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FALCONWOOD

The very timely, informative and instructive address given by the Hon. Chief Justice Matheson on the Falconwood disaster will be appreciated by everyone who heard it or who reads it. No one is more competent to express an opinion upon the requirements and conduct of an institution like Falconwood than the Chief Justice. He has the keenest sympathy for suffering humanity, and his regime as premier of this Province was marked by the continuous efforts he made to increase the comfort and facilities for recovery possessed by patients at Falconwood. While he was in office he gave unremitting care and attention to that institution, and it is safe to say that it was largely due to his encouraging support that Dr. Goodwill, who was then in charge, made the remarkable progress he did in the treatment and cure of patients. The Chief Justice now looks forward to the time when, as the outcome of the recent disaster, will arise a modern institution in which all that science has learned in the treatment of insane and mentally afflicted may be applied under conditions where the most profitable results are worked out. It may be he declares, that some day we will say that from the day of the fire came a great improvement in the treatment of the insane and those afflicted with mental diseases. It is a great blessing to have such optimism publicly expressed at a time when it is natural for the average man to feel depressed when looking at the enormous trouble and expense involved in dealing with the existing situation and in providing for the future.

THE BOARD OF TRADE

The various activities of the Charlottetown Board of Trade were admirably reviewed in the reports submitted by the president and committee chairmen at last night's annual meeting. The Board has done much in the past to grapple with problems affecting the business interests of the community, and its co-operation with governments and other organizations has been of material benefit in effecting reforms in transportation and other matters. That the Board will continue its good work is evident from the optimistic tone of the reports and the strong personnel of its executive. The retiring president, Mr. George J. Tweedy, was the recipient of well merited compliments upon the manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year. The new president, Mr. Samuel Kennedy, whose long experience in business and on the City Council well qualifies him for the position, will doubtless have the same loyal support which his predecessors received.

QUEBEC'S SOCIALISM

Heretofore Quebec has been looked upon by the other Provinces as probably the most Conservative and Anti-Socialistic Province in the Dominion. It has no use for uplift movements in its legislation, and frowns upon any measure introduced of a socialistic nature. It even opposes votes for women and, of course, gives no countenance to divorce. Yet we find from the first report of the Social Insurance Commission, appointed by the Government, which was tabled in the Legislature on Tuesday, that legislation has been recommended, and will be sponsored and passed by the Government, of a more socialistic description than any heretofore given legislative effect in any of the Provinces. The Commission recommends, and the Government endorses money payments, amounts to be dependent upon circumstances, to widows supporting one or more children; wives of in-

sane husbands; wives of husbands unable to work on account of grave or incurable illness; wives abandoned by their husbands; wives of men imprisoned; divorced women, (in certain conditions). The subsidy will be paid one half by the Province and one half by the municipality, and the amount of \$40.00 per month to a mother with two children, is suggested by the Commission. Surely we are living in a remarkable age when a Province like Quebec will sponsor and adopt such advanced social legislation as this.

A DON QUIXOTE

Mr. Mackenzie King is an adept at bursting through open doors. His statement at Winnipeg that Liberalism will "stand like a rock" against every proposition "which will destroy the independence and integrity of the Canadian National Railway system" is a case in point. The independence and integrity of Canada's national railway system is in no danger, which is probably the reason why Mr. King hastens so clamorously to its support.

CANADA LAST

If re-elected to power at some indefinite date, Mr. Mackenzie King says he will dispense with dumping regulations and restore the tariff "to former levels." Presumably this means the old free and easy policy under which New Zealand butter entered Canada at one cent per pound duty and American manufacturers flooded the country with goods which are now being produced in Canadian factories by Canadian workmen. It is obvious from his attitude on the tariff question that the Liberal leader has learned nothing from his overwhelming defeat at the polls in 1930. Mr. King, as an old Scottish teacher said of a backward pupil, is "a wee bit slow on the uptake," especially when it is a question of giving Canadians the benefit of their own markets.

