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# Thanks To A Noted Order

TODAY an organization that is held in high esteem the world over, marks its 855th birthday, and Prince Rupert along with the rest of Canada owes it a vote of thanks and a helping hand. It is the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, parent body of St. John Ambulance and this city is extremely fortunate to have within its limits a most active branch of this First Aid group.

While the City of Prince Rupert ambulance is manned by paid firemen, members of the ambulance crew are qualified first aiders. The ambulance is on call 24 hours a day with men trained by the St. John Ambulance. Unknown to many citizens, a St. John Ambulance man is present at practically all sporting events. He isn't distinguishable by his blue and white uniform, as he is in the larger cities, but he is there nevertheless with his box of first aid equipment. An injured basketball, football or baseball player usually finds the St. John man at his side by the time he reaches the bench.

All winter long classes in First Aid were carried out by experienced members of St. John, who spread the gospel of easing the pain of injured persons until medical aid can be summoned. Long hours, months, years are spent by these men to teach others to help themselves should the need arise.

Within the next 40 days St. John Ambulance volunteers will take on the biggest job they have ever been called on to handle in British Columbia when they serve the huge crowds at the British Empire Games in Vancouver. More than 300 St. John Ambulance personnel from as far away as Montreal will be ready to serve the public at the Games and as in all cases their services will be free. Apart from a small administrative staff, practically all St. John Ambulance workers are unpaid volunteers.

For this reason the Order has launched a campaign to raise \$100,000 to carry on its volunteer services. Every quarter, fifty cent piece or bill of any denomination sent to 345 West Third Avenue, Prince Rupert, will help this noteworthy cause. Such a small contribution could pay wonderful dividends should you or a member of your family need the services of a St. John Ambulance man some day.

# My Lady's Nicotine

JAMES BARRIE would probably be profoundly shocked by the news, but one of the results of the continuing investigation of cigaret-smoking is that some ladies are turning from cigarets to pipes to enjoy the fragrant weed.

The most interesting possibility is that pipe-smoking may change the feminine nature. Pipe-smokers are notoriously men of few words; they have to be, because of the necessity of removing the pipe from the mouth before giving utterance. —Halifax Chronicle Herald.

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by  
**Elmore Philbott**

### Last Go First

CNR NEAR Winnipeg:

There are quite a few far western MPs on the train today for there is an unwritten rule in the parliament of Canada that those who come farthest may go home first.

The "boys" from Ontario and Quebec, who go home every weekend all through the session, are told very plainly that turn about is fair play.

Week after week those of us from the far east and far west seacoast ridings have held the fort in parliament on Fridays and Mondays while our mates from central Canada have been in their own homes. Now they have to play it for tat by letting us get away a day or two before the end.

WE LEFT Ottawa without knowing for sure whether parliament meets in the fall, or not till next January.

There is a sharp argument about this in the cabinet—so we back-benchers hear via the grapevine.

One school of thought says that it is just a waste of time to meet in the fall, because that just gives the longer-winded MPs the chance to be longer-winded than ever. They say that no matter when the House is called to meet it never finishes the job until the midsummer heat and humidity literally drives the sweating MP's out of Ottawa. Therefore, this school of thought argues—it is plain silly to meet in the autumn.

Over against this argument is the other, which seems to be sure to win out, for I think it includes the Prime Minister. They reason like this:

The job of being an MP has come to be pretty well a year round task—and in fact the increase in the pay was made on recognition of that fact. They say it is all very well to talk about streamlining the rules and shortening the debates—but that the Opposition will always find ways of dragging things out as long as they—the opposition—choose to do so.

BY AND LARGE, the younger MP's who bring their wives and families to Ottawa prefer to meet in the fall. That enables them to put their children in Ottawa schools, and keep them there for the full fall and spring terms.

Everyone knows that it is a terrible hardship on a child to be shifted around from pillar to post, especially in mid-term.

A good many of us, including me, do not care when we meet—so long as we get plenty of notice in advance, so we can make our family plans accordingly.

ON THE WHOLE, I think about the hardest thing to take on the MP's job is the Ottawa climate. I can well believe the legend that Queen Victoria picked the capital of Canada blindfold, by shutting her eyes and sticking a pin in the map.

Ottawa is too cold in winter and too hot and humid in summer. The best thing about the city of Ottawa is the westward train.

The best way to raise one child is to have two—Ladies Home Journal.

Sir Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden, after a brief call in Washington next week, will make another in Ottawa. Each will be of first importance. But that's what the public know nothing whatever about—now, or later on.

B. C. likes to let the public know how greatly tourist travel is appreciated. Nevertheless there's only four days out of six on which you are able to do what amounts to considerable business. Wednesday remains a problem. A closed store is a closed store. And there's still a number of fellows who buy and sell for a profit—not to stay open for a few hours only. Sometimes tourists remarks are worth overhearing.

The diplomatic colony in Soviet Russia agree there are three good things in Moscow. The first is caviar. The second in vodka. The third and best of all is an exit visa.

Always forgive your enemies. Nothing annoys them so much. —Oscar Wilde.

An old midwestern farmer was asked if hot weather was really good for the corn crop and he replied, "well, somebody said that during a hot spell, and since it was too hot for anybody to deny it, that's how the damned idea started."

Americans don't travel as much as you'd think, says Readers Digest for June. Fifteen million persons have never been more than 250 miles from home. One person in ten has never travelled on a train. About 52 per cent of total population cannot swim. The typical American likes most of his neighbors—only two per cent say they don't get along.

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At the close of the parliamentary session the MPs generally are feeling just a little frustrated. For seven months now they have labored with commendable diligence and considerable conscientiousness. Yet they feel that they haven't been too successful all that time in holding the ear of the public.

They admit that the session hasn't been spectacular. Post-election sessions never are. For there's never any use in fighting over again the issues that have just been decided at the polls. And the next general election is too far off to be realistic. Hence a post-election session generally provides a breathing spell for politicians and political parties alike—unless in some exceptional period of partisan strife such as the stormy nineteen-twenties.

But despite the lack of fireworks at this first session of Canada's 22nd Parliament, the MPs feel that it contributed some highly useful work. The bulky revisions of the Bank Act and of the Criminal Code were marathon legislative projects that had to be done. It is admitted that the work would have been done more satisfactorily if decisions hadn't been laid over on the controversial issues of capital punishment and the legalization of state lotteries. In addition, the world's longest pipeline was authorized to bring Western Canada natural gas to Ontario. The prospect is that this gas will mean an important fuel saving to residents of Eastern Canada. Then a start was made on pensions for the nation's disabled citizens. The National Housing Act was amended to make its terms of repayment longer and easier, even although in the process interest rates and other charges went up. The Customs Act was strengthened, although again with only qualified success since experience already has shown that the changes aren't fulfilling

their main objective of halting the dumping of United States textiles in the Canadian market. From the standpoint of the MPs themselves, of course, the feature legislation of the session was the bill which they passed to raise their own immunities. The legislators argued that no lesser folk than \$10,000-a-year men—or women—should be considered suitable material for sitting in Parliament. As they themselves were \$8,000-a-year men at the time, their argument was a condemnation of themselves. Once they had set the stage by raising the indemnity, they should, both in logic and in consistency, have bowed aside and let real \$10,000-a-year men take over.

But consistency has been a fetish of Parliamentarians. Besides, once they raised the indemnity they automatically became \$10,000-a-year men. And wasn't that all that mattered?

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