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The Older Worker

The Bank of Nova Scotia monthly letter notes, as a matter of concern, the apparently increasing preference for younger workers in almost every field across Canada, with 40 or 45 tending to be the maximum hiring age, and with the emphasis on retirement at 60 or 65. The figures are disquieting because they indicate "a tendency to make less use of the working capacities of an increasingly large part of the nation."

It is significant that only 62% of all men over 55 are now in the labour force as compared with 75% in 1931. Of those in the oldest age group, 65 and over, nearly 60% were gainfully occupied 30 years ago, as compared with less than 40% today. That these declines are at least in part the result of greater employment difficulties for older workers is corroborated by the fact that people 45 and over are a disproportionate number of the total jobless, and that those who lose their jobs tend to remain unemployed longer than younger persons.

Despite their many advantages, says the Bank Letter, it is nevertheless true that the rapidly rising number of pension plans has tended to increase the employment difficulties of the older worker, because of the heavy pension cost involved in hiring him. At the same time, compulsory retirement does mean that many people are being removed from the labour force regardless of their capacity for further useful work. There are, however, a variety of other reasons why less and less use is being made of the skills and experience of the older worker. Among these are the gradual decline in the number of skilled handicraft trades in which years of experience were an asset, and the decline in opportunities for self-employment. Even in farming, which has always offered unusual opportunities for the continued activity of older men, this trend is becoming evident in the increasing size of farms and the falling number of farm operators.

Accident Costs

Courts try to be just in motor vehicle damage cases as in others but the whole idea of determining who is at fault in a given case and should therefore bear the cost of the accident is decidedly unrealistic. We know all too well that a certain number of accidents are going to happen under certain conditions. It is part of the cost of operating motor traffic. The same thing has long been recognized in the law regarding the carriage of goods, which assumes that the danger of loss will be taken into consideration in setting rates and that the carrier is liable even apart from negligence.

Instead of two drivers futilely trying to show in court that the other was the true cause of the accident or at any rate contributed more to its occurrence there should be compensation arising simply out of the fact of the accident and the resultant loss. This means compulsory insurance and insurance without the right on the part of the insurer to be reimbursed by the other party.

With compensation for loss and injury provided, it would only be the concern of the law to punish the kind of driving that can be expected to lead to accidents. That should, if anything, be even more stringent than at present. The result would be a decline in the accident rate combined with protection for the user of the highway from being injured without the prospect of being reimbursed, or from having to go to law for compensation.

Language Seminars

The purpose of education for living in a world community is to develop in every individual the feeling that he belongs to one great human family, without making him lose touch with his own social environment. It is part of the task of Unesco to clarify and help solve the problems presented by such education.

To this end, the Organization held international seminars in 1950 at Macdonald College near Montreal, and at Brussels. The first was on the teaching of geography, the second on history textbooks. In 1951 a third seminar, on the teaching of history, was held at Sevres near Paris, attended by 62 participants from 31 countries.

Unesco is now preparing a fourth seminar, on the teaching of modern languages in primary and secondary schools, and on the role of such teaching in the universities, as a contribution to general training in the humanities. It will be held at Nuwara Eliya, Ceylon, in August, and will be attended by about 70 experts designated by Unesco's Member States. Professor Theodore Andersson of Yale University will be the chairman.

It is obvious that children through learning foreign languages become better able to understand peoples other than their own. Nevertheless teaching methods all too often constitute a stumbling block. They cause teachers and pupils to run the risk of losing sight of the final goal: this is to become imbued with the spirit of a foreign language in order to understand the culture and form of thinking which it reflects.

Silly Islanders Indignant

History, says the Winnipeg Free Press, will reserve a footnote for the 1,850 inhabitants of the Scilly Isles, 25 miles off Lands End, England, (140 isles in all) who on April 15, for the first time, were made subject to the Personal Income tax. Never before had the British Parliament extended the income tax to these islands known, prophetically no doubt, to the Romans as the "Isles of the Blest".

The reaction of the Islanders, recorded in the London press, has been marked. Some are selling out and going in search of new Utopias. Others are reflecting that not since the time of the Phoenician tin traders has so great a disaster overtaken them.

