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Canada as a Nation

CANADA, both enlarged and growing, committed herself to her first formal international alliance and talked a little louder, a little firmer as a world power in 1949.

In historical perspective, the year ranked large. Newfoundland, defence bastion, major air base, source of iron ore, famous fishing field, became the 10th province. That absorption and the influx of immigrants drove the national population towards 14,000,000, some 80 percent larger than at the start of the First World War.

The North Atlantic Pact lined the world up in two hostile files, east against west, and Canada was an unabashed and energetic factor in the process.

In world councils, she spoke harshly against an acceleration of Russian aggression in eastern Europe, was accepted as an equal and far-from-mute partner in crucial currency talks with the United States and United Kingdom, proclaimed her refusal to be a mere "camp follower" of U.S. in world policy, and participated in the paramount decision which kept India, Pakistan and Ceylon within the framework of the Commonwealth.

At the year's end, the embassies of Ottawa were watching with interest the newest phase of the peace-with-friction relations between Canada and the United States—an American delegation coming to Ottawa to try to hammer out difficulties over an air agreement signed June 4.

The governmental negotiations and the Air Transport Board's challenge to Colonial Air Lines for bucking the agreement were evidences of an independence enunciated by External Affairs Minister Pearson in a Commons speech that raised six specific issues for settlement between the two countries and said neither should take the other too much for granted.

Mr. Pearson's year was his first full year as the political head of the department he served for years as a career diplomat. It brought his department to the full flush of post-war expansion and tapered it off at a staff of between 1,200 and 1,300, half of them abroad, as compared with 174 in 1939.

The minister represented Canada at the Commonwealth conference on India and was elected chairman of the first (political and security) committee of the United Nations General Assembly, one of the two most important posts the assembly has to offer. As the year concluded, he was off again, to a Commonwealth conference in Colombo, Ceylon.

Internally, the department came under a new under secretary or deputy minister in A. D. P. Heeney, former secretary to the cabinet; named Dana Wilgress high commissioner to London; announced high commissioners would go to India and Pakistan; shuffled a number of diplomats around the globe.

The shifting scenes of ideological struggle and post-war development brought a request from Communist China for recognition, one that remained in abeyance; encouragement for the new West German Republic and a recognition that sent Lt. Gen. Maurice Pope to Bonn from his military mission in Berlin; a call by Mr. Pearson for a new attempt to write a peace treaty with Japan.

Into Ottawa came a procession of big world names to underline Canada's advancement, including Prime Minister Nehru of India, Defence Secretary Johnson of the United States, Foreign Ministers Bevin of the United Kingdom, Count Sforza of Italy, Schuman of France, Van Zeeland of Belgium, Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan of Pakistan.

Out of Ottawa went a much larger procession, delegates to no less than 130 international conferences. Statistics alone indicated national growth and the world complexities that were growing with it.

City ambulance rushed John H. Brown of Kitkatla to General Hospital at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. He was picked up in front of the post office at Seal Cove suffering with injuries to his arm.

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Supreme Gift At Xmas Love

Preaching before a capacity congregation at First United Church on Sunday forenoon, Rev. Lawrence G. Sieber, in a sermon on the topic, "Christmas Comes All Wrapped Up," stressed the importance of the gift rather than the wrapping. The true Christmas came wrapped up in hearts. The gift of God, His Son Jesus Christ, was the supreme gift of love. People, in turn, should give their love.

In addition to well-known carols, sung wholeheartedly by the large congregation, the junior choir of twenty-three voices sang two special numbers: "We would see Jesus," and "The First Nowell," the latter with a very effective descant. The children's story, the story of the writing of the words and music of "Holy Night," as narrated by the minister was appreciated, the melody played as a background by organist Henry Pluym, being finely done.

In the evening Mr. Sieber spoke on God's Gift Unspeakable. The celebration of Christmas was a day of childhood and home life. It was one of the great days of the year. It was full of hope and the dawn of life. The birth of Christ had a greater influence on the spiritual and moral life of the world than any other event. Yet at the time the idea of peace to the subject Jewish people had seemed a mockery. Now it was seen that the event was indeed the beginning of peace among men of good will. So now people might take heart and believe that peace will come. It was coming, but its coming depends upon the good will in the hearts of men.

Special music was provided by the solo, "Star of Bethlehem," splendidly sung by John E. Davey, and the Christmas Carol, "Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep," by the senior choir with the descant taken effectively by Mrs. R. G. Large. J. S. Wilson was in charge of the choir. In addition to the usual organ selections, the playing of the "Gloria" from Mozart's "Twelfth Mass," in the morning, and the "Hallelujah" Chorus from Handel's Messiah by organist Henry Pluym in the evening was most impressive.

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NATION-WIDE STRIKE FIZZLES IN FRANCE—A nation-wide general strike called in Paris, France recently, fell short when hundreds of thousands of workers, defying the unions, worked as usual. The strike, however, halted all Paris subway, bus and commuter train service. Here, at one of the main stations in Paris, striking workers watch shipments which didn't get under way until the following day.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Comfortable fortunes passed through the liquor vendor's store usually appears well in advance in Prince Rupert last week. The transfer of cash, on Saturday alone, must have been sizeable, although Friday is sometimes thought of as the most important of the two days just before the twenty-fifth. The city's sales, as a general rule, are impressive, seen in the annual reports and 1949 should be no exception. Distilling and brewing can be classified as big business.

The annual flood of calendars usually appears well in advance of the New Year but there will be some waiting this season alone. There has been a long drawn out strike of lithographers in Eastern Canada. Hence the walls, for another few weeks, may not be adorned with so much scenery, smiling faces, wild and tame animals and innumerable other subjects. Without the calendars, sharp on time, it does not quite seem to be New Years.

AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver (today)—R. D. Cleland, Miss D. McDonald, G. Skokum, F. McKay, R. McLeod, Miss Dorothy Kergin, R. Telford.
From Vancouver (Tuesday)—Miss M. Steeves, W. Ross, H. Hampton, W. Dale, H. Gale.
From Vancouver (Monday)—Mr. Rowsed, Mrs. Clark.
From Sandspit (Monday)—Mr. and Mrs. Lasette, Mrs. M. Helin and child, G. Larchell.
For Vancouver (Tuesday)—Miss Betty Payne, W. H. Rogers, Mrs. J. Boulton, Miss S. Stevens, G. L. Evans, R. Lindner and Miss C. Montgomery.

For Vancouver (Monday)—W. L. McAtee and Miss R. Weir.
From Vancouver (Saturday)—A. Hill, Miss L. Montgomery, W. H. Rogers, Miss D. Macdonald, Mrs. J. Boulton, Miss E. Johnston, Miss Dorothy Kergin, Miss J. Thornton and Mrs. H. Richardson.

From Sandspit (Saturday)—Mr. Jefferies.

For Vancouver (Saturday)—Harold Hampton, S. G. Furk, N. Haywood, Mr. Landreville, Miss J. Fraser, F. Nelson, E. W. Hoover, G. Toop, W. Moritt, J. Dorgie, and J. Flynn.

For Skidegate (Saturday)—Mr. and Mrs. W. Price.

From Vancouver (Friday)—J. Wick, Miss Payne, Miss F. Stevens, H. N. MacTier, Miss K. Wallace and J. W. Macri.

From Sandspit—Mr. and Mrs. Demchuk and child.

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