

Canadian Author Writes Book About Canada For 'Foreigners' Role in Film

QUEBEC (CP)—The newest book written about Canada for foreign—and especially European—readers has come from the pen of Jean Bruchesi, 51-year-old, Quebec historian and civil servant.

Mr. Bruchesi was commissioned to write "Le Canada" by publisher Fernand Nathan of Paris, for the collection "Merveilles de France et du Monde," "Wonders of France and of the World."

The author, who is provincial under-secretary of Quebec province and a member of many cultural societies, jumped at the chance to help make Canada better known and loved by contributing a book to the de luxe collection.

Mr. Bruchesi had several historical works to recommend him for the job of writing the text and selecting the photographs for "Le Canada."

The University of British Columbia recently informed him it has selected his "Histoire du Canada" as required reading in one faculty.

A book on Canadian history, written especially for youngsters, "L'Épopée Canadienne," has been used for several years by French-speaking school children in British Columbia.

Mr. Bruchesi's office, with its Canadian paintings, Breton statues and piles of books, is far from a quiet retreat in which to write books.

At odd moments between his administrative duties, numerous trips and lectures at Marguerite Bourgeoys College for women in Montreal, he finds time to write and look up archives and other works on the country's history.

WELL ILLUSTRATED
"Le Canada" made heavy demands on its author. Apart from writing a 15,000-word review of leading political, religious and intellectual facts in Canadian history he selected 132 photographs, out of 800, showing various points of interest in the country.

"This book will be translated in several languages," he said. "It is the first of its kind to give an accurate idea of Canada's achievements, past and present."

The cover of the book will show a view of Quebec City from the top of the Quebec legislature tower.

GRIMETHORPE, England.—Leonard Harrison received a telegram saying he had won £6,767 in a football pool, but the cheque that came was £767. Investigation showed a clerical error had led to a mistake in the telegram.

Bus Driver Plays Leading Role in Film

By BERTRAND THIBAUT

QUEBEC (CP)—Quebec author Roger Lemelin has applied to Canadian theatre the principles of the post-war Italian motion picture school in a National Film Board production, first of a series of films to be produced in collaboration with Canadian authors.

The idea is to give the main parts in the films to persons not connected with the theatre professionally, in order to obtain the greatest possible realism. The idea is brought into actual practice in the film L'homme aux Oiseaux—A Man and His Birds—which had its first showing here recently.

Camille Fournier, Quebec autobus operator, plays the leading role in the film.

An interesting documentary film on Quebec City, the film is about a man who likes birds so much that he loses his job because of them and goes all over town looking for another position. He finally finds another job aboard a ferry running between Quebec and Lévis.

SCENIC SHOTS
Most of the scenic sections of Quebec are included in the movie.

Cameraman Grant McLean of Ottawa started shooting scenes for the film July 15, 1951. It was completed Sept. 10 the same year.

Background music was written by Maurice Blackburn of Ottawa.

Dialogue written by the 33-year-old Lemelin is based on popular French as spoken by Quebecers.

Fournier, 44-year-old star of the picture, said:

"My portrayal would have been less sincere if I had had to speak learned French instead of words that come from the heart."

Novel Art Classes In Museum

MONTREAL (CP)—Canadians here are displaying new interest in art through a series of informal art classes under Dr. Arthur Lismer, noted Canadian artist, at Montreal museum's art centre.

Dr. Lismer's unique recruiting campaign consists of equipping the main gallery of the museum at the beginning of each month with paints, tables, oils, clay and such, and casually placing appropriate working tools within easy reach.

A crowd gathers and as many as 100 sit down shy under the encouragement of an instructor and dabble with whatever they fancy. The instructor suggests, encourages and mildly criticizes the efforts.

Describing it as a "creative diversion for city people," Dr. Lismer said in an interview his aim is to encourage people to "let off steam" in painting, modelling and designing.

CREATIVE FIELD
"For many who attend," he added, "the classes are a return to a creative field which once absorbed them—rather like finding a door open to the peace and pleasures of childhood."

"If we're not to become a nation of onlookers, we should take more interest in this type of hobby."

