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AN URGENT APPEAL

Elsewhere in this issue appears a communication from Premier MacMillan, appealing to the combined charitable forces of the Province on behalf of the drought areas of Southern Saskatchewan.

The problem of feeding and clothing the people of these areas, who have been without crops for several years past and are facing severe hardships during the coming winter, is being met partly by government aid, but volunteer contributions are also badly needed. In this favoured Province, as the Premier truly says, we have difficulty in picturing the great need of our fellow Canadians in the drought district. Last year assistance was rendered in the form of supplies of food and clothing forwarded from the Island in common with our sister provinces and this year the same need exists and should be met with the same generous response. Supplies will be forwarded by the Canadian National Railways free of transportation charges from any station in the Province.

The Premier's message is in line with the appeal made to the Maritime Synod Wednesday night by Rev. Dr. Grant, Secretary of the General Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church, who pointed out that potatoes and other vegetables, grown in profusion in this Province, would be particularly acceptable. It is hoped to have the cooperation of all our church and charitable organizations in this very necessary and urgent campaign.

FIRE PREVENTION

By Royal Proclamation, the Governor General of Canada has designated October 7th to 13th as Fire Prevention Week. During that week, lessons on fire prevention subjects should be given in every public school and the owners and occupants of property everywhere throughout Canada are counselled to give special attention to the removal of fire hazards from their premises. "Fire waste is one of the serious economic problems confronting Canada at the present time. The public in general is vitally affected by the tremendous losses annually incurred by fire and the enormous expenditures rendered necessary to adequately protect life and property from its ravages. Seeing that at least seventy-five per cent of all fires are caused by carelessness and can therefore be prevented, it is the obvious duty of municipal authorities, fire department officials, boards of trade and other representative citizen bodies to bring the matter to the attention of the people. Only by the co-operation of all concerned will Fire Prevention Week achieve the results hoped for.

SEEKING A POLICY

Lacking a policy at home it needs hardly occasion much surprise, says an exchange, that Rt. Hon. MacKenzie King, Liberal leader, and his chief lieutenant, Hon. Ernest Lapointe have gone abroad in search of one. It is possible that the Liberal party's board of strategy operating at Ottawa realize that propaganda good enough to accentuate feelings of unrest and sower the electors' minds from the real issues in a by-election, might not be sufficient, or so effective when the people are asked to pronounce upon live and important questions. Hence the necessity of the party assembling some material upon which to formulate a policy in regard to problems facing Canada and other nations of the world. That the Liberal leaders should find it necessary to cross the Atlantic, however, to ascertain the kind of fiscal policy Canada needs to develop her natural resources and build up her various industries—if that should be their mission—would be a little surprising. Perhaps an Ottawa correspondent throws some light on the King-Lapointe mission, which seems to be shrouded in an air of mystery, when he says that the voyage overseas is in search of "ammunition" for the forthcoming general election.

Persons high in the councils of the Liberal party at Ottawa are credited with stating that the Liberal leader hopes to collect data which will make suitable election campaign material in connection with two major subjects, viz. the working of the Ottawa trade agreements from the British standpoint, and the policy of Imperial defence, involving the overseas Dominions. Mr. King's observations under these two headings are expected to prove largely instrumental in moulding the Liberal campaign when it opens. By several speeches which he has delivered since 1932 the Liberal

leader stands pledged to repeal the Ottawa trade pacts once he is returned to office. To justify this plank he is understood to have been anxious to study the operation of the trade agreements not only from the Canadian but also from the United Kingdom angle. In neither case is he likely to find much encouragement for the views which he professes to hold on this question.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Every prospect pleases now, only potato prices are vile.

The Synod members have had a pleasant and profitable stay among us, and leave us distinct boosters.

About half the new \$250,000,000 already subscribed. It looks as though some intending subscribers are to be left out in the cold when the lists close.

Zion Church ladies deserve credit and congratulations on their successful efforts to cater artistically and gastronomically for the many representatives from home and abroad attending the Synod.

The Potato Growers Association has been the subject of prolonged controversy, and the time is now come when it should be given a little rest from publicity of this description.

Mr. D. Leo Dolan, the recently appointed Director of the Canadian Travel Bureau, estimates that the national income from tourists this year will approximate \$150,000,000—a tidy sum to circulate among 10,000,000 people.

According to the London Spectator, the Liberals in Canada expect an election about March in time to have Mr. MacKenzie King go to His Majesty's Silver Jubilee celebration and the Imperial Conference in May. Of course, the wish is father to this thought.

