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Save Drowning Victims

All drowning fatalities are not necessarily due only to carelessness on the part of the victims, states Dr. Gordon Bates of Toronto, general director of Health League of Canada and editor of Health Magazine. Too frequently, Dr. Bates points out, there is lack of knowledge as to proper means of artificial respiration on the part of onlookers anxious to help. He adds: "Artificial respiration should always be immediate and continuously applied by persons with some knowledge of the procedure. There are misapprehensions, however, which in some cases have led to tragedy. In spite of widespread publicity about ten years ago in the Canadian press, there still remains in the minds of many the idea that a person who has been under water for more than a few minutes cannot be revived by artificial respiration. This is not true. There have been instances of individuals who have been revived after having been as long as half an hour in the water."

A committee of the Health League of Canada under the leadership of the late Sir Frederick Banting, in 1933 issued a statement to the effect that artificial respiration should be kept up continuously for four hours or until there is evidence of rigor mortis in the victim. Yet it has been noticed in not a few cases recently that artificial respiration has been discontinued in a very short time and the victim pronounced dead. This action has presumably been decided on because there have been no signs of life.

Dr. Bates states that the same committee also found that "most drowning victims have no water in their lungs and that death results from spasm of the larynx. It is therefore most important that one should make certain in all of these cases that the air passages are free. The only known method of attempting to assure this end at present is to see the patient's tongue is drawn well out during efforts of artificial respiration."

Wooden Ships, Iron Men

At Portsmouth, England, notes the Ottawa Journal, are two ships that fought on opposite sides at the battle of Trafalgar 144 years ago. But one of them, the Implacable, has disintegrated past the saving and is to be broken up. Soon only the famous Victory will survive from that memorable engagement that did so much to break Napoleon's power.

The Implacable was a French ship originally, launched in 1800. She was fought gallantly by her French crew at Trafalgar, but eventually, with many casualties, the ship was surrendered to the British and reconitioned for the Royal Navy under her new name. She served at sea until 1842, and as recently as World War II was used by the Admiralty as a floating store.

The Victory, happily, has been preserved and seems good for many more years. She sat in a Portsmouth drydock through the war years as a training ship, and they used to show visitors a hole in the hull caused by a German bomb, scars on her weather-beaten deck from German machine-gun bullets. They showed, too, the spot on that deck where Nelson fell in that battle of Trafalgar, and the place below decks where Nelson died—died knowing the battle was won.

A Television Face?

Mr. Norman Collins, the Controller of BBC Television, writing about the future of television in The BBC Quarterly, disposes of a number of bogeys. He is reassuring about television's effect on family life, and he does not believe that it will ever destroy the moving picture or the movie theater. Social and gregarious human beings will always enjoy being together in the movie houses and the flesh and blood of the theater will always be more exciting than figures on a silver screen. Films, plays, and televisions in his view will be co-existent.

But all the same, the BBC's television chief foresees that television's effect in the home will be enormous. Its likely influence on the young, for instance, he describes in these words: "Remember that the new generation will be able to switch on television as their parents once thought themselves lucky to switch on the light. Television is something that children will learn to accept as they now accept the toys in their nurseries. The faces and voices of the announcers will be as familiar as the faces and voices of their own families. They will be part of the everyday background of the home."

"But they will also represent something larger than the home: they will stand for the exciting adult world that is outside. In consequence, these announcers, even the most junior ones, will become tremendously powerful persons. On a ten-inch screen, they will still be life-size. And ten times as recognizable as any film star. The clothes they wear, the accent in which they speak, the way they stand, the manner in which they do their hair, will be important and significant."

"Remember, too, that they will not be film stars. They will not be acting any role but their own. In consequence, it will be assumed by the young that everything they do is what people are supposed to do. How they look is how men and women are expected to look. And how they speak is the people's English as well as the King's. Not that such a prospect is entirely alarming. "The BBC is charged already with having through its broadcasts, killed local accents and ruined local idioms. Shall we have a television face? A television collar-and-tie for males? A television hair style for women? A television smile?"

EDITORIAL NOTES

Perugia captured this date 1944.
Eight more days till the election.
The accession of Queen Victoria this date 1837.
Elections come once every few years as a boon and a blessing to many who do not do much between them.

The ideal way to enjoy the sort of weather we have been having is to be in the semi-nude on the sandy beaches, sipping ice drinks through straws.
The Canadian Seamen's Union leaders seem to have little understanding of legal principles when they make it a condition of settling their strike that charges against their members be dropped.

