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Dr. Kirkconnell's Warning

No more important subject for Education Week could have been chosen than that of the menace of totalitarian education...

Even to his most informed hearers many of Dr. Kirkconnell's statements must have come as a revelation. And he was careful in each case to quote his authority...

Instead of relaxing its ruthlessness, the system has become even more intolerant during the past four years, instituting new compulsions and new purges in every nook and cranny of the educational system...

This indoctrination is being directed with sinister purpose in fomenting hatred against the free world. How, Dr. Kirkconnell asks, is our own educational system to meet such a threat?

"We in our day," he warns, "shall already be half-defeated in essence if the strident intolerance and hatred expressed by Soviet education evokes in us a system of like rigidity and evil temper..."

It is difficult to summarize Dr. Kirkconnell's lecture without omitting statements pertinent to his argument. For this reason his address will be published serially in our columns, starting today...

Reassuring Survey

Figures compiled by the Financial Post give an indication of how Canada is doing. These compare the nation's known production in 1950 with the estimated production in 1951 as follows:

- Gross national product, \$17,700 million in 1950, \$21,000 million in 1951. Exports and imports, \$6,320 million in 1950, \$8,000 million in 1951. Total investment, \$380 million in 1950, \$450 million in 1951. Construction contracts, \$1,525 million in 1950, \$240 million in 1951. Retail sales, \$2,271 million in 1950, \$2,500 million in 1951. Labor income, \$827 million in 1950, \$980 million in 1951.

Other figures also show the nation's growth. Production of cars and trucks in the year increased from 390,000 vehicles to 407,000; steel from 3384 to 3500 thousand tons; pig iron from 2154 to 2200 thousand tons; newsprint from 5279 to 5500 thousand tons; electricity from 50,903 to 67,000 million kwh.

increased pressure on the economy. Estimates of gross national production for the present year are running as high as \$23 million. If this figure is achieved it will be remarkable enough in itself...

EDITORIAL NOTES

The City Council is living up to expectations in discussing openly matters affecting the electorate.

The weather is not a fit subject for discussion these days, most people are fed up with it. But April will soon be here, and with it Easter and Spring flowers.

It is gratifying to have the National Petroleum Council of Washington report that "available supplies of oil and gas in the United States and the world are greater than ever before and are still increasing rapidly."

An R. C. A. F. biologist has determined scarcely surprisingly that even turning the head may bring on air-sickness. The recommendation for those with a tendency that way is for them to relax and avoid any head movement.

Soviets critical of American-English. Britons were told by Moscow radio that their crooners are "aping the Americans in distorted vowels and forced inflectionism."

An American banker, himself a former Canadian, says that "Canada is on everyone's lips", and that young men in the United States are today looking northward for their opportunities.

All levels of government now take more than 25% of the total value of goods and services which we produce in Canada. There are priority claims on tax revenues for defense, but this is not the time for any level of government to load the budget with new tinsel-wrapped spending...

His Worship Mayor Stewart does not want an increase of remuneration so far as he is concerned, but would not like to tie the hands of his successor. It is generally conceded that \$325 per annum is ridiculously inadequate in these days, though it may have been abundant when first decided upon.

A correspondent wisely suggests that the City Council should publish in the Press the why and whereof of the increased assessments. People require to see plainly in black and white the explanation why they are called upon to have their properties and other assets boosted beyond use and wont.

Lady Isabella Gregory, Irish playwright, was born this date 1852. In the last years of the nineteenth century she was foremost in founding a national drama in Ireland. She wrote many one-act plays, rendered Irish sagas into the Irish dialect of English and did much to preserve Irish folk-lore.

Trained observers feel that Canada might have a \$5 billion year in capital expansion, which would be eight per cent over 1951 and 22 per cent over 1950, says Tide, in a survey of the Canadian scene. This would be despite some presently lower activity in housing, commercial, light manufacturing and some consumer durable fields.

According to the Canadian Press the Army is engaging in a manhunt to bring its list of former officers who could be called in emergency up to date. Headquarters wish to locate and list qualified officers not already included in the so-called supplementary reserve. The supplementary reserve, comprising officers available for service in the event of emergency, now numbers approximately 10,000.

The Help Is Overdue



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.