It is gratifying to learn that Sergeant Trainor of the R.C.M.P. has been given charge of the protection and development of our beaver colonies. The story told in yesterday's Guardian of how the beavers eliminate droves has its lesson for humans, to be duly conveyed to the rising generation by teachers and moralists generally.

Science has come to the aid of the erring motorist who finds himself held up for neglecting to show his lights. An "electric eye" carefully measures the amount of light and at sunset automatically switches on parking lights. It cannot be fooled by clouds, and always keeps a few minutes ahead of darkness. The same device can be applied to schoolrooms, beacons, street lights and navigation signals. The "eye" was demonstrated at Baltimore National Illumination Conference this week.

If a German experiment succeeds there is no reason why our farmers should not grow their own rubber tires. Owing to the shut down of foreign trade and credit, Germany is short of material for rubber, and so far the search for a synthetic has been futile. Botanists are now seeking a new source of natural rubber in various native plants, including the onion. The common onion yields rubber in infinitesimal quantities, but other species of onions contain much more, and there is talk of growing such onions on a large scale. Necessity is thus, again, proving the mother of invention.

It has just been announced that preparations have been set afoot for the celebration throughout the world of the fourth centenary of the Society of Jesus, Pope Paul III having issued his bull giving the Society its constitution on September 27, 1540. The birth of the Society took place on August 15, 1534, when St. Ignatius and his six companions made their first vows. The first seven members of the Society were St. Ignatius, St. Francis Xavier, Blessed Peter Faber, James Lainez, Alphonsus, Salmeron, Nicholas Bobadilla and Simon Rodrigues de Azevedo, and the vows they took were those of poverty and chastity and if opportunity should allow, a visit to the Holy Land within a fixed period. In the present year, the Society of Jesus has 3,104 missionary priests, brothers and scholars in 51 different ecclesiastical territories in all parts of the world. They are assisted in their apostolate by 517 priests and 509 brothers not belonging to the Society of Jesus, 4,064 missionary Sisters and 22,347

Notes By The Way

When Kaye Don was found guilty of manslaughter in the Isle of Man for the death of his mechanic while driving with him, the opinion over here was that the verdict was severe. Indifferent, incapable and irresponsible motorists may be disposed to comment on another British case against an autist. At Skipton, in Yorkshire, a judge sentenced a driver to four months in prison for hitting a telegraph pole. His license to drive has been revoked for three years. Nobody was injured and the driver was sober. It was proved that his steering gear was faulty. The remarkable thing for us to consider is that nobody in England thought the judge's sentence was harsh or unusual.

"Grant us who are about to look within the covers of a book, vision, not merely eyes; that we may see between each line the soul's intent, the impulse, the thought, the word, the deed, the life. Grant us ears for beauty's sake, for rhythms that both flow and break through phrases sweetly wrought. 'Tis heavy as well as brain we need if we're to harvest while we read the spirit, and the thought."—Wilhelmina Stutch.

The coloured man may fight his way to a position of economic comfort and even intellectual distinction, but these things without social recognition are Dead Sea fruit. The European Conference clearly showed that a new determination to move ahead is stirring among the coloured people. They have a long way to go and need the constant help of Europeans who take an intelligent interest in their progress. They should be assured of the practical sympathy which exists among the thinking sections of the European community. Apathy still persists among the dominant race, and the primary value of the report now issued will be to bring home to the public the magnitude of the housing, health, education and employment under which the great majority of coloured people live. If it can drive away ignorance and prejudice and at the same time eradicate the white man's fear it will prepare the way for a coloured man who is essential if the community as a whole is to advance.—Johannesburg Times.

How very few original thinkers and writers there are, anyway. And by original I mean those independent thinkers for actually there are no original thinkers. We all think over the thoughts of the millions who have gone before us, who also thought the thoughts, and expressed the ideas of the millions before them. The best that the number of us can do is to express, as sincerely as we know, every thought which we think may be helpful to some one else.—Ex.

The mentality of those who swear has recently been discussed by Professor A. E. Huth, in a philosophy course at Swansea University. "Swearing is really bound up with magic," he said. "For instance, there is a certain race of primitive people who, before they go out to fight, call their enemies 'rotten' by using a magic word, so that they will really be turned into rotten tree trunks. Similarly when a man says 'blast you', there is a primitive feeling deep down in him that the man may really be blasted though he would probably have the shock of his life if this happened.

London has underground streams, the remnants of small rivers. Fleet St. derives its name from Fleet Stream. These buried rivers are always a trouble to the excavators. They have their humorous aspects. Lord Rosebery would relate a story of a pig which about 1750 was lost in the already covered part of the Fleet. It, however, emerged into the Thames about five months later, alive and well. Its market value increased four-fold.

