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Service And Profit

Rotary International has wisely discarded the traditional Rotary slogan: He profits most who serves best. The phrase has been abandoned because it was felt the word "profit" might be misunderstood. The fact is that it would be difficult to find any meaning for the word that would fit. History is full of examples of noble characters who have served best and profited least. It is also full of examples of demagogues and successful rogues who have profited most and served indifferently.

It is true that the world profits most by those who have served best, and conceivably in another world the injustices of this will be remedied and each will be rewarded according to his deserts. But there we come upon a highly controversial theological issue. It concerns the efficacy of grace vs. good works. At any rate "we were put here," as Robert Louis Stevenson reminds us, "to do what service we can, for honour and not for hire; the suds cover us, and the worm that never dies, the conscience, sleeps well at last; these are the wages besides what we receive so lavishly day by day, and they are enough for a man who knows his own frailty and sees all things in the proportion of reality. The soul of piety was killed long ago by that idea of reward."

There is also the old maxim that virtue is its own reward, and the same applies to public service. Doubtless there are many occasions where reward and merit happily coincide, but they are still rare enough to cause something akin to astonishment when they occur. The Book of Job appears to have been written for the purpose of disposing of the fallacy that service and profit are inseparable. As a modern English poet admonishes:

Seek other spur
Bravely to stir
The dust in this loud world, and tread
Alp-high among the whispering dead.

These lines would make an excellent Rotary slogan to replace the one which is being discarded.

Free Medical Services

One of the policies of the Liberal Government is to introduce free state medical service as in England. The present system is to be legislated out of existence and in its place will be introduced one that will cover all sorts of medical and surgical needs of the whole body of the people to be paid for out of taxation, the doctors to be servants of the State, or civil servants.

At a recent gathering of the Prairie doctors at Saskatoon, they were advised by a leading British medical man to face the "inevitable institution of a national health scheme in Canada."

Dr. H. Guy Dain, chairman of the council of the British Medical Association, told members of the general council of the Canadian Medical Association that "the modern outlook is that everyone should be provided with medical services."

In the past, people without money in nearly all countries have been able to get some medical service with "low fees or no fees," he said. But public opinion had altered and now no one wanted to accept charity.

However, Dr. Dain said, the people who participated in voluntary prepaid medical service schemes were the ones who could normally "look after themselves. The state cannot accept voluntary insurance schemes to take care of all its citizens."

Dr. Dain, while suggesting Canadian doctors will have to "solve your problems as you seem suitable," put forward Britain's capitation plan — which provides for so much fee a year for each patient on a doctor's list — as a workable scheme for Canadian doctors under a government health program.

Path To World Peace

Politicians may find themselves at variance on this as on other issues, but in the opinion of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers — a body representing the farm organizations of twenty-five nations — there is but one sure path to permanent peace. That is, speaking materially of course, the Federation does not set up its views in opposition to those who are rightly insisting on spiritual regeneration as the first and foremost requirement. At their third annual convention at Guelph the world farmers were dealing with mundane affairs, and their solution to the aged-old problem is that of satisfying the world's food needs while at the same time building a stabilized agricultural industry the world over. The policy programme adopted at the convention calls for aggressive action not only by the Federation's own international organization, but by the United Nations' food and agricultural organization, behind which lies the authority of most of the world's national governments.

The conference called for a determined effort to establish inter-government commodity agreements as a "basic" method of procedure to attain its main objective. It unanimously adopted a proposal based upon the American plan, submitted during the conference, for the development and administration of commodity agreements, coupled with a proposal based upon the Canadian plan, also submitted at the conference, for "special action" to deal quickly with the immediate problem of distribution of exist-

ing embarrassing surpluses of food to needy countries.

Island farmers will be interested to note that the conference also made recommendation for the stabilization of agricultural prices through inter-governmental commodity agreements. This will involve co-ordination by an international agency to be financed from a fund created by a per unit levy or transaction fee, one-half by the exporting country, and one-half by the importing country; also the establishment of minimum and maximum prices within a range which would ensure "flexibility and the optimum freedom of trade."

The conference's recommendations for a "special action" programme to deal with immediate surpluses include the establishment by governments of an international agency to handle movement of surpluses to countries where greatest need exists, in such a way as not to undermine stability of prices, and payment by the importing country of the maximum proportion it can afford of the price paid to producers in the surplus countries, the difference in these amounts to be borne equally by the international agency and the country selling the surplus.

There were many other suggestions mooted at this important farmers' conference, which warrant serious consideration. Incidentally, this country was highly honored in the election of Mr. H. H. Hannam, head of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, as the new international president.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Eleven more days till the election.

