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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink."

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A Political "Loan Board"

It is hoped that at the present session of Parliament steps will be taken to tighten up the allegedly lax administration of fishermen's loans...

Last year our three Fishermen's Loan Board politicians had some \$50,000 to expend under the terms of the federal contribution...

This year it is reported the Board has had more than \$50,000 to expend, and that a good deal of latitude is being taken in distributing the money...

There is no more deserving class than our fishermen, and they are entitled to all the assistance they can receive from either the federal or provincial governments...

Canadian Debt

In view of the investigations of the Commission on Federal-Provincial Relations, the size of the debts of the different provinces and the effect of the Dominion taking over these debts...

For instance, the per capita debt of Ontario is given as \$179, whereas in Quebec it is only \$30. There are very wide discrepancies between other provinces...

A Popular Choice

The election of Mr. Percy C. Black, M.L.A. as leader of the Conservative Opposition in the Nova Scotia Assembly, says the Sydney Post-Record, is merited recognition of character and achievement...

his party than in the years when a Conservative nomination in most of the divisions virtually meant an election. His majority in the general election last June rose to the comfortable figure of 2,242 over his highest Liberal opponent...

As Minister of Highways from 1925 till the resignation of the Harrington Government in 1933, Mr. Black proved not only to be an able administrator, but also a most efficient and progressive director of highway policy in the Province...

Editorial Notes

William III died this date, 1702. The late Archbishop O'Leary was a church builder in more senses than one. It was under him that the forward policy of building and rebuilding parish churches throughout the length and breadth of the province was commenced and pushed to the limit...

In the resignation of Mr. Bennett as leader of the Conservative Party, this province loses one of its staunchest friends at Ottawa. When in power, he granted us almost everything for which we asked, and had he remained leader at next election, we could have banked on him to carry out to the letter and in its true spirit, the report of the Duncan Commission in full...

Canadians are eating more onions, with the result that there is a scarcity at the present time which is being met by imports from the United States. Egyptian onions are expected to arrive in Canada shortly, according to the Agricultural Department of the Canadian National Railways...

The small loan company is the refuge of the average family when it runs into financial trouble. Mr. Leon Henderson, eminent United States economist, told the Banking and Commerce Committee of the House of Commons in the course of an outline of the small loan business in the United States. The widest study yet made of the financing of the average family, undertaken by the United States Government, indicated that 20 to 30 per cent of all families are compelled to spend more in a year than their income...

In New Brunswick something of a sensation was caused when Mr. G. W. Perry, Conservative M.L.A. for Carleton proposed in the legislature an amendment to the Address introducing compulsory voting in view of an early election. "I'd like to see compulsory voting like there is under the Australian law," he said. "It might not be so popular, but it would do away with the necessity of hauling voters to the polls. I would like to see good, clean, honest elections which would not cost the poor man so much in expenses..."

Here is an example of the way U.S.A. federal benefit payments are to be determined under the new United States farm program. Suppose a wheat farmer has a 100-acre farm, and his share of the national acreage which the Agricultural Adjustment Administration wants to wheat is 90 acres. Suppose also that the normal yield of his land is 70 bushels an acre. If he planted 90 acres to wheat he would receive benefits at the rate of 12 cents a bushel on 900 bushels, the normal production in his acreage allotment, or \$108. Suppose, however, that he plants and harvests 100 acres of wheat. For exceeding his acreage allotment his federal payment would be reduced at the rate of 96 cents a bushel on the normal production of the extra 10 acres, which in this case would be 100 bushels. The deduction would be \$96, leaving him a net benefit payment of \$12.

Do medical specialists charge by the hour? During the hearing of a suit he had brought in a London court for unpaid fees of £3 10s (\$17.50), Dr. John Barr Stevens remarked: "I had to wash my hands before and after treating the case..."

