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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink."

Reading Comes Back

In the Westchester schools, New York, they have found that young children who are backward in their reading fall most easily into delinquency. A study of 1,000 such youngsters has shown that in nine cases out of ten the trouble manifests itself as early as the fourth primary grade. Here the connection between misbehavior and the inability to read is "crucial."

Yet if ever there was a time when children needed to be taught how to read easily as a preparation for life it would be today. When they grow up it will be a choice of either reading and thinking things out for themselves, or getting orders over the radio from somebody on top.

In the free countries where men are allowed to read as well as listen, the printed word remains the best friend of minorities and struggling causes. It costs a good deal of money to operate broadcasting stations. But even in Jersey City governed by an autocratic politician it is possible to read a book or a paper and even to print a small newspaper without Mayor Hague's consent.

Newfoundland's Status

An esteemed contemporary, the St. John's Evening Telegram, takes strong exception to a statement by the editor of United Empire, a journal published in England, referring to Newfoundland as having "reverted from Dominion to Colonial status."

As this statement is frequently made in forgetfulness or ignorance of the facts, it is worth reviewing them. There is but one official document in which the status of Newfoundland under its existing form of government is referred to, namely the Letters Patent bearing date at Westminster January 30, 1924. It refers to His Majesty having been pleased to suspend operation of the Letters Patent of March 28, 1876 and July 17, 1905, to make provision for the administration of the island and its dependencies.

The only way in which it seems possible to define Newfoundland's constitutional position at present is that of a Dominion with its status suspended. The fact that its affairs come within the jurisdiction of the Dominions Office and not within that of the Colonial Office is further evidence that the island is not officially considered to have reverted to colonial status.

Should Look At Maritimes

Premier Hepburn, in a recent statement, announced that Ontario "is going to cast off the role of milk cow for the rest of the Dominion" and ask the Dominion (through the Rowell Commission) to abandon the income tax field to the provinces.

For his contention that Ontario is the "milk cow" for the rest of the Dominion, says the Financial Post, Premier Hepburn will no doubt receive support from the Quebec Government. Other provinces are unlikely to abandon their own contention that they have been milked by Ontario and Quebec.

Each province heard by the Rowell Commission to date has referred to disabilities arising out of federal policies. Indications are that a similar stand will be taken by British Columbia, Alberta and New Brunswick. Other provinces complain that Ontario and Quebec have benefited not only through the tariff but through taxation of financial, merchandising and industrial corporations with head offices in the central provinces, but which operate on a national scale. They claim this is also true of large private incomes and fortunes.

It can be said, of course, that the West has received large sums for relief in recent years, but this is due, primarily, to special circumstances, namely, crop failure as a result of drought. The Federal Government has looked on this situation as one requiring special consideration.

The Post advises Mr. Hepburn that if he would look east rather than west he would find a different situation. "As compared with the Maritime Provinces" it says, "Ontario has received a disproportionate amount of relief aid

from the Dominion. For instance, relief payments by the Federal Government to Prince Edward Island to the end of the 1936-37 fiscal year amounted to 75 cents per capita, while Ontario received \$7.45 per capita.

Premier Hepburn is unlikely to convince Canadians in the four westerly provinces or in the Maritimes that Ontario needs the income tax to carry on, especially in view of its balanced budget, the reduction in its taxation during the past year, and the fact that government services in Ontario are on a higher level than in other provinces.

Voices Of The Past

In the Edison Laboratories in East Orange, according to an American newspaper, the voices of Theodore Roosevelt, Florence Nightingale, Sarah Bernhardt, Disraeli and other prominent people of the past have been transcribed from the old wax cylinders by a new technical process. Florence Nightingale's voice, by this method, has been heard on the radio. The vigorous, enthusiastic tones of Roosevelt addressing boys twenty-five years ago boomed forth again a year ago for the benefit of the Boy Scouts, Canadians included.

