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The Pleasure Is Mutual

This has been the first visit of Their Excellencies Viscount Alexander and Lady Alexander, but we are assured on the authority of the Governor General himself that it will not be their last.

Visits were paid yesterday to the Confederation Chamber, the Provincial Sanatorium and the Dominion Experimental Station at Charlottetown, and to the Experimental Fox Ranch and Legion Home at Summerside.

The planting of an English oak by the Governor General at the Farm recalls the many other planting ceremonies of this kind in connection with vice regal visits.

That leads us to a conclusion we had in mind in starting out. One of the advantages accruing from visits by distinguished people is that we see our Island attractions afresh through their eyes, and—if we are wise—come to value them the more.

Important Events

Two events of much interest agriculturally are scheduled for Wednesday, both of which are calculated to draw a large attendance.

Entrenched

There is a general trend about letting the government do this and do that, on the wrong assumption, nine times out of ten, that the government can do the job better.

A classical case of this kind, says an exchange, comes from Britain, where, it is deemed necessary for food conservation, to establish, under the government of course, a rationing department.

The department was manned by a total of 298 personnel; they would be called civil servants at Ottawa. Of that number, 104 actually engaged themselves in catching or killing rats; some 169 were engaged in clerical work, keeping accounts, possibly counting tails and, no doubt, taking time off for tea.

Once a department like that gets into being, it is almost impossible to get rid of the encumbrance on the treasury. There are like cases right in Canada, plenty of them.

Then And Now

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1929 and that of today in actual conditions?

The Hamilton Spectator pretty well summarizes it in the following:

"In 1929 anything that could be sold could be manufactured. Today anything that can be manufactured can be sold."

"In 1929 people had spent far ahead of their income in buying on the instalment plan. Today there is a heavy reserve of purchasing power waiting for things to come on the market."

"In 1929 there was considerable unemployment, although this is forgotten sometimes, and prices were being depressed by hectic competitive selling of huge quantities of manufactured goods."

"Today thousands of jobs go begging, with a market starved for goods and services as it has never been starved before."

"In 1929 there was great industrial competition, as there would shortly be great agricultural competition, from aggressive rebuilt nations of Europe."

"Today a large part of Europe's industries is in ruins, and over there they will want North America's products and foods for years to come."

"In 1929 inflation was let to run amok as it had in 1818-19. Today there is at least a vigorous attempt to control it."

"Any depression likely to ensue from the present strife and unrest would surely be a most critical one, and not precipitated by causes beyond our own control. But prosperity won't come from silent factories or houses which are built. Prosperity can only come from production and the whole world, our own country included, is crying aloud for it."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mistakes will happen on the best regulated newspapers, and, of course, the uninitiated put all the blame where it does not rightly belong.

The Governor-General and his good lady liked our golf course, and longed to have a round. They also greatly admired Victoria Park, and enjoyed witnessing a ball game there.

The most disappointed elements in the community in connection with the Governor-General's visit, were the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides who had anticipated the honour of an inspection. But their turn will come next month when the Great Chief, Lord Rowallan, visits us in kilt and bonnet.

Yesterday was another red-letter day of which we have reason to feel proud. Their Excellencies created a most favourable impression, and the hope was freely expressed that it would not be long before the visit was repeated over a more extended period.

Sir Allan Patrick Herbert, M. P., M. A., British author, journalist and politician, born this date 1890, on Punch staff 1910-24, except for four years when he served with the Royal Navy, Hawke division, at Gallipoli, France, and the Mediterranean.

Despite Russia's wartime dissolution of the Comintern, the United States still takes it for granted that there is a firm link between Kremlin and Communists everywhere.

What is the dignified miss of 18 or so whose parents, for the entertainment of their friends, had a baby picture taken? It is not, of course, cute; it is screamingly funny. For the subject here is a baby who has been destroyed.

The called report that two copies of the Bible have been sold in London for \$10,000 apiece, one of them a famous "She" Bible, is a bit of a puzzle.

That a specific bureau of recreation should be established by the Federal Department of Health and Welfare is the belief of Mr. J. A. B. McLeish, principal of Gault Institute, Valleyfield, Que., and chairman of the national committee of the Canadian Federation of Home and School.

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Notes By The Way

Some people worry more about the way the spies are tried than they did about the way the country was subjected to spying.—Toronto Telegram.

A B. C. royal commission may recommend the new form of municipal taxation be developed in an entirely new field. Most of us would be startled to learn that the source is still unexplored.—Edmonton Journal.

The technique of sanitary dish-washing is being studied and tested at the University of Michigan, remarks The Windsor Star, which is too early to know whether it will emerge as an art or a science. The safest opinion would be "as a chore"—Stratford Examiner.

The pioneer "squatters" who settled themselves, semi-free, on rough and unimproved patches of ground in the backwoods in the early days would rub their eyes in amazement to see some of the ritzy quaters their modern successors make bold to occupy in the city.—Ottawa Journal.