The Registrar, Mr. Friend, looked astonished. "You are not suggesting, are you, that you are charging anything for washing your hands?" he questioned. "That is all in the work, and if one is delayed longer, then one is entitled to ask payment for it," Dr. Stevens replied. "I have never heard such a suggestion. I suppose, then, a famous surgeon adds ten guineas to his fee as a charge for preparing for an operation?" "He may do so," the plaintiff admitted. Dr. Martin Joseph Healy, the family doctor of the patient concerned, said that he thought Dr. Stevens had made a very good job of the case. Earlier it was stated the patient, a woman, was suffering from bursitis. Registrar Friend: "That is a sort of second cousin to housemaid's knee?" Dr. Stevens: "In this case, the elbow." Judgment was given for Dr. Stevens.

NOTES BY THE WAY

There are still not a great many people who profit from the possibilities offered by the railways to see their country. It is true that the territory to cross in order to reach the extreme western or eastern portions of Canada is immense, but great distances do not frighten the thousands of Canadians who each year cross the Atlantic on their way to various countries in Europe. Therefore it seems that there would be some advantage in the railway company among us to induce the Canadian citizens to know his country before he knows others...

The manufacture of artificial wool from milk has been successfully started in Japan and the Government of Lantia has been shown to possess properties suitable for the textile industry. Ninety-four tons were produced in 1934 and 100 tons in the first seven months of 1937-Natane.

Why should Britain put herself out to establish Shanghai's position? Today British firms find Shanghai's small international settlement surrounded by Japanese territory. The value and fame of Shanghai are declining and the Japanese will find that Great Britain is transferring her prestige to Hong Kong, Singapore or to French Indo-China. In any case, the "Chinese London" is becoming a business city of the East. It is not worth the incidents which occur there almost every day between the Japanese army and the Settlement police. If therefore, Great Britain did not move more effectively to Shanghai, this could be explained from the value of British interests in the hinterland and in the East. It is quite a different matter with Hong Kong. The nearer the threat of Japanese occupation of the surrounding provinces, the firmer the British Government's voice becomes—Paris Exchange.

When Mark Twain, in his early days, was editor of a Missouri paper, a superstitious subscriber wrote to him saying that he had found a spider in his paper, and asking whether it was a sign of good luck or bad. The humorist wrote him this answer and printed it: "Old Subscriber: Finding a spider in your paper is neither good luck nor bad luck for you. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant is not so clever as to have a sign on his store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward—Ladies Home Journal."

The English people have the faculty of being able to laugh at themselves. Professor of the University of Cambridge, in his use of the letter "r." He takes the sentence, "It is a little disturbing when a man stands with his back to the road and looks at the rear of his car on his way to the tower," only he puts it in that typical English style of writing. First, he gets the disturbance when a man stands with his back to the fah and announces that he got some tah on the tahs of his cap on his tah. Then he says, "I must have been vastly amused as well as pained by a lesson. Better by far the great birling blithness r-r-r which rolls out and above the ocean, two great and some curious things on this side of the water. "Nova Scotia," "Canada" and such like which instead of dropping off the state, they are not ruled by the opportunity selected President Roosevelt as a good example of a speaker of good English, but if we mistake not, the Roosevelt does not come when he comes to an "r." In words like "ever" for example, he gives us something like "evah." Where does it come from?

The world might as well admit the reality, which is that without the aid of the United States, China is hopeless. And Russia, the one country with an immediate urge to have a showdown with Japan, is too much affected by the "Communist" of Germany. It will not take a chance. China cannot stand alone, and there is no likelihood of China being anything else than alone. —Pollard Oregonian.

A movement relying on dictatorship for its success is a democracy where normal people enjoy freedom of action. It has nothing on which to feed. If any person in a democracy is not ruled by an autocracy, and there is no basis for a Communist revolution. There is no exemption for a Fascist movement to overthrow Communism or any other party. The people are not subservient enough to permit any ambitious politician to hold them in the hollow of his hand. The success of Fascism or Communism in this country are all absent. Communists and Fascists will learn this in time.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

A Californian, recently convicted of manslaughter, testified that at the moment of crisis "everything went white." This is a serious departure from the accepted thing every day. The color scheme affected the jurymen, too, so that they saw murder as only a "white" crime.—Edmonton Journal.

The case which the Prime Minister and Minister of Justice made out against attacks on freedom in the Province of Quebec apply with equal force, if not indeed with greater force, to greater and more indecisive attacks on freedom in a London court for unpaid fees of £3 10s (\$17.50), Dr. John Barr Stevens remarked: "I had to wash my hands before and after treating the case..."

