

There's a Warm Welcome Awaiting In Montreal on 97-Cent Dollars

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MONTREAL, Quebec — Bien venu The welcome mat's out for the stateside visitor in this metropolis, cordial as you'll find.

But here the Yankee dollar is depreciated three cents in exchange for Canadian currency

Little would you know you were in a city where 65 per cent of the population speaks French, just by observing the well dressed people on the streets, or the excellent stocks in store show-windows, until you look more closely and find even street direction are bilingual

There are berets and bicycles, automobiles and horse drawn hacks, motorcycles and teams, traffic moving quickly but sanely Stay in your own lane, or you're apt to get clipped

Canadian and American

Here's a pot-pourri of nationalities, Italian like Deno Marghini, from English derivation as Jim Neal and Ron Thomson, from Polish parentage, Stan Kulin and Francis Z. Stanczyk; pure French Canadian — speaking no English — like Miss Fernande Chritien and Miss Rose Beyold, who explained — by sign language, tapping on an imaginary keyboard — that they are typists or clerks.

College students, workers for industry, all friendly, anxious to make you welcome Although they too are North American, they refer to the visitor from the South as American, while Canadian prevails for them.

Students of the University of Montreal, a Catholic University, often serve as tour conductors for visitors In this case, however, the tour conductors were

the friendly Stan and Fian — or Ziggy Their French flowed as freely as English.

However, one picked up a note of strange pronunciation among a group along the banks of the Lachine Rapids of the St Lawrence River This, he learned, was "text-book French," spoken by a group of college summer students studying that language Pronunciation variations are as common here as between northern and southern United States, between Spanish of the pure Castilian variety and that spoken in Latin America

One Dollar, Three Per Cent Off

Although the U S dollar is welcome in Canada, current rates — now stabilized — of exchange provide for a three-per cent discount To spend \$100 in Canada, you must spend \$103 U S, or you can exchange a good United States greenback for 97 cents Canadian

Montreal, although a thousand miles from the ocean, via the St Lawrence River, is one of Canada's busiest seaports Which explains the visit, to see a former Lancaster County teacher, James C Burt, sail for Europe aboard the Holland American Lines SSMS Seven Seas

Spot checks are made by Canadian immigration authorities at the border, north of Lake Champlain, N Y, in this case For some, baggage is inspected, otherwise there are perfunctory questions on place of birth, residence, ownership of automobile, an estimate of the time you plan to spend in Canada, and at what place Cameras must be listed, and each is checked into the country and out again.

Fields are flat and seasons much later than here From the border north into Montreal, a distance less than 40 miles, small grains were still weeks behind those in the Garden Spot Farms, in general, looked much more conservative than those here, but there was an abundance of tractors, Case and Cock Shutt primarily

News in French, English

The radios poured out news in French and English, of the air collision in Arizona, of a hail storm that wrecked much of Manitoba's ripening wheat crop Road signs were in French and English, but highways excellent

In general, it seemed there has been a plentiful amount of rain, but along the New Jersey Turnpike, irrigation sprinkler systems were busy where truck garden farming was practiced



In downtown Montreal here is one of several outstanding Churches, the Basilica of St James Cathedral on Dominion Square It is a true, half-size replica of St Peters in Rome. Note life-size statues

of the Apostles above the entrance at the left of this photograph furnished Lancaster Farming by the Office Provincial de Publicite Quebec.

According to Stan, ships up to 65,000 tons can dock at the port of Montreal, and the St Lawrence River provides almost a thousand miles of sheltered navigation for ocean-going ships To the north 175 miles is another busy city, Quebec, or Quebec City, capital of the province, also a seaport in its own right

Standards of living are much higher than expected According to the two residents, salaries of \$60 per week are not uncommon for factory workers and \$100 is paid often

Although it is a seaport, Montreal residents are still land-locked and must travel 300 to 900 miles to the ocean Not too long a drive, however, are the Laurentian Mountains

with fine vacationing and fine fishing, the quaint Gaspé Peninsula Far to the North is wilderness country, tundra, Hudson Bay — a land linked to the sea yet land locked

In an excellent educational system, parochial schools cover seven years of grade schools, four years of high school Protestant schools, the residents told, include a year of kindergarten, raising grade school requirements to eight years

College for Agriculture

Colleges and universities are excellent Montreal has two, McGill University — non-sectarian, and the University of Montreal, Catholic There is a branch of McGill near Montreal, McDonald College, at St Anne du Bellevue, which specializes in agricultural courses Religion plays a major role in the lives of Canadiens Churches are everywhere, from modest to elaborate Downtown is the Basilica of St James, a Cathedral on Dominion Square, a true half-size replica of St Peter's in Rome Statues of the Apostles stand in row over the entrance

As a tribute to the "Miracle Man of Montreal," St Joseph's Oratory stands on an imposing hillside, chosen years ago by Brother Andre for one of the most impressive structures in the hemisphere Still incomplete, it will eventually seat 10,000 in its sanctuary Thousands of tons of rocks had to be carved from the hillside to form a setting for the Cathedral, and hundreds of steps must be climbed to reach the buildings

Restaurants Superb Inside, however, escalators lead to the upper floors, to the museum where phases of Brother Andre's life are recorded in

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HORSE SHOW SUNDAY

Members of the Friendly Horsemen's Club will hold their annual Horse Show Sunday, rain or shine, at the Ralph Kurtz Farm near Denver. Sponsor, for civic projects, is the Denver Lions Club.

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