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Storm Disaster Inquiry

It is encouraging to note the prompt action which is being taken by the Provincial and Federal authorities in obtaining some measure of relief to our lobster fishermen following their recent disastrous storm losses. As noted in today's issue, an investigation is to be started at Ottawa immediately to ascertain the extent of damage, and departmental personnel will arrive here on Monday to consult with the Provincial Minister of Industry and Resources and his officials. Just what remedial action can be taken remains to be seen, but there is no doubt that the emergency is acute. Premier Matheson has announced that his Government stands ready to co-operate in every way possible, and there is no question but that all our citizens will indorse this attitude wholeheartedly.

Prince Of Wales Convocation

This morning Prince of Wales College is holding its ninety-third annual Convocation, and the importance of the occasion is enhanced by the exceptionally large number of graduating students this year. It is encouraging to note that the high standards of previous years has been well maintained, and that year by year the institution is expanding its curriculum in keeping with modern requirements.

The changes have chiefly been in the scientific subjects, but it is to be hoped that the time will never come when the importance of general cultural training will be lost sight of. In a recent convocation day address in Manitoba, Hon. Hume Wrong, Canadian Ambassador to the United States, pointed to the grim fact that "the technically-progressive era of the last forty years has managed to produce the two most devastating wars in all history, the grimmest economic depression on record, and now a state of affairs described as a cold war, for which it is not yet possible to see even the outline of a settlement." Surely education should be playing a potent part in adjusting the balance in this connection, through emphasis on the humanities as well as on more utilitarian aims.

Leaders in industry are more and more coming around to this view of the situation. They stress that technical skill is not enough without the outlook and judgment which are the badges of an educated man. One Ontario industrialist is quoted as saying: "The most difficult problems enterprise faces today are neither scientific nor technical, but lie chiefly in the realm of what is embraced in a liberal arts education." Another authority notes that specific skill in any given field "becomes less and less important as an executive advances through successive levels of responsibility." A vice-president of the Bank of America has been urging the need for "the creative, productive group of people out of whom business must find its future executives. Someone must provide for the roundness and the wholeness of a liberal education." Prince of Wales has endeavored to fulfill this function, and the proof of its success lies in the large number of its graduates who have distinguished themselves in all fields of activity. This year's graduates, and all the student body, are to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts, and the Principal and staff upon the ever widening scope of educational services which the institution is providing.

Municipal Problems

The President of the Association of Ontario Mayors and Reeves, Mr. Barry Atkinson, has asked for the appointment of a Dominion-Provincial Economic Conference, with a view to providing a foundation for such statutory and constitutional changes as would give all types of municipalities access to tax revenues commensurate with their modern responsibilities. Indorsing this proposal, the Globe and Mail points out that all municipal problems today stem from one source—their inability to raise revenue to finance obligations laid upon them. Their growing handicap is not their relations with the Provinces; it is the fiscal handicap which has developed with national growth since Confederation. Education costs, for example, have long since outrun the capacity of property taxes to sustain the school systems. Industrial growth in many urban and suburban areas has also proceeded so fast that the demand for services has multiplied faster than the

increase in available civic revenues to finance them. The result has been a tremendous backlog of water, sewer, fire fighting, police and transportation services waiting for attention.

Since the essence of the problem is fiscal, our Toronto contemporary argues that the only remedy is in constitutional changes which would reallocate civic functions, where necessary or desirable, and redefine taxing powers on a basis which would make municipalities self-supporting through their own taxation. Municipal officials, it suggests, too frequently weaken their cause by falling into the trap of squabbling over grants, subsidies and revenues from higher sources. In consequence, the fundamental problem remains unresolved. "Let them concentrate their effort on securing the one kind of cure that will be permanently efficacious. That cure lies in modernizing their constitutional provisions which are leading closer to civic insolvency each year."

