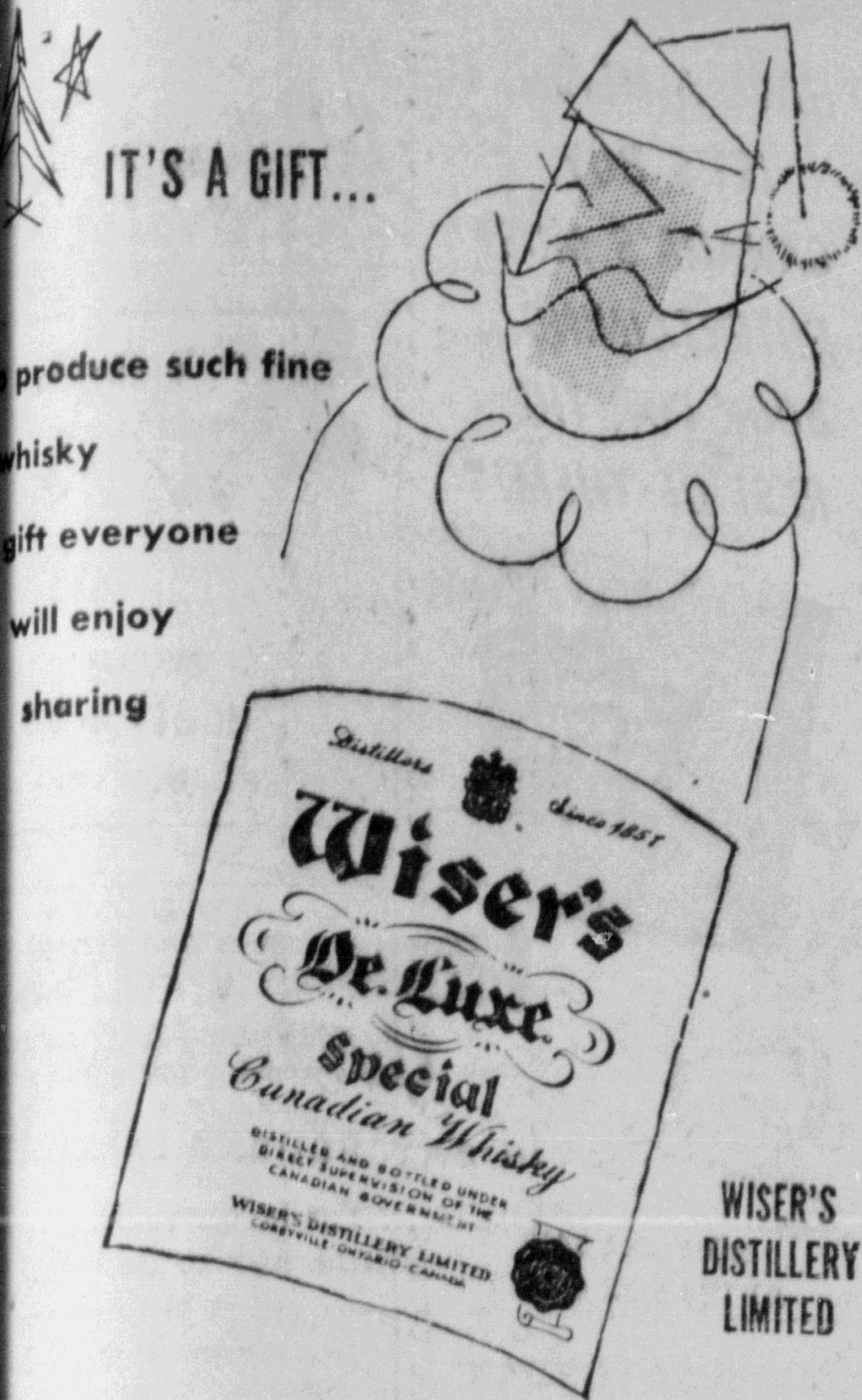


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Royalty's Busy Year

By ALAN HARVEY
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LONDON—The affection felt by the British people for members of the royal family came strongly to the surface in 1951 when a threat of tragedy touched Buckingham Palace.

The announcement in September that the King was to be operated on for a serious but undisclosed lung ailment provoked a heart-felt emotion. Before and after the operation Sept. 23, crowds of ordinary people, some of them hardly knowing why they were there, waited quietly outside the palace.

Surgeons removed all or part of the King's lung. After tense days of waiting, it was announced the danger period was over. Some weeks later the King's recovery was described in court circles as a "miracle."

The illness shadowed a year of intense activity and high prestige for the royal family. For Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, the crowning event was the six-week tour of Canada, which drew cheering crowds and had the incidental effect of arousing a greater British interest in Canada than any single event in recent years.