The claim and demonstration by Mr. Austin Scales, Freetown, that potato growing does not necessarily deplete the soil but that with proper methods and rotation actually enriches it, is both an assurance and a challenge to our farmers.

It is gratifying to have the assurance of Reconstruction Minister Winters that he will hold discussions with all provinces in the near future on a large-scale housing programme. Much time has been wasted but the need for housing is not less but increasing.

A report that a Pakistani aircraft has bombed in the Dawagar area near the Afghan border after tribesmen had fired on a passing plane recalls the first such air retaliation. The tribesmen were indignant when their villages were bombed, and sent a delegation to inform the British Raj that unless the planes were called off, they would not raid any more.

Airports in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Lethbridge, Saskatoon, Calgary and Winnipeg are equipped with Instrument Landings System (ILS) which permits a pilot to land "blind" by two indicator needles on his instrument board. Air-Vice Marshal Cowley has announced that Sydney, Gander, Dartmouth, St. John's, Moncton, Windsor, Ont., London, Lakehead and Ottawa will be similarly equipped this year. This Province must still, apparently, depend upon its general freedom from fog.

The cockle shells on the beaches of the island of Barra, in the Outer Hebrides—a string of islands off the north west of Scotland—are to be commercially exploited. The shells are ideal for use as poultry grit. Inquiries have already come from Cyprus, Malta, Egypt, and other Mediterranean lands, where agencies are being arranged. A lease has been granted to a company which will erect processing plants on the island and provide continuous employment in the extraction of shell grit.

A mobile dwelling that can be built in two hours is helping to solve Britain's housing problems. In this short time six men can assemble a four-roomed home that is completely self-contained. Known as the "Terrapin," this house is made of aluminum and contains a living-room, two bedrooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. When production gathers full momentum, the cost of each house will be about \$3,200. Its inventor, Major Boulton, considers that it would prove particularly valuable in Canada and the U. S. A. for opening up undeveloped areas, and for summer residences.

Here is advice from the National Dept. of Health: "Many housewives who spend day after day keeping up with the endless chores of maintaining a home feel that they have neither the time nor the energy to spare for recreation. But every homemaker needs some outside interest at which she can relax and enjoy the company of her friends and neighbors. Recreation refreshes mind and body. It is essential to good physical and mental health. Is there an organized community recreation program in your neighborhood? If not, you can help create one!"

The Winnipeg Free Press, although no longer exclusively free enterprise, is shocked at the bold statement of "The Socialist Case" by Douglas Jay, M. P., British Labourite. "First, housewives as a whole cannot be trusted to buy all the right things where nutrition and health are concerned. This is really no more than an extension of the principle according to which the housewife herself would not trust a child of four to select a week's purchases. For, in the case of nutrition and health, just as in the case of education, the gentleman in Whitehall really does know better what is good for people than the people know themselves." There we have it. Back to apron strings for all of us.

The new Principal of Prince of Wales College, Professor Frank MacKinnon, should prove popular with students as well as parents. When he was a student there himself, he formed one of a delegation of two who waited upon the late Principal Robertson for permission to have social evenings and dancing for the students, chaperoned by the wives of the Faculty. The Doctor, of the old stern school of "all work and no play" except an afternoon's walk in the open, turned down the request, remarking that parents did not send their children to Prince of Wales to amuse themselves. The delegation suggested that a plebiscite of the parents be taken, and the Doctor smilingly consented, remarking they might save themselves the trouble and expense, as the result was foregone. MacKinnon and his friend accepted the challenge, sent a circular letter with postpaid reply envelope to the parents, and in addition persuaded each student to write personally asking their mothers and dads to back the proposal. Principal Steel may recall the surprise of Dr. Robertson and the Faculty when they counted the replies and found that about 90 per cent favoured the innovation.

The Poet's Corner

GIFTS
Give a man a horse he can ride,
Give a man a boat he can sail;
And his rank and wealth, his strength and health,
On sea nor shore shall fail.
Give a man a pipe he can smoke,
Give a man a book he can read;
And his home is bright with a calm delight,
Though the room be poor indeed.
Give a man a girl he can love,
As I, O my love, love thee;
And his heart is great with the pulse of Fate,
At home, on land, or sea.
—James Thomson.