Disraeli, one fears, is out. He died in 1881. The first wax cylinders were made in 1885 by Charles Sumner Tainter and Chichester A. Bell, the latter a cousin of Alexander Graham Bell by the way. It is true that Edison had made some progress with the phonograph by 1878, but if a Disraeli record on a wax cylinder exists it must have been made by George Arliss. Possibly Gladstone was intended. Some biographer has told of Gladstone speaking on the new contraption and speechifying long after the recording instrument had stopped. "What did Gladstone say in '78?" was once a rhetorical question. Moderns may at least know how he spoke years afterwards.

Editorial Notes

Sir John Simon born this date, 1873.

The last of our shortest months—and it has been a good one.

Never in our history before did our Premier fly away in Farmers' Week nor our Attorney General during the sitting of the Supreme Court.

That \$25 per month promised Albertans turns out to be an additional tax on land—the Government gets the money and the farmers pay and look pleasant.

That was a magnificent statement of the case for the North Shore proprietors made by Hon. R. B. Bennett in the House of Commons. Perhaps that is one of the reasons that took Premier Campbell to Ottawa to be interviewed by the Minister of Justice.

In flying away from the "farmers' parliament," Premier Campbell was consistent with the stand he took at the outset of his ministry—he did not want electors to interview him; they must, he maintained, content themselves with interviewing their local representatives.

Mr. Morris B. Signer, Montreal lawyer has been disbarred for life by the Council of the Montreal Bar Association on being sentenced to three years in the penitentiary at hard labor by Mr. Justice Wilfrid Lazure in Court of King's Bench, on charges of conspiring to forge and utter false documents.

You can get almost anything by cable nowadays. A customer walked into a departmental store the other day and asked if he could get "a lawn hammock delivered in Capetown today." "Certainly," said the manager, "what address?" Cabled instructions were then despatched to the firm's agent in Capetown.

Ottawa advises us that since the home improvement loan plan went into operation November 1, 1936, there have been 34,815 individual loans negotiated for a total amount of \$13,626,698, according to figures up to February 15, issued by Finance Minister Dunning. For the month ended February 15 there were 985 loans amounting to \$430,909. Ontario alone has 15,207 loans for an aggregate of \$6,005,776, and Quebec 5,157 loans for \$2,587,067. Every province participates with British Columbia and Alberta just past the \$1,000,000 mark. Nova Scotia \$913,993, Manitoba \$846,251, New Brunswick \$486,771, Saskatchewan \$311,137 and Prince Edward Island \$116,284.

A graceful act was performed by Premier Duplessis the other day when he introduced a measure providing for a special pension for the widow of a political opponent, Hon. Honore Mercier, Chairman of Quebec Streams Commission under the Taschereau Government, and who recently died suddenly leaving his widow and family unprovided for. The Premier said he felt it to be his duty as Premier to do what he was doing, and though he had been a political adversary of the late Mr. Mercier, he respected his memory for Mr. Mercier had been a sincere man, a loyal man, with fine qualities of heart and mind. He was an example for public men, said the Premier.

Denial that Cardinal Villeneuve instigated Quebec province's anti-Communist padlock law" has been made officially. The denial was prompted by a speech delivered by Mr. R. L. Calder, K.C., president of the Montreal Civil Liberties League, at Oshawa, Ont., in which he was quoted as saying the law "resulted from a conference of Cardinal Villeneuve with Premier Duplessis and other officials." The statement, issued through Father J. P. Archambault, S.J., follows: "His Eminence Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, passing through Montreal tonight, absolutely denied the affirmation made by Mr. R. L. Calder in a recent address that Mr. Duplessis had imposed the padlock law at his instigation. His Eminence appreciates this law, but never, he said, inspired it. He even had not heard of it before the law was presented."