The British government has decided that in the absence of any general demand for a more rational and scientific method of indicating the time of day the old method of us can be to express, in four hours into two periods of twelve hours each will continue in practice. Habit, of course, is what keeps us to the old style. It seems awkward to say 18 o'clock or 22 o'clock. By the present reckoning the numerals are all words of one syllable.

catechists and teachers all working among a population of 195,293,046.

Not satisfied with the inauguration of a system of universal military training from the early age of eight years, Fascist Italy begins on the 23rd of this month a plan to eliminate the possibilities of selecting unskilled men for public posts, often discussed by Canadians. The plan consists in training selected groups of the nation's youth for party and governmental posts of responsibility, and it is designed ultimately to replace other methods of selection. Any youth between the ages of 23 and 36 will be eligible to enter the classes but they must meet rigid requirements as to intelligence, character and physical fitness. A candidate's station in life will not be taken into consideration. The courses will run one year after which youths succeeding in passing most severe examinations will be given a year of training in actual work. They will be attached as cadets to the managing offices of the principal governmental party, industrial, agricultural and commercial institutions. They will be expected to understand managers and minor officials so as to be able to become qualified to fill responsible posts if necessary.

That Body of Ours

By James W. Weston, M.D.

MORE THAN A KNOWLEDGE OF FOOD NECESSARY TO CORRECTLY PRESCRIBE DIETS

While some food "faddists" are trying to get the public to eat special kinds of food because they are manufacturers or sellers of these particular foods, there are many others who are uselessly interested in special foods or diets and wish to help the public by their use.

Consequently with these various food fads being pushed forward daily by newspaper or radio, Dr. L. Jean Bogert in "Nutrition and Physical Fitness," points out competent and sane advice about food has been greatly discredited, since the average person does not appear to decide between those who know what they are talking about and those who do not. A great many people therefore attach themselves to one of the following groups:

(1) Those who pool-pool all advice about diet and whatever they want with indifference or defiance; (2) those who become overanxious concerning food and often believe too much about certain food theories so that they try all the advice they can get either at one time or in a series, ending up in a sad state of confusion;

(3) those who become zealots, adopting some particular food fad and sticking to it with a perseverance that would be admirable in a better cause.

Now, if you are in good health, enjoying your meals, have regular intestinal movements, and don't feel weak or listless, there is no need for too much food, why get your mind upset about food? Your particular body can handle all the different foods and all the various combinations of foods without trouble.

Remember, Dr. McCollum, Johns Hopkins University, America's foremost food expert, says that the average diet with either some raw fruit or raw vegetable added daily is all that is necessary from the food standpoint to keep us well.

The Poet's Corner

NOON AND NIGHT FLOWER Not any flower that blows But shining watch doth keep; Ever a swift changing chequered hour it knows Now to break forth in beauty; now to sleep.

This for the roving bee Keen of eye and this Stainless and clear is, that in darkness she May lure the moth to where her nectar is.

Lovely beyond the rest. Are these of all delight.— The tiny pimpernel that noon loves best, The primrose palely burning through the night.

except "eleven" and we clip that so tight, has little more than our own. If we can learn the chief advantage of the new style would be pointing out to children that it was now "20 o'clock and long past bedtime," and the little wretches would have no come-back.—Boston Transcript.

Due to the increasing number of demands for electric power, the Manchukuo Minister of Industry is planning a program which will fill all requests for electric power. The first step in this ambitious plan will be a detailed survey of the hydraulic assets of the various rivers throughout Manchukuo. This electrification plan will be completed in ten years, and the Minister of Industry hopes that by the end of this period electric power and lighting services will be available to even the remotest corners of Manchuria.

Permanent peace, says Litvinoff, is the goal of Russia. Evidently Russia believes in the Roman maxim, "If you want peace, prepare for war." While Great Britain was leading in disarmament Russia was leading in armament. One has no desire to be forever suspecting Russia of ulterior motives, but unfortunately the activity of Communism reinforced by its proved doctrines has always tended to foment trouble rather than to allay it. Therefore it would be interesting to know what sort of peace is Russia's goal. There is such a thing as imposed peace, and whether this is a happy state or something rather worse than war depends on the character of the power that imposes it. For example peace imposed by the Third International might be a state of abject misery. The Pax Britannica is a blessing.—Exchange.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

URGENT APPEAL

Sir,—In response to numerous requests, I deem it my duty to bring to the attention of the people of this favoured Province the problem of feeding and clothing the people of the dried out areas of Southern Saskatchewan during the approaching winter.

