

WE ARE FORTUNATE

HEAVILY LADEN freight trains heading east and west across Canada and ships plying our coasts and inland waterways today testify to the abundance of the Canadian farmer's produce as the Dominion prepares to celebrate its second peace-time Thanksgiving Day Monday.

But the bare spots on the pantry shelf and the ever-present ration book in the housewife's purse are eloquent reminders that while Canada's granary is full, her resources and those of other nations of the New World are strained by the needs of less fortunate peoples abroad.

Canadians may well be thankful that we will not lack food in the coming winter and that we are in a position to make a substantial contribution to areas in many parts of the world which are perilously close to the starvation level, if they have not already reached it.

With British crops hard-hit by disastrous late summer rains and many lands badly disorganized by the effects of war, the list of countries in need of outside aid reads almost like a roll-call of Europe and Asia.

Then let us gladly accept our rationing programs in good nature and give thanks that we are today among the more fortunate of this world's peoples.

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THANKSGIVING DAY

A REGULAR thanksgiving holiday was first observed in Canada in 1879 when the Marquess of Lorne, then governor-general of the young Dominion, fixed November 6 as a day "to attend church and give

thanks". Days of thanksgiving had been held earlier to celebrate specific occasions, usually British victories in battle.

The early French settlers held similar celebrations and on the capture of Quebec in 1759, the British held a service in the Ursuline chapel "to give thanks to Almighty God for victory." A similar service was held the following year to celebrate the fall of Montreal.

But Monday's holiday will be of a different nature. The Thanksgiving turkey has become one of the holiday's most significant features—especially in the minds of the young—and families take advantage of the long week-end to hold reunions around the festive dinner table.

From 1918 to 1930 the holiday was celebrated in conjunction with Armistice Day on Nov. 11 and took on a greater religious significance. But in 1931, in response to representations by First Great War veterans and other organizations, the latter date was set aside as Remembrance Day and Thanksgiving reverted to a Monday in October.

A day of thanksgiving for material blessings was first set aside by the Pilgrim Fathers who expressed their gratitude to God for their first New England harvest in 1621. In 1864 President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day and this date is still adhered to in the United States.

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SHORT OBSERVATIONS . . .

. . . Rumors, even when they support your views, are dangerous to repeat, even behind closed doors.

. . . There have been practically no cases of juvenile delinquency in Prince Rupert since the Civic Centre opened in March.

SEEKS SPEEDUP FOR BUILDING

CARDIFF, Wales—Members of the Welsh parliamentary Labor group and trades union representatives are seeking a speed-up in government plans for the construction of new factories in Wales.

These plants are a major factor in the Labor administration's full-employment program to eliminate the heavy unemployment which persisted in the principality between the wars.

After a Cardiff meeting, Cliff Prothro, secretary of the South Wales Regional Council of Labor, said: "We agreed that the government plans in themselves were all right, but we felt we should like to have more evidence of the plans being made operative."

Ness Edwards, parliamentary secretary to the labor ministry, said the building effort in the South Wales development area is "unparalleled."

"The total area of new projects planned is between 6,500,000 and 7,000,000 square feet," he added. "There are 100 factories in process of construction in Wales, covering an area of 3,900,000 square feet."

The problem, said Mr. Edwards, is to "provide building labor and materials" for the construction program.

Promote Future Of Welsh Towns

HAVERFORDWEST, Wales—Pembrokeshire Joint Planning Committee is studying a comprehensive program for the future of the towns of Pembroke and Pembroke Dock, aiming at a population of 20,000 compared with the present 12,000.

J. A. Price, county planning officer, drafted the scheme. "Pembroke Dock, created and ultimately abandoned by the government, is sadly lacking in industrial activity," he said, "but it is to be hoped that the promised assistance under the Distribution of Industries Bill will soon materialize and thus revitalize the area and attract even further industries."

Of Pembroke he said: "There seems to be great possibilities of fostering the tourist industry here, and most of many suggestions made for Pembroke have been put forward with this end in view."

TOO MUCH VARIETY

LONDON—Walter Stell, 33, variety artist whose off-stage "turn" was fishing letters out of post-boxes, was given 18 months' imprisonment. He pleaded guilty to stealing 19 postal packets in the course of transmission.

LONDON—The new Hereditary King's Champion is Lieut. J. L. M. Dymoke, 20, who succeeds his father who has resigned.

ALASKA LURES QUEBEC WOMAN

MONTREAL—The famous "call of the wild" cannot compare with the call of Alaska, "something indescribable," says Bernadette Jean, principal of the Girls' Commercial School at Arvida, Que., who arrived here recently after spending three months with her brother Joseph Jean at Goodnews Bay, a mining village on the Bering Sea.

Joseph Jean is one of Alaska's pioneer prospectors.

During her Alaskan stay, Miss Jean visited the platinum mines at ultra-modern Platinum City, spent a few days at mining camps at Watamuse Creek, went through the salmon canneries at Cordova, and fished for "enormous" trout.

While visiting Anchorage, she was the guest of Mrs. Sydney Lawrence, wife of a well-known Alaskan painter.

