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WHY AN ELECTION?

The argument advanced in the Liberal press (attributed ridiculously to "Conservatives") for an early Dominion general election is that Canada "must have firm leadership with a clear majority in the House and cannot afford a weak administration which might be called upon to seek support from other parliamentary groups."

A FINE TRIBUTE

The magnificent scenery of Canada so enthralled Lord Macmillan, Chairman of the Royal Commission on Banking that, Scotsman though he is, he confessed in a recent speech it dwarfed the scenery of Scotland, and the only thing that was needed was for some author to blend it with the romantic history of Canada, as Sir Walter Scott had blended the scenery of Scotland with the romantic history of the land of Bonnie Prince Charlie.

ONLY ONE IN-STEP

A conference of Dominion and Provincial Treasury officials, at which this Province was represented by Mr. Massey, Provincial Auditor, took place this week at Ottawa and considerable progress is reported to have been made in establishing a more uniform method in presenting the statistics relating to public finance throughout Canada.

As a growth out of a period of years, individual and varying practices have developed in the Dominion and provincial fields in the keeping of public accounts. Especially is this true in the case of the provinces, where there is little uniformity in the balance sheets in showing capital assets and revenue details. A uniform system which would enable the Dominion Bureau of Statistics to present more comprehensive and comparable data is sought.

Closing of the financial year on a common date for the Dominion, the provinces and municipalities found favor in the conversations. The officer in the hydrographic survey, proposal advanced was that the Captain Orlebar brought a fresh financial year for all three forms viewpoint to bear upon Island of government should terminate problems, and his comments, critical on December 31. At present the Dominion, Alberta and British economic problems of seventy years Columbia, end their financial year ago, make interesting reading on March 31. Ontario and New Day

Notes By The Way

Hitlerism in Germany has produced an effect in other European countries which the leader might have foreseen if he were more of a statesman and less of a demagogue. These other nations have been drawn closer together by the realization of a common danger. His unguarded talk for many months has caused France to look again to England and the former entente may be reorted. It has also brought Italy and France closer. Unprovoked attacks by German Nazis upon Austria were allowed to continue unchecked. Austria thereupon appealed to the old Allied Powers for assistance and was permitted a considerable addition to her army for self-defence.

The system in vogue in Great Britain by which neighborliness between the military forces and the civilians in time of peace is promoted, is a winning praise in the United States. In contradistinction, it is said that Americans seldom see their soldiers save on parades, where they give an exhibition of discipline. On the occasion of naval craft paying a visit to a town, the public is afforded an opportunity of visiting them at an appointed hour. They learn comparatively little, though, about either arm of the service. Commenting editorially on this, The New York Sun says the British get out of their army and navy more inspiration and more fun than the Americans do.

Hon. James Bryant, Minister of Public Works and Acting Minister of Agriculture in Saskatchewan, declared at the C.N.E. directors luncheon recently that Premier Bennett's successful promotion of the London international wheat agreement would earn him the gratitude of every wheat farmer in Canada. Mr. Bryant is more likely to understand the effect of that agreement than long-distance political sharpshooters.

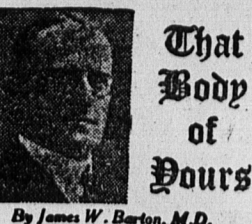
A drop of 10 per cent within a month in American steel production says the Sydney Post-Record, gives pause to the national acclaim with which the N.R.A. was first received. An increase in the same period of almost the same percentage in Canadian steel production shows that this country is making greater industrial strides without artificial stimulus. A New Deal is not necessarily a good one nor always a lucky one.

In declining to accept the automobile code of President Roosevelt's national recovery scheme, Henry Ford makes it clear that he has no faith in a policy which has been widely acclaimed in the United States and which has already stimulated industry and increased employment. The question is whether it will not produce economic reactions which may shake the whole industrial structure of the United States to its very foundations. Mr. Ford believes and predicts that it will.

Germany was a highly industrialized country, a leader in science and art, and possessed of a press which for variety and full treatment of all aspects of human life was second to none. With the access to power of Fascism many hundreds of newspapers have been suppressed or are prohibited from entering the country, and a rigid uniformity of thought is imposed by every device of brutal intimidation, even to mention which in Germany is punishable by death.

