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Glad Victoria Day . . .

It is significant that Canada's first annual holiday after victory celebrations should be Queen Victoria's birthday. Her reign was marked by the development and extension in the Empire of the democratic institutions and ideals whose defence called forth unparalleled exertions for the war against Germany and the yet unfinished war against Japan.

The celebration of Victoria Day in the Dominion is brightened by the end of the war in Europe and by the prospect of the early return of thousands of her fighting men from overseas. On many battle fronts these men have been drawn closer to the empire's peoples in their common defence of freedom during the years of war.

Sovereign for 63 years, longer than any other British ruler, Victoria as her reign went on became

the object of ever increasing loyalty and love. With her great grandson, George VI on the throne, Canada this year celebrates the 126th anniversary of her birth.

Born at Kensington Palace, London, May 24, 1819, daughter of Edward, Duke of Kent, son of George III, Victoria succeeded her uncle, William IV, to the throne 18 years later.

In the United Kingdom and other dominions and colonies Victoria Day celebrations have been merged with those of Empire Day. In Canada, however, Empire Day is celebrated on the school day immediately preceding May 24.

Incidentally the idea of Empire Day is ascribed to a Canadian, Mrs. Clementina Fessenden, a member of the Wentworth Historical Association, Hamilton, suggested patriotic ceremonies in the schools of the city. The Dominion Educational Association took up the idea and in 1899 the observance of Empire Day began in Canada.

The late Earl of Meath developed the idea of Empire Day in the United Kingdom, the first celebration being held there in 1902. School children around the world now participate in annual Empire Day festivities, but only Canadian school children mark Queen Victoria's birthday with a whole and separate holiday.

HERITAGE OF CULTURE SAFE

VATICAN CITY, May 23 (P) — Several million books, manuscripts, scrolls and codices belonging to some of the oldest and richest collections in the world have been deposited for safekeeping in the Vatican during the war.

This huge cultural patrimony includes a book of laws dating back to the sixth century; three law decrees of the 10th century; a treatise on religion by St. Thomas Aquinas written in his own hand, and a prayer book donated by Pope Alexander VI to Christopher Columbus, with a note believed written by Columbus himself.

The first library to be removed to the Vatican was that of the Polish Academy of Cracow in Rome, shortly after the outbreak of the war in 1940. The last was the Chigi Archives, which were removed from the 17th century Chigi Palace in Ariccia, near Rome, while the battle of the Italian capital was in full swing towards the end of May, 1944.

The collection of Mount Cassino Abbey was removed by men of the Herman Goering Division in October, 1943, taken to the fortress of Spoleto in central Italy, and later brought to Rome.

As for the Vatican library, containing one of the rarest collections of Greek and Roman clas-

sics in the world, it was felt that, owing to the neutral status of the Vatican and its sacred character as personal residence of the Pontiff, the possibility of an international bombing was to be discarded. Fear of damage from anti-aircraft shells, however, prompted the removal of the most important collections from the top floors to a safer place, and in 1942 a special shelter was built, its whereabouts a closely guarded secret.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We are going to take in a show tonight."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "overalls" (a garment)?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Erroneous, erration, erratic.
4. What does the word "insidious" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with de that means "skill; adroitness"?

Answers

1. Say, "We are going to a show tonight."
2. Pronounced as spelled, not overalls.
3. Erroneous, not overalls.
4. Intended to entrap; characterized by treachery and deceit. "There is no more insidious peril than this."
5. Dexterity.

The favorite ornament among Roman women was a safety pin.

LETTERBOX

MACHINISTS' STATEMENT

Editor, Daily News:

At the last meeting of the National Union of Machinists, Fitters and Helpers, Local No. 1, it was unanimously agreed that it be brought to the public's attention through the medium of the press that we emphatically deny that there was any foundation for the statement made in the broadcast of April 27 made by Mr. Bruce Mickleburgh L.P.P. wherein he stated—"while Rupert shipyard workers are fighting to free their unions of Trotskyite C.C.F. domination so they can win wages, conditions and continued employment."

We do not think that one of your readers has ever heard of wage dispute since the yard went into production for the simple reason that wages have been frozen.