Drought and the ravages of grasshoppers have turned the once smiling prairie to a desert and a belt of country 125 miles wide and extending across the entire southern portion of Saskatchewan has been without crops during the past several years.

To handle the resulting problem the Voluntary Rural Relief Organization has been formed by combining the charitable forces of that Province.

I am, sir, etc.

W. J. P. MACMILLAN, Premier.

The Nelson Papers

(Montreal Gazette) Price is not value. That much is certain. A book which it takes half a lifetime to prepare, and months to write, comes down to a dime on the stall; whilst a chance letter penned by some famous personage will fetch a thousandfold the price of the most famous picture that there is. At Sotheby's auction rooms in London documents and letters of Lord Nelson, the hero of Trafalgar, have recently been sold. It is reported these relics, half of history and half of legend, fetched a total of \$20,000.

Next—"Laggie" McCarthy, M.P. (Le Temps, Paris) If the French Canadians have not forgotten the land of their fathers, as evidently they have not, the people of France on the other side of the Atlantic should not forget those who represent on the other side of the Atlantic their race, culture, mind and spirit, and represent, too, that which is best—the country's past history. And the best is glorious.

More than everything France does not forget, and she never will forget, that in the tragic hours of the Great War so many of the sons of those who were our sons came over to fight and die on French soil, side by side with our own soldiers, for the defence of the liberty of the world.

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50 Years Ago

And Since

By FRED COOK

TRILITEN AT TABLE

The old superstition that it is unlucky to be the thirteenth guest at dinner never dies. People may scoff at it but the belief still prevails among men and women in all walks of life.

Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King was Canada's delegate to the Imperial Conference in 1923. Previous to his departure from Ottawa his colleagues decided to give him a farewell dinner at Royal Ottawa Golf Club. There was to be a club dance that evening and my friend Mr. A. F. MacCallum, then city works commissioner, who is fond of tripping the light fantastic, was to be there.

A number of us were sitting in the men's lounge that afternoon, "Andy" MacCallum being one of the company, when Dr. J. H. King, then Minister of Public Works, came to the door and glanced over the company. Spotting Mr. MacCallum in evening dress the doctor beckoned to him and "Andy" joined him in the hall.

"Mr. King is leaving for England in a day or two," said the minister, "and we are giving him a dinner tonight. Unfortunately some of our colleagues cannot be present and we find that our company numbers thirteen. One or two of the ministers are superstitious and will not sit down with thirteen at the table. Will you join the cabinet, therefore, at dinner, to break the hoodoo?"

"Andy" laughed and replied that for a long time he had cherished ambitions to become a member of the select circle of the government, and would be glad to make one of the company.

Dr. King returned to the reception room where the Prime Minister and his colleagues were assembled, and when dinner was announced he came for Mr. MacCallum. The commissioner knew all the ministers present except two, and it so happened that he was placed between these gentlemen. One was Hon. Mr. Lapointe; the other Hon. E. W. (Ned) Macdonald. "Andy" told them who he was and how he came to be there. They made merry over the incident, and then for a couple of hours all enjoyed a good dinner, with the usual accessories. Finally the cigars and port were passed, whereupon Mr. MacCallum, realizing that he had discharged his duty, rose, bowed to the company and gracefully retired. He cherishes to this day the recollection of how he was temporarily a minister, without portfolio.

France and Canada

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Refundng Loan

(Mail and Empire)

By refunding old loans at reduced rates of interest the Bennett Government has already saved the people of Canada \$9,000,000 per annum in cash. The new refunding loan just announced will add a further saving of \$5,000,000 per annum. The aggregate reduction in the annual national burden will be \$14,000,000. All of which will stand to the credit of our people as to that of the masterly administrator, whose conduct of Dominion affairs has protected the country from suffering the full effects of the world depression, and caused it to lead all other nations in the extent and celerity of its economic recovery.

The economy obtained by these refunding operations has more than offset the interest charges on the money borrowed to meet the extraordinary cost of unemployment relief. It means a measure of relief for every taxpayer and paves the way to tax reductions as times continue to improve. Since the low point of February, 1933, the trend of business has been moving steadily upward in an improvement so marked and so consistently sustained that we need no longer doubt its reality.

Every Canadian should read the statistics quoted by the Prime Minister in the current advertisement, as affording ample and undeniable proof of Canada's onward and upward march. The fact that previous conversion loan bonds are quoted at a good premium today should appeal to the small as well as to the large investor everywhere. A bond backed by all the resources of the Dominion is the best security in the world.

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