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THE "Y"

The Y.M.C.A. is a distinct and fully recognized asset in an urban community; and in Charlottetown it has played no mean part in developing successive rising generations during its three score and nineteen years existence. The Directors are endeavoring to raise funds to wipe out the accumulated debt of the past few years, and to give the institute a new lease of life under the direction of the recently appointed secretary, Mr. Norville E. Luck, credited with being "a real live-wire." His predecessor, Mr. Ray Pendleton, will long be remembered as an able executive officer quietly going about his work successfully without much trumpet blowing, but accomplishing a great deal in what counts for most in life—character building and physical training. It is to Mr. Pendleton we owe the innovation of Sunday evening Young People's Service, now a regular feature of the winter months. When Mr. Pendleton came here students and young people generally, paraded the streets until time to go to their boarding houses for bed. It strongly appealed to him that something should be done to fill the gap between church and bed, and so with the approval of the Y.M.C.A. directors, and the approval of the Ministerial Association, he started the young people's service. It was uphill work, maintaining discipline and enforcing respect for the properties, but he persevered and made the services the success they are today. Similarly, it is largely due to Mr. Pendleton that the Y.M.C.A. summer camp holds the high place it does in popular esteem. Himself a keen athlete, Mr. Pendleton kept Y.M.C.A. boys prominent at most athletic meets. The depression affected and curtailed the activities of the Y.M.C.A. as it did those of other organizations, but the foundations have been well and truly laid by a succession of able executives and directors, it should be a comparatively easy task now for Mr. Luck with his new ideas to enhance further its usefulness. It must always be borne in mind that the Y.M.C.A. is complementary to ordinary church life. It is not supposed to compete with the Young People's organizations of the various churches, but to supplement them, and provide a wholesome meeting and teaching ground for those who may not have regular church affiliations. In this it occupies a place of prime importance in the community. Collectors will be on the rounds this week and it is to be hoped they will meet with a generous response.

A WORTHY CAUSE

Our citizens, this afternoon and evening, will have an opportunity of patronizing local dramatic art and at the same time help a most worthy cause. The entertainment in question is a three-act comedy "Here Comes Patricia," under the experienced direction of Mr. J. Austin Traylor with a capable local cast. The performances, which will be at the Strand Theatre, are being put on by the St. Charles Auxiliary Society of the Charlottetown Hospital, which is doing such splendid work in connection with the Hospital activities. The Society, like other charitable organizations, is in need of funds to carry on and its initiative in presenting an Easter Monday entertainment programme is deserving of the most generous patronage. The production is of the kind which will be enjoyed by young and old, and is in itself well worth the admission price charged.

FARMERS' CREDIT

The political nature of the opposition in this Province to the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, referred to in these columns Saturday, is again evident in the so-called "Correspondence" column of Saturday's Patriot. The misstatement made therein that a Guardian report showed that "between eleven and twelve hundred Island farmers had already applied for relief" under the Act is published by our contemporary with full knowledge of the facts and with the obvious purpose of misleading its readers. The report in question—a Canadian Press despatch—referred to 1,192 "interviews," not applications, having taken place, as was explained at Wednesday night's meeting by Mr. MacPherson. Our farmers, in whose interests the legislation has been introduced, would do well to be on their guard against misrepresentations of the kind above referred to.

The local Liberal press, a few days before Major McPherson's arrival here, revealed its attitude when it attacked the measure as a part of Premier Bennett's economic reform policy. The Guardian has purposefully refrained from connecting politics with the Act, in the hope that all concerned would co-operate in a non-partisan way to insure its success. We still believe that such co-operation will be given by all who have the farmers' interests at heart. From Wednesday night's discussion, it was evident that the farmers who spoke realized the value of the legislation and possessed a much better knowledge of its operation than its critics seemed to have.

