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St. Dunstan's Convocation

Today's annual commencement exercises at St. Dunstan's University will mark the 98th anniversary of this venerable institution of higher learning, now so widely known not only throughout Canada but in the United States as well, where its graduates fill many important positions in the Church and in professional life. From small beginnings, the University has grown with the years, modernizing its equipment and facilities, increasing its staff and expanding its curricula, but always keeping in mind the principal aim of its founders, so well summed up by Cardinal McGuigan some years ago as "the harnessing of the deep emotions of the human person to the wise guidance of the intellect and the will, the culture of the good, the true, and the beautiful made perfect in the worship of God and in a life based upon God's commandments." That these high aims are not at all inconsistent with proper attention to scientific and practical subjects has been demonstrated time and again. Indeed, modern educationists are now pretty generally agreed that the restoration of spiritual values in education is the most pressing need of our age.

"The mind," said John Morley, "is not a vessel to be filled but a hearth to be lighted." How many such fires have been lighted from the torch of old St. Dunstan's, held high by its devoted custodians, and what great illumination these have brought to places near and far! Today's graduates will go forth the inheritors of a great tradition, equipped as few persons are to deal with the problems of modern life as well as with the means of sustaining it. Their road ahead will not always be easy—it would be fatal for them if it were—but their feet have been placed firmly in the right direction; they will know where wisdom is to be found, and guidance and courage in every emergency.

Week-End Tragedy

Sad news over the weekend was the triple fatality occurring in connection with the crash of a Maritime Central Airways plane while making a routine flight to Labrador. The M. C. A. enjoys an enviable reputation insofar as flying accidents are concerned, but the hazards of fast transportation cannot always be eliminated; and when these occur with fatal consequences, one is apt to forget the thousands of flights, covering many hundreds of thousands of miles, which are made safely and which go unpublicised.

The victims in this case were Capt. George Edwards, Moncton, Co-pilot Johnny Dutchak, who was well and favorably known here as a member of The Islanders hockey team, and Flight Engineer Clifford MacQuarrie, of Victoria, this Province. The sincere sympathy of all our people will be extended to the bereaved relatives in their tragic loss.

Red Shield Campaign

The annual appeal of the Salvation Army Red Shield is being launched this week, a project of particular importance in this connection being the extension of the aged ladies' home, Sunset Lodge, in Charlottetown. This Lodge is meeting a great need in the community. The total cost of the new extension is \$55,000, but with cash on hand the financial demand has been reduced to \$25,000, which it is hoped to raise by the present appeal. Guests at the Lodge are from all parts of the Province, and the response should be general as well as prompt and generous.

It is unnecessary to enlarge upon the splendid record of service achieved by the Salvation Army, and upon the careful manner in which funds are administered in their activities. The campaign is being actively sponsored by the Women's Institutes and other organizations, and it is hoped will meet with unqualified success.

Traffic Safety

The highway takes a far greater toll of life even than war yet it is not easy to give traffic safety the attention it deserves. Drunken drivers are the most obvious danger and are subject to severe penalties. Other accident causes are not so generally recognized and protected against.

The individual user of the highways, both driver and pedestrian, must be alert to danger. Some accidents are indeed un-

avoidable but in the majority of cases a little more care, more attention to traffic and more consideration for others would enable disaster to be avoided. The speed demon and the dawdler both contribute to the toll and the public is responsible for permitting dangerous conditions to be created and left as a trap to the unwary.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Traffic Safety week with the cooperation of the R. C. M. P. and the city police. If their efforts make even a few citizens safety conscious they are well worth while.

EDITORIAL NOTES

St. Dunstan's University convocation today.

Quebec Provincial election is scheduled for either July 9 or 16.

Fishermen, housewives, innkeepers and tourists all stand to benefit by improving the supply and quality of seafood dishes.

So many young Islanders have made good educationally this year it is difficult to keep track of them. We have every reason to feel proud of our rising hopes in this respect.

The plan for Charlottetown street improvement when completed will put a new face on our city, so to speak. "Face lifting" will be nothing compared with the improvement to be brought about.

The Queen received General Eisenhower and Mrs. Eisenhower when they visited London this week. The Eisenhowers also were dinner guests of Prime Minister Churchill and Mrs. Churchill at 10 Downing Street.

H. M. C. S. Queen Charlotte is having its annual inspection today. The inspecting officer, Captain A. G. Boulton, D.S.C., R.C.N., Director of Naval Reserves, can hardly fail to be impressed by the urgent need of new accommodation if the standard of training traditional here is to be maintained.

