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Easter

The Easter message is one of hope and renewal. It deals with the most momentous event in the history of mankind, and central revelation of the Christian gospel, that of the Resurrection.

Easter is of universal significance, but like all other Christian festivals its meaning is intensely personal. Science can throw no light on it, either through its largest telescope or its latest discovery in atomic fission.

Not where the wheeling systems darken
And our beamed conceiving soars;—
The drift of pinions, would we harken,
Beats at our own clay-shuttered doors.

Men and women in their own lives constantly face the sorrows of death, failure and disappointment. The grim aspect of events takes its toll of moral as well as physical strength, and we are all too prone to forget that death is not the end of everything—that life is forever triumphant.

Our civilization, for all its doubts and falterings, owes everything to this creed. All our institutions, our laws, our political system and the code which guides our democratic society are based, whether we realize it or not, on this central principle of Christianity embodied in the message of Easter.

In this favoured Province and country, Easter has always been an occasion for devout praise and thanksgiving. Today we have not only freedom of worship, but facilities for church-going of which our religious pioneer ancestors never dreamed.

Canadian Coast Guard

"The Coast Guard is well on its way to being organized," declared Fisheries Minister Mayhew. "It will be in partial operation this year." Thus, without fanfare, a major step in Canada's evolution as a maritime power was made public.

Moncton's New Hospital

The proposed new hospital for south-eastern New Brunswick, to be constructed in Moncton, will cost approximately two and one half million dollars, according to plans now under study by the Moncton Hospital Board.

one-storey work shop building, furniture, furnishings, equipment, roads, walks and grounds and fees for architects, engineers and inspection.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Easter Eve.
Tomorrow Easter Day.

M. P.'s have ten days in which to visit their constituents and find the pulse of the electorate.

Prince Edward Theatre has outstanding attractions for today and Monday. Today the classics "Oliver Twist" and "Huckleberry Finn"; on Monday the Easter play by the St. Charles Auxiliary, "The Golden Flame."

Nova Scotia has only itself to blame for the problem of having to pension off cabinet ministers who have been in office ten years or more. The electorate would be wise to see that no party continued to hold office for more than two or three terms at most.

The cost of living index, standing at 163.7, and still rising at the end of February, now reflects chiefly the item of rent in the average budget. It must be taken with the warning however, that it is correct only so far as the public's buying habits have remained unchanged—which they haven't.

Newfoundland's agreement with Ottawa for \$6,400,000 a year in exchange for exclusive rights to income tax, corporation tax and succession duties is probably an excellent bargain for the new Province for the time being.

Nova Scotia would gladly become an agricultural province in addition to coal, steel and shipping. In a discussion Mr. MacDonald, a Cape Breton representative, said that for every prosperous, well-tended farm there were several that were run down or vacant.

Six years ago, on Easter Sunday (April 9, 1944) Major General Chris Vokes, at the time a divisional commander in Italy, stood on the slopes of a hill overlooking the Adriatic and read the lesson of an Easter service to members of his headquarters.

Good news. Under the auspices of the World Health Organization and the International Children's Emergency Fund, a technical conference was recently held in Paris at the Sick Children's Hospital under the chairmanship of Professor Robert Debre.

Henry Peter Brougham, 1st Baron Brougham and Vaux, English Lord Chancellor, died this date 1868. Admitted to the Scottish bar in 1800; co-operated in founding the Edinburgh Review in 1802, contributing eighty articles to the first twenty numbers.

The Poet's Corner

EASTER DAY

Break the box and shed the nard;
Stop not now to count the cost;
Hither bring pearl, opal, sard;
Reck not what the poor have lost.
Upon Christ throw all away;
Know ye, this is Easter Day.

Build His church and deck His shrine,
Empty though it be on earth;
Ye have kept your choicest wine—
Let it flow for heavenly mirth;
Pluck the harp and breathe the horn;
Know ye not 'tis Easter Morn?

Gather gladness from the skies;
Take a lesson from the ground;
Flowers do ope their heavenward eyes

And a Spring-time joy have found:
Earth throws Winter's robes away,
Decks herself for Easter Day.

Beauty now for ashes wear,
Perfumes for the garb of woe.
Chaplets for dishevelled hair,
Dances for sad footsteps slow;
Open wide your hearts that they
Let in joy this Easter Day.

Seek God's house in happy throng;
Crowded let His table be;
Mingle praises, prayer and song,
Singing to the Trinity,
Henceforth let your souls always
Make each morn an Easter Day.

