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Thanksgiving Day

THANKSGIVING DAY, to be observed for the 70th consecutive time as a Canadian holiday, is a modern version of an immemorial custom.

Most agricultural peoples of the ancient world set aside at least one day during the autumn equinox to give thanks for the fruitfulness of the earth.

In Rome the period was marked by feasts and parades in which cornucopias—"horns of plenty"—symbolized man's thankfulness for the year's harvests. Druids, Greeks, and Israelites also selected similar festivals.

In the New World, the modern holiday was first observed as a day of religious thanksgiving by the New England Pilgrims, who set apart a day for thanksgiving at Plymouth immediately after their first harvest in 1621.

Later, George Washington and succeeding presidents of the newly-formed republic named various thanksgiving days for war victories and good crops. In 1864, while the Civil War still raged the United States, Abraham Lincoln appointed the fourth Thursday in November as an annual day of national thanksgiving.

In Canada, Thanksgiving Day has been observed annually since the Marquess of Lorne, then governor-general, fixed November 6, 1879, as a day "to attend church and give thanks for the blessings with which Canada has been favored during the year."

Nowadays, a day of rest, recreation and family reunion, Thanksgiving has lost much of the religious or patriotic fervor that inspired it in former years. Early chroniclers tell of victorious British troops celebrating the storming of Quebec and defeat of French forces on the Plains of Abraham with a thanksgiving service in the Ursuline Chapel at Quebec.

During the First World War the religious aspect of Thanksgiving Day became deeply rooted and from 1918 to 1930 it generally fell on Armistice Day, November 11. But representations by veterans' groups led to the Dominion establishing November 11 as Remembrance Day, which became a statutory holiday in 1946, and Thanksgiving was moved forward to an early Monday in October.

CANADIAN POLITICS

THE SUMMER, politically speaking, has been active. The by-elections and conventions to choose national party leaders have been singularly free from extremes of language or over-emphasized zeal.

In fact, comparing public life in Canada now, with what it was a few generations ago, reveals an impressive difference. There was plain speaking in the eighties, the nineties, as well as later. Numerous scoundrels were at large. So platform speakers declared although no one was under compulsion to believe such remarks. Campaigns were as hot as prejudice, old scores, race, religion and hard times could make them. The Northwest Rebellion, the Manitoba school question and North Pacific sealing were only a few of the higher lights. Many other matters bristled with unsolved points.

Today Canada has her problems but differing in character and on a wider basis. Unity continues to be urgent but there is less necessity and reason. Canada is gradually moving further away from purely domestic disputes and drawing closer to nationhood and the broader outlook.

NEWFOUNDLAND TO BENEFIT

EARNING ONE'S LIVING in Canada, while not exactly easy, or entirely free from the anxieties and responsibilities involved in gaining a livelihood, should nevertheless appear in a highly favorable light to the people of Newfoundland once they find themselves part of Canada's population. Newfoundland is an austere land. Plenty of effort is necessary for even moderate returns. The general run of toilers are, on the whole, accustomed to the hard way. It might be said they expect to live their lives in that manner and perhaps feel a more or less dour happiness. This is one saving that Newfoundlanders lack luxuries but not all are on the same social and economic level.

The colony is centuries old and, with the passage of time, distinctions cannot but slowly, and perhaps imperceptibly develop.

To become a province of Canada will go far toward changing conditions. There will be a far wider outlook, a greater sense of power and privilege; the taking advantage of opportunities unknown before, the throwing aside of narrowing restrictions and in closer, more intimate association with the sister provinces, a broader and more satisfying way of life will ensue.

BADLY DISABLED DO GOOD WORK

25 Special Factories In Britain Now Employ 1,200

LONDON.—Seriously disabled men are turning out work that stacks up in quantity and quality with work done by normal workers, a report issued in Britain indicates.

Subject of the report is a successful experiment in social medicine—employment in a specially equipped factory in Glasgow of severely handicapped men.

The factory, which opened two years ago, has proved that seriously handicapped men can work under carefully selected conditions. Output of the factory stand comparison with the output of one employing normal workers, the report said.

The men are engaged in production of electrically heated blankets and work with tools and machinery which has been specially adapted to their disabilities. In some cases special ambulance transport is provided to bring workers to the factory.

STARTED IN 1946

The report states that since the venture was launched in 1946 output per man has more than doubled. The men work a 40-hour week and both during training and afterwards are paid standard wages. The success of the experiment is judged by the regularity of attendance, the steadily rising output and above all by the effect on the men themselves.

This enterprise was started by a private non-profit company. Another experiment of much wider scope is at present being undertaken by the ministry of labor.

Under the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act of 1944 a special corporation was set up to provide work for those whose disability prevented them from obtaining industrial employment. Already 25 special factories have been opened and jobs found for 1,200 workers. It is the intention of the corporation eventually to have over 100 of these factories, 50 of which will be in operation by the end of this year.