Old Charlottetown

Lewis's Ferry crosses Mill River to Fox Island and takes the route to Killdare River where there were few settlers in the early days. A Mrs. Larkin, a widow and a good business woman, would trade a schooner from Casumpec to Miramichi and purchase goods at the last named place, and take them home to supply the sparse neighbors with the goods required, as there were no shops in the locality at this time. She would take produce in payment—grain, potatoes, butter, meat, etc.—and freight a schooner for Miramichi. The road from the Point led on to English and crossed the Ferry Road, making a complete cross trail which went by the name of The Cross, and many remarked that in the near future it would become a business centre. The land there was dry and sandy, but it soon began to show improvement. Hon. Herbert Bell built a house there for the accommodation of travellers, then other houses were erected and shops were opened up. Mr. Reid came up from Charlottetown and built a large shop. Hon. G. Howland and Mr. Bell started a general store and several business establishments followed, including that of our respected Governor, the Hon. Benjamin Rogers. The inhabitants wished another name than The Cross, and decided upon Alberton. A better one could not have been chosen. Our little village has since risen up and sent forth many useful citizens, including members of Parliament, ministers of the Gospel, and others who have been a credit to the community.
—From an article by the late Mr. James Grigg, of West Devon.

Battle Of The Leaders

An odd thing about this election is that it seems to have resolved itself into a private fight between the two old party leaders; a battle which was put in "between Mr. and Mrs. Drew and Mr. St. Laurent and all his family". There are issues, of course. But no one seems to be expounding them except the press and the radio. The issues are, in fact, as simple as getting any headlines, or getting their pictures in the papers, or making any phrases that anybody remembers. It is different in the old days. Even Laurier's immense illumination never completely dimmed the lights of men like Fielding, Sifton, Cartwright and Pitapatric. Both were always backed up mightily by the searing tongue of George E. Foster, who was a tremendous platform attraction, and Sorden and Mrs. Carson, who were well known and all provincial leaders who, in those days, were salient figures. Even Mr. King, as a platform figure, was never the drawing card of the moment. Lapointe, "In this campaign, so it would seem, there are no secondary figures; no authoritative voices outside the leaders. Cabinet ministers like Mr. Carson and Mr. Carson stick to their own provinces; other cabinet ministers, whether sticking to their own provinces or leaving them, go unnoticed. Nor is there a single provincial premier appearing, or making much difference, anywhere. Perhaps what has come, with the leaders carrying the ball all the time, simply because they all stand about watching, is a consequence of the radio. People no longer throng to political meetings, or go to them in decreasing numbers, simply because they all themselves will "hear it all on the radio"; the trouble with that being that with few good microphone speakers they end up by not listening to the radio.

The Age-Old Story

In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression, for thou shalt not fear, and from terror, for it shall not come near thee.

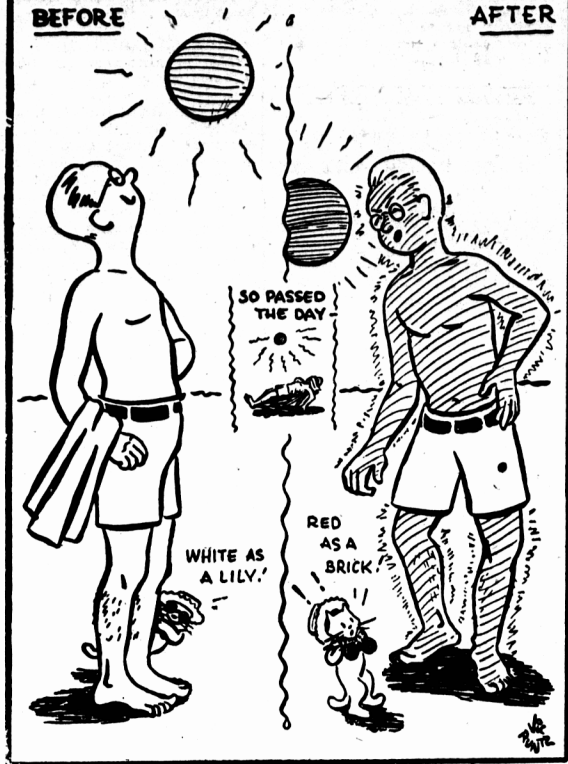
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SOCIALISM AND ITS REMEDY