—Gerard Hopkins.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

SHIPBUILDING DAYS

The boom in shipbuilding in this Island a century ago is indicated by the following list of launches appearing in one issue of Hazzard's Gazette, Oct. 14, 1854:

"On Tuesday last the 11th inst., from the Shipyard of Messrs. J. and W. McGill, the Barque Dulcine, 506 tons new measurement, 627 tons old. She is universally admitted to be as well finished a vessel in all respects as has been built in the Island. She is copper fastened and clipper built, from a model by Maseley of Dartmouth in Nova Scotia, and has all the appearance of turning out a superior sailing craft.

"At Pinette, some days since, from the Shipyard of Mr. Wm. McLean, Pinette, a very fine Bark of 490 tons, called the 'Blonde', for Messrs. J. and W. McGill.

"At Hillsborough River, a Brig of 140 tons, called the 'James', for the Hon. D. Brennan.

"At Grand River, from the shipyard of Daniel McEachern, a fine Bark 368 tons, called the 'Reciprocity', for Messrs. Pope, Cuthbert and Co.

"At Vernon Bridge Shipyard, on Saturday the 7th inst., a superior Bark of 690 tons, called the 'Bomarsund', for Pope, Cuthbert and Co.

"At Pinette, a few days since, a fine Bark of 471 tons, called the 'Water Witch', for Mr. James McCraith, Charlottetown.

"At Bedouque, some weeks since, a fine Bark of 689 tons, called the 'Paxton', built for Pope, Cuthbert and Co.

"At New London, a Schr. of 127 tons, called the 'Delta', built for E. L. Lydiard, Esq.

"At Rollo Bay, a Schr. of 115 tons, called the 'Margaret', built for Mr. Edward Kickham.

"At Rustico, from the shipyard of Joshua Durong, a Schr. of 191 tons, called the 'Mary', built for James Peake, Esq."

Respect The Milk Bottle

(Hamilton Spectator)

Considering the general use of milk and the fact that it is one of the most essential of foods, the abuse to which milk bottles are subjected is an astounding commentary on the disregard some people show for the practice of hygiene and the primary purpose of public health.

Inasmuch as milk is consumed daily in virtually every home and is an ingredient in some form of almost every meal, it should not be necessary to stress the elaborate precautions that have been followed within past years to ensure its purity. Dairy herds are watched closely to see that they are kept healthy; barns are likewise inspected, and so are dairies, with every care being exercised to safeguard cleanliness of surroundings and prevent contamination of any kind along the way until fresh, sweet milk reaches the tables of consumers.

All of that constructive effort is made in the interest of public health; yet it can be impaired by the negligence of a minority of consumers. Dr. L. A. Clarke, M. O. H., warns this thoughtless element that it is illegal to use milk bottles for other than containers of milk. Too many persons, it appears are misusing these bottles as vessels to hold turpentine, gasoline, coal oil and all manner of liquids, quite un mindful of the hazards they are thereby creating to the health of others.

Dairies take pains to clean their bottles; they have costly equipment for doing so. But even when ways possible to remove the last bottles are sterilized it is not always possible to remove the last minute trace of foreign matter that may remain after a milk bottle has held coal oil or gasoline just before being returned to a dairy. Even if a little of the taint of such impurities cling to that same bottle it might be sufficient to contaminate the milk of the next consumer who receives it.

Public health is not alone the full responsibility of the health authorities; it is a boon that benefits all.



Canal Tidal Wave

(Toronto Saturday Night)

A tidal wave of public opinion, rolling up from the Atlantic seacoast, will surge into Ottawa during the present Parliamentary session to demand that a start be made at long last on a project discussed for a century or two: the Chignecto Canal.

There are now 46 local "Chignecto Canal committees" in cities, towns and villages of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland. Indications are that a huge delegation will invade the federal capital early this Spring — individual citizens and representatives of organized bodies with memberships totalling hundreds of thousands — to press the case for the shortest waterway.

The Chignecto isthmus is a 16-mile-thin neck of land linking New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. In the last century and a quarter, survey after survey has been made. It has been found that construction of a canal across the isthmus would involve no particular engineering obstacles. On several occasions it has appeared that an actual beginning of the big ditch was imminent. But something always intervened at the crucial moment, like a change of Federal Government.