When Mr. Mickleburgh talks of continued employment there was only for one short period some time ago the danger of a serious let down and we do not think for one moment that a Trotskyite C.C.F. combination was the cause of it. Rather it looked to us as if there was a "come together-ism" of all the elements necessary to keep the yard at full strength—the management giving us the straight facts at the time, the townspeople who would be most

affected by a shut-down and the unions showing their strength to keep the ball rolling.

We are sure that if Mr. Mickleburgh had done a little more thinking it would have been impossible for him to overlook the co-operation of all the groups concerned in their endeavour to obtain orders for the yard.

We are also very sure that if a Trotskyite C.C.F. group had tried to wreck the endeavours of the able committee appointed in this respect it would have been made an issue of in the press.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the space granted in the publishing of this letter.

NATIONAL UNION OF
MACHINISTS, FITTERS
& HELPERS.

Local No. 1

RHUBARB FROM EUROPE
Rhubarb was brought to America approximately 150 years ago from Europe.

BATH CENTENARIAN DIES
BATH, Eng., (P) — Mrs. J. Bindon, Bath's oldest inhabitant, died in an infirmary where she had been a patient 12 years. She was 101, and could neither read nor write.

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"HARA-KIRI"

The expression hara-kiri referring to the Japanese honorable suicide, comes from the Japanese words, hara meaning belly and kiri meaning cutting.

CREATION OF PARLIAMENT

Bill of 1867 Outlined Constitution for Dominion's Law-makers

OTTAWA, May 23 (P) — Canada's parliament, for which a new House of Commons will be elected June 11 by Canadians of voting age, was created by the British North America Act of 1867 according to established principles of the British constitution.

Thus, it consists of the King, represented by the Governor-General, the Senate and the Commons, each with responsibilities and privileges.

The 245 members of the Commons must be elected at least every five years. The 96 senators are appointed by the government for the day and hold office for life unless their terms are ended by resignation or dismissal for well-defined causes.

Members of the Commons and the Senate receive a seasonal indemnity of \$9,000 for each regular session.

Leader of the majority of members elected to the Commons by custom is called by the Governor-General, in the name of the King, to form the new administration and that leader becomes prime minister. This year the swearing in of a new government may be one of the last official functions of the Governor-General, the Earl of Athlone, before he returns to Britain later in the summer.

Choice of cabinet ministers is not restricted to those of the leader's followers who were elected with him. Outsiders may be chosen, although in practice they rarely are—but they must obtain seats in the Commons as soon as possible.

Administration is in the hands of the prime minister and the cabinet—those he chooses for the portfolios representing the various departments of government and ministers without portfolio.

LIBERAL POLICIES MAKE JOBS

The Liberal Working Plan

for Full Post-War Employment . . .



For Veterans—\$750,000,000 to get them started in good paying jobs in industry, on the land or in business for themselves as each of them chooses.

Housing—\$400,000,000 to finance the biggest building scheme this country has ever known.

Family Allowances—\$250,000,000 a year to lessen the burdens of parenthood and to equalize the opportunities of young Canadians for success and happiness.

Export Credits—We've got to have exports if we're going to have jobs. Your Liberal Government has arranged to finance war-wrecked countries who will be our good customers later on.



Industrial Development Bank—Your Liberal Government has set up machinery to help enterprising Canadians develop new business.



Farm Loans—One man in every three in Canada works on the farm. To help them get better equipment, your Liberal Government has arranged that they can borrow the money they need for better working and living conditions.

Floor Prices—The Liberal Government's policy is that when farmers and fishermen prosper, so do other Canadians. It has therefore taken action to put a floor under the prices of farm and fishery products.

Reduction of Taxes—Your Liberal Government believes in jobs first. To this end, taxes will come down to free spending power.

These are just some of many steps in your Liberal Government's Working Plan to ensure full employment after the war. In addition it has stimulated tremendous private savings in Victory Bonds and War Savings Certificates. It has put through Unemployment Insurance. It has set up a special Department of Reconstruction staffed by experts. In fact all its policies are directed to the same end—a "high and stable level of employment and income"—and each contributes to the success of the others. The Liberal Party offers you a complete and well co-ordinated working plan!

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