Sir—I was both interested and amused by a letter written in the Forum of June 9th by a medical doctor of Vancouver, B. C., in which letter the doctor undertakes to show the difference between socialism and communism. Socialization, he tells us, far from being the same as socialism is in fact its real antidote and corrective. Here is an arresting statement—somehow a paradox. I would say at first sight. It suggests on the face of it that the Vancouver doctor is a homeopathist—at least in political science, if not in medicine, and that he is in politics a firm believer in the theory of "similia similibus curantur"; or in plain expulsive English, the theory that diseases are cured by remedies similar to the diseases. Or perhaps he is just thinking along the lines of the quite regular school of medicine who in order to prevent or mitigate a public epidemic, inoculates the public with a mild form of the disease. At all events we are glad to note the doctor's remedy for socialism, and in mind a remedy for the well-known modern political epidemic. It is a bad disease, he warns us, but fortunately the remedy is at hand: "Socialize," he says, "and thus destroy socialism." Judging too from the political platforms of the two "grand old parties," they too have already grasped "socialize," they say, "and thus kill the socialists";—that is, of course, politically speaking. I am, Sir, etc. FRED L. ARSENAULT, Summerside, P. E. I.

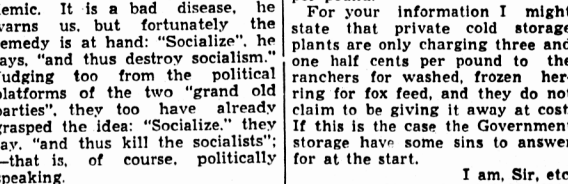
AUSTRALIAN ODDITY

The duck-billed platypus is the only animal which lays an egg.

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QUICKIES BY KEN REYNOLDS



—and I was afraid that grass seed I got with a Guardian Want Ad wouldn't grow!"

Notes By The Way

There are phases and aspects of the socialist program in Canada which make one think that here is a program to elevate the shiftless, to cushion everyone, whether they have a desire to work or loaf, regardless of that fundamental, a primitive one, that he who eats must work or hunt his prey.—Sherbrooke Record.

No matter what ailment you may be suffering from, it is almost a certainty that some friend or acquaintance will come forward with the offer of a sure and certain remedy. Usually it will be found that this sovereign cure has never been actually tried by the helpful adviser; personally, but that he (or she) has a friend who knows someone whose Great-Aunt Sophronia was inestimably benefited by the stuff.—Brantford Expositor.

With summer coming upon us, many Canadians are dusting off their sun glasses in anticipation of bright, sunlit days. But dark glasses should only be worn during times of exposure to bright sunlight. Health authorities say they should not be of a color that will alter the natural hues of the scenery. Indiscriminate use of colored glasses may tend to lower the tolerance of the eyes to light.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

A top priority problem in American home life is to induce guests to go home at a decent hour, so a man can have a night's sleep. At approximately 10.45, teach Flido at a secret signal to lie down near the hall door. This is your cue. You say: "Hang on a few minutes more, boy. The folks will be going home and you can have your run then." The situation makes the guests uneasy. The last rubber is played quietly; the refreshments come on and are consumed rapidly. A good dog will keep looking over his shoulder. Speak to him each two human beings do to other human beings, most are kind to four-legged animals. Every home should have a dog, because it's good for a man's morale to have an ardent supporter and believer, and a little training means that you can work wonders in inducing guests to go home.—Wall Street Journal.

It almost seems as though Vancouver youngsters don't want to run away from school any more. The urge to play "hooky" which was always at its strongest in the Spring—seems to be dying. Last month, according to Superintendent H. W. MacCorkindale, there were only 34 cases of truancy in all Vancouver, as compared with 140 in April a year ago. Thirty-four truant is less than one per cent. There has been quite a change, apparently, since Shakespeare's schoolboy "crept like a snail, unwillingly, to school."—Vancouver News-Herald.

All pedestrians who have ever been on the receiving end of a splashed mud puddle will join in a loud hurrah in honor of Magistrate Henri Lacerte of St. Boniface. He has fined a motorist \$15 and \$20 in costs for splashing a pedestrian. Many motorists go about splashing people on the streets with what seems to be the wilful carelessness. Most of them get away with it either because the injured pedestrian has no witness or fails to get the license number of the offending car. But in the St. Boniface case, the splashing occurred in a most unfortunate place and at the moment the motorist was concerned, the victim was standing talking to policemen in a cruiser car at the time.—Winnipeg Free Press.

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