Our armed forces will be represented in both London and Halifax this week.

The various conventions are having a glorious time in our midst. Hope they will come again.

Evidently the safest way to escape character criticisms on one's locks is not to wear a hat at all. A man gives himself away by the set of his hat, the trade journal Men's Wear declares. It provided these clues: "A hat dead straight on the head shows lack of imagination. Too much on the back of the head suggests the yokel. Too much over the nose, a prig. Too much on one side suggests a character with rather too much bounce."

"I predict that business will continue on the present high plateau right through the remaining months of 1949," said Leonard A. Drake, economist for the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, at the National Association of Credit Men. "Backlogs of such basic industries as automobiles, heavy construction and steel are still such as to warrant our confidence, while the full impact of European recovery expenditures is only now being felt."

Richard Harris Barham ("Thomas Ingoldsby"), English humorist, died this date 1813. Was educated at St. Paul's School, London, and Brasenose College, Oxford; entering the priesthood of the Church of England he became a minor Canon of St. Paul's. In 1837, the first year of Queen Victoria's reign, he acquired lasting fame by his Ingoldsby Legends, combining wholesome humour with much mediaeval scholarship: "There is not a nation in Europe but labours To toady itself and to humbug its neighbour!"

In Ottawa East there is an unusual nomination complication, two "official" Liberal candidates, Mr. Jean T. Richard and J. Albert Pinard having been nominated. Both claim to have been recognized by Prime Minister St. Laurent, and both are fighting each other instead of their Progressive Conservative and C. C. F. competitors. It seems they both ran at last election, one official and one independent, the unofficial one on that occasion leading the poll by a substantial majority. The electors will again have to decide between them.

There cannot be much shortage of butter now. While production is continuing to climb, Canada's stocks of creamy butter are steadily piling up, the Bureau of Statistics reports. Increases of both production and stocks also were reported for other dairy products, such as cheese and evaporated and skim milk powder, but there were declines in stocks of shell eggs and poultry meat. Creamery butter stocks of June 1 totalled 23,648,000 pounds, about double the stocks held at the same time a year ago, and an increase of more than 10,000,000 pounds over holding at May 1. Production increased 1,593,000 pounds in May over the 30,483,000 pounds of creamery butter produced in the same month last year. In addition to this a shipment of New Zealand butter has just arrived at Montreal.

Election issues aplenty. A promise that a Drew Government, if elected, will investigate the federal public accounts to find out where the people's money was wasted was made by Mr. George H. Heon, K.C., Progressive Conservative chief organizer in Quebec and candidate in Argenteuil-Two Mountains. "We shall punish and castigate the thieves as was done in the temple of Jerusalem," he said. "One of the reasons why Parliament was dissolved before the budget was approved was to avoid an investigation of the public accounts committee. We want to know where the people's money was wasted in connection with the disposal of war surplus property and materials. It's not surprising that Mr. St. Laurent should say there are no big problems before the people in the present campaign," he said. "The Liberal administration has been sitting on them. What about the agreement with the Provinces? Is that not a problem? What about the national debt which places a burden of \$1,700 on every man, woman and child in the country? The baby baptised in the church here a few minutes ago come into this world with a Canadian burden of \$1,700 on his shoulders."

The Poet's Corner

THE ICE-CART

Perched on my city office-stool
I watched with woe, while a cool
And lucky carter handled ice . . .
And I was wandering in a trice
Far from the gray and grimy heat
Of that intolerable street,
O'er sapphire berg and emerald
floe,
Beneath the still, cold ruby glow
Of everlasting Polar night,
Bewildered by the queer half-light,
Until I stumbled, unawares,
Upon a creek where big white bears
Plunged headlong down with flour-
ished heels,
And floundered after shining seals
Through shivering seas of blinding
blue,
And as I watched them, ere I
knew,
I'd stripped, and I was swimming
Among the seal-pack, young and
hale,
And thrusting on with threatening
tail,
With treat and twirl and sudden
leap
Through cracking ice and sally
deep—
Diving and doubling with my kind,
Until at last, we left behind us
Those big white, blundering bulks
of death,
And lay, at length, with panting
breath
Upon a far-travelled floe,
Beneath a gentle drift of snow—
Snow drifting gently, fine and
white,
Out of the endless Polar night,
Falling and falling evermore,
Until I stumbled, unawares,
Till I was buried fathoms deep
Beneath that cold, white drifting
sleep—
Sleep drifting deep,
Deep drifting sleep . . .
The carter cracked a sudden whip;
I clutched my stool with startled
grip,
Awakening to the grimy heat
Of that intolerable street.
—Wilfrid Wilson Gibson