Too much leisure time was spent in "watching"—hockey, television, movies. None of these gave people a chance to express themselves.

Some sessions are for children only, others for high-school students. The largest class comes from professional people and white-collared workers.

Catholic Card Party Draws Many Players

Twelve tables were filled for the last Catholic card party of the year this week at which Miss M. W. Pearson and Mrs. J. Hamilton won the prizes for whist.

Mrs. A. Norton and Mr. J. Cloutier won the cribbage prizes. Winners at bridge were Mrs. C. P. Balagno and Mrs. J. Krause.

Convener was Mrs. G. P. Lyons and refreshments were in charge of Mrs. A. Brebner, Mrs. George Fleming, Mrs. N. Galbraith and Mrs. L. Colussi.

Next card party will be held on Jan. 15.

The world's most southern city, Punta Arenas in the Strait of Magellan, is the centre of a large sheep industry.



NEW CARDINAL—Canada's new cardinal, Msgr. Paul Emil Leger, tries his hand at sawing wood at a charity home in Montreal. This photo of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Montreal was taken before his departure for Rome some weeks ago. (CP PHOTO)

OFFICIAL STORY OF WORLD WAR II

LONDON (CP)—The first of some 25 volumes embracing the official history of Allied military campaigns in the Second World War is due to be published Dec. 10.

The work, dealing with operations in Norway, has been compiled by the historian, Dr. T. K. Derry, and is based on extensive research and specially-prepared summaries by a selected staff of narrators. It took 18 months to complete.

The remaining volumes, being put together under the direction of Prof. J. R. M. Butler of Cambridge University, will be released in series, with the deadline for the final number set for 1955.

The latest report shows that more than 12,000,000 documents, including unit war diaries, are stored in War Office vaults for detailed check by the narrators.

Altogether 92 summaries, or blue books, were projected as a foundation for the official histories of the widespread global operations. Those assigned to this job are mainly hand-picked retired senior army officers. Already 87 of the blue books have been completed, with the remainder expected to the ready by 1955.

HIGH COST
Cost of the undertaking is reported to be about £80,000 a year.

Because the Second World War was global in extent, with operations co-ordinated in Washington and London, Butler plans to devote five volumes—one written by himself—to grand strategy.

Six volumes covering operations in the Mediterranean and

Woman Prison Head Claims Segregation Would End Riots

TORONTO (CP)—The head of prisons for women in the United Kingdom says she believes prison riots in the United States and Canada would disappear if prisons were smaller and prisoners were segregated.

Miss N. Nellaby, one of England's five prison commissioners and the only woman in the group, is studying Canadian reform institutions on her trip to Canada. She said in an interview here that "small prisons eliminate trouble." In smaller institutions, she said, "the men are under closer observation and guards are able to spot easily any would-be trouble-makers."

The largest British prison,

Wandsworth in London, holds 1,400 men and "is much too large," she said. The average, however, is less than 400.

OVERCROWDING CAUSE
"The riots in Canada and the U.S. this last year can definitely be traced to the size of the jails and overcrowding," she said.

"When you get more than 1,000 men in one prison, it is bound eventually to lead to trouble."

Miss Nellaby has had 17 years of prison work, and she says there hasn't been a prison riot in the United Kingdom for years.

"All new prisons in England are designed to hold 350 at the most," she said.

She emphasized the importance of keeping prisoners segregated. Hardened criminals, murderers and sex perverts should be kept from other prisoners.

—Foot Lights—

By LILIAN MILLER

Months of hard work and weeks of frayed nerves were rewarded by two very appreciative crowds when the Little Theatre presented "Ask Me No Questions" on Monday and Tuesday. Comments overheard afterwards, such as "excellent acting" and "I enjoyed the play," were encouragement to the cast for the next job.

Next stop was Terrace. This meant packing stage sets, props, make-up, personal belongings and high spirits into the train on Friday night. Reports from Terrace were that a sell-out crowd was expected.

BRIDGE STILL USEFUL
CHARLOTTETOWN.—Steel rails are being removed from the Hillsborough bridge here which was condemned for heavy railway traffic more than a year ago. Installation of plankings is making it a smoother route for motor traffic to the east and south.

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