IS HE RESPONSIBLE?

The question has frequently been asked whether Mr. Mackenzie King is really responsible for his political utterances. An interesting example for analysis of the mentality of the Liberal leader is afforded by comparison of the two following quotations:

"I stand here tonight and say to the Maritime Provinces that there is not a major recommendation in the Duncan Report, not a recommendation of any real significance today, that we have not carried out in letter and spirit."—Mr. Mackenzie King at Sydney, N. S., June 23, 1930, as reported by staff correspondent of the Canadian Press. "The Board has continued its policy of urging that the accounting of the car ferry service be eliminated from the Railway accounts. This was one of the recommendations of the Duncan Commission and is of paramount importance to this Province, and the whole Atlantic Region of the C. N. R."—Mr. George J. Tweedy, president of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, in report submitted at annual meeting, January 13, 1932.

ANOTHER "I'M ALONE"

Apparently Mr. Mackenzie King remains unreconciled to the striking success of Premier Bennett's appeal for closer Empire trade relations through tariff preferences which the Canadian Prime Minister enunciated at the last Imperial Conference in London. While the statesmen of Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and the rest of the Empire are lined up in support of this great Empire movement, Mr. King still holds aloof; being fearful, perhaps, as he declared himself to be when in power, that any change in Canada's tariff regulations might involve us

NOTES BY THE WAY

The seriousness of the inter-governmental indebtedness of Germany is indicated by the fact that the payments imposed upon her by the young plan amount to \$500,000,000 per annum in addition to other debts amounting to \$250,000,000. The Hoover memorandum ends within two months.

The only authority that exists in British India is that of the British administration of the country. Unless that administration is to become a farce, it cannot afford to countenance the existence of organizations whose avowed purpose is to overthrow existing institutions. If it is to retain the prestige which is essential to its power to protect life and property, it cannot allow revolutionary agitators scope for their incendiary activities in India at the present time. The strong measures the Government has taken are the only alternative to civil war and possibly the sacrifice of millions of lives.

Canada may need a number of things, but more territory is not one of them says the Border Cities star: That is why the Newfoundland Government's proposal that we pay \$100,000,000 net for Labrador leaves the average Canadian cold. Labrador is no doubt rich in natural resources and all that sort of thing, but Canada doesn't need Labrador—especially when we are asked to pay a cool hundred million for adding to the area within our boundaries. Newfoundland is in a bad way financially, hence the proposal to dispose of Labrador to Canada. However, Canada is not in a position to throw any money away, either, and so we fancy that nothing will come of the offer. We sympathize with Newfoundland in the existing situation, but we are not in a position to pay out any such sum for the sake of boasting of more square miles.

During the past year new power installations completed and brought into operation in Canada totalled 546,000 horse-power, this bringing the total water power installation in the Dominion to a figure of 6,666,000 horse-power.

Additional to this substantial total of completed undertakings, construction was advanced upon a number of projects, some of which are of great magnitude. It is expected that these will be brought into operation within the next two or three years, and will add more than 1,400,000 horse-power to the Dominion's water power development. Capital to the extent of at least \$110,000,000, it is estimated, has been expended in providing for the development, transmission and distribution of the new power development in 1931, while more than \$280,000,000 will be required to bring to completion the projects actively under construction.

There is a radio station in the United States says the Telegraph Journal which permits a person named Kaltenborn to "edit the news." In his latest utterance he dealt with the situation in India, comparing Gandhi with John Brown whose "soul goes marching on" and declaring British suppression of free speech in India as almost without parallel. Gandhi is set up by this defamer of Great Britain as a martyr, and Lord Willingdon as the tool of a despot. The British government is represented as using smooth phrases at the Round Table Conference and now reversing its policy. It would be difficult, to misrepresent more completely the British attitude. Since the average United States newspaper does not carry much world news a great many people will get an utterly false impression of the very grave situation in India.