Nobody can doubt the immense gap that intervenes between the oldtime scientific fantastical vapors, with their quaint artifices and superstitions, and steady and orderly methods pursued in the modern laboratory. We smile at the notion of hippogriffs and dragons browsing upon the pastures of the sun or moon during eclipse. Science is no longer a merely entertaining and curious adventure. It has become markedly realistic and practical in its application. Illustrations of this truth are to be seen on every hand. Radio is one instance. The distilling of dyes from coal tar is another. The production of artificial silk is a third. The extraction of vitamins from cotton seed, these said to be applicable to foodstuffs is a fourth. In Italy the steam vapor from a volcano is being harnessed for electrical power supply. How many "synthetics" are to be found in the broad list of articles which chemistry has placed within the reach of human multitudes?

The Quebec License Bureau reports that in the period between January 1 and August 1, the licenses of 179 motorists were cancelled for various offences, intoxication figuring largely in the list. The general run of drivers will approve the cancellations and hope that the policy of removing the dangerous car operators will be continued until none of them are left at the wheel.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

A clergyman tells a humorous, yet not wholly humorous, story of a mother who called him up one morning and in a tearful voice told him that she had lost her six year old son.

"Why, what's happened?" was the clergyman's excited question. "He started school this morning," was the mother's reply.

We are inclined to smile at this, but the school life of a child as he first begins to meet and mix with others in an orderly school room is a tremendous change from his life at home.

What do we find at home? The youngster fills a large place in the home. He is beloved by his parents and loves them. Every real need in his life is met, and many things he wants are given him; he is absolutely dependent on the parents for everything. He is protected as much as possible indoors and out.

He is no longer under the protection, care, and advice of his parents during his hours at school. He is just one of a number of little boys and girls with no special privileges. He must obey the teacher instead of his own desires or fancies. He learns to like or love the teacher in addition to his love for his mother and father.

He learns also that he must give some of his possessions—pencils, books, apples, candies—to other youngsters if he expects to receive any of their possessions.

Instead of being protected all the time he is expected to do some protecting of weaker or younger children. You can thus see that a child going to school for the first time, in a sense, lost to the mother, because he now has all these other factors in his life. He is now really launched into the great life of the world, and the school teacher takes over all the responsibility during the school day of directing the child's life so as to make him a useful citizen, with no little mental twists or peculiarities that will interfere with his welfare.

The thought then is that parents should recognize that school life is a training for life, and that teachers should be given full co-operation.

The Socialist Utopia

(Mr. Hon. Stanley Baldwin in the London News-Letter) "If and when a Socialist Government is returned to power, a start is to be made by passing what is termed an 'Emergency Powers Act,' under which a full-blooded revolutionary programme would be brought into immediate operation by means of a series of Ministerial orders. As this proposal is advocated in almost identical terms by several of the present Socialist leaders, it may be inferred that it is a considered policy.

"The effect of such an emergency measure would be to put Parliament out of action. The Ministerial orders would be the edicts of the dictators. They would be issued, not to be discussed, but to be obeyed. They would be, to use an expressive colloquialism, the 'laying down of the law,' with no argument about it. A disciplined people would be expected to do what it was told, and meanwhile the House of Commons as a superfluous institution would doubtless be adjourned for a long recess, while the Press and the B. C. would presumably be muzzled on the model of the Continental autocracies.

"It is the clean sweep with a vengeance. It is revolution, in which our historic Constitution, with all its checks and counter-checks, its traditional balances, and its functions that have been tested by generations of experience, would be swept away in a night, leaving the theorists feverishly improvising their jerry-built structure amid the ruins."

Work For Pleasure

(From the London Times) It is indeed a most consoling reflection that there is no labor so unpleasant in itself but people can be coaxed into doing a little of it, at any rate if it is dressed up as a game or competition. It is told of the inventor Edison that he lured his guests to fill the water tanks in his house, making them pass through turnstiles which barred their paths at various points and were extremely stiff to turn. He had to explain the stiffness and his reputation for efficiency should

"Our Island" Its Duties—Its Prospects

A Lecture Delivered Before The Young Men's Christian Association and Library Institute, December 4, 1932. BY CAPT. ORLEBAR

My Friends; I have ventured upon this subject with some misgiving, because there is always a certainty in taking up so familiar a matter as our Island, that I shall meet a large class of critics, jealous of its reputation and confident in their superior knowledge, and in whose eyes my shortcomings, and my probable ignorance, will be grave faults. I confess at the outset that I really know less about our Island than I thought I did, but still I cannot doubt there is enough to interest in what I may bring forward, that I shall have your forbearance and be favored with your sympathy.

