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Rural School Attendance

Not the least valuable feature of the many-sided activities of the Federated Women's Institutes in this Province is the stimulating reports submitted at the annual meetings.

One fact called to the attention of the meeting is the relatively low percentage of attendance in our rural schools—the lowest in all Canada, it is stated.

Imperial Preference An Issue

When Prime Minister Mackenzie King returns from abroad in about a fortnight's time, it will be too late to assist the Nova Scotia electors in determining an issue which has been raised concerning Mr. King's participation in the Imperial Conference at London.

The issue, which has cropped up in the Nova Scotia election campaign, is thus summed up by Mr. G. C. Nowlan, Conservative candidate for Queens:

"In 1932 the Government of Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett was successful in establishing the system of Imperial preference whereby the fruit growers of this Valley enjoy a preference of six shillings per barrel in the markets of the United Kingdom.

"The government of the United States is anxious to conclude their trade treaty with the United Kingdom. Last year Roosevelt journeyed to Quebec and met there the heads of the Canadian Government.

"In this case, I understand that some amendment has been made. The United States will not receive the 'favored nation' clause, but a modification has been made in the schedule of British preferences.

"Why this precipitate action? Do two and two make four? I think it is apparent that he must have learned while in London from Mr. Mackenzie King that an Anglo-American trade treaty would shortly be signed whereby existing preferences would be greatly reduced.

"This is how the age limit is fixed in the movies: Miss Gloria Swanson arrived at New York in the Normandie and her interview with the ship-newsreporters went like this: Reporter: How old are you, anyway? Miss Swanson: Thirty-eight.

nothing would be easier than for the Canadian and British governments to agree upon a revision of these schedules. Of course, Mr. Hsley can deny this, and officially he is correct, because no definite action can be taken until Mackenzie King returns.

He Made Priceless Fiddles

The old city of Cremona, in Lombardy, is celebrating this summer the 200th anniversary of its most famous citizen, Antonius Stradivari, greatest of all violin makers.

One incident of this exhibition, says an exchange, has been somewhat pathetic. When an announcement was made that it was to be held there began a stream of letters addressed to the Cremona authorities by persons who mistakenly believed or dishonestly said they believed that they possessed fiddles fashioned by Stradivari.

Guardian readers will recall the visit here a few years ago of Mr. Blackstone, of the celebrated Hart House String Quartet, in search of a Stradivarius which was reported to be in the Province.

The instruments used by Tosca Seidel and Iso Bressili in their performances here under Community Concert Association auspices were reported to be genuine products of the great Italian master's art.

Editorial Notes

The Methodist Church began its existence at the first Wesleyan Conference held in London this date 1784.

The first duty of a people is to see that its government properly functions, then the laws can take care of themselves.

The Women's Institutes concluded a successful convention by attending at Government House yesterday afternoon as the guests of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. DeBlois.

Does anyone ever recall a time in the Island's history when travellers found it impossible to travel between Summerside and O'Leary in June because of the deplorable state of the roads? The Campbell Government is so callous and indifferent to the peoples rights and interests that even highway murder appears to be of small moment to them.

Jam yesterday, jam tomorrow, but never jam today is the unfortunate position of many Germans. Dr. Joseph Goebbels, German Propaganda Minister, announces that old-age pensions for all deserving German artists are now being instituted by the National Socialist government.

The Committee on Evangelism and Church Life and Work reported to the General Assembly at Ottawa rather despondently on the alleged neglect of the Sabbath, Sunday radio advertising, week-end excursions and Sunday ball games, were all leading towards neglect of Sunday.

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Notes by the Way

What will French jurists make of the case presented by Haie Scassis and his gangway stock? It is a French Company, "The Negus" government holds a sizeable block of the stock.

The more you think things out, the more things come out. But, valuable as imagination is, it takes initiative to make it bloom. The day dreamer and the day doer are two vastly different species of folk.