"A FINE EXAMPLE"

Some months ago, The Guardian had occasion to call attention to the strict and impartial manner in which the regulations against drunken driving are being enforced by the Mounted Police. The facts set forth made interesting reading and were republished in a Canso, N.S. newspaper in a feature column sponsored by the Nova Scotia Social Service Council and Temperance Alliance. After quoting The Guardian, and commending the rigid disqualification regulations as wise and necessary, the writer added: "Prince Edward Island is making a splendid effort against great odds to stamp out the liquor evil. It is giving a fine example to other provinces in making and enforcing laws that deal in downright earnestness with the drinking driver." This compliment, coming from such an organization as the Nova Scotia Social Service Council and Temperance Alliance, is a tribute which our Mounted Police will appreciate.

EDITORIAL NOTES

By law this is a holiday, in practice it is not.

Hon. M. A. MacPherson, K.C., must have carried away a very poor impression of the mellibility of some of our hard hit agriculturists.

Now Italy wants to restore monarchy to Austria, what will Hungary say? And all the smaller territories detached and set up separately under the Versailles Treaty?

Mr. Sanderson, M.P., Liberal whip, dubbed Mr. E. W. Beatty Public Enemy No. 1 without any public reprimand from his leader, who calls upon Hon. Dr. Manion to modify a much more moderate statement about the veracity of the editor of the Winnipeg Free Press. There is, however, an implied rebuke to his whip in his statement: "I have seen the same unfortunate occurrence taking place on this side of the House." Perhaps that is as far as he could go in public, perhaps, too, he brought up the Manion incident, says a contemporary, so that he could slip his whip on the wrist.

Pigeons are becoming so numerous about the city that a nuisance is created. In Ontario it is the stalling which requires being put out of business. Speaking in the Legislature Hon. Duncan Marshall admitted the extent of the menace constituted by the steadily increasing numbers of these birds and said that Ontario Agricultural College authorities were now conducting various lines of research in chemicals which eventually might be utilized to cut down their numbers. While admitting the danger of losing poison gas on the roosts of the birds, he believed it to be, he said, about the only satisfactory method of dealing with them.

Establishment of experimental schools, which are not merely laboratories, and investigation of the whole matter of educational administration in Ontario, are deemed necessary, according to the report made by the Elementary Educational Survey Committee to the Minister of Education. The report contains the conclusions reached after a two-year comprehensive study of educational conditions in Ontario, and is based upon opinions of thousands of people including teachers and others interested in education. The principle is laid down that the motion picture theatre is as much a part of the community as the school or the church; that children should be taught appreciation of films, as well as of books, and that the motion picture manager should not need to take a series of pictures because he desires one for his patrons.

Notes By The Way

Unless Japan has a bad conscience, it can see no hostile gesture in an Alaskan air base. The United States has extensive air bases near the Mexican border and near the Canadian border, but neither Mexico nor Canada has a bad international conscience. — Seattle Post-Intelligence.

Amid the diplomatic ferment into which the German overthrow of a central part of the Versailles Treaty has plunged Europe, the position of one nation stands out with singular insistence. Russia is doing her utmost to overcome her revolutionary isolation. Russia is actively courting the co-operation of the western powers. Russia is trying to throw her huge, unwieldy weight behind the very settlement which a few years ago her leaders furiously denounced—Washington Post.

England, which is now engaged in feeling out Germany's intentions, holds the key to the immediate future of Europe. If London stands with France, Italy, the Soviet Union and the Little Entente in demanding guarantees from Herr Hitler that he will not use the new German army for aggressive purposes in any quarter of the Continent, the chances appear better than even that peace of a kind—armed, precarious peace—can be maintained in the foreseeable future. —Baltimore Sun.

Herr von Papen, the German ambassador in Vienna, who is a mouthpiece of the Junker-Relchshehr group was busy last week at his old game of stirring up trouble. He feels so sure of his underground that he can now assume the mantle of prophet and name "Der Tag." He visited the Vienna Fair the other day and looked in at the Wine Hall. After he had sampled different wines, he finally raised his glass to the onlookers and said with his customary oracular assurance: "Six months from now we shall drink this wine in freedom." —London Sunday Referee.

From Sykkylven, Germany, comes a news despatch which tells of a "sparrow tax" being paid by the farmers. For prayers offered by the pastor of Myrkiren Church at Bergen against spooling of crops by sparrows each farmer must pay the pastor 30 kroner (about \$7.50) yearly. The farmers protest they receive little value for their money, since the sparrows continue to attack the fields.—Ex.

