

Canada finding its identity

The following is the Prime Minister's July 1 message:

There have been times in past years when Canadians conducted an anxious search for national identity. But ready-made identities could not be fixed to a changing, growing land still approaching maturity. Canada has evolved at her own natural pace, nourished by centuries of history. But in this last half of the twentieth century, I feel our country is coming of age. The accumulated years of experience as a nation have provided Canada with a rich contribution to make to the rest of the world.

Perhaps our best contribution can come from a value system which places first priorities on the quality of life for each individual person in our society, and which cherishes each person's uniqueness. Our system does not impose on us slogans or images of what Canadians are supposed to believe in. Rather it encourages each of us to develop to our fullest potential and asks that, as we share a common citizenship, we respect each other's differences.

Six years ago during our centennial year, Canada presented an exciting vision of what the future could be like. Since then we have been pursuing that ideal, attempting to build a society that cherishes the highest human values.

If we Canadians, in our own lives and in our own communities, can strengthen the resolve we already have for tolerance and concern for others, Canada will continue to flourish as an exciting conception of nationhood. We will find our identity reflected back to us from the eyes of the world.

National Film Archives acquires rare early motion picture camera

The latest acquisition of the National Archives is a rare Pathé movie camera, in perfect working condition, manufactured in 1900, from Charles Dell, president of CanAm Photo Equipment, Montreal.

"This is the camera on which most of the early Canadian film was recorded," explains Bill Gallaway,

Project Director of the National Film Collection, "and many of the first Hollywood epics."

The 35mm camera, with exterior film magazines, was manufactured in France. It is hand-cranked, and has a variety of lenses. It uses 100-foot reels of film, providing up to 90 seconds of footage, depending on how fast the cameraman cranks. Similar models were in use until after the First World War.

"In those days, there was no such thing as 'panning' for a shot," says Gallaway. "The camera was stationary, and the subjects simply moved in and out of range. The National Film Archives has footage of a hockey game shot with an earlier model of this camera in 1898, and most of the film shows the players circling in front of the camera. No one wanted to move out of sight."

At the same time, the Archives also required a 1917 model Universal camera of the type on which most of the First World War footage was shot.

The National Film Archives was organized in 1969 to ensure the collection and conservation of all motion pictures of enduring value to Canada. To date, they have amassed almost 12,000,000 feet of film, much of which had been believed destroyed or lost forever.



The National Film Archives' latest acquisition, a rare 1900-model Pathé movie camera which is in perfect working condition. It was the type used to film much of the early Canadian footage now being collected by the Archives, as well as many Hollywood "epics".

Ministerial meeting with Japan

Canada and Japan will hold the seventh meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee in Tokyo on September 4 and 5. The Canadian delegation will be led by the Secretary of State for External Affairs Mitchell Sharp and the Japanese delegation will be led by Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira. Other Ministers from both countries will also attend the meeting.

The Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee was formed as a result of the joint communiqué issued during the visit to Canada of former Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda of Japan. It first met in Tokyo in 1963 and has met alternately in Canada and Japan since then. The sixth meeting was held in Toronto in September 1971. The purpose of the Ministerial Committee is to provide a contact between Ministers of the two countries to exchange views on matters of common interest and familiarize themselves with the problems of the other country. Among probable subjects for discussion are international political and economic developments, bilateral and multilateral trade and finance, agricultural questions, fisheries, the environment and scientific and technological exchanges.

Immediate major expansion of Yellowknife gold mine

The famous Con Mine at Yellowknife Northwest Territories, recently threatened with extinction, is looking at a bright new future with the decision to sink a new mile-deep shaft into one of the major gold orebodies in Canada.

Digging the new shaft to a depth of 5,800 feet at a cost of about \$6 million is the first step in what will be a \$12-million multi-phase project by Cominco Ltd to rejuvenate the mine over a 30-month period. Work will begin immediately and will create about 40 new construction jobs.

The announcement was made jointly by Jean Chrétien, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, and Frederick Burnet, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Cominco.

"These planned and contemplated expenditures will add a new dimension to the future of the Yellowknife area