The school principal said Alaska's summer climate is similar to that of the Saguenay district of Quebec but the cities are much warmer. While she was at Fairbanks the mercury reached 92 degrees.

Miss Jean had high praise for the Alaskan scenery and said pictures did not do justice to the midnight sun, "something that has to be seen to be believed."

DRIVER HITS MOOSE COW

BURNS LAKE—D. H. Fawcett, salesman, while driving to Smithers had the bad luck to run down a little cow moose, some two miles west of Boo Flats. Finding the little two year old was fatally injured, he had the good sense to put it out of misery and bleed it. His car was slightly damaged. Investigation by Game Warden Milum substantiated the statement of the traveller.

REGULATED LIGHTING

Street lights now can be automatically regulated to provide the required illumination, regardless of the weather, by use of an electronic switch.



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BOOK WEEK SET OPENING NOV. 2

TORONTO—Tribute will be paid to Canada's writers next month during Canadian Book Week, sponsored by the Canadian Authors Association to gain recognition for native talent.

Branches of the association across Canada will join publishers, booksellers, libraries and schools November 2 to November 9 in planning displays of Canadian work and illustrated talks and lectures by Canadian authors and critics.

Mrs. May Pashley Harris of the association's Windsor, Ont., branch, national convener of the Book Week, said Canadians had long been accused of harsh treatment and neglect of their native literature. Librarians and booksellers reported that a book by a Canadian writer is never judged by the same standards as one written by an outsider.

Mrs. Pashley said that in recent years Canadian writers have come to the forefront of the literary world. She cited "Two Solitudes" by Hugh MacLennan of Montreal and Halifax and "Earth and High Heaven" by Gwethalyn Graham of Montreal as outstanding recent works of Canadian fiction and mentioned "Gauntlet to Overlord" by Canadian Press war correspondent Ross Munro which had "retained a high place" in the field of war reporting.

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Questions and Answers

GENERAL

Q What are Canada Savings Bonds?
A Canada Savings Bonds are the successor to Victory Bonds and War Savings Certificates. They are your country's promise to return your money to you at any time and to pay you interest at an attractive rate.

Q Why are Canada Savings Bonds being offered?
A Because during the war, millions of Canadians learned the savings habit by buying Victory Bonds and War Savings Certificates. A recent survey shows that 82% of them want to keep on saving by a similar plan.

Q Is the Government selling Canada Savings Bonds just to raise money?
A No. Borrowing needs of the Government can be met by other types of loans. The main purpose of the Canada Savings Bond is to provide Canadians with a convenient way to continue this kind of saving and investment in peacetime.

Q Is there any limit to the amount of Canada Savings Bonds that one person may hold? If so, why?
A Yes. There is a limit of \$2000 for each individual, but each member of a family may hold bonds up to the limit.

Q What is the price of Canada Savings Bonds?
A 100%. That is, a \$100 bond costs \$100. If payment is not completed on or before November 15th, 1946, interest will be added to the purchase price.

Q In what denominations are Canada Savings Bonds available?
A \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000.

CASHING OF BONDS

Q Can I cash my bond at any time before November 1, 1956?
A Yes, any branch in Canada of any chartered bank will cash your bond immediately at full face value, plus interest at 2 3/4%, upon your identification as the registered holder.

Q Can Canada Savings Bonds be assigned or transferred?
A They can be cashed, but not assigned or transferred. This is necessary to prevent any individual from acquiring more than the authorized limit.

INTEREST COUPONS

Q What interest is paid on Canada Savings Bonds?
A 2 3/4%—payable yearly on November 1st from 1947 to 1956, by coupon cashable without charge at any branch in Canada of any bank.

Q Are interest coupons registered?
A No. They are payable to bearer.

REGISTRATION PROTECTION

Q Why is it necessary to register Canada Savings Bonds?
A Registration gives protection in case your bond is lost, stolen or destroyed. It is also the simplest way to ensure that individuals do not hold more than the \$2,000 limit.

Q In whose name can Canada Savings Bonds be registered?
A They can be registered only in the name

of one individual, adult or minor, up to the amount of the authorized limit.

Q Can Canada Savings Bonds be registered in the name of a child be cashed?
A Yes. Banks are familiar with the necessary regulations.

Q Can Canada Savings Bonds be assigned or when registered in the name of a third person?
A Yes, any bank will supply the necessary information.

Q Can I replace my Canada Savings Bond if they are lost, stolen or destroyed?
A Yes. It is wise, however, to keep Canada Savings Bonds in a safe place, as you may have any other valuable documents. In case of loss you should immediately notify the branch of Canada, Ottawa, of the circumstances.

HOW, WHEN AND WHERE TO BUY

Q Where can I buy Canada Savings Bonds?
A At any branch of a bank or from an authorized investment dealer, stock broker, trust or loan company—or through the payroll savings plan if this is in operation at your place of employment.

Q How do I pay for Canada Savings Bonds?
A In any of the following three ways:

1. By payment in full at time of purchase.
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