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Attlee On Communism

It is the commonest trick of Communist and fellow travellers to represent all who are opposed to Communism as reactionaries, fascists, the advocates of special privilege and the like.

"We are celebrating in February next the foundation of our party, I am certain that if the men and women who built up our movement were to be told the true facts about Russia today they would say 'This is not a Socialist society; there is no freedom. It is a classic example of a police State, just as Russia under the Tsars was a police State.'"

"Yet these people who suppress all freedom whenever they are in power use all the phrases of democracy. I constantly get hypocritical resolutions protesting against alleged infringements of freedom in this country. I get protests because we keep out from places where secret work is carried on people who cannot be trusted. This from Communists who know that their fellows in Communist countries carry on a constant purge and ruthlessly remove from office anyone who shows the slightest sign of deviating from what their rulers consider to be orthodox. It is sickening hypocrisy."

For the benefit of those accused the Labor Government of being "imperialist," Mr. Attlee cited the countries where "only those who put Russia first are allowed to survive."

"We have no quarrel with the Russian people," Mr. Attlee said. "We recognise their right to have the kind of government they want. We sympathise with them realising that it will take many years to reach the standards of freedom, democracy, and the arts of living that obtain in Britain. But we shall oppose any attempt to drag us down to their level."

Child Health Services

At the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Public Health Association, held in Halifax, a preliminary report was made on a nationwide survey of public health programmes and facilities, and special emphasis was laid on the health of school children.

Most teachers, the report stated, believed that their responsibility ended with teaching lessons on health, but it was urged that the teachers be required to co-operate with public health officials and parents in maintaining children's health at the highest possible level.

Worst Health Menace

In language more robust than delicate, the Edinburgh Public Health Department describes the sources of filth on which flies feed, and adds: "Flies are detestable insects because they have dirty habits, live on filth and soil the food we eat. . . . Flies give people typhoid fever, dysentery and worms. . . . They carry the germs of 'summer diarrhoea' which is so highly fatal to infants, and may play a part in the spread of poliomyelitis."

The Health League of Canada more vigorously indicts the fly as a polio carrier. It reports studies showing that milk contaminated by flies was either directly or indirectly the source of the virus, and that the house fly and blow fly carry it on the inside and outside of their bodies more often than any other species of insect investigated.

These findings, comments an exchange, prove the vital importance of a never-ending war on the fly. An added reason is the rapidity with which they breed, for tests have shown that the offspring of one female fly reached 432,000 in seven weeks. Another evidence that polio is transmitted by common carriers such as flies is a health authorities' statement that if one member of a household has polio, all other members probably have the virus in their systems.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Feast of St. Anne.

Jamboree Scouts return.

Members of the Royal Commission on Transportation are hearing the Island's case and what is perhaps just as important, seeing something of the situation for themselves.

Halifax honours in the bicentennial beauty contest went to Connecticut, Georgia and New Brunswick respectively, the fortunate contestant from N. B. being Premier McNair's stenographer at Fredericton.

This is an Associated Press tale of a bird on the wing. An airliner, returned to London from a round-trip to Corsica, developed a twitter. Mechanics opened a wing and discovered a bird had built a nest inside.

Ontario potato growers are reported to be having difficulty in marketing their crop at the Provincial floor price of \$2 a bag and hope to capture part of the United States market. That is certainly not something that can be accomplished in a hurry.

The fact that a Nova Scotian judge ordered his court cleared is news because it is exceptional. Our tradition is that justice, even between private parties, is a public matter and that the public has an interest in seeing how it is being dealt.

The proposed establishment of a separate Department of Immigration is a long overdue move. For a comparatively young country immigration is one of the most important problems of government and certainly warrants cabinet representation of its own.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner is in hospital at Regina having been flown by a Saskatchewan air ambulance plane from his farm at nearby Lemberg, Sask. He is suffering from stomach trouble, but x-rays indicate an operation will be unnecessary.

The Peterborough Examiner notes with surprise that a seeming increase in child delinquency and depravity has coincided with the development of the science of child psychology. Perhaps it is not that children are getting worse but that we pay more attention to their behavior than formerly.

Halifax gets an escort warship contract; Saint John the H.M.S. Magnificent repair contract, Charlottetown did not even get the new armouries contract or promised naval barracks though; Summerside was lucky in landing a 200 new houses contract. Obvious reason, Queens has no Government supporter, Mr. McLure's vote cancels Mr. Douglas's every time.

British Overseas Airways started the race for world traffic without suitable aircraft of its own and has been carrying on with planes purchased abroad, including some from this country. Now that their own de Havilland jet-propelled airliners are coming into service we will see what Britain's permanent position in international flying is likely to be.