Opposed To Punishment

That punishment is useless as a deterrent or reformative influence on criminals was the message to the Canadian Welfare Council from Dr. A. W. MacLeod, assistant director of Montreal's Mental Hygiene Institute. The implications of this are extraordinarily wide. Our whole criminal law is based on the twin concepts of crime and punishment. It is true that in the course of time we have modified particular aspects of the "tooth for a tooth" approach. Beginning with the hope that youth, if not hardened age, could be reformed rather than merely restrained, we have gradually approached the position of expecting that any criminal may be made into a law abiding citizen.

The success of these piecemeal attempts at rehabilitation has been marked and the time must come when it will be recognized as the proper function of society in relation to all criminals, rather than the saving of the few from the just consequences of their deeds.

It is not difficult to convince the average man that for purposes of character reform punitive measures are practically useless. It is quite another matter, however, to convince him that it is "right" to do away with punishment. Perhaps the last valid reason for retaining the punitive character of law will be the necessity of quieting blood feuds. The family and friends of an injured person will not readily accept the doctrine that reform of the criminal is all that is desired.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Oak Apple Day.

All over the Province, as throughout the Commonwealth, hunting is flying gaily in preparation for the great event.

The R. C. A. F. has flown its 500th trip of the Korean airlift. Air Transport Command may well be proud of the contribution which it has made to supplying Canadian and other forces in that theatre.

When President Eisenhower was elected there was a certain amount of concern that Senator Taft would make him an isolationist. Taft obviously failed to do so but just as obviously has not given up his own attitudes.

Halfax is to be congratulated on being chosen as permanent headquarters for the International Commission for Northwest Atlantic Fisheries. Very much the same strategic considerations that made the old port vitally important in wartime resulted in its choice for that peaceful purpose.

An Islander will help Canadian newspapers cover the Coronation for their readers. Forbes Rhude, business editor for the Canadian Press, has left the International Chamber of Commerce meeting at Vienna to take part in reporting the great events in London.

The St. John Ambulance may well be proud of their part in Coronation celebrations. No less than 7,000 St. John men and women will be on duty at 120 first aid posts and lining the procession route with an ambulance worker at every 12 paces on both sides.

Constantinople (now Istanbul) fell this date 1453. In 1203 and again in 1204 it had been taken by the Crusaders. From 1396-1401 it was unsuccessfully besieged by the Turks under Sultan Bajazet, Sultan Murad II attacking it again in 1422. Then after a long and heroic defence against great odds it was finally taken five hundred years ago. The resulting escape of refugee scholars was the foundation of the Renaissance in Europe.

Just Dandy!



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.

HOSPITALITY APPRECIATED

Sir, I should like to express on behalf of my wife and myself, our indebtedness to the people of your newspaper represents, because last summer we visited your Province and the good people of the district of Morell and surrounding areas were most hospitable and generous in their goodwill to my wife and myself.

We should like to express through you, sir, our extreme gratitude to all with whom we came in contact. Although the press of business has prevented my writing you sooner, I am nonetheless appreciative of the very distinctive hospitality which seems to characterize all you Prince Edward Islanders, but most particularly the people of Morell.

My wife and myself were greatly impressed by the co-operative organization which seems to thrive so singularly in this district, but it is most of all for your kind and generous friendliness that we are expressing our gratitude.

I should like to make particular mention of the ones with whom we actually came in contact. There was one gentleman in the general store who was most friendly and whose kind personality deeply impressed us both. Although I could not personally recall his name, my wife has just informed me that it was Mr. Leo Rossiter. It seemed to us that his hospitality to strangers such as we expected to characterize all of your whole community whom we hope soon again to meet.

We are, Sir, etc. JOHN H. JAIXWORTH, ALICE JAIXWORTH, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jaixworth

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

NEWS FROM LONDON

"We have received a string of Resolutions, entered into by several gentlemen connected with this Island in London, for the formation of a 'Prince Edward Island Association.' In a letter which the honorary secretary has addressed to us, he states the objects of the Association to be, to bring together in a body as many persons as possible, connected in any way with the Island, to point out its advantages, by giving publicity to all the information that can be obtained respecting it; to promote emigration to its shores; and, in general, to endeavour to advance its settlement and improvement."

