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## Proper Business

WHETHER the exchange rates are favorable or whether they are not, the government services should do business like other people have to do in the matter of handling United States money. In fact, such places as the Post Office (and the liquor store) should set the example in good business methods and service.

It is pretty ridiculous that the Post Office, as it is doing, should just not accept American money because there is a discount against it at the bank and, if the clerks take it, they have to pay the discount themselves. Naturally, if that is the best the Post Office authorities can do, the money has to be turned down with all the inconvenience and ill feeling that may be entailed.

There will be a lot of American money offered at the Post Office here this year, particularly by the thousands of tourists, and the government should at least arrange to accept that money, even if it does involve a charge being made. It should be easy enough to make the arrangement.

It's just poor business if the Post Office is going to say unceremoniously to its American patrons: "Take your money away! We do not want it!"

The Post Office did not say that when American money was at a premium and we do not remember the premium being allowed either.

The whole thing may not seem too important but the principle is wrong.

## Conquer Cancer Here

PRINCE RUPERT'S annual Conquer Cancer Campaign will be held soon.

Canadians who enlist in the campaign against cancer will, this year, have the satisfaction of knowing that they are part of a truly international crusade. The International Union Against Cancer, working under the auspices of the World Health Organization of the United Nations as co-ordinator of 55 countries, have now united their technical and voluntary resources against the disease.

The aims of the Society are three-fold. They are: education, research and welfare.

The Society's educational program is directed toward acquainting people with the need for early diagnosis and adequate treatment; and toward dispelling the sense of fear which has existed for too long a period of time.

As far as research is concerned, much emphasis can be put upon this aspect of the Society's endeavors. Cancer continues to baffle our doctors and scientists. We must encourage them to pursue their investigations aimed toward the ultimate eradication of one of the worst human scourges of all time.

In the field of welfare the British Columbia Division helps needy cancer sufferers with costs of transportation to and from a treatment centre; with nursing home care; with drugs; and with house-keeper service in the home. The Society does not pay for diagnosis or treatment but its welfare program ensures that a cancer sufferer need not delay treatment because of inability to meet these additional and related costs.

Prince Rupert will come more fully under the Cancer Society's benefactions with the first traveling clinic due to visit here next week.

## Quick Canadian Quiz

1. What is Canada's oldest manufacturing industry?
2. In the United Kingdom, social welfare and social security spending amounts to \$44 per capita annually. What is it in Canada?
3. Victoria reigned for how many years?
4. What was our principal import commodity last year?
5. In dollar value which is greater, our Atlantic or Pacific fisheries catch? (Answers on Page Four)

**INDIAN STEED**  
The cayuse originally meant an Indian pony, the name deriving from an Indian tribe in the western states.

**PIONEER PRIEST**  
Joseph Denis, born at Three Rivers, Que., in 1657, was the first native-born Canadian to enter the priestly order of the Recollets.

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## ray ... Reflects and Reminisces

Pots of shamrock were seen in the House of Commons on St. Patrick's Day and, generally speaking, the austere chamber was not above committing quite a few "shenanigans." Well, the Prime Minister's mother was Irish although it must be admitted that St. Laurent does not sound like Erin's Isle.

### PLENTY ALREADY!

Canada has enough problems without presuming to assist South Africa in helping solve troubles of her own. It's there they belong exclusively and not in Canada on the other side of the world. Some misguided individuals have been wondering if Johannesburg would not like to hear a few suggestions from Ottawa.

When he says your face looks familiar, that's what he's trying to be!

The moving of business premises from Third Avenue to Third Street was accomplished this week—the first time such an operation has been seen in years. Another building on Third Avenue, some years ago, attempted a forward movement all on its own, but received no encouragement. It's still on the same site when it was erected '43 years ago.

### EACH WAS A HIT

Another song writer, whose simple melodies had a virtue that gave power, has passed away. He was Percy Wenrich, 72, of New York. His songs? One can mention a few. "Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet." Do we ever hear it hummed today? Hardly. Or "When You Wore a Tulip and I Wore a Big Red Rose."

Canadian casualties in Korea total 713 with 131 dead and 517 wounded. There's nothing cold about that.

The SPCA of Victoria feel indignant. It seems an old lady with enough money to keep more than a hundred cats as pets died recently, with instructions to destroy all the toms and tabbies. There must have been a poor shot somewhere for the casualty list included wounded. Hence, SPCA wrath, which was to be expected. A cat is a useful and harmless little creature, and even a hundred can be distributed among homes or aboard ships to advantage, no matter how their original owner felt concerning their fate.

Gentleman: Any man a girl hasn't been out with yet.—Franklin Jones in Post.

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## As I See It

by  
*Elmore Philpott*

### That New Anthem

THE Conservative London Spectator is an excellent weekly. But surely it made a mistake when it picked the following as the prize winner in the contest for a substitute fifth verse in God Save the Queen:

Not for these isles alone  
Endures thine ancient throne.  
The verse goes on to say that in lands across the sea, proud nations brave and free acclaim "Our Queen."

But she is our Canadian Queen too; and we Canadians would feel pretty silly singing "not for THESE isles" when THOSE isles are thousands of miles away.

NOW THAT we have a queen again I realize how old I am, and also how far the world has moved in the RIGHT direction in a half century. I started to school in 1902, a couple of years after Queen Victoria died.

But as the older members of the family all sang the words of

THE SOLDIERS OF THE QUEEN, I knew them off by heart even then.

"It's the soldiers of the Queen, my lads, who've been my lads, who've seen my lads, in the fight for England's glory, lads, when we have to show them what we mean. And when we say we've always won, and when they ask us how it's done, we'll proudly point to every one of England's soldiers of the Queen."

You just could not get people to sing those blatantly jingo words now, unless they did it as a joke.

SOME WIT wants to know why I am so excited over a standard version of "O Canada." He says it does not make any difference what the verses are supposed to say — because most people just sing O Canada, O Canada, O Canada over and over and over again right through the whole song.

One year I went on a coast to coast lecture tour for the Canadian Club and so had a chance to compare the way they sing "O Canada," right across the country. Of course the French Canadians sing it with far more verve and vitality and what they call "elan" than the rest of us do.

But in English speaking Canada I only found two cities where they played the song and sang the song as anything but a dirge. They were Winnipeg and Nanaimo. In most other places they droned it out like a dead march.

BUT I don't feel so ashamed of Canadians not knowing "O Canada" when I go down to the States. For there you soon find that hardly any Americans really know "The Spangled Banner" right through either.

I get a lift out of many good

## Builder of Alcan Highway, General O'Connor Passes

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Funeral services for Brigadier General James A. O'Connor, 66, who supervised construction of the Alaska Military highway, was held at San Diego Friday.

General O'Connor died of a heart attack Sunday at his Los Angeles home.

As head of the northwest service command from 1942 to 1944, O'Connor supervised construction of the highway from Dawson Creek, British Columbia, to Fairbanks.

He also served as chief engineer in the China-Burma-India theater and headed a team which built the famed Lido road from Burmese China after the Japanese took control of the Burma road. He retired in 1946.

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