Old Charlottetown

FOURTH HEAVY BRIGADE

Once again the Fourth Heavy Brigade of the Province has swept the heavy artillery list, its three batteries winning 1st, 2nd and 4th place in competition with all the heavy batteries of Canada. The Governor General's cup for general efficiency went to No. 8 Battery, Charlottetown, the Lansdowne cup to No. 7 Battery, Charlottetown, and the 4th prize to No. 9 Battery of Souris and Montague. The total score of the 8th Battery, which stands at the head of the list, was 605 out of a possible 700. The record of the Fourth Regiment since heavy artillery was introduced in 1906 has been five victories in six years. The year in which they did not win was when they could not compete, owing to forest fires in Petawawa. Their record has never been equalled by any other regiment of artillery in the British Empire. Lt. Col. H. M. Davidson has been in command of this regiment during all these years and a fact of which he is a proud testimony is his tactful handling and hard work. Other officers of the regiment: Staff: Maj. A. G. Peake, Adjutant; Maj. E. Cameron, Quartermaster; Lt. Col. S. R. Jenkins, Medical Officer; Capt. W. G. Gill, Paymaster; Rev. T. F. Fullerton, Chaplain; D. Ferguson, Regimental Sgt. Major; A. McConnell, Quartermaster Sergeant. No. 8 Battery: Maj. J. R. Darke, Capt. D. A. MacKinnon, Lieuts. J. A. S. Bayer, E. E. Jordan, H. L. Vanidene, L. S. Egan, Sgt. M. Murray, J. M. /Sgt. R. Diamond, Sgts. S. Bagnall, J. G. Bennett, G. Campbell, A. McCannell, G. McQuaid, J. Storey, J. D. Jenkins, W. Vanidene, P. Craig, Lt. Col. S. R. Jenkins, Capt. C. Leonard Mackay, Lieuts. J. L. Garnham, J. W. Stanley, W. McCalder, G. W. McLeod. No. 9 Battery: Maj. H. H. Sterna, Lt. Col. S. R. Jenkins, Lieuts. A. F. McQuaid, J. N. McEachern. —Guardian files, 1911.

Mr. Howe Evades Issue

(The Globe and Mail) In the next two weeks the public may expect to hear a good deal more about the Canadair deal by which a United States company, linked with the armaments racket, got possession of a \$22,000,000 Canadian aircraft plant for \$4,000,000.

In these two weeks, of course, there is no time for the judicial inquiry which alone can bring all the facts to light. Nor can there be a Parliamentary hearing since no House of Commons is at present in existence. It is not the fault of Progressive Conservative Leader George Drew that the people cannot learn the whole Canadair story before they vote. He asked for an investigation in April when the last Parliament was still sitting.

In the circumstances the voters have to make up their minds about this question, for the time being, on the basis of statements by Mr. Drew and Trade Minister C. D. Howe. If they examine the record, they will find that Mr. Howe has been by turns evasive, frivolous and blustering, but has failed to answer Mr. Drew's charges.

The Opposition Leader launched his attack on April 4 when he brooded that a Parliamentary Defense Committee look into the purchase and use of North Star aircraft, a Canadair product. He took up the theme again on April 28, demanding that the Public Accounts Committee meet and study the Canadair transaction in detail.

T.C.A. Please Note

POSSIBLE UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS FROM THE PERSISTENCE OF TCA PEOPLE IN OMITTING PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FROM THEIR MAP SHOULD TCA PILOTS EVER GET IN DIFFICULTY OVER THE ISLAND



He got nowhere with either of these efforts. The Government was adamant against any inquiry on both occasions. Parliament was dissolved on April 30. Now consider Mr. Howe's part in the proceedings. He told a Port Arthur audience on April 15 that he had a "ready reply" to Mr. Drew on the North Stars. A month later, replying (again outside Parliament) to what Mr. Drew had said about Canadair, he announced: "When all the facts are available, I'll put them before the public."

There was, however, not a word out of Mr. Howe on the subject up to last Wednesday, June 8, when Mr. Drew at Fort William gave chapter and verse for his Canadair accusations. Next day Mr. Howe said the charges were "senseless." To quote the Toronto Star, "Mr. Howe said he would reply in detail when he had . . . the facts of the transaction which the Government had no knowledge of the arrangements under which the original directors of Canadair Ltd., Benjamin Franklin and his associates, transferred ownership . . . to its present owners." If he had "no knowledge" of the deal, how could he be so sure the charges were "senseless?"