Postwar trends have aroused a new agitation in favor of the canal — and this is the liveliest movement yet. Rising railway freight rates threaten to bankrupt marginal manufacturing industries in the Maritimes whose products are having a hard time absorbing transportation costs and competing in the populous Quebec and Ontario markets. The entry of Newfoundland into Confederation has added another reason for a waterway to knit the Atlantic provinces' economy closer together. And the discovery of vast resources of iron ore in the Quebec-Labrador area portends that a steady procession of ore-laden freighters soon will be moving down the Atlantic coast from the St. Lawrence to eastern U.S. ports. Time and expense would be saved if they could dodge through the Chignecto Canal into the Bay of Fundy instead of circling out to sea around the jutting land mass of Nova Scotia.

Canal proponents in the down-east provinces envisage Prince Edward Island potatoes and turnips being carried cheaply to Boston, and pulpwood moving to New England from the north shore of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, dairy products travelling from the Bay of Fundy to Newfoundland, canned fish being sea-freighted direct from Fundy to Montreal and Toronto, and hence is the responsibility of all in so far as a reasonable share of co-operation with the health authorities is to be expected from any community of intelligent people. Misusing empty milk bottles by filling them with poisonous liquids they were never intended to hold is neither intelligent or healthy. It is a deplorably backward and harmful practice not to be defended on any grounds.

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Notes By The Way

After several year's prodding, Victoria has finally announced a decision to use five-year licence plates on motor vehicles. While all details of the scheme haven't been announced, the 200,000 B. C. drivers who have their annual struggle with rusty bolts and new licence plates, hope that at last B. C. is going to enjoy all the benefits of permanent licenses. — Vancouver Province.

The sad death of Laurence Steinhart in Canada robs the diplomatic service of an envoy with much experience and considerable energy. Steinhart was a forceful personality, impatient of protocol, not to mention the practitioners of it. He preferred to think of himself in the homespun tradition which he said was lacking in the modern service of the United States. Accordingly he was accustomed to speak his mind without reservation on news and prospects, and if at times he was wrong, he was often right. Some diplomats have gone to their graves in complete silence and without record. While Ambassador to Russia, Steinhart was caught short in Stockholm by the outbreak of the Russo-Finnish war of 1939, but he kept the department well, and truly posted about Russia designs from his vantage point at Ankara. Steinhart devoted himself without stint to his duties. — Washington Post.

The trout fishing season is only a little over a month away and, undoubtedly, many Isaac Walton's have already been oiled up the reels, checking the tackle, and limbering-up the casting rods. Although lake fishing is the more popular among anglers in this area, there are many readers who are ardent speckled trout fishermen, and it is to them this information is directed. The Department of Lands and Forests has this year decreed that not more than 15 speckled trout may be caught in one day. The limit has been 20. This action has been taken by the department in order to conserve the province's resources of this aristocrat of the finny tribes. The limit reduction is applicable throughout Ontario, with the exception of Norfolk county where it has been reduced to 10. The minimum length remains at seven inches. — Smith Falls Record-News

Our debaron contemporary The Ottawa Citizen ambles into a criticism of Canadian mummbling. It seems that a Mr. Hankinson of Montreal has charged that Canadians are mumbler; that we a self-conscious people between the United States and Great Britain—both having their own speech mannerisms—"have found the easiest way to avoid criticism from both for mispronunciations is to mumble." That is, we Canadians have been caught between the gravel of the American r and the gulf of the missing English r, between the American a and the Amen a of Oxford, and we stumble into a face-saving mumble. This Mr. Hankinson (we trust he is not a straw-man of The Citizen) suggests that Canadians should have a distinctive accent of their own, and should spend more time cultivating it. We could not fail to disagree with him, as The Citizen likewise does not fail to do. "Anything Mr. Hankinson can do to cure Canadians of the deplorable tendency to mumble will be beneficial," remarks the neat-speeched Citizen. (Mr. Hankinson proposes to publish a glossary of words that have distinctive Canadian pronunciations.) But it appears to The Citizen that Canadian have no distinctive accents to cultivate: "They all talk alike, and each has the accents of Minnesota or Michigan." Tut! Tut! Do we detect in this remark a prejudiced asstun to—or even from—the Canadian West? Has The Citizen never cast its ear over the Ottawa Valley, where, if anywhere in this rustic Canada, a distinctive accent lies like a slag over a saw horse, like shell-ice in a furrow? If the Finnish war of 1939, but he kept the department well, and truly posted about Russia designs from his vantage point at Ankara. Steinhart devoted himself without stint to his duties. — Washington Post.

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