fundamental of the federal elections if held

in Canada's history and these must Broadcasting Corporation, National be discussed. The extremely ser- Film Board, Civil Service Commiss- restrictions on imports will cut off lous U.S. exchange problem must ion, streamlining the procedure in supplies of dolls, toys and many be dealt with, though Canad's U.S. the House of Commons, etc. Obvious other articles usually expected by dollar reserve still stands at \$500, ly, out of this session will come a boys and girls from Santa at Xmas, 000,000 which is \$100,000,000 more flood of news and much of it will yet Santa will not dissappoint the than when war was declared in concern directly or indirectly the youngsters this year because it is 1939 and that alone was not why everday life of the masses, making learned that Canadian stores had re-Parliament was not called since this one of the most active sess ceived their supplies well in adlegally the Foreign Exchange Con-lions in Canada's history. trol Board has the right to impose import restrictions, even if there Rumblings of an election in is a popular opinion that Parlia- the federal arena as well as in sev-

recall for many years.

Premier has summoned his legislature well ahead of the usual date to meet Jan. 14th with the hope of completing the session by Easter and his political activities being intensified lately. Likewise, it is argued that Premier Drew may want to hold the Ontario vote in advance next fall. The last Quebec vote was on Aug. 4, 1944 and the Ontario vote vance in 1947. Though Canadian Government

vance in 1917...

There is much talk behind the posed by Order-In-Council but ap-lation between Premter King and Canada and it would be no sur-

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