The late Mr. George Ryan was probably the best known railway man in the city. He was "hail-fellow, well met", with everybody, and always on the move. In early life his ambition was to be a reporter, and if he had followed his inclination he would have no doubt been a most efficient one.

In Cyprus, the British island off the coast of Turkey, tradition is strongly maintained according to the National Geographic Magazine. Each night the commander of the new guard and the commander of the old guard in the medieval castle at Kyrenia go through the ceremony of exchanging the key to the castle. It is a fine custom, but there has been no key for 400 years.

Many throughout the Province will have heard with regret the death of Mr. J. G. MacFadyen, so long sheriff of Queen's. But it was as a stalwart member of the Caledonian Club he was most widely known. He took an active part in its affairs, and occupied the highest offices with distinction. If any one be entitled to a plaid bonnet and pipe funeral he surely is.

Thomas Edward Lawrence, "Lawrence of Arabia", died this date 1935 as a result of a motor-cycle accident. He spent much time doing archaeological excavating in Syria, on the Euphrates and in Egypt. In 1916 he began an extraordinarily successful campaign for Arab liberation from the Turkish empire. He renounced his rank, decorations and name when he felt that the Arab cause had been neglected at the peace conference.

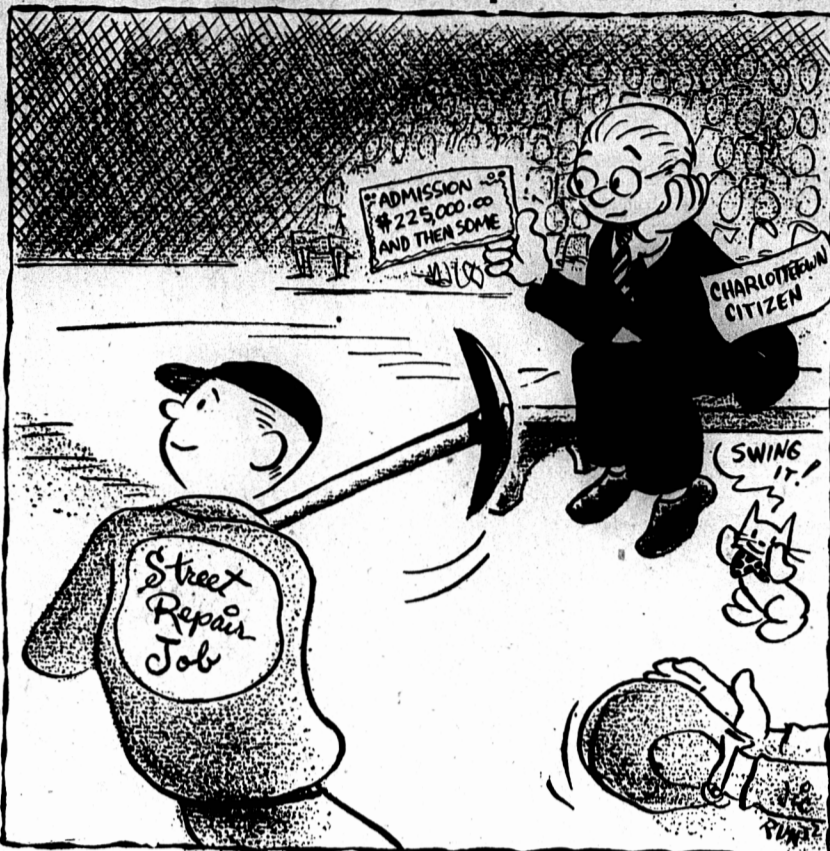
The humble egg, rationed to protein-hungry Britons at the rate of one-a-person-a-week, came under discussion recently in the U. K. House of Lords. In praise of the egg, Lord MacPherson quoted:

The egg is smooth, and very pale, It has no nose, it has no tail, It has no ears that one can see, It has no wit or repartee.

and urged greater production of eggs for home consumption.

It is not surprising to find many literate-minded people in the world but it comes as a shock to find them even in the Manchester Guardian. The British editors were unable to see the spirit of fun in which the curator of the Toronto Art Gallery commented on a board used for cleaning brushes and trying spray guns. His comment was: "You are considerably interested in a variety of effects that can be arrived at through experimental use of your materials, and you seem to be aware of the accidental effects that can result from lines, calligraphy, blots and the use of a spray gun."

Front Row Spectator



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.