In a war with the United States! With eyes still turned to Washington the Liberal leader can see nothing but "economic isolation" in a policy which would unite all parts of the British Empire in closer trade relations.

In the circumstances it is fortunate that Mr. King is relieved of the responsibility of office at a time when the logic of events and the trend of Empire sentiment are so much at odds with his cherished prejudices.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Erroneously it was stated in these columns yesterday that an acre of cranberry bearing land is valued at "over \$1,000,000" in the United States. The statement should have read "over \$1,000."



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Hours

MENTAL HYGIENE

Over twenty years ago a young Yale graduate published the history of his life in a book called 'A Mind that Found Itself.' This book described his feelings during a severe and prolonged mental illness, and outlined the treatment by which he was brought back to mental health.

As a consequence of his experiences he decided to devote his life to helping those who were mentally ill. He accordingly organized that same year the Connecticut Society for Mental Hygiene. Mental Hygiene Societies are now quite numerous.

The first work was to try to have courses in treatment of mental cases in every medical school, and to try and get physicians who had been practicing many years to attend some of the lectures in this course.

Is such a course necessary? Are there many cases requiring mental treatment? Your doctor will tell you that of every 100 patients who consult him, that at least 50 have no organic or real ailment.

You can thus see that if the physician is to help these cases he must make a thorough examination and be able to assure the patient that he has no real disease; that the symptoms of which he complains are due to some emotional disturbance, some upsetment, some misfortune, and it is these things that is causing his lack of appetite, his depression, his inability to sleep, and other symptoms.

By getting this straightened out in the patient's mind, it is quite fair to state that a number of individuals are prevented from going around to physician after physician or heeler after heeler. It means that a number of mental cases are prevented.

But the Mental Hygiene Society goes further. It aims at the improved care and treatment of those suffering from mental ailments; the special care and treatment of the feeble minded; the acquiring of reliable information on mental illnesses, and spreading this information everywhere.

This is certainly a great step forward from the days where mental cases were locked up for safety of the public, with no thought of treatment.

Mental cases are now treated in hospitals where investigations into infections, injuries, the wear and tear of life, the recreational habits and other conditions are carefully studied and the treatment is so effective that 6 out of 10 entering now come out cured.

The Little Things Of Life

(Toronto Globe) When prosperity is in the full tide there is a tendency to overlook the small things of life. Among these has been the five-cent piece. When men's heads are in the clouds, when millions are discussed with easy familiarity, the nickel is looked upon as being somewhere beneath contempt. About its only use is as a 50 cent tip for a shoeshine. The man who designed to search for a dropped nickel would at once be set down as having his racial roots north of the Tweed.

That was a condition some years ago. But, accompanied by the prune, which has assumed pride of place on the best menus, the five-cent piece again has come into its own. In fact it is crowding out of many pockets the larger and more pretensions silver coins. Ask the Mint at Ottawa about this. During the year just closed this money-making institution has turned out 5,620,000 nickels. The only near competitor—and there also is a moral in this—was the cooper, which had been the nickel's companion in humiliation. Nowadays each of these coins will buy something other than a newspaper, which, all through the years, had been their only friend. Now they are piling up in the best cash registers. Even in the West there has been an imperative demand for coppers, and out there they will be breaking new ground. As with mankind, increased popularity and importance has brought the opportunity to travel.