This Province lags behind the rest of Canada in teaching standards and remuneration and Canada lags far behind the United States in both respects according to the LaZerte report of a committee of the Canadian Education Association. Unless teaching is made more attractive to those with high qualifications we can hardly expect to maintain a satisfactory educational system.

George Bernard Shaw, British critic and dramatist, born this date 1856; born in Dublin he went to London 1876 where he became a socialist leader and a dramatic and fine art critic. His works consist of novels, tracts on Socialism and problem plays. His novels include 'The International Knot, An Unsocial Socialist'; his plays include, 'Plays, Pleasant and Unpleasant, Man and Super Man, Getting Married, Fanny's First Play, The Music Cure, Augustus Does His Bit, Heartbreak House, Annajanska'; his essays and tracts: 'Fabian Essays, The Quintessence of Ibsenism, Socialism and Superior Brains.' 'It is easy—terribly easy—to shake a man's faith in himself. To take advantage of that to break a man's spirit is devil's work.'

Appropriately timed to coincide with the travels of the Royal Commission on Transportation, Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Ltd., has placed a series of advertisements in the daily newspapers vividly portraying the vital role played by the railways in the economy of Canada. The theme throughout the series is "Canada needs healthy railways to serve her people." Practically all our people whether they are farmers, fishermen, miners, lumbermen, or employed in the vastly diversified industrial processors, are dependent upon railway transportation for their well being. The railways themselves are the country's biggest industrial venture, spending 13 cents each year out of every dollar of national income.

Governor-General Alexander was in the spotlight in two unheeded incidents on his visit to Owen Sound last week. An elderly woman with a radiant smile clasped his arm while he was inspecting a guard of honor at Thornbury, outside the town, and exclaimed "Halloo Harold." Later it was discovered she was an old servant in his home in England. The Governor-General chatted a few minutes before resuming his inspection. The Viscount apparently doesn't believe in "Indian gift giving" with a string tied to it. The Governor-General was presented with a key to the city by Mayor Ed Sargent and promised to hang it in an "honored place" in Ottawa's Rideau Hall. This was an unanticipated honour. The 20-pound, yard-long key is usually presented to visiting dignitaries—and is then unobtrusively retrieved and put away for the next occasion.

The Poets Corner

THE FIELD

For him the field was a challenge to be met; A colt for breaking; he would bridle it And coax it down neat pathways of submission.

For her the field was summer in a room; Green plump tomatoes on the sill, And laughter scattered like petals on the wind.

For the children the field was space, was slight and smell; A place for digging, and for running, reaching; For saucer kites with wishes on the tails.

For each the field became a garden where One could grow tall within himself, A spring of strength; where one could plant desires, And gather harvest other than the fruit.

—Melora Hobbs Pond in the Christian Science Monitor.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

The long battle for Responsible Government was nearing its close a century ago when the following letter was written, indicative of the fears of the Home Government that the responsibilities involved in such a measure were too great for the people of this Colony to shoulder. The excerpt is from a letter by Earl Grey, Downing Street, 1st January, 1849, to Lieutenant Governor Sir Donald Campbell, just two years before self-government was achieved.

"Her Majesty's Government have now had for some time under their serious consideration, the question in what manner the Government of Prince Edward Island may be best entrusted to a view to the general interest of the people, and especially whether it would be advisable to introduce the system commonly known in Her Majesty's North American Colonies by the name of Responsible Government."

"The introduction of this system into other Colonies has been, in every instance, a work of time, and has been postponed until the gradual increase of the community in wealth, numbers and importance appeared to justify it. It appears to me essential, with a view to the success of the system in question, that the Colony should possess a sufficient number of inhabitants so qualified by property, intelligence and education, and by the enjoyment of a certain amount of leisure, who are willing to attend to public objects, that each of the political parties into which societies thus circumscribed are commonly divided, may find itself represented in the Legislature by competent public men; while in the event of either of those parties obtaining the majority in the Assembly, the other form the most stable foundation of the Government of the Colony may experience no difficulty in forming such an administration as would claim the respect of the people. And for these purposes individuals thus qualified must not be confined to a single town, but scattered, in some measure, over the face of the country in different districts. Such is the present condition, improving by the gradual advances of Her Majesty's principal continental possessions in North America."

"Prince Edward Island is comparatively small in extent and population, and its commercial and wealthy classes confined almost to a single town. 'It is, therefore, no disparagement of its people to say, that while distinguished by those qualities of order and public spirit which form the most stable foundation of all government, in as high a degree as any portion of their brethren of British descent, they are wanting, as yet, in the external circumstances which would render the introduction of Responsible Government expedient; circumstances of which, time, and the natural progress of events can alone remove the present infelicity."