In a speech Nov. 19, two days after her return from Canada, the Princess said in a speech at London's Guildhall:

"I would like them (Canadians) to know that they have placed in our hearts a love of their country and its people which will never grow cold, and which will always draw us back again to their shores."

It seems reasonable to suppose that Elizabeth came back from far-off Canada a slightly changed person, conscious for the first time of the vast distances and genuine feelings of a country she one day will rule as queen.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

During 1951 the Princess saw more of her sailor-husband, Prince Philip, than she had since their marriage in 1947. She started the year with him at Malton, before he gave up command of the frigate Magpie, and at year's end the couple spent their first Christmas at home with Prince Charles, 3, and Princess Anne, 16 months.

Philip came home from Malta for the opening of the Festival of Britain May 4 and has been on indefinite leave since July 21.

All members of the royal family attended the opening ceremonies of the festival, the King hailing it as a "symbol of Britain's abiding courage and vitality."

In the same month, the King and Queen welcomed King Frederik and Queen Ingrid of Denmark on a state visit. But the King was confined to the palace with a lung inflammation in June when King Haakon of Norway made history by arriving in the Thames River in the 1,600-ton royal barge Norge. King Haakon was greeted by the Queen and Princess Margaret at Westminster Bridge.

On a more personal level, 1951 saw the blossoming of a slimmer, more style-conscious Princess Elizabeth, ready to give her younger sister Margaret a run for her money in the fashion-plate stakes. Buckingham Palace made known that Elizabeth had gone on a diet and gossips whispered that husband Philip had had a hand in influencing her choice of clothes.

Margaret was less in the limelight than usual. She celebrated

THE EXPERTS Say...

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DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS—Among a lot of ideas for Christmas decorating are tips for the table.

To repeat the bright colors of tree ornaments, festive bowls of fruit are recommended. Pomegranates, for instance, were well known in the Holy Land long before Christ. Red apples should be polished until they fairly glow. Bright red Emperor grapes and glossy bits of holly contribute more color.

For the dinner table or buffet is suggested a big platter of persimmons, pomegranates "for sentiment," black Ribier grapes, oranges, apples and bananas. A cluster of deep green candles and a base of pine completes the picture.

Finally, for the festive dessert, "Ambrosia." Ingredients: six oranges, three bananas, three tablespoons lemon juice, one-half cup honey, one-half cup grated fresh or shredded coconut, Marachino cherries.

Cut oranges into sections, slice bananas and toss together. Mix honey and lemon juice and pour over fruit. Sprinkle with coconut and garnish with cherries. Serve well chilled.

FARTYING—Home economists say that Christmas parties plan themselves. Simple refreshments are always best to serve, particularly ones that can be prepared ahead of time.

Party spread can be made early, and in quantities large enough to last for several parties.

Combine various types of cheese, meat, fish or poultry with pickles, olives and spices. These can be placed in bowls and everyone allowed to serve himself. Instead of a bowl, a grapefruit or orange shell makes an excellent container for the filling.

spread suggestions: cream cheese, finely minced garlic, salt and pepper and Worcestershire sauce; or cream cheese, mayonnaise and chipped dried beef; again, cream cheese, ground, steamed prunes, figs or apricot and chopped nuts.

Finely minced ham or chicken, chopped olives or gherkins and

her 21st birthday at Balmoral Castle Aug. 18, made the rounds of theatres and night clubs less frequently and had so many different escorts that columnists scenting a romance had to scatter their shots. In November she visited Paris and once kept Supreme Commander General Eisenhower waiting when her chauffeur took the wrong turn.



STORMY WEATHER—Alberta is being plagued again with winter storms. They recall snowstorms of last winter which isolated communities and even buried trains such as this passenger train near Oyen. (CP PHOTO)

nuts also make a fine spread. Liverwurst, chopped pickles and mayonnaise make another tasty sandwich.

THRIFT LOBBY—The Canadian Association of Consumers has urged the federal government to ban the practice of resale price maintenance, and has called on all consumers to add their individual voices to the campaign.

In a special bulletin to all its members the CAC asks them to write their members of parliament asking them "to protect the interest of the buying public in these times of high prices by voting to outlaw the present price fixing practice of resale price maintenance," the system whereby manufacturers fix the retail price of their goods.

A contestant on a quiz show in St. Paul mentioned that the population of her home town had remained the same for a number of years. "Every time a baby is born, someone leaves town," she explained. — The Reader's Digest.

SYDNEY, N.S. (CP)—The new council met here in a renovated council chamber, complete with plush leather seats, panelled walls, tiled floors and new desks. Satin drapes shroud the windows and the city crest is inset in the floor.



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