SESSIONAL INDEMNITY BOOST

Sir,—We would appreciate very much if you would allow us space in your valuable paper to register our disapproval of Bill No. 39, entitled "An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act", passed without any opposition at the recent short sitting of our Legislature. May we first point out that we are a group of Young Progressive Conservatives between the ages of eighteen and forty, who are desirous of seeing politics as a clean and unbiased effort of serious minded citizens, who have the good of the community, and not themselves, uppermost in their minds. We are pledged to support that type of candidate, and hope to produce from our ranks, candidates of such calibre. The above entitled Act came as a distinct surprise to us, and at a recent meeting of our group, we unanimously decided to register our disapproval, through the press.

May we review the recent rise in "sessional indemnity" received by members of the Legislative Assembly. Prior to 1948, a member received a sessional indemnity of \$400. In 1948, this amount was raised to \$700 and in addition thereto, there was added an amount of \$300, being tax free expense money. These amounts were for each session of the Legislature that is held. By this 1948 Act, the Speaker and the Leader of the Opposition were to get in addition to their sessional indemnity, an additional \$400 plus \$200 tax free expense money. In 1950, this was amended so that the Leader of the Opposition was to get in addition to the sessional indemnity \$800 plus \$200 tax free expense money. Thus, each member at that time received a total of \$1,000, the Speaker \$1,600, and the Leader of the Opposition \$2,000. We are all aware of the rise in the cost of living, and that our members are entitled to a raise in pay. This they received in 1948. Now in 1952, the members of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, on March 27th, last, suspended all Rules of the House and gave first and second reading to a bill which would give them a sessional indemnity of \$1000.00 plus an additional amount of \$500.00 tax free expense money. The following day, March 28th, 1952, this bill was given third reading and made law by the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor of the province. Only one person spoke on this bill—Mr. R. R. Bell, Q.C., the Leader of the Opposition. He claims that he was not informed of the bill previous to this. Informed or not, we do think that every member of the House should have either opposed the bill entirely, or shown some justification for the raise. It was incumbent upon them to do one of these.

The Government will attempt to justify this on the basis of the sessional indemnities paid to members in other provinces. Let us remember, however, the population of this province in comparison with the other provinces, and the number of members representing us as compared with that of the other provinces. We do hope that the Government and each member of the Legislature will be able to justify such a raise. It might be well to note and compare the length of the debate when the teachers' salary raise came up in the Legislature. There, generosity did not prevail so abundantly.

In conclusion, may we say that we object principally to the suspension of the rules to pass such an act. Secondly, we object to the fact that there was no debate on the bill, and thirdly, we object to the fact that no justification for this raise was shown. Might we therefore ask this question? "Were they thinking of the needs of the people of this province or

The Age-Old Story

Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way; but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

were they thinking of their own needs?" Each member received about \$70.00 per day for each day of the session attended by him. We are, Sir, etc. 5th PRINCE YOUNG PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE ASS'N Summerside, May 16.

UNDERSTANDING THE TEEN-AGER

Sir,—The other day a panel of twelve teen-aged high school students from different parts of the city, told our class in the "Psychology of Adolescence", their main problems. This is indeed, as one authority put it, "the age of decision." The future is almost upon these young people. To go to work? To continue school? What kind of work? What kind of schooling? In the next few years, most of them will choose a mate and assume the responsibilities of marriage and take their places in the community. Complicating all their problems is the military situation. Can we wonder that they resent not being accepted in the family as equal members?

We cannot deal here with the other problems, but the expressed feelings of these adolescents about the attitude of their parents, may prove of interest. "Why can't our parents see that we are grown-up?" asked John Morana, dark and intense. "They're always asking, 'Where were you?' 'What did you do?' 'With whom did you go?' 'If we can't be trusted now, when can we be?' " "Spending money!" exclaimed Bob Anderson. "First, they give you money, and then they want to know how you spend every penny. In a few years, I'll be on my own. How will I know how to manage money if I don't learn now?"

"Well, my parents are really sweet about such things," said a pretty sixteen year old girl, "but no boy is good enough for them. They criticize every boy I bring home. Some day I'll just say 'good-bye' at the door."

"I guess I'm one of the boys they'd criticize," laughed a fine-looking somewhat tousled-headed young man, "they're always after me to comb my hair, brush my shoes, press my suit — maybe that's why I'm careless. I can't stand being treated like a five-year old." "I like you, anyway," said the girl in a loud whisper. "What I can't take," said a serious looking boy, "is the way they look hurt when I'd rather go with others than them. We used to have lots of fun together, but I guess his only natural to want to be with the boys and girls now, most of the time, anyway."