The one thing of which the Islanders may be sure is the sympathy of the rest of the world. With the British income tax standing at some 9 shillings in the pound, there might have been a case for applying the tax in instalments.

The London News Chronicle records that, remembering that the Islanders sheltered Charles II in 1647, there has been some thought of secession. There is nothing original in this and the Islanders like everyone else will find that this feeling will soon pass.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Prime Minister St. Laurent showed a fine appreciation of what is appropriate in stating that consideration of an election date will wait until after the Coronation.

The City Council is showing its interest in improving the community by calling the meeting tonight with the Civic Improvement Planning League and inviting interested citizens to attend. The will is there and it should not be too difficult to find a way.

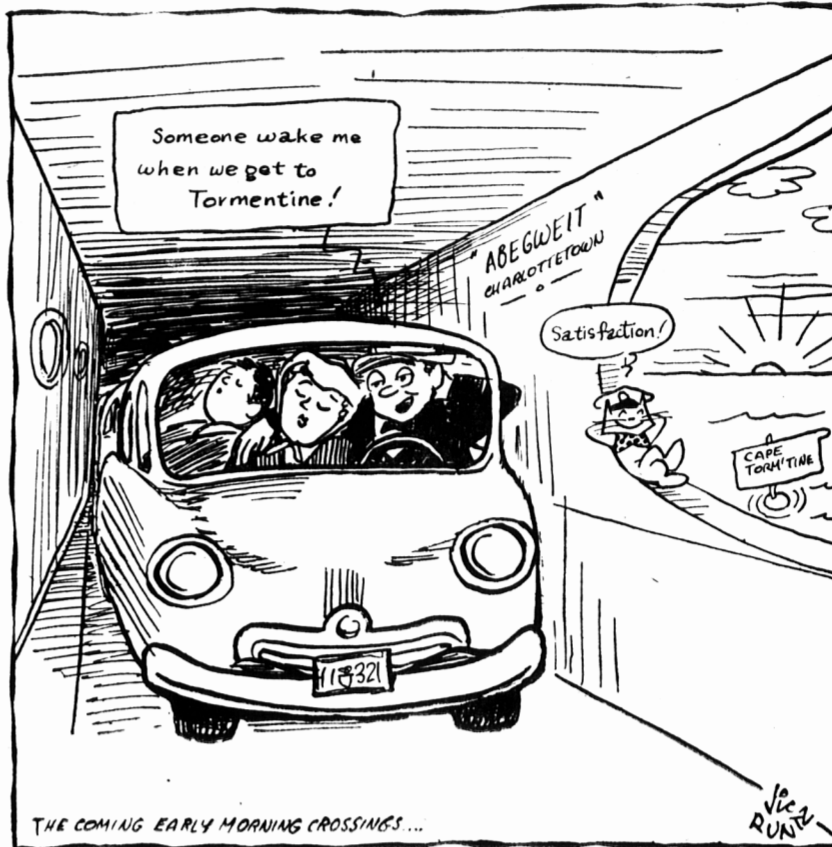
It is the performers of whom one thinks when considering the quality of performance at the Music Festival but another artistic performance is that of the adjudicators. They both assist those taking part and contribute something of their own to the enjoyment of the Festival.

This Province is making an impressive showing in quantity of agricultural production as well as in quality. Dominion Bureau of Statistics figures indicate that Prince Edward Island's index of physical volume stood last year at 135.5, a figure exceeded only in 1950 when it reached 147.7.

Summerside's need for extending its High School at this early date should be a warning to the Charlottetown School Board to leave room for further expansion in its plans for providing High School facilities for the city. The present emergency condition must be relieved promptly, but an eye to further building at a later date will make things easier when the need arises.

Henry Peter Brougham, Baron Brougham and Vaux, Lord Chancellor of England, died this date 1868. Although he was interested in the physical sciences and submitted a paper to the Royal Society on new phenomena of light and colour, his chief art was oratory. A member of the Scottish bar and Lincoln's Inn, he plunged into Whig politics, making an impressive reputation. His name will always be associated with the movement for the abolition of slavery. He defended the queen of George IV and shared in her and the popular triumph over the court and the ministers.