NOTES BY THE WAY

The other countries (except Hungary and Finland) which, to use the phrase employed by Mr. Grattan in his despatch, "expressions of regret" at their inability to pay are, generally speaking, countries which buy a great deal more in the Empire than they sell. England, France, Italy, Belgium, which owe us the largest amounts and which have consistently refused to make any arrangements since the moratorium, all have as a rule an unfavorable balance of trade with this country. Because of this circumstance it would be highly difficult for any of these countries to send us a remittance on its war debt, even if the government concerned were able to accumulate the surplus necessary to finance such a transaction in the first instance. Payments could only be made in goods and services and since we are selling goods and services to the debt or countries rather than receiving them, payments would be made against a heavy uphill pressure created by our exports.—Baltimore Sun.

The rescue of the Russian scientists from their dangerous situation afloat on an ice floe will be greeted with satisfaction by all patriots and nationality do not enter when brave men are in peril.—The Graph Journal.

It was an Englishman, William Dampier, who made the famous comment on the natives of Papua: "A lieve and intricate race of savages which when treated with civility are obedient and reliable." But the Japanese Minister who drew up the long-expected statement of policy towards the Pacific Islands, in the Dampier a close spiritual affinity. "The Chinese Government, not appreciating the true nature of the situation, which shows the people in a miserable plight, or for the peace and tranquility of East Asia."—Manchester Guardian.

A United States flyer says he has discovered in Venezuela a waterfall at least three times as high as the Niagara. The waterfall reported by Allmer readings taken by the aviator showed a sheer drop of between 5,000 and 6,000 feet. The waterfall continued for another thousand feet in swift torrent before becoming a stream again. The highest waterfall in the world is that of Kiteknam in British Guiana, adjacent to Venezuela which has a drop of 2,000 feet. And the next highest is one 1,900 feet in New Zealand, Victoria Falls in South Africa, 243 feet high, and Niagara Falls, 167 feet high, are among the best known. The amount of water which goes over them rather than for their heights.—Brandon Sun.

Notwithstanding the general assumption that it is not Nazified yet alone absorbed by Germany through the inclusion of a couple of ministers sympathetic with Hitler in the cabinet, the significance lies in the fact that one portfolio affected is that of the interior, and one that is steadily but successfully already is to secure control of that department and the rest follow. But Austria is a case in point. Austria's great need is for access to the sea. The German Government numbered her population is excessively urban. She has been doing well with tourist traffic, but that is an unstable basis for a nation. Under German influence now, it will only be a change from the present Italian influence.—Exchange.

How much of the feeling of insecurity in the world is the result of the economic depression? The censorship and suppression of discussion in the anti-democratic countries. We are in a position among the going on here and we are left to conjecture.—Exchange.

One of the big secrets of happiness is to tackle our work joyously. Attack it with gusto and a smile. Wade into it with the spirit of a soldier and conquer it. We should joyously at the typewriter, he hours' lash of the sunshine enters the heart and a world of good is placed in which to live.—Kitchener Record.

Commenting on the prospective Anglo-American trade agreement, the quarterly review of international conditions by the J. Henry Schroder and Co., London, business house says, in part: "The general conviction is strong that something must be done to check the increasing international trade in tariff barriers, and an effort in that direction by the democratic group of countries will, if successful, have a beneficial effect on world prosperity. A great increase in the exchange of goods across the frontiers would more than compensate the effect of the tariff and other temporary disadvantages with which they are threatened, and the political effects of closer trade relations among the countries working for peace are a factor of great importance."—Financial Letter Cor.

Possibly the cost of carelessness on the highways will be brought home more convincingly to reckless automobile drivers in the autumn, when from Toronto of a substantial increase in the cost of auto insurance. Intimation was given some time ago that the Automobile Insurance Association and this has now gone into effect. It falls heaviest on the two provinces of Quebec and Ontario but it affects all the provinces. In Quebec the cost of insurance is increased by twenty-five per cent, while in Ontario it is increased from ten to twenty per cent.—Amherst News.

It is known that the Food (Defense Plans) Department has drawn up a scheme for food distribution and rationing, but not whether this Department has any authority to organize supplies. There seems there to be a case for greater publicity about that has been done for wider investigation into what could be done to increase home production, and for a decision in good time as to whether it is possible to direct the main impetus of reorganization towards matters of a secondary nature in time of emergency. It may well be a comprehensive scheme of national defence.—The Times, London.