It would appear the question of minorities is not so simple as it seems under the guise of just or unjust treatment by their rulers. The announcement of Czechoslovakian defence plans may have resulted from recognition of this. On the other hand, the effort of the Czech Government to remove the grievances of its German minority is a confession that this minority is such a way as to preclude discontent on the part of the Germans in

That Body of Hours

By James W. Burton, M.D.

REST IN BED IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MEDICINE IN TREATMENT OF INFLUENZA

During the 1918 and 1919 influenza epidemic I happened to be Senior Medical Officer of a large military hospital and was in a position to watch the effect of different types of treatment—the use of fever-reducing drugs, the use of various heart stimulants, the effect of getting the patient to bed the first day or two after the attack first occurred, the effect of removing blood from patients who had recovered and injecting it into others, particularly those with a high temperature or where there was a complication of broncho-pneumonia or pneumonia.

Our records showed that our death rate was much lower than the average for the general population and this was believed to be due to the fact that every soldier was checked over daily and those with influenza were placed in hospital as early as possible. It was this getting the patient into hospital "a day or two sooner" that brought about early recovery and prevented the dangerous complications of broncho-pneumonia and pneumonia. These two ailments, not influenza, were responsible for most deaths because they overtaxed the heart.

That early rest in bed is more important in preventing complications than the form of treatment is shown by a report by Dr. Alfred S. Glazer, Cincinnati, in the Ohio State Medical Journal. There were four groups of patients. Group 1 was given aspirin compound, phenobarbital, bed rest, force fluids, and light diet. Group 2 was given the same treatment as Group 1 plus fifteen grains of soda bicarbonate—baking soda—every four hours.

Group 3 was given same treatment as Group 1 but quinine was used instead of aspirin. Group 4—No medicine of any kind except rest in bed, was given but a gelatin capsule of glucose (State Medical Journal). The results of these methods showed that the temperature, the stay in hospital, and the complications were all higher, longer, and more numerous in the cases where rest in bed was the only method of treatment than when medicine was used. Dr. Glazer stated that, however, those who did receive medical treatment seemed to "feel better" on leaving the hospital than did the others.

I believe the above records teach us that, in influenza, rest in bed and remaining in bed is more important than medicine; second, that all of us "like attention" when we are sick and the use of simple means will help the morale or well being of the patient.

The Poets' Corner

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Czechoslovakia. It is an eleventh-hour move to remove tinder for some time has been growing more and more inflammable.—Christian Science Monitor, Boston.

Over 70 per cent of the 30,000,000 motor-cars in America are bought by families with incomes of \$30 a week or less. A reduction of \$50 to \$100 on new cars might reduce by a fourth to a half the prices of the used cars they would help to buy; the whole industry. The ingenuity that has performed such wonders in modernizing production might well turn to better distribution by modernizing price policies.—Christian Science Monitor (Boston.)

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School-curriculum Discussion

By J. C. Lewis

ENGLISH: PART II

To the Mothers and Fathers of this Province: Labels for names of things may be divided into three classes: 1. Labels for objects of the senses—things we can see, touch, hear, feel and smell. Such are "moon," "apple," "explosion," "flower."

2. Labels for collections of things. Such are "mankind," "Canada," "government," "Anglo-Saxon race." These are abstract, midway between objects and pure abstractions. There is much confusion in the use of them. For instance, there is no such thing as an Anglo-Saxon race outside one's own mind. There are some forty million people living in a country called England. A few of them can trace their ancestry back to the days of William the Conqueror, but the vast majority of them could not tell you who their great grandfathers were or qualities such as "truth," "justice," "rugged individualism," and "economic laws." These are but a few of the many terms which are being especially used in philosophy, politics, or economics. Some of them contain a little meaning; but the most of them are but thin, airy, balloon-like things, the very wind carrying nothing to the mind.

When asked to define one of these terms, we invariably find the issue by giving another dictionary abstraction in its place thus making "confusion worse confounded" and adding another philosophical monster to a language already overfilled. Besides, we repeat the error of mistaking another symbol or label for a referent which has no dictionary-supposed to be the best published on this side of the Atlantic—gives as its first definition "a state of being free." Just words meaning nothing.