One centre of human activity is the mind. While the mind is fed it grows, becomes more alert, accomplishes tasks and opens new avenues of thought in advance of previously won ground, says The Victoria Colonist. Once that process stops, however, a deterioration sets in, what we call "age" leaves its mark and the individual confidence of the individual comes to an end. In that sense, "age" is an affair of the mind before it is anything else.

New England feels it has been snubbed. It was bad enough for the President to say by inference the summer weather up there is "not fit for a vacation, but he snubbed it in by going to his possession, Bermuda in some New England spots the Revolutionary war is still in vivid memory. Some tell when he is going to turn over a wasp's nest and he is stung. Really the only one in Mississippi's Fifth District.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Did you know that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is hard of hearing? And that she just doesn't let it bother her? Mrs. Roosevelt has a hearing aid which she wears only at times. Since she was not born deaf, the hearing loss was a blow. Gradually she slipped away, she says, until now she finds that both her ears are affected—no worse than the other "hearing" Mrs. Roosevelt says. "When first I realized my hearing was failing," she conquered the feeling that she was being deprived of her hearing. She refused to let the hearing loss be a handicap. By keeping busy all the time she declared "I just won't allow the fact that I am deaf to bother me. I am deaf, but I am not a lip reader."

Whether it be because modern photographers have better taste, or whatever the reason, the fashion of having babies photographed in the bath seems to be dying out. Well it may. The abandonment of this practice will ensure that the babies who are born in the world will be born in the world.

leaves together and made themselves breeches. Another of the seven Bibles, one printed in 1811, omitted the word "and" in the opening of the first chapter of the book of Genesis. The book contains a message that every boy and girl must learn to survive.

It won't be long now. A few more weeks and autumn will be on the hills-tops, flame in the meadows and the rye on the slopes. And the rye will be tattering away in scarlet streamers for every breeze, while the asters, the winter cost and the road-side as always, it seems only a few weeks back.

Experts have declared, says an Australian newsletter, that the fur coat is quite as good and perhaps superior in quality to that of the American mink, which is used extensively in the fur industry.

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Contacts Needed In Anti-V.D. Fight

Dr. Gordon Bates, In Magazine HEALTH

It is an axiom in public health that to prevent the spread of communicable disease the contacts of infected with non-infected persons must be prevented. This is true in the case of tuberculosis, of diphtheria and of smallpox.

"It is also true of Venereal Disease in spite of the fact that some would have medical leaders believe that Venereal Disease is in a completely different category because sex is involved," writes Dr. Gordon Bates in an article "Sex Education is Not Enough" in a recent issue of the magazine HEALTH, official publication of the Health League of Canada. Dr. Bates is General Director of the Health League.

Dr. Bates intimates it was evident in this connection that some public health authorities considered that questions of morals were not strictly a medical matter.

"These quasi experts fall to observe in their pronouncements that no normal man with a normal education wants to be a prostitute or to be promiscuous," writes Dr. Bates. "It is equally true that a man who has a proper conception of the history of advancing civilization and its connection with romantic love wants to be promiscuous."

Dr. Bates thinks any thoughtful person must recognize the fact that the Venereal Diseases arise from a normal relationship out of marriage and that these arise from factors influencing conduct and social conditions. Venereal Disease cannot be controlled.

"Yet it is obvious that many people who ought to know better have taken the view that more education is the answer. The Venereal Diseases and the provisions for their control are not a matter of rational, scientific control."

"Another group it would seem have emphasized the value of disseminating information as to the physical facts of sex almost as if it were a matter of control gonorrhoea and syphilis.

"This kind of education has been so over-emphasized as to suggest to some leading educators that the term sex education should be abandoned altogether for a title which more accurately describe a broad program of education needed to guide human beings in the matter of rational, scientific control."

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I must not wander where the trees
Grow deep beside the ebon lake
For if I do not turn from these
The night will shatter with the look.

I must go in and close the door
And sit me down with any book
For if I stay but moment more
The world will tumble with the look.

—William D. DeCoste, Canadian Army, (Formerly of Charlottetown).

WARSAW, Sept. 18 (AP)—Poland, now the biggest coal producer in Europe, steadily is increasing production and 1946 output may hit close to 50,000,000 tons. In 26 working days in August miners turned out 4,186,802 tons, topping the forecast figure of 4,167,000.

BLACKPOOL, England (CP)—The model of a guardroom at the entrance of a sort of hotel had been so life-like that holiday maker W. H. McCrea punched it on the nose and smashed it. He was bound over for 12 months and charged 10 pounds (\$40) for the damage.

In nearly half a century with the Mounties Deputy Commissioner Mead figured in enough excitement to fill a dozen adventure magazines. He became such an authority on the history and lore of Canada's famous police force that when Morris Lovett, writer and Henry Verron were writing "Murder at Bely Butte" a thriller dedicated to the Northwest Territories, he was commissioned as secretary to the authors. He conducted the two writers through the territories, where he had served as a constable, and later aided in developing several other stories based on RCMP records. Now he has laid aside his pen for the last time and has begun to bring his memories to the Canadian wild-erness and he has earned his rest.—Vancouver Province.

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