PROPER PRIDE

(St. John Telegraph Journal) Prince Edward Island declared before the Rowell Commission its opposition to a union of the Maritime Provinces. Nova Scotia dismissed the idea as not acceptable to any considerable number. New Brunswick has yet to speak, but the answer is a foregone conclusion. The big provinces ask why we should object, and even say we have no reason to give. To that we have two effective answers: We smaller provinces manage our public affairs at a much lower per capita cost than the big ones, and it has yet to be proved that union would reduce it; and secondly we have a proper provincial pride—if the big fellows know what that means.

There is pride that is hypersensitive, foolish or sinful; and there is proper pride. Proper pride is the flower of self-respect, and it wins respect from all right-minded people. It cannot help showing itself in many ways. It is a badge of excellence, but it need not be indeed it will not, assert itself unduly. It should therefore offend no one. It is the conscious, the inferiority or of their lack of cause for proper pride. Proper pride may be felt by a community, a nation or a commonwealth of nations as much as by individual's. Proper pride in the Empire is pride in its history, traditions, and its institutions. It springs true Imperialism, a determination to uphold those institutions because they are good, to cherish those traditions because they express the spirit we admire and are rooted in the history of our forefears' struggle upwards, to hiser the standards of true nationalism; designing it to none except those who set themselves to oppose and thwart the institutions of the nation. Identical in nature and only differing in degree is the pride of the provinces of Canada. The Canadian provinces have their separate histories, traditions and institutions. They are proud of them and justifiably so. It is proper pride they did not throw this into the discard at Confederation. They would never have united federally had that been the price. Their proper provincial pride is not diminished by national pride. The provinces could not stave themselves of their histories if they would, and they should not be called upon to sacrifice a single tradition. It remains, therefore, to recognize provincial and national institutions, and it should be particularly marked that the B. N. A. Act was expressly designed to provide a guide to doing this without injury to provincial institutions, yet allowing national institutions to grow. Through the B. N. A. Act provincial and national pride may harmonize, but if it is damaged or weakened they are likely to conflict to the injury of the nation. They would foster our proper pride, whether provincial or national, and preserve the B. N. A. Act that enables them to work together.

QUEBEC LIBERALISM

(Sydney Post-Record) The decisive defeat of Mayor J. E. Greogire in the City of Quebec on Monday is regarded by leaders in the field of Provincial politics as a definite victory for Premier Phillips Hanna, leader of that group, stated publicly within the past couple of weeks that if Mayor Greogire were defeated in Quebec he would not only resign his office, but would also retire from public life. A staff writer of the Montreal Gazette deals with the situation from another political angle, that namely which regards the outlook of Liberalism in the Province of Quebec. It is no secret, the Gazette's article says, that the Provincial Liberals who carried the day in the past are deeply concerned over the situation, see the need of new Liberal leadership and are planning for a Provincial convention in the summer. "But here," says the Gazette writer, "is the ironic phase of the situation according to information. Liberals are as much stumped today as they were in 1936, when they stepped out of the picture after holding the reins for 15 years." According to this authority the Hon. Adolphe Godbout, present titular leader, who however lost his seat in the landslide of 1936, will not allow his name to go before the convention, and it is determined to relinquish not only the Liberal leadership but all political activities. Mr. Godbout took a hand in the Bagot election and his resignation meant nothing from the outcome. Neither is T. D. Bouchard, M. L. A., now acting as Opposition leader in the House, likely to find favor with the Provincial convention. It is also pointed out that he "deliberately played a small role in the Bagot election campaign" and has consequently alienated in the shadow of the eclipse, the outcome cast upon his party.

THE ORPHANS

At five o'clock one April morn I met them making tracks Young Benjamin and Abel Horn, With bundles on their backs, Young Benjamin is seventy-five, Young Abel, seventy-even— The oldest innocents alive Beneath that April heaven.