"For these reasons I concur with my predecessor, Mr. Gladstone, in the opinion that the time has not yet arrived for any fundamental change in the manner in which the Government of Prince Edward Island is now carried on; more especially as I think experience has sufficiently demonstrated that the system of administration which now exists is perfectly compatible with the complete enjoyment, by the inhabitants of the Colony, of the real benefits of self-government."

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With Island Farmers Taking The Air



Prime Ministers And Golf

(Ottawa Journal). A despatch telling that Prime Minister St. Laurent has been playing golf at Bathurst (the Bathurst golf course is one of the hardest in the country, with a par six hole included) has brought some comment on the golfing proclivities, or lack of them, of our past Prime Ministers.

Not all of them were Bobby Lockes. Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Tom King, a whimsical Press Gallery correspondent, used to say that Sir Wilfrid once told him he had an ambition in his youth to be come a prize fighter) probably never got nearer to a golf course than the Aylmer Road. Sir Robert Borden played a lot of golf, this even though his golfing language was better than his golfing technique, and continued playing the game long after his retirement.

Arthur Meighen took up the game after he became Prime Minister, but continued it not much more than he continued to be Prime Minister. Meighen once arrived at an Ottawa course carrying with him a volume of Buckle's "History of Civilization," which was a fairly good indication of his golfing concentration. It was told of him, too, that once in the deep rough just off a green he turned to his caddy and said: "I guess it's a case for the putter!" which was an early member of the Royal Ottawa, but no one can be found now who ever saw him on the course. And Mr. Bennett, of whom it was once said that he wouldn't know the jack of diamonds from the ace of spades, had no use for games, golf included.

Good, therefore, to hear of Mr. St. Laurent wielding a brassie. Golf won't do him any harm; may even teach him that humility which is said to be the beginning of wisdom. (Winnipeg Free Press) The American newspapers have been carrying an item about an Iowa farmer, who, after many years of experimenting, has succeeded (if such an outrage can be called success) in producing a chicken without wings. Besides a certain aesthetic repulsion at the thought of this playing fast and loose with nature, there are sound material grounds for protesting against the idea of a wingless chicken. There will be anguished wails, for example, from those legions who creep downstairs in the dead of night to raid the icebox for a snack. There just is no substitute for a chicken's wing, so there's not a bit of use talking about the plumper breasts and bigger legs of this new genetic monstrosity. And, can anyone in his sober senses imagine thickened flicaceous or chicken ragout without the wings. What of that delightful tid bit, curried chicken wing? For that matter, what about fatter? When the average family has chicken for Sunday dinner he generally manages to score a wing, a little dressing, and the Parson's nose. Admitting there is a limit to how far the experimenters can go in limiting father's share, they would seem already to have done him down rather badly.

PARISIAN ZOO

One of the earliest zoos, the Jardin des Plantes in Paris, was established in 1793.

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Agents Throughout The Province

Notes By The Way

A group of Fort Stanley Summer residents are protesting against the noise nuisance. And, in so doing, they are bringing publicity to a situation which at least partly spoils vacation time for many people at Summer resorts each year throughout Canada. Most people go to Summer resorts for two things—recreation and rest. One of their main purposes is to get away from the noise and bustle of city life. People can surely have an enjoyable time in a manner which does not create a nuisance. Shouting, tooting horns, and generally disorderly conduct at two o'clock in the morning have no place in any Summer resort or, for that matter, any other centre where other people live. — Owen Sound Sun-Times.

Gradually Canadians are awakening to their opportunities. Every day the value of Canadian securities is being more realized. Wildcatting is being pushed out of business. Canadian securities are not so much in the category of speculation nor are they eagerly sought by others but, strangely enough, Canadians invest in the well-established industries of the United States rather than in home ventures. When the reverse becomes the habit as far as Canadians are concerned, it will be all the better for Canada. — Welland-Port Colborne Tribune.

The whippoorwill is a most unusual bird. It can't really sing a note, yet its call is known and even admired by most Americans. Probably not half those who recognize the call have ever seen the bird, which is a long-winged, mottled brown creature with a small beak and a big mouth. It spends most of the daylight hours dozing and out of sight, but as soon as dusk descends it makes the world its own. It takes to the air and catches insects with great dexterity; it perches on poles and trees and goes into its vocal performance. If the whippoorwill uttered its call as most birds do, pausing for breath and a look around between phrases, it would be just another bird. But it doesn't do things that way. It starts that three-note call and keeps on going, with what must be the most repetitious bird song ever uttered on this earth. You listen to its start and wonder how long it will continue this time. You begin to count, but about the time you are practically hypnotized by the call's rhythm the bird skips half a beat to catch a breath. Then the call goes on, and on, and on. It is no feat at all for a whippoorwill to utter its three-note phrase with virtually no pause seventy-five times in a row. — New York Times.

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