"There is no sadder sight in the world than aimless and dispirited youth." The man who has just said that is a man of action—the Prince of Wales. He is not confining his sympathy to words. As a national thank-offering to celebrate the King's Jubilee, the Prince announces the creation of a fund to extend the great work of all the important voluntary movements which guard the welfare of boys and girls at the critical span between 14 and 18.—Manchester Sunday Chronicle.

It is always wise to listen to the views of the multitude before forming our own opinions. Only through such a procedure are we able to fortify our expressed opinions and ideas. Many a man has talked too much in the presence of a man who listened all too well. Some chatter, perhaps, who do not know that he is talking in the presence of a competitor. The talker never knows his entire audience.

Truth has often pointed out that, whatever Hitler may profess, there will be no peace in Europe so long as there are Nazis in Germany and German-speaking peoples outside it. A new proof of this has come to light which, coinciding with the treason trial at Memel, is indicative of the highly dangerous state of contemporary Europe. A few days ago it was reported to the Belgian police that Nazi emissaries had crossed the frontier and were secretly stirring up trouble in the German-speaking cantons of Eupen and Malmédy, which were given to Belgium as the result of the last war and a decidedly unconvincing species of plebiscite.—Truth (London).

There are a few lines that expressed Cardinal Newman's idea of a gentleman: "He is one who never inflicts pain—carefully avoids whatever may cause a jar or a jolt in the minds of those with whom he is cast—all clashing of opinions, or collision of feeling, all restraint, or suspicion, or gloom, or reprimand;—he is content to bring to make everyone at his ease and at home—never defends himself by mere retort—no ears for slander or gossip—scrupulous in imputing motives to those who interfere with him, and interprets everything for the best—patient, forbearing, and resigned on philosophic principles—submits to pain because it is inevitable—to bereavement because it is irreparable—to death because it is his destiny."

It is absurd to look for any special wickedness in any single case of one capitalist group making a profit out of another in a free capitalist system. But we see in the upper gamble a story which is likely to be used—and fairly used—on many platforms to rub in the moral that this dog-fight ruins innocent people, makes the consumer pay more than he should, and is a grossly inefficient way of distributing commodities.—New Statesman and Nation.

A huge New York audience cheers as former President Herbert Hoover and former Candidate Alfred E. Smith make a joint appeal. The one-time political rivals launch the campaign for \$500,000 needed by the Salvation Army. Says Mr. Hoover: "When we see the forlorn, unhappy and destitute army of mercy cheers nightly to rest and shelter, our hearts are touched in humbleness." Says Mr. Smith: "The sick and afflicted way of distributing the army in prosperity as today"—Opposing politicians rush together on a platform of tired humanity's needs.—Monitor.

That Body of Boors

By James W. Boyles, M.D.

THE SLOW OR INACTIVE THYROID GLAND—MYXEDEMA

I believe that health writers including myself talk so much about the overactivity of the thyroid gland (goitre) that we fail to remember that a considerable number of individuals have a thyroid gland that is not active enough.

In children this condition stunts the growth and is easily recognized but in those who have obtained full growth the condition may not be recognized unless the symptoms are very marked.

The marked symptoms of lack of thyroid juice, myxedema as it is called, are low body temperature, inability to stand the cold—lips, nose, ears, fingertips turning dark on exposure to cold—swelling of the skin and mucous membranes—fleshy like swelling which however does not pit on pressure.

Dr. H. D. Kitchen, Winnipeg, in the Journal of the American Medical Association, states that it is not hard for the physician to overlook cases of myxedema as the patient may not complain of being tired or cold because, as he has always been tired and has felt the cold readily, he may not think of these as symptoms. His inability to stand the cold may be taken for granted and the wearing of additional clothing (such as a sweater) in a comfortably heated room or extra clothing outdoors, and the use of extra bedding may have become so fixed a part of the routine that the patient would hardly speak about this to his physician unless he were asked about it.

