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St. Andrew's Day

The world around, Saint Andrew's Day is observed by Scots and those in whose veins runs Scottish blood. Behind the traditional observance of the day of a patron Saint is more than narrow nationalism.

Scots early in their history showed a tendency to wander to other climes. Hardly had the diverse racial elements of the Lowlands and the Highlands merged into one nation before the claim to ubiquity was asserted.

In more recent years Scots have achieved fame, not only for military prowess but in all professions and walks of life.

For many years our Prince Edward Island Caledonian Club has celebrated St. Andrew's day with the traditional banquet and postprandial speeches.

U. S. Tackles Teacher Problem

Authorities in the United States as well as Canada are becoming seriously alarmed over the teacher shortage problem. In the neighboring republic one million new elementary public school teachers are needed at the rate of 100,000 annually for the next ten years.

The plan involves study of the school financial situation, particularly as related to salary schedules and the ability to obtain good teachers for the amounts paid.

Governments can do much in the way of encouraging a teacher recruitment programme, but public opinion is the driving force behind all movements of this kind.

Markets For Britain

Great Britain is making a vigorous effort for a better balance of trade with Canada. In the past Canada has always sold Great Britain vastly more than Britain has bought from the Dominion.

However, this system has broken down. Britain has not the dollars to pay for her unbalanced trade in the United States.

Both are proving successful in their efforts which is encouraging for future of business both in Canada and Great Britain.

Britain should be maintained. Britain is still the world's greatest market for our agricultural products. But under present world conditions we cannot continue permanently to sell to Britain unless we are prepared to buy from them.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Feast of St. Andrew, Scotland's Patron Saint.

"Scots who have Wallace bled, Scots whom Bruce has often led," or, at least their descendants will be vocal here as elsewhere tonight.

Canada is steadily progressing towards a free Government medical service as in Great Britain, beginning at Prince Edward Island.

Today is the final day for the export of certified seed potatoes without a license, and for table stock license or no.

Dominion Succession Duties are coming in for a good deal of criticism just now. The complete re-writing of the twenty year old Income tax law leads to the hope that succession duties will be subjected to a similar process.

An interesting development is being considered by the city of Ottawa's Board of Control, provision of "garages for baby carriages."

Remaining Commonwealth countries can continue to treat Eire's citizens "as if" they were still British subjects, but foreign countries may well object if we continue to accord the Republic of Ireland the present trade preference over most-favoured-nation rates.

The facility with which government departments can lose things is legendary. The latest, for the record, is the loss of a house in Hamilton, Ontario, by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Just before the imposition of potato export controls by Ottawa, Solicitor General Jean had announced that possibly the last use of Order-in-Council under the Emergency Transitional Powers Act had been made by the Federal Cabinet.

Saint John, N. B., again wants to change its name. It has done so twice already, and now thinks as its saintly appellation has become almost as common as the ubiquitous Smith, proposes to select a designation which will distinguish it from cities in Newfoundland and Quebec.

A Chicago doctor has come up with a new explanation for that ache in the small of the back. He attributes it to "not being able to cope with the everyday pressure situations."

At a Canadian Club luncheon in Ottawa, Mr. Laurence Steinhardt, the new United States Ambassador, issued a warning to Canadians "to be prepared."

Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, soldier, statesman and litterateur, born this date 1874, took an active part in four wars, Sudanese, South African, World Wars I and II.

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There are varying views on the European economic situation, and that of Mr. John Gunther, world-famous author and newspaperman was given to the Saint John Telegraph-Journal Saturday.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

LONGEVITY CANDIDATES

- Sir.—Continuing the list of longevity candidates appearing in the Public Forum—all 90 years or over—we now have the following names: Mrs. William Smith, Newton Cross, 96; Mrs. Donald MacKinnon, North River, 91; Mrs. Sarah Tamlyn, S'Side, 95; Mrs. Elizabeth MacKenzie, Charlottetown, 104; Mrs. Thomas R. Ch'ntown, 97; Mr. Thomas Henderson, Long Creek, 92; Mrs. Harriet Taylor, North Granville, 96; Dr. R. J. MacDonald, St. Peter's, 90; Mrs. Duncan McGilvery, Churchill, 85.

Surely there must be other oldersters to hear from you. If so I would ask that their names be sent to The Guardian.