You saw it in THE DAILY NEWS

Services in the Church



THANKSGIVING

DIRECTORY
Services in all churches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday School at 12:15 except as shown.
ANGELICAN CATHEDRAL
4th Ave. W. at Dunsmuir St.
Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 2:00 p.m.
Rector: Basil S. Procter, B.A., B.D. (Blue 733)

FIRST BAPTIST
5th Ave. E. at Young St.
Minister: Rev. Fred Antrobus (Green 613)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
4th Avenue East
Minister: Rev. George E. Sendall (Green 982)

FIRST UNITED
636 6th Ave. West
Minister: R.A. Wilson, M.A. (Green 613)

FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE
221 6th Ave. West
Pastor: Paul A. Barber (Green 620)

SALVATION ARMY
Fraser Street
C.O. Capt. Earl Jarrett
Directory Class 2:30 p.m.
Sunday School 3:00 p.m. (Black 269)

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
5th Ave. at McBride St.
Pastor: E. Solland (Black 610)

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN
Seal Cove
Archdeacon E. Hodson
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m. (Blue 827)

COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL
East End Hall, 2:30 p.m.

WRITTLE, Essex, Eng. (C)—A
cigarette a day less for 20 weeks for 300 parishioners here will save the church roof, says Rev. J. O. Nicholas, appealing for funds to fight the death-wat beetle.

SOUTHCRAKE, Norfolk, Eng. (C)—A
funeral bier dated 1683 was found buried under the bell-fry of the parish church here during excavations.



First Presbyterian Church
Fourth Avenue East
Minister:
Rev. G. E. Sendall, B.A., B.D.
Music Director: Mrs. E. J. Smith.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES
11:00 a.m.—"Be Ye Thankful."
Junior Anthem:
"A Song For Harvest."
7:30 p.m.—"We Shall Reap."
Anthem: "Render Thanks Unto the Lord."
The Solo (J. A. Teng):
"Great Is the Lord."

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
October 10
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11:00 a.m.—Festal Service with Sermon by the Rector.
2:00 p.m.—Children's Thanksgiving Service. This service is specially for the children of the church. Parents are also most welcome to come and worship with their children. Conducted by the Rector.
7:30 p.m.—Festal Evensong and Sermon by the Rector.
Special Thanksgiving Offering.

WORTHING, Eng. (C)—T. H. Tessler, 80, who broke the world speed record at more than 60 miles an hour in 1903 on a motorcycle he made himself, died here.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1948
12:15 p.m.—Sunday School
7:30 p.m.—Gospel Service.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Speaker: Mr. Bert Ewald
Topic:

"CHRIST—OUR THANKSGIVING"

Note: Fellowship Half-Hour following this service. (Refreshments).

Wed., 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
Thurs., 3:30 p.m.—Mission Band.

Friday, 7:30 p.m.—Young People's Society.

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Thanksgiving Service on Monday, Oct. 11, at 11 a.m.

CHURCH NOTICE
We invite you to the C.C.F. Club Room, 522 Fulton St.

SUNDAY EVENING, 7:30
to hear our talk on the Kingdom of God, as given in Christ. No collection taken.

Speakers:
F. Steffox and H. Stewart.



EX-PREMIER—Hon. Mitchell Frederick Hepburn, former premier of Ontario, who is now living retired on his farm near St. Thomas, Que.

BOUGHTON UNDER BLEAN, Kent, Eng. (C)—Because the land is needed for agriculture, two 15-foot high mounds, believed to have been the burial places of wealthy Roman merchants about A.D. 100-150, are to be excavated. It is hoped to find glass, vessels, pottery and jewelry.

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Reminiscences

By W.J. and Reflections

Sixty years ago, Seattle was merely another coast town with high hopes, a high mountain over yonder and always out to try and lick another community known as Tacoma.

Front Street was the chief Avenue of traffic and the centre of things was down around Pioneer Square and Yesler Way. It was near there the pride of Seattle stood, this being the Occidental Hotel. It was quite a hostel at that. Streets were steep but living costs were not. Buildings were of modest size. Jobs were not plentiful. No one had ever heard of the Klondyke. The word would have been meaningless as well as sounding odd. There were dozens of reasonably priced, plainly appointed restaurants, with pork or ham among the favorite dishes.

Seattle was a town—nothing more and nothing less. There were only two cities on the Pacific Slope—San Francisco and Portland.

Seattle was little more than 30 years old in '88. It took a longish trudge to go out to Lake Union or Lake Washington. Mud was sticky and the croaking of frogs seemed to increase as twilight came on.

One family of five lived in a cottage with picket fence and garden, and convenient to Lake Washington. Fuel could be had for the taking if one had no objection to bestirring himself. There would be the sound of sawing and chopping as trees that had been felled and burned over, were cut into handy length and loaded on rigs to be hauled home.

Without having luxury, as understood today, people were comfortable. There was no housing problem. All had elbow room. Neighbors were friendly. Practically everybody had a garden. Winter, as recalled from long ago, was like a mild, prolonged autumn. Many homes were ivy covered, and settlers enjoyed coming around for a chat.

It was a pleasant suburb and countryside—spacious and well

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