In addition to a tendency to overweight, a slight sluggishness mentally and the above mentioned swellings of the skin and mucous membranes, there may be anemia (thin blood), pains in the joints, indigestion, and gripping pains in the chest.

As you know when overactivity of the thyroid gland exists the basal metabolism test shows the rate at which the body processes are working to be much faster than normal. In myxedema naturally the rate is slower than normal. Dr. Kitchen thinks that too much reliance is placed on this test in myxedema and not enough on the other symptoms—sluggishness and feeling the cold so easily.

The treatment in these cases should, in addition to the use of thyroid extract, take into consideration the patient himself.

"Patients should be regarded as individuals not as stomachs, hearts, or chests."

The Poet's Corner

THE LOST ONES

Somewhere is music from the linnets' bills, And through the sunny flowers the bees' busy drone. And white bells of convolvulus on hills Of quiet may make silent ringing, blown Hither and thither by the wind of showers. And somewhere all the wandering birds have flown; And the brown breath of Autumn chills the flowers. But where are all the lovers of long ago? O little light ship blown up the tide, Where are the faces laughing in the glow Of morning years, the lost ones scattered wide? Give me your hand, O brother, let me cry aloud for the dark for those who died. —Francis Ledwidge.

Scots And French

(Exchange) In ancient days Scotland was the traditional ally of France, and Senator Lemieux recalled the old alliance in expressing pleasure in the Senate of the appointment of Mr. John Buchan as Governor-General. A Canadian were not to get the honor, he was content with a Scot, and he remarked:

"I have a great admiration for the English people, and, of course, for the Irish people; but I remember the old alliances between Scotland and France.

"I say that the selection of John Buchan is a credit to the Mother Country and will be of benefit to Canada as well. We have in this country two great races, the English and the French, and if we study our history we find that the Scotchman has always been a good interpreter, an agent de liaison between the English and the French. Therefore I welcome the appointment of John Buchan. I know that he will be well received by all parts of his Dominion, particularly by the section from which I come, Quebec."

Hon. Ian MacKenzie, on another occasion not long ago, also recalled this ancient friendship. For his part, Mr. Buchan has already expressed his pleasurable anticipations of association with the French-speaking Canadians.

Long Island City woman, 70 years old, chased workmen away from adjoining property with a pick handle, squirted a garden hose on police, and then mounting to the roof of the shack, held the cops at bay with a meat cleaver and a hatchet. That's what comes of reading too much about Hitler. —Border Cities Star.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

THE DANGERS OF DEMOCRACY

Sir,—The chief danger of democracy lies in ignorance, illiteracy, poverty and criminal and anarchistic tendencies.

When laws are made and policies determined by the count of heads, can we expect anything but more or less faulty and harmful legislation? Neither the despotism of early monarchy or its later duplicate, dictatorship, nor the pride and selfishness of oligarchy can make us blind to the dangerous possibilities of democracy.

Civilization has suffered, and continues to suffer, as the result of power and authority being parcelled indiscriminately in the hands of the people.

Who can deny the possibility that the question of world peace would be much easier of solution today, had not the ignorant and unbridled rabble taken as its were the bit in their teeth and divided the prestige and power of the English speaking world? A united British and American empire could speak peace to a troubling world.

History affords many striking examples of dire results of unbridled democracy. The high office of President of the United States was once held by a man of ignorance and of low character—one who had killed a man in a duel, a man who had taken another man's wife, a man who in the capacity of an army officer overrode civil power even to the extent of changing the name of a city. He had had many of the traits of the rabble that elected him. That is how he got there. After being elected, he made a great banquet or celebration for his friends. They came and "celebrated." They sprawled over the presidential furniture with greasy coats and muddy boots. The damage done was in the thousands of dollars!

No wonder the effects of his term were felt for a decade.

It is no wonder that the Loyalists who had sought refuge in Canada found it necessary to establish the Family Compact. All kinds of illiterate, pro-unionists were imported into the new country and they had reason to fear for their new homes if they got any large share in the government. The United States are today suffering to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars from the run traffic and powerlessness to remedy it because of the run rule.