I asked them why they trudged about With crabby looks and sour— "And says your mother know you're out At this unearthly hour?" They stopped; and scowling up at me, Each shook a grizzled head, And swore; and then spat bitterly, As with one voice they said:

"Homeless, about the country-side We never thought to roam; But mother, she had one and died, And broken up the home." —Wilfred Wilson Gibson

"TIRED" ALL THE TIME

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Dodd's Kidney Pills

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

GETTING A GOOD CIRCULATION FOR TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS AND FOR OURSELVES

Years ago when it was found that fresh air and rich nutritious food would halt the progress of tuberculosis, it was not unusual to see the patient's return to their homes, plump, with a good color, and apparently perfectly well in a few months or even weeks it was noticed that this weight was gradually being lost, that the appetite was poor, and the cough was returning. Another stay in the sanatorium then became necessary. The loss of weight and strength in many of these cases was due to the fact that the individual did not follow the method of living taught him in the sanatorium; he became careless about his rest periods, food, and the outdoors. In the majority of cases the loss of weight and strength and the return of the symptoms of tuberculosis were due to the fact that the patient had rested entirely at the sanatorium and had taken no exercise whatsoever. Thus when he returned home and attempted to do some physical work there was no strength in muscles, heart, and lungs, and the relapse followed.

One in-tuition with which I am familiar, more than 25 years ago began giving the patients some regular exercise daily once the temperature was down to normal. The exercise at first was just fifteen minutes daily—a short slow walk. The exercise was gradually increased so that by the time the patient was ready to leave the sanatorium he could go about five hours light work daily. This means that when he returned home he was able, by continuing his proper habits of living, to take some light employment.

In a recent issue of the Swiss Medical Journal Dr. Voute of the High Mountain Sanatorium directed attention to the fact that as the result of prolonged rest, the heart and muscles of the chest become weakened. To overcome this, light gymnastic exercise was given. When this work of exercise continued, the rest periods should be gradually reduced so that when the patient is discharged from the sanatorium, he requires at the most two hours rest daily.

The thought is that if patients with tuberculosis to whom rest has brought about a cure, should have regular exercise and shorter rest, not more than two hours daily, what about those of us who are well? Certainly our heart and chest muscles should get daily exercise if we are to have a good circulation of pure blood throughout the body.

The Quebec majority contest is regarded by political experts as the Provincial Capital as the death-knell of the insurgent Nationalist group. As a matter of fact Dr. Phillips Hanna, leader of that group, stated publicly within the past couple of weeks that if Mayor Greogire were defeated in Quebec he would not only resign his office, but would also retire from public life.

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"Well, you see, mum," replied he "when we gets orders to dive I has to run forward and hold her nose down."

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A bank is in business to sell banking service where such service is needed, and where it will do the community most good. So the banker of popular jist, the cold-eyed being who can only say "No," is a man of fiction only. As we've said before, banks want and need your goodwill. No bank can get along without it. Telling the facts is probably the best method of winning it. Intelligent people like plain talk. So in the talks to follow we shall be frank in giving you the facts about banks, bank ownership, bank operations, cash, currency, loans and interest. We would like you to read them all.

Which should prove to you that your banker is, after all, a very human person. He likes people. All bankers like people. And they want people to like them. Banks want to be helpful. They realize that they succeed only as the people of the community succeed. Enlightened self-interest? Well yes—but not altogether.

Your local manager will tell you that banks are not stiff-necked; that they do not enjoy refusing loans. They'd be foolish if they did, for goodwill is the whole core and pith and substance of successful banking.

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BECOME AIR-MINDED CALCUTTA The Indian states are taking an increasing part in all branches of civil aviation. Jodhpur, Jaipur and Hyderabad have flourishing air clubs and 55 airports have been established. RAZE YORK CHURCHES YORK, England—This ancient city is to lose another of its churches. Last year, Christ Church was pulled down to make way for a rest garden and now St. Julian's North Street, is to be demolished.

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