Suppose I were to ask you the question: Does communism have not been in the world? If you have not been accustomed to analyzing such abstract terms—and how many of us have?—you walk into my trap, and, instead of giving an answer, you conjure up an image of communism as a mad beast whose jaws are slaving with blood, saliva, or else as a monstrous woman in a shimmie, diaphanous draperies—according to your politics. But, whichever picture you have conjured up, the word is not the thing through an image, and the image exists only in your own mind. Can you find a referent or referents for the term "communism"? Can you, and I and one or two of your neighbors can, to an agreement as to what we mean by other means. The referent is, and must always be, the sine qua non. Long ago, there were those who took exception to the manner in which we were using language. William of Occam was wont to refute the dogmatic use by medieval philosophers of such terms as "essence" and "universals." He had a saying which he would pronounce again and again: "Essentia praeter necessitatem non sunt multiplicanda." Since in our day, there was certainly no agitation against our learning a little Latin, we show that a translation of Occam's saying means "entities must be each to be used what is necessary." This dictum became known as "Occam's razor" since it had the power of shaving the superfluous. Incidentally, the opponents in this controversy were all Catholics which fact must prove rather disconcerting to those who persist in believing that there never was freedom of thought or expression within the Catholic Church. In our day, there was another exception to the manner in which we took great pleasure in ridiculing the manner in which some of his contemporary philosophers used words. He was the tortoise and the tortoise. Zeno maintained that if one were to give the tortoise a start, the tortoise would run faster than the tortoise, would never be able to overtake him since, by the time Achilles got to the place from which the tortoise had started, the tortoise would still be a certain distance beyond and so on ad infinitum. The philosophers would stand around and gesticulate their heads. They knew Achilles could beat any tortoise that ever crawled but they could not prove it with words. Zeno's logic is words, had Achilles right "on top" of the tortoise all the time but always there was that infinitesimal distance between them. When I get around to a discussion of mathematics, it will be my pleasure for the edification of any children you may have, to use a little of that algebra which the "reform group" despise so heartily, that Mr. Zeno was simply "running a bluff." The tortoise is dead, and we'll cast it away. I realize in this, my last paper on English, that I am doing considerable rambling. It has been done for a purpose. The purpose is to impress upon you the fact which you already know, that English is a big subject—even I, in my ignorance, stand upon it for weeks—and that in school or in college you child may only expect to place his feet upon the threshold of the entrance to the subject. It is a little study, this English. Not hard, nor dry, nor monotonous; but a study intensely interesting and alive.

If your child graduates in English from Grade 10, with a reasonable mark of excellence, he should have a foundation upon which, with or without teachers, he should be able to build a very commodious structure. He will find that the study of English is not altogether a matter of intellect, that, as the years pass and maturity and a certain ripeness of judgment come upon him, he will see and understand things which were shut off from him in his youth. His horizon will widen because his vision is wider. At least, that has been my experience; I think you will agree it has also been yours.

The "reform group" maintain that if your child is going to a primary school, he should not study Latin, French, Algebra, and a certain number of other subjects. In many cases, the young girl who is teaching the school is only her own age, and her own language is English. And if she cannot teach elementary facts of the history of Wales, which means that, in formal education, she is but a grade beyond her pupils. The argument is unanswerable. I shall not attempt to convert it.

But you may rest assured, mothers and fathers of this province, that in the "reform group" standard of Grade 10, neither can she teach them English. And if she cannot teach elementary facts of the history of Wales, which means that, in formal education, she is but a grade beyond her pupils. The argument is unanswerable. I shall not attempt to convert it.

Some of those fine days, you are very likely to have the pleasure of seeing the "reform group" getting into action. Should they chance to honour me by directing their heavy artillery upon some of my efforts, you may be sure they will not overlook the large amount of culture children in Grade 10 may get from a young girl, a Grade XI product. Don't allow such comments to deceive you. Both you and I know, as well as any member of the group, just how much culture is obtainable in Grade 10.

But we know something else

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