Asleep At The Wheel -- New Version



PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

SPAIN'S PREDICAMENT

Sir, In his letter of May 6th, Mr. Green "goes off the beam" and lapses into unfairness in his judgment on Spain. That paragraph is a flat contradiction of the message he would fain convey to his readers: the moral necessity of building a Christ-like character. Like so many others who write about Spain, he cites her poverty, which he attributes to internal corruption. Spain could not be anything else but poor. She ended the Civil War with her gold abroad, her rolling stock cut in half, trucks and other motor vehicles reduced to one third, a tenth of her cattle killed, roads and bridges wrecked, the merchant navy practically wiped out, and thousands of houses and public buildings ruined. Just at that moment the war broke out in Europe, preventing the import of materials vital for reconstruction. The years after the war— and until a very recent date—saw the Western Powers continuing to woo Russia while treating Spain as an exile. Economic pressures have been depressing Spain for the past fourteen years, although other countries with government by dictatorship have been aided by billions of American dollars granted through Marshall Plan, E. C. A., and the Atlantic Pact. That's the Christian explanation of Spain's poverty which Mr. Green should have incorporated into his otherwise excellent letter. I am, Sir, etc., W. J. ENRIGHT, 73 Euston Street, Charlottetown.

LAKES A TOURIST ASSET

Sir, Our tourist colonies are increasing and we must provide more and new diversities to amuse them. The few natural lakes on this Island add much to its beauty. This writer remembers passing Keefe's Lake and thought the roads were very transcendental. The beautiful St. Peter's Bay is virtually an inland lake. If it were possible, that supposedly "bottomless" lake at Portage might better be filled with water again as a contrast to the monotony of blueberry vines. These artificial "lakes" would be most convenient to the coming generation to practice swimming, especially for the Northumberland Marathon swim, which will take place some time before 2000 A.D. There was always an impression that people should bathe and swim only in salt water, forgetting for the moment that millions of people never even saw salt water or heard the salt sea roar on the rocks and cliffs of a "lee" shore. Hundreds of champion swimmers have trained in fresh water lakes and rivers. Some twenty years ago, George Young, a seventeen year old boy of Toronto, hitch-hiked his way to the big twenty-five thousand dollar swimming match of Catalina Channel off the California coast and won it quite handily. The contest was put on and financed by Mr. Wrigley of chewing gum fame. Young had never even seen salt water before facing the cold currents of the 21 mile Catalina Channel. I am, Sir, etc., JAMES PENDERGAST, Kensington.

RECRUIT TECHNICIANS

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa CP — A. Swart, leader of a South African railways commission which visited Britain and Europe to recruit about 200 engineers and other trained workers, said: "Our mission proved successful and we are bringing in a good type of man who is keen to settle in South Africa."

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

GRAMPUS FISHING

"On Thursday last, about 4 p.m., a large shoal of Grampuses, in full chase, probably, after some smaller species of the funny tribe, was seen from Orwell Point, standing in from the Bay, and darkening the surface of the water with their dusky backs. On approaching the point which divides Seal River from the Orwell, the shoal separated into two divisions, each ascending one of these rivers, to the number of at least two hundred. About twenty boats, well manned, and provided with such weapons as could be hastily procured, commenced an immediate pursuit, and succeeded, by dint of extraordinary exertions, in driving on shore and capturing about a hundred and thirty of them, varying in size from ten feet long to twenty-five. The blubber, which was from two to three inches thick, was immediately cut off in squares, and there is no doubt but a considerable quantity of excellent oil will be derived from this lucky windfall." —Royal Gazette, July 22, 1834.

The Age Old Story

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

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The Poet's Corner

TIME GOES BY TURNS
The sea of Fortune doth not ever flow.
She draws her favors to the lowest ebb;
Her tides have equal times to ebb and go,
Her loom doth weave the fine and coarsest web;
No joy so great but runneth to an end,
No hap so hard but may in time amend.
Not always fall of leaf, nor ever spring,
No endless night, yet not eternal day;
The saddest birds a season find to sing,
The roughest storm a calm may soon ally;
Thus with succeeding turns, God tempereth all,
That man may hope to rise yet fear to fall.
—Robert Southwell (A.D. 1561).

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