I am, Sir, etc. "UNCLE JOE"

A CRITICAL HEADMASTER

Sir.—Your comment in Saturday's "Editorial Notes" about our schools in which you state, "where about half the time is devoted to hockey, ball games, pictures and other entertainments" was too serious to let pass, if true, even more serious if not well founded.

Speaking only for the school for which I am responsible, I can merely request as humbly as possible that the writer of this sweeping criticism be good enough to come and spend any part of any school day in any one of our classrooms. If, as a result of such a visit, he can show me that any part of schooltime can be spent to better advantage than that which we are presently making of it, I shall be glad of any suggestions and promise to do my best to see that all reasonable ideas are given a fair trial.

I am, Sir, etc. —Principal, Prince Street School. (Evidently Colonel Lowther intends his letter to be ironical. —Ed. G.)

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Notes By The Way

An ancient tradition that if a body is taken through a toll gate it is immediately freed from toll was revived at Oxford last week after the recovery of the body of a man from Ifley Lock, on the Thames. Entrance from the river to the road is gained only through a toll gate which belongs to Lincoln College, and the gate-keeper refused to allow the police officers to take the body through the gate. Eventually it was lifted over a wall.—London Times.

Far be it from us to belittle science and its magnificent contributions to life, liberty and all that. But when scientists decide to make a new apple, we can't help being dubious. The only time there was a new apple was in that famous garden, and look what it did! Or if you want to take the other side of the argument, every apple is new, even when it's become an apple. No, we'll stick with the old apple. What was good enough for Eve is good enough for us, and besides, why try to improve on perfection? — Windsor Star.

A Glasgow member of the British Commonwealth League is legislation forbidding knock-kneed men to wear the kilt. This is based on a complete misunderstanding of the function of kilts. They are not an adornment for beauty but a badge of membership in a clan. Any clansman is entitled to wear a tartan, even though he may be knock-kneed, bow-legged, pigeon-toed and afflicted with bunions—and let no Glaswegian say him nay! Anyway, we must admit that we are actually more flattering to knock-knees than tight-fitting trousers. —Edmonton Journal.

Gwrych Castle, built in the early 19th century and former Welsh seat of Lord Dundonald, has been sold for £100,000 (\$400,000) to Leslie T. Salts, Liverpool business man. The castle, which stands in a 300-acre park, has 18 embattled towers, more than 50 rooms and an Italian marble staircase 15 feet wide, said to be worth £25,000. Salts plans to turn the castle into a "Mirror of Wales." He says he hopes at least 75,000 persons daily will pass through it next year on tours, demonstrating Welsh cultural life. —Fredericton Gleaser.

School boards throughout the Dominion are finding it difficult to engage competent teaching staffs. Particularly is this the case in the rural sections of the country. The situation is serious, but certainly not surprising. A large number have left teaching for better paying jobs. Unless something is done our education system will suffer. High taxes and high living costs are likely to continue for some time. So will the teacher shortage, unless salaries, retirement pay and job security are generally improved. —Sarnia Canadian Observer.

When you meet a person for the first time, repeat his name in acknowledging the introduction, and use it frequently in the ensuing conversation. This helps to fix the name in your mind. Then associate the name with something, no matter how stupid or foolish it may be. Look for some peculiar characteristic through which you can associate the face with the name. Then tell your friends that you met him, using his name again to fix it in your mind. So if you use a name three or four times, you are more likely to remember that it is his. —Chatham News.

An old sneaking suspicion of ours now has some confirmation from a without any attempt at a written record or appraisal. The distinguished career of Cardinal McGuigan has afforded a worthy opportunity for verbal portraiture of a contemporary. Books of this nature are highly desirable as an important element in making the life of this country available in printed form in all provinces and beyond our borders.

While toasts with joy they freely drain, They hear the grand old songs again. From Hundred Pipes' routing strain That brings a cheer, To Annie Laurie's sweet refrain That starts a tear.

But through it all they never forget The heroes gone, or with them yet, To whom they owe a solemn debt They never can pay, For freedom bought with blood and sweat In fierce affray.

As hand clasps hand from friend to friend, Their silent prayers to Heaven send, That they may worthily defend The hard won peace, With Auld Lang Syne they homeward bend, And revel cease. —Jas. K. McLehrie, in the Montreal Star, 1947.

The Age-Old Story

Behold, I will make them a synagogue of Satan, and are not say they are Jews, and are not let them to come and worship before thy feet and to know that I have loved thee.

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