Look at Canada's run bill, and then ponder on the shortcomings of democratic government in its present state! One of Canada's great men said, in substance, not long ago, that he would have no fear for his country if the people could be truthfully informed.

That is "where the shoe pinches." People of small intelligence are liable to imprudent and dangerous acts. They are the "cats paw" of selfish demagogues and trouble makers. The question is how can democracy be made safe? I am, Sir, etc., OBSERVER.

Air Mail Service Of Importance To Empire

Two eminent representatives of the British Post Office, Brigadier General Sir Frederick Williamson, director of postal services, London, and Sir Edward Campbell, M.P., Parliamentary private secretary to the Postmaster General, have been in Ottawa this week seeking the co-operation of the Canadian Government in an extension of the air mail service to India, Australia and other parts of the Empire. Sir Frederick Williamson, who has made a tour of the countries mentioned, says if everybody agrees, it is hoped to begin this faster and more frequent mail service between the different parts of the Empire in 1937. "A large amount of preparatory work has to be done in the designing and construction of faster planes and the providing for additional airport facilities."

In a very real sense this vastly improved air mail service, when accomplished, will bring the British Empire much closer together. It will mean reducing from four weeks to one week the regular mail service between London and the Antipodes for business people and a proportionate reduction in time for mail carriages between London and South Africa, East Africa, the Straits Settlements and India," says Sir Frederick.

Canada will gain an advantage in mail transmission from these remote parts of the Empire by getting these mails at London from the Antipodes, South Africa and India much earlier, and the same advantage will apply to mails sent from here to London and then forwarded by the faster air service to the remote destinations. A week would be saved in time of carriage of mails between Canada and the Antipodes. Steamship service across the Atlantic must continue to be used for mails because that stormy ocean has hitherto resisted the efforts of airplanes to master it on a business basis. It is reasonable to hope that some day these difficulties will be overcome. The British Post Office scheme is worth consideration, as it will bring the British Empire much closer together.

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ant soldier. During his active military career Lord Baden-Powell served his country with great distinction. He entered the army in 1876, and served in India, Afghanistan and South Africa. During the last Boer War Colonel Baden-Powell, as he was then, became a world figure because of his 215-day defence of Mafeking. With a force of but 1,200 men, he withstood a large beleaguering body of Boers, and, despite famine and sickness, kept the besiegers at Bay. It will be recalled that the relief of Mafeking, the beginning of the end of the Boer War, was celebrated throughout the Empire with the wildest enthusiasm. Following his work in South Africa, the defender of Mafeking became interested in the Empire's youth. In 1908 he established the Boy Scouts of England. The organization spread rapidly, and now is established in all the chief countries of the world. As Lord Bessborough has said, there is no other organization that makes the same appeal to boys. It is established on high principles, and the undertaking of each Scout is that he shall do his duty to his country, obey the Scout laws, help others at all times, and keep himself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. In addition to this the boy's interest is secured by first-aid training, nature study, swimming, rowing and other activities dear to the heart of youth. In connection with the Chief Scout's visit there is under way a campaign to increase to 100,000 the membership of the organization in Canada. The Governor-General has given to this undertaking his enthusiastic support; and the coming of Lord Baden-Powell should ensure of the success of the campaign. This interesting military man, now 77 years of age, has had a successful, almost picturesque, career, and all classes of the Canadian people, of whatever age, from Boy Scout upward, will give him cordial welcome.

MOISTURE TALKS IN TREE GROWTH TORONTO, April 21—Precipitation and not the amount of sunlight determines the growth of a tree, Toronto experts reveal following a study of tree rings. "Trees respond to drought and rainfall," said Prof. R. B. Thomson, likening tree growth to that of wheat. Prof. R. C. Rossie declares the rings are made up of two sections, one, porous, which shows the amount of moisture and a darker one, which shows the dryness. "If the porous one is wider, we know it was a wet year and vice versa," he said. Mr. Tea Pot says: Use Best Quality TEA BRAHMIN ORANGE PEKOE EMPIRE TEA Sold only in red airtight pgs.

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