"That isn't my problem," said a happy looking young girl. "Mother and father have lots of places to go to and like me to go out. But they want me to study more so I can go to college. They're always after me about my marks. I don't want to go to college. I'm not the type." Pat Kelley's "gripe" was the family car, and judging by the nods of agreement, it was a common complaint. "Dad seems to think I'm old enough to go to work soon, but he doesn't think I'm old enough to use the car once in a while," he said. "He's afraid I'll have an accident. Or he's afraid I'll be up to something. He makes me feel as if I haven't a say in the family. Just a young kid, that's all."

Three of the students thought their parents "just grand" and one of them explained it this way: "I'm plain lucky, I guess. I always had a say in the family even when I was eight or younger. I remember we had family councils about where to go, what to do, if we should have a dog, and one very important discussion was about whether our parents should help us with our homework. We kids decided it was up to us. We always were listened to, with respect," he ended with a laugh. Henry Misner, a high school

Old Charlottetown

(And F. E. I.)

FLOURISHING GRAIN CROPS

The following excerpt is from an account of Prince Edward Island appearing in the Halifax Witness of July, 1880:

"In our recent tour of the Island we saw a fine field of wheat and oats, as ever we saw in the Lothians of Scotland. On some of the farms that we visited, such as those of our friends, Mr. Aitken, of Three Rivers, Mr. Laird, of New Glasgow, and Mr. George Mackay, of New London, we saw not merely patches of wheat, as in some of the more recently settled districts, but large breadths,—some of these farmers having sown 40, 50 and even 60 bushels of that grain; and what is more remarkable, we saw good promising grain on ground that had been cropped for six years in succession, without any capital in it."

"All that is wanting to make this island one of the most productive in grain, adequate to supply the whole of the Lower Provinces with flour and oatmeal, is the importation of a considerable number of Low Country Scotch farmers, with a capital of \$600 or \$800. In several of the purely Scotch settlements, even of twenty or twenty-five years standing, there is a sad lack of enterprise—many of the immigrants seeming perfectly contented with themselves when they have received the mere supply of the wants of nature. There are, however, noble exceptions to this remark, and we would here give special prominence to a great portion of the whole district of Belfast, Flat River, etc. This is, we believe, the most thorough Presbyterian district in the Island, and a great proportion of the inhabitants being Scotchmen or their descendants, have advanced considerably ahead of their countrymen in other parts of the Island."

"We saw also farms exceedingly well cultivated by Highland emigrants, both in New London and on the banks of the Hillsborough, in the neighbourhood of Charlottetown. Still we would augur the most beneficial results were some of the Dumfriesshire, and Ayrshire, and Renfrewshire, or even the English farmers, more thoroughly interspersed amongst the Celtic speaking population, in the Island."

senior, and coordinator for the group summed up the situation. He said, "Some parents understand that we have to grow up and stand on our own feet and like Steve there, said about homework, it's up to us. If we fail, we'll know better next time. We know we don't know all the answers, but nobody does, no matter how old they are. Some parents mean well, but they make us feel we haven't enough sense to decide anything important for ourselves. We want to talk things over with them, but it ends up by their telling us what to do. They just can't get over the habit of treating us like children."

"Perhaps that statement accounts for much of the lack of understanding between parents and teenagers. Parents do want their children to grow up, but they have thought of them as dependent for so long. Then too, perhaps in their hearts, some parents feel lost and alone without someone who depends upon them. Their children filled a great need in their lives and now they see them slipping away. Without meaning to, they try to hold on to them."

The teen-ager isn't whole-hearted in wanting to leave the protection of his parents. Often when young people are most rebellious, they most want to cling to their parents and run away from adult responsibilities. Growing up isn't easy and the adolescent knows, even more than his parents, his own deficiencies. So, like many people at every age, who feel shaky inside, the hesitantly teen-ager, blusters, and "acts big" hoping to fool himself and his parents too. I am, Sir, etc. RUHAMAH SCHEINFELD FRANK New York City.

The Beauties Of Learning

(Royal Bank of Canada Monthly Letter)

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Many of the vexing questions of today grow out of world situations. We need to judge their significance, decide how far we shall allow them to penetrate our spirits, and accommodate ourselves accordingly. Life becomes inexhaustibly interesting, instead of just perversely frustrating, when we continue to learn about it.