Mr. Howe has since called the charges "inconsequential." He has said: "I won't take them seriously." He has also said: "These charges roll off me like water off a duck's back." He has had telephone conversations with "an admiral" and "a senator in Washington, which, according to his own account, made him feel better. The one thing he has not done is deny Mr. Drew's main charge with "the facts" he was going to give the public.

Why is Mr. Howe so cagey and uncommunicative? The Canadair deal was entirely his. He must remember it in detail or, if he does not, he has had ample time to look up his files. Why does he not produce the facts now? Alternatively, if he is confident a full and propitious answers being given to Mr. Drew in some quarters. When he exposed the facts of Canada's munitions program in 1938, he was accused of "treachery" to the nation, but the subsequent arm gun inquiry led to subsequent reforms. When he exposed the lamentable state of Canadian troops sent into action in Hong Kong, he was accused of discouraging recruitment, but nobody now questions that he was wholly right. Today he is accused

Wrecking the Aircraft Industry

of "wrecking" the aircraft industry when, in fact, he is once again doing public service by showing up malfeasance in high places. The aircraft industry is in no danger from Mr. Drew. It is official incompetence and worse that is in danger.

The Age-Old Story

He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.

DISCUSS OLD ROAD

ST. THOMAS, Ont. — (CP) — Designation of one of the oldest pioneer roads in the district as part of the country roads system is being requested by Dunwich Township Council. The road leads through "Little Ireland" past fine old pioneer homes.

PEGS AND HOLES

MONTREAL — (CP) — A course in modern personnel appraisal methods being given here has enrolled nearly 30 personnel directors. Object of study is reduction of number of misfits in business and industry.

PLANS ON VIEW

HAVELOCK, Ont. — (CP) — Plans for the town's recreational centre to be erected in the local park are now being displayed at H.A. McNeely's drug store. Plans call for the arena to have a seating capacity of 1200.

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Notes By The Way

Fish can be sea-locked or traile-locked under certain conditions. The disclosure of the fact will undoubtedly come as a surprise to most people; when we come to think it over, it need not be so astonishing. It is said, for example, that fish sent by rail must be in tanks filled to capacity, otherwise the "swishing around" of the water induces symptoms akin to m-i-l-d-e-m in men.—Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

The question of "cultivation of tastes" in reading is not one for censorship boards but for home and school influences. The question of dealing with outrageous breaches of law is one for the courts. Publishers who break the law should say the penalties by law provided. Publishers who don't break the law should not have to submit to the arbitrary interferences of a censorship board. There are grave public dangers lurking in all bureaucracies operating outside the law and beyond the control of the courts. The only way to avoid the dangers of censorship is never to permit the appointment of censors.—Vancouver News-Herald.

Throughout two-thirds of Saskatchewan's agricultural lands the 1949 battle against grasshoppers has begun. As predicted by agricultural authorities many months ago, the infestation promises to be the biggest in many years. With the crop up five or six inches in many places, hoppers, already half-an-inch long, are starting to make inroads in the new wheat. But Saskatchewan seems to be ready for the pests this year. Of the 2000 municipalities in the affected area, many have already set up mixing stations to which farmers may come and pick up poison bait free or for a small nominal charge, and also purchase their liquid poison at cost. This Spring some 14,000 farmers attended 275 schools to learn more about fighting the plague and many municipalities have for the first time, appointed full-time supervisors to co-ordinate their campaign. Fighting grasshoppers is the responsibility of every farmer who finds them on his land. Some municipalities have passed by-laws which will force a farmer to undertake anti-grasshopper work or to summer-fallow any infested land. This last would mean the loss of his crop and no compensation is provided.— Regina Leader-Post.

If the beach you may be bathing on during your Summer vacation started to sing, you would experience more than a moment of panic. Yet it would be nothing unusual. There are about a hundred beaches that actually do sing and sing in various parts of the world. One is the musical beach at Elgg in the Hebrides. Walk across Elgg beach and it will play a "tune" for you. Explanation is that Elgg bay is covered with shining white mass of highly polished and rounded quartzose grains, washed out of a cliff some distance away, and carried onto the beach by the ceaseless action of the waves. On any day when the sand is dry you can hear a peculiar ringing and singing as it is trodden Healed.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

What this crowded world needs so much are the ordinary friendly gestures of courtesy between strangers on the street, in the stores and on public transportation. When people are forced into contact with each other for the earning of their living and the carrying out of their affairs, life can be intolerable unless it is eased by that miraculous lubrication of courtesy. The English have found this long since as their overpopulated island. As a people they have agreed to obey rules and take turns, and give a little here to take back a little there. As a result, people who push other people around have never had much admiration from them. Neither sycophants nor snobs, they respect each other as human beings and fellow-citizens. In this matter, as in many others, they afford an example to be heeded.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

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