"As a knowledge of its localities is much wanted in Great Britain, the Association hope to add to their number many respectable individuals in this Island, capable of affording the necessary information. Such gentlemen as are desirous of forwarding the views of this Association may leave their contributions at the Gazette Office, and they will be duly forwarded. A subscription of two sovereigns constitutes a member. The same letter adds, that a masterly work upon the Colonies is in progress, by a Mr. Montgomery Martin, two volumes of which are already out, and a third is about to follow—price, twenty-one shillings each. In the forthcoming volume, which treats of British North America, this Island, we understand, occupies a conspicuous place."

—Royal Gazette, Nov. 18, 1834.

BEAUTEOUS BRIDES

LONDON (CP)—Two Canadian hockey players in Britain led handsome brides to the altar. Vic Krekewitz of Yorkton, Sask., married Sylvia Miller, former festive beauty queen of London. Gyle Woods of Bowman, Man., married skating starlet Lyn Russell.

Notes From Another Island

By "Anson"

LONDON, England.—Recently I saw on a bookstall a copy of an American magazine which, on its cover, drew attention to an article it was featuring entitled "The Coronation—Britain's Greatest Show." A pithy description, indeed, of the great event, which, on this side of the Atlantic hadn't been thought of as a "show." We are not usually prone of such dignity.

It will be a show, certainly; a colourful show of majestic pageantry. The sort of thing that we do so well (and may the conceit of our ring of unseemliness. After all, what does the dictionary say of a "show"? It is described as a "spectacle, exhibition, pageant, display..."—so far there is little to argue about, but next on—special collection of things shown, especially for money to entertain..." And there's the rub.

True, we could stop short at "pageant" and be fairly happy; a show doesn't have to be of such things. Yet, again, on second thoughts, let's face it, the Coronation is a show in practically every sense of the word. Indeed, whatever we may feel about the proprieties we cannot escape the notion that in some quarters the mercenary aspect is of greater consequence than the solemn act itself.

Be that as it may, it is a harsh and cynical view to take. There are always some who have an eye to the main chance, and black sheep, we know, have a way of marring the whitest flocks.

Let us pause for a moment, though, to get ourselves straight on a point which puts everything into proper perspective. It is this: rightly or wrongly, it has come to be taken as understood that when we refer to "The Coronation" we mean in fact, a good deal more than the formal placing of the Crown on the Sovereign's head. We mean—or at least infer—everything connected with that sublime function, and that covers a very great deal.

Visible signs made their appearance long ago in the flags and bunting that started to show in ever-increasing abundance, soon followed by more elaborate decorative schemes. Souvenirs and keepsakes of innumerable kinds flooded the shops, and a wide variety of special Coronation entertainments was announced. As the day grew closer the organs of the Press, the newspapers and magazines which had already printed millions of words on the event, brought out their lavish Coronation Numbers, and prepared to delight their faithful readers with thousands more words of reportage on the happenings of the day itself.

And in all these things money is involved and people make a profit. It simply happens in the ordinary way of business. In that respect the Coronation is quite a money-spinner.

It is a show, right enough; there is no doubt about that. It began some time before June 2nd and it will go on for some time afterwards, and it includes spectacle and pageant and display and the rest. But through it all, somehow, we do not lose sight of the root from which it has all sprung.

On that note we can turn our attention away from consideration of the "Show and back to the

The Poet's Corner

FROM THE COMFORTERS

Until thy feet have trod the Road Advise not wayside folk. Nor till thy back has borne the Load Break it upon the broke.

Chase not with undesired largesse Of sympathy the heart Which, knowing her own bitterness, Presumes to dwell apart.

Employ not that glad hand to raise The God-forgotten head To Heaven and all the neighbours gaze— Cover thy mouth instead.