It is an interesting development of the times. Change is the order of the day; and in this case it is small change. The billfold is

Some Shopworn Dogmas

(Montreal Gazette)

It is not alone in the religious sphere of action that the cry is heard today for a resetting of ideas which have long held sway and in the judgment of many have outstayed their leave. Nations confronted by the riddle of the Sphinx and for the present nonplussed by the unsuspected turn of events are at this hour undergoing a sort of Lenten introspection of their behavior and policies. They are severely cross-examining some of the maxims which to a former generation were upheld and proclaimed as signals of the progressive spirit, and as prophetic harbingers of a good time coming when social emancipation would be achieved and spread its light over the surface of the earth. We are not so sure about the formulae loudly advertised having in them the promise and potency of a new order of civilization. The period of romantic and doctrinaire views over which the alleged prophets waxed eloquent and spake with glib confidence has given place to sundry doubts and misgivings as to the validity of the recipes once cherished and put forward as a sort of cure-all for the social ills that afflict our humanity. The acid test of actual experience has had a sobering effect and has produced a painful reaction that plainly portends something has gone wrong with our calculations. Today the pressure of disillusionment is so sharp that fronting the grim realities of world-wide depression and "times out of joint" the danger is lest the spirit of pessimism should take possession of our natures and drive us into a fatalist pose and demeanor which could only make the "last state worse than the first." During the past six months all governments have been compelled to do some careful stock-taking along economic lines and to consider ways and means of readjusting their policies in accord with what the facts brought to light demand. It is a salutary discipline never very welcome, for the simple reason that it upsets our fond assumptions and tends to chasten our minds. It is admittedly one of the hardest tasks in the world to denude the human imagination of its conceits, and in especial the utterly unwarranted notion that the twentieth century outlook and welt politic is quite novel or is in some way altogether superior to any social scheme, directorate or category of civilian management that has ever been tried.

It is not so very long ago according to the historic calendar, that four parts of a new gospel were proclaimed capable of effecting a

threatened by the old-fashioned coinholder. "Put money in thy purse" regains its old-time meaning. The long-neglected little things are back in the general affairs of life—the copper, the nickel, the prune, the darning-needle, the "stitch in time," the cobbler's awl; and on the banner of this new host is inscribed: "Many nickles mak' a muckle." social revolution of measureless dimension and loftiest aims and quality in which all men might share and the masses find full expression and with it, life, liberty and happiness," which, we are told, are the sovereign rights of our humanity. Democracy, the spread of education, the uprise of scientific inventions, and the socialist control of the means of production

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THE SORROW OF LOVE

The quarrel of the sparrows in the eaves, The full round moon and the star-laden sky, And the loud song of the ever-singing leaves, Had hid away earth's old and weary cry. And then you came with those red mournful lips, And with you came the whole of the world's tears, And all the sorrows of her labouring ships, And all the burdens of her myriad years. And now the sparrows warring in the eaves The curd-pale moon, the white stars in the sky, And the loud chaunting of the unquiet leaves Are shaken with earth's old and weary cry. —W. B. Yeats.

and distribution of wealth—these were the great organ-tones pealed forth at fullstop pressure without any tremolo and warranted to release the harmonic strain and lift it to resounding chorus. Have they done so? He would be a very daring, not to say a rash, apologist who could stand up and say that any one or all of these elements put together have fulfilled expectations or as yet have given any substantial evidence of achieving the social redemption of our race. This is not to say that such agencies are useless nor that they are bankrupt of wholesome influence and must be flung aside. But it is a much-needed reminder that apart from the ingredient of that moral element which is often put into the margin as a superfluity or altogether discounted in our calculations, the basic integers of the problem are inefficient as an exhausted battery and much resemble the sheen of moonlight upon Arctic hummocks of ice. Meantime it is futile and absurd to drop down into a flaccid and obscurantist pose as though man is the hapless puppet of the very machine his own hands have reared. "That way madness lies." Pessimism is blight and mildew. It is fatal to hope, to effort, to growth. The first thing is frankly to acknowledge and renounce errors made, whether of judgment, policy, or actual behavior. And the next bounden duty is to rally our faith, courage and faculties in the stern resolution to surmount the difficulties that beset us, and always with the inward and invincible assurance that no external force can possibly defeat a nation if the moral fibre of its people is healthy and braced to the proper pitch.

Mayor H. MacDonald, Georgetown, recently visited Charlottetown.—A.

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