The Royal gold plate, which was used at the coronation banquets at Buckingham Palace, is, from the point of intrinsic value, the most magnificent in the world. The dinner service, which was originally formed by George IV, cost only twenty-six guineas a piece—that was a bargain price; but values have increased so enormously since then that the whole collection is now worth over two million sterling.

That we have reached a point of progress where children are the targets of the enemy in war gives this age of speed and science a dark distinction among the dark ages. But that a people should, a nation that is a tragedy, be mowed down by foreign mercenaries—this out-herods Herod and brings horror to a climax.

Dr. Hjalmar Schaet, German Minister of Economics, warns against a premature World Economic Conference. "We have to know what we want," he says. "Only then is there chance of success."

Profanity has come under the ban of Italy's army chiefs, and dishonourable discharge from the forces is the penalty prescribed for addicts.

The British Empire has large open spaces. But many of them are without population. The Imperial Conference to be held in London in July, 1937, can hardly ignore the fact that the Empire is far too sparsely populated. It is a more or less accepted fact that Britain is not in a position to fill the space available within the Empire with the population it could require.

The German people are swelling in the worst heat wave which has struck the country in the last 50 years. And that will be nothing to the hot-spots; the Germans will be in it if Hitler continues his swashbuckling tactics.—Exchange.

Even the most pacifist of Socialists are not anxious to see German military bases established on our trade routes and on methods of government introduced into Africa. That does not mean, however, that Herr Hitler's reiteration of German claims to expansion is entirely without effect.

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Mortal, be careful with what thy best hopes are entwined; Wee to the miners for truth, where the lampless have mined; Wee to the sowers on earth for what none ever find; They and their trust shall be scattered like leaves on the wind.

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Bagot, writes: "Owing to his popularity with the United States government, he was urged to accept the Governor-Generalship of Canada at the commencement of the difficulties arising in connection with the 'Canadian Boundary question'."

Two relevant extracts from the instructions issued by Stanley Bagot show clearly that the international situation between Britain, America and Canada and the political atmosphere of the time had as important a bearing on his appointment to Canada as the local situation in Canada itself had.

"In reference to the relations between this country and the United States, I need not urge upon you the necessity of doing everything in your power to allay irritation and to maintain upon the frontier a mutual good understanding between Her Majesty's subjects and those of the United States, and while you will be prepared promptly and efficiently to repel any unauthorized intrusion or aggression on the part of American Citizens, you will take effectual measures for preventing Her Majesty's subjects from affording by their conduct and just causes of complaint on the part of the United States."

"You will communicate confidentially and directly whenever you may deem it necessary with Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, of course, keeping me informed of all that passes, and generally with questions which may arise of the Relations with the United States Government and People. You will consider yourself as acting under the same instructions, and vested with the same discretionary authority as have from time to time been conveyed to your predecessor."

(To Be Continued)

Barrie The Romantic

(J. B. M. in Winnipeg Free Press)

The late Sir James Barrie's career goes back to the misty time when great Victorians were still in spate. On his way to school at Dumfries he used to see Carlyle out walking but never managed to talk to that brooding volcano. He was a friend of Robert Louis Stevenson and meant to visit him in Samoa. "Take the boat at San Francisco," Stevenson wrote to him, "and my place is the second on the left."

Barrie was a little man of retreating habits, not remarkable in a crowd except for his broad brow and his eyes. He lived by himself in a London flat, guarded by a Scotch butler, was almost inaccessible to interviewers, never appeared in a news reel, never wrote memoirs and altogether avoided the fierce white light as assiduously as his neighbor, Mr. Shaw, hunted for it. Yet his career and personality were as well known to the public as Mr. Shaw's which must prove either that the Slavonian technique of self-advertisement was defective or that no man of genius can hide from publicity.

It is notorious, for instance, that Barrie was born in the Scotch weaving town of Kirriemuir—known in story as Thrum—and that Kirriemuir, which has since put up a brass plate and taken on such airs as Scottish modesty will allow, as first viewed his literary ambition with alarm. An aunt asked him, after he had taken his degree at Edinburgh, what trade he meant to follow. When he said author, she exclaimed: "And you an M.A." It may have been the

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