The quivering chin, the bitten lip, The cold and sweating brow, Later may yearn for fellowship— Not now, you ass, not now!

Time, not thy ne'er so timely speech, Life, not thy devious thereon, Shall furnish or deny to each His consolation.

—Rudyard Kipling.

The Age Old Story

The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. . . . He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor. . . . He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it.

A fine bridge erected in 1490 crosses the River Avon at Stratford-on-Avon, birthplace of Shakespeare.

Coronation that was so described. And then we can trim our thoughts again and contemplate what takes place in Westminster Abbey on Coronation Day. That is really where it all begins and ends, and everything else is incidental.

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Notes By The Way

The Russians have accepted a United States Chess Federation invitation to participate in a tournament. If stateless development is available; they will have to be blamed on the immutable laws of chess, as played by masters.—Ottawa Citizen.

Delusions of persecution are to be avoided, of course, but when one's mail brings a recipe for prunes stuffed with peanuts and another for prune pot roast we can't get over the feeling that some vast international organization is after us.—Winnipeg Tribune.

At Fanshawe Lake, designed to become a beauty and recreation spot for Londoners, fish have been added and motorboats banned. The lake has been stocked with Kamloops trout—an experimental program—and Dr. J. Cameron Wilson, chairman of the Upper Thames Conservation Authority, has announced that motorboats will be banned.—London Free Press.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill is in charge of the United Kingdom's foreign policy in the absence, through illness, of Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. Premier Mohammed Naguib of Egypt will find it isn't easy to push Mr. Churchill out of anywhere, including the Suez Canal Zone.—Windsor Star.

Young Prince Charles is much interested in "Mummy's coronation," so it is gratifying to hear that he will be allowed to go to Westminster Abbey "for a period," during the service on June 2. Besides, his attendance despite tender years, is fitting and proper.—Brantford Expositor.

As Coronation Day draws near, bunting and other decorations begin to bloom all over the city. It's a gay sight, and well worthwhile. But in putting up these decorations the authorities might try to interfere as little as possible with the normal life of the city. Obstructions to traffic, for instance, should be avoided to the greatest degree possible.—Ottawa Citizen.

It is relatively easy for the United States to give up selling to Red China since markets there take only a small part of American foreign trade and perhaps would be largely lost anyway. But to some British Commonwealth nations and Japan the China trade in non-strategic goods is an important part of vitally necessary earning power, as it is important also to Greece, Norwegian, and Pakistanian shipping.—Christian Science Monitor.

The high-domed gentlemen on a radio quiz recently had this question hurled at them: "What is the most frequently run distance in sport?" The answer: "Ninety feet, the distance between home plate and first base." But early season performance by several members of the Ottawa Athletics pitching staff suggest the question might be more appropriately phrased thus: "What is the most frequently walked distance?"—Ottawa Citizen.

If Junior wishes to refer to mother as a "stinker" he should be allowed to do so. Such is the recommendation of Dr. Fredrick Kenn of Chicago, director of the Association of Family Living. It is Dr. Kenn's contention that "hostility is one of the basic emotions and has to be expressed. Home is the best place to express it." Dr. Fredrick should not object if Mama expresses some hostility of her own under these circumstances and lets Junior know it in his "best place."

Dr. Kenn's theory may sound ridiculous to some but this sort of "family guidance" has played its part in bringing family life to its present pass.—Winnipeg Tribune.

It is a mistake to think that poverty and misery are the principal factors in the expansion of the communist movement. It would probably be easy to demonstrate that there are as many communists among people in easy circumstances as among those with little. We know that numbers of people turn to communism one day because they suffer too much misery but we would be gravely mistaken if we believed that it is always the pretext for adhesion, or indeed the main pretext. There are poor people in the Canadian communist party, the Labor-Progressive party. But there are also—and not in small numbers—well-nourished intellectuals, rich people on incomes, etc. . . . We should fight poverty but even if, some day, we succeed completely, that in no way signifies that we will have vanquished communism.—Montreal Matin.

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