Democracy is conditioned by the learning we do. Democracy depends for its life upon the fact that every man will make all the judgments he can as wisely as he can. Democracy's only authority is reason, and its great attraction for thinking people is the opportunity it gives for making choices. To make choices wisely we need abundant growth of learning, participation in community, school, church and social affairs, an attitude of free enquiry, and the love of beauty, peace and kindness. Upon this base, continued learning will enable us to adapt ourselves intelligently and purposefully to social change.

A Philosophy

Out of continued learning there is bound to grow a better philosophy than we should be able to base upon immature thought. We need philosophy, if for no better reason than that things are happening politically, economically and socially which we must take into account. No mere star-dust hope will serve.

It may appear strange to talk of philosophy when every day is so crowded with doing and with talking that there seems to be no room for contemplation. But adult people who seek to be mature must make time to search their hearts and minds if they are to find any meaning in their lives. The alternative is to drift aimlessly, buffeted by every shifting wind.

What is meant by philosophy involves many things, such as seeing beyond our immediate tasks and gaining a sense of life as a whole; making ourselves richer in thought and feeling and beauty by drawing on our cultural heritage; taking up as our own the good things of each tradition. As Hayward Keniston said in an article he called The Humanities in a Scientific World, it is only in the realms of philosophy, art and religion that we may hope to find salvation for the human spirit. Man must have a faith of some sort if he is to live as happily and as nobly as he might.

Possible For All

The sort of continued learning written about in this Monthly Letter is possible for everyone in Canada. No matter how little school education one may have, or at what age this continued learning is taken up, the joys and advantages of further learning are available. A long ago as 1928 a book was published, called Adult Learning, in which there was knocked down once and for all the old idea that childhood is the time for learning and adulthood the time of having learned. Since then it has been said that learning is for all ages, and that it is a threat to our whole society to have people stop learning and sit back in complacent unchangeability in a world that is constantly changing.

Continued learning is essentially self-teaching. There is no compulsion except the compulsion of one's own spirit and the desire to participate usefully in society. Many persons who cannot study in solitude will find it easier to join in study groups where members raise questions, define them, explain their elements, and try to solve or at least to understand them. Some will find a varied programme desirable, ranging through poetry, history, economics, psychology, philosophy and all the other branches of knowledge.

One group read The Teachings of Epictetus, a chapter a week, followed by discussion and an attempt to apply what was learned from the Stoic philosopher's ideas to today's world. Another group selects a topic a week, such as "sympathy" or "honesty", and brings to bear upon it all that members can contribute to clarify it and show its place in everyday life.

When larger groups are desirable, we think of the lighted school. There is no reason, it is often said, why schools be unused in the evenings if there are adults eager to learn. Public libraries in some centres are used by discussion circles. Churches, too, are using their halls for this continued learning by adults. The new armories at Sault Ste. Marie, home of a Canadian Militia regiment, is to be used as a social and recreation centre by the whole community.

Don't Procrastinate To continue learning is important enough to demand top place when we are planning how we shall use our time. We are in danger of putting off until some tomorrow the very thing that will make tomorrow worth living. We are so much on the go, with this and that demanding attention, that we fall utterly to gain the serenity that should be ours.

the serenity that comes of feeling significant because of some grace or quality or knowledge we have acquired.

We are not self-sufficient. Our physical survival depends upon constant access to material resources outside our bodies. In like manner, our growth into spiritual individuality depends upon our keeping ourselves linked in one way or another with our spiritual sources.

We must not throw up our hands in the face of events or of pressure, and await with stolidism some impending cataclysm to which our civilization may at times appear to be rushing. No one need feel powerless, if he will take the trouble to continue learning about mankind and broadening his vision. In fact, if we learn soon enough, adversity may not fall upon us, and the future of mankind may be happier than any part of his past.

The Poet's Corner

TO LIFE

O Life with thy sad soared face, I weary of seeing thee, And thy dragged cloak, and thy hobbling pace, And thy too-forced pleasantry!

I know what thou wouldst tell Of Death, Time, Destiny— I have not known it long, and know too well, What it all means for me.

But canst thou not arry Thyself in rare disguise, And feign like truth, for one mad day, That Earth is Paradise?

I'll tume me to the mood, And mumm with thee till eve; And maybe that as interude I feign, I shall believe!

—Thomas Hardy.

LONDON — (CP) — Norman Dodds, labor member of parliament, decided to investigate when told the bus fare from his home to the House of Commons had been raised from 1½ pence to three-pence. He measured the distance at 1,666 yards, and then asked that the rate be reduced to the standard fare of two pence for the first mile.

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