In choosing such a subject, I also hoped at the commencement of our course to secure a large attendance. For although I do not underrate the importance of leading your minds to overstep the narrow bounds of our insular position and to take an interest in what is foreign and remote,—for indeed such teaching has a great tendency to enlarge the mind, and to lessen that inordinate attention to the little things and gossip of our daily life so fruitful of evil in a small community,—yet I am under the conviction that it becomes us first to know all about our Island home, and our own duties with regard to it; and therefore it is a most important matter to bring it early under your notice, so that, apart from your family and social relations, you may be interested and stimulated to seek its welfare.

In undertaking this task, it is my duty to be honest and truthful, and it is my earnest desire to be free from undue bias to political party or class prejudice. I dare not say I am free from either; and my standpoint is so different from those of me, that I hardly expect many will agree with me, whilst possibly the prejudices of many will be offended. Believe me, I do not, in pointing out faults, seek to throw the first stone as if my own conscience were clear; I feel I am little better than those I seek to improve. I can say however that you shall have an honest expression of opinion, and I only ask you to give me your kind attention, and to bear with me, even if I say what you may not possibly at first sight consider just and right. If I suggest thought, and direct the public mind to efforts more worthy of our country than our present petty squabbles, I shall be thankful, even if my name is cast out as evil.

I have been living in these North American Colonies now nearly thirty years; the life of one generation of my fellowmen has passed before me, and if I am asked what I have seen and witnessed, I might say truthfully strife and wickedness in the cities, unrighteousness in the country, and a low state of morals nearly everywhere. I do not say this is peculiarly the case of our island; but standing here to suffer. But his turnstiles only had to be so stiff because his guests were limited in number and each had to make a noticeable contribution.

If a man could but tap the energies of the general public, there is no one on the globe who would grudge him a few sweeps of the arm and leg, and these accumulated presents of energy would be a valuable income. The owners of Amusement Parks and Fun Fairs instead of finding their profits in rents, too often from miserable Hoop-La and Coconut people, who invite the public to play with inadequate hoops and too light balls, should give their minds to draining away and transmitting into utilizable form the cataract of human energy that is being so cheerfully and profusely poured out in the quest of pleasure by people who are keeping no accounts of their physical output, and would be quite good-natured about it even if they discovered what was afoot.

But I speak to the fair sex also, for—though we are slow to concede to females equal political rights with ourselves, or the power to speak in large assemblies, as we in our fancied superiority are privileged to do—yet, we know, and we are proud to know, that you are man's best and truest counselor, and that the more advanced the religion and civilization of the people, the more established and recognized will be the influence of woman in the family and in the church. Although as weak as you

are graceful, your weakness is a power, and triumphs where the strongest fall. Yes I speak to you my female friends, for oftentimes our noblest aspirations come from you, and I wish you, above all the fashion and conventionalities of life, above all the claims of social visiting and pastime, to rise to a consciousness of your high calling. Your throne is the affection, and your empire is our homes—man visits his home, but you live there, and its purity, cheerfulness and happiness mainly depends upon you. It is from home that we gather strength for the battle of life, the hallowing influences smooth our careworn brow; and the gentle love of wife and children wins us from our worldliness and from ourselves, and warms us into the enjoyment of domestic life. In its atmosphere we lose our coldness and reserve, and breathe freely in the untrammelled affection and mutual confidence. Perhaps while I speak there are some that feel this is not true of their homes. My friends, I have described what the home ought to be, and what I have experienced it to be, but I know many homes here, and elsewhere, where there is no love and no happiness, because restless passions and depraved appetites have poisoned the life springs of love in the hearts of either husband or wife, and God despised and dishonored, has cast upon all they touch, the blight of His displeasure. Young women, adorning and beautifying every grade of our social life, bringing light and sunshine upon the rugged path of our toil and travel, keep yourselves pure; foolish men would heap and flatter you to be ever vain and trifling. Turn away from them, see what the Lord would have you to be, and humbly seek to be useful.

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