

Red Tape Cut—Faggots Are Coming

The Canadian Department of Health, various boards of tourist promotion both here and across the seas were turned upside down, but you needn't fear . . . the faggots are coming.

In fact, 30 pounds of them will be flown here probably today or tomorrow.

They will be eaten tomorrow night at a dinner in the Windsor Hotel.

And therein lies a tale.

A long tale.

To begin at the beginning, tomorrow, Friday, March 1, is

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St. David's Day — the day Welshmen everywhere burst into song, or otherwise recall their birthland.

In Montreal Welshmen will have something rather special to sing about this year. It is the 60th anniversary of the St. David's Society of Montreal.

Noting, as one member put it, that other patriotic societies such as the St. Patrick's group and the St. Andrew's group manage more spectacular celebrations, the St. David's Society this year have put together their own spectacular."

The "leek"—the Welsh equivalent of the Fleur de Lys — will be in prominence at the dinner - dance but the added attraction is faggots.

The faggot is the Welsh equivalent of haggis and has been a national dish since at least the time of Shakespeare.

But bringing faggots to Canada involved a problem which could be solved only with special dispensation from the Immigration Department.

Faggots is a sort of meatloaf, made from pigs liver, heart and various seasonings. The

meat caused the problem because this type of thing is not usually permitted to be imported.

The St. David's Society here, however, first got in touch with the Welsh Tourist Bureau which said they would provide the faggots if the Health Department would agree to allow them into the country for the special occasion.

Everybody has kept their side of the bargain and if all goes well the fishcake-size faggots will be put on a plane at London Airport sometime today.

They will be served up by a "merch deg" (a pretty girl in Welsh) who will be dressed in traditional costume for the occasion.

"Merch deg" and faggots seem like an irresistible combination.

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