OUR OPPORTUNITY

Sir,—It is inexcusable to profit from another's misfortune only if by so doing, we add to that misfortune. The catastrophic outbreak of foot and mouth disease in certain districts in the Province of Saskatchewan, and its consequent embargo presents an opportunity which should be taken advantage of.

In the West, British Columbia and Alberta are prohibiting the importation of livestock and processed meats from their sister Provinces or States and paid by us, our livestock or processed meats should and would not be subject to embargo.

Livestock is the most important of our industries, is in very fact vital to our continuance as a good place to live, and no effort to safeguard it should be neglected. Many of whom could be used in this work, and who we are sure would be grateful for the opportunity of contributing such useful and essential service for the money they are forced to accept.

The extensive knowledge of Premier J. Walter Jones, and the eloquence of our deputy Minister of Agriculture, W. B. Shaw, should make a persuasive duo to present our claim for exemption from embargo at Quebec and other consumer markets. We feel this is of incomparably greater importance than the many other missions, however necessary, that are being made weekly to Upper Canada in the interests of this Province; so important that none but our best men should go on such an errand.

We are gratified that Mr. Gardner is taking effective measures to prevent our opportunist neighbors from flooding our meagre markets with their surpluses. I am, Sir, C. C. PRATT St. Peter's, P. E. I.

CIVIC AFFAIRS

Sir,—I was rather amused to read in your paper of the 6th inst. that some members of our City Council are considering increasing the Mayor's salary to \$1,000 and placing approximately \$300, salary on themselves. This is certainly not the case of a new broom.

Apparently our Councilors are not aware of the present feeling of all those in the City who are unfortunate enough to be land owners, thus coming under our increased assessments. The chairman of the streets committee states he is not obliged to open all the city streets after snowstorms. All residents being taxpayers, it would present a very difficult problem and possibly an embarrassing one to this gentleman, if he were to declare which ones were not to be kept open, as all persons being taxpayers, all things should be equal.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

HOLIDAY PETITION

"The law students throughout the City petitioned the Law Society recently, praying for a half holiday on Saturdays. Through the able exertions of Mr. Sidney Fitzgerald, the prayer of the petition was granted. Hence the students of the student and labours of the law clerk are ended at one o'clock on each Saturday."

ing fund. Surely we have someone here capable of clarifying this situation, without putting the city to any more expense than necessary. Mayor Stewart has proven himself to be an aggressive man for the betterment of the city. However, before any of the city's money is invested in any such "Charlottetown bubble" as a bus terminal at a cost of many thousands of the taxpayers' dollars (which under our new assessment will be hard earned), I should recommend that extreme caution be the watchword lest this investment be the sinking fund that sinks Coun. Johnstone's sinking fund. Tread lightly, gentlemen!

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Sir,—Education Week is to encourage men and women to examine their educational system. It is also the time for every citizen to clarify his thinking on the real purposes of education. Our chief concern should be the welfare of the children of our country because the welfare of the child is intimately bound up with the progress of civilization. There is nothing in the world as precious as children—because a child is the symbol of so much happiness. It is the symbol of the happiness of fathers and mothers. It is the symbol of Canada's happiness as a nation. Because a child is the symbol of so much happiness, we all have a stake in its future—in seeing that it turns out right.

There are certain social agencies that must contribute to the physical, mental and moral growth and development of the child. Each of these agencies—the home, the school, and the church, conserves the past, preserves the present and makes possible a progressive future, and no one of them can be ignored without serious detriment to the child's best interests.

The home is the basic unit in which are laid the foundations for and the direction of the child's entire growth and development. The school is an extension of the home, it continues and enlarges upon the educational background already built up in the home. The school must supplement but not supplant the home.

We must remember that Education is an active process; it is the doing of something; it is the cultivating and fertilizing of minds; such education is possible only when basic virtues are embodied in the curriculum in such a way as to function directly in the conduct of the pupils.

The school must stress moral values in the government, instruction and activities. So, for character building, the emphasis must be placed not only on lessons and information, but on guidance as well. The great business of life is to live in conformity to God's way of doing things. Therefore, let us make it clear to the boys and girls that the best preparation for later development is present right living, and right conduct is the acid test of both, right living and good citizenship.

The Poet's Corner

SONNET

What riches have you that you deem me poor, Or what large comfort that you call me sad? Is your earth happy or your heaven sure? I hope for heaven, since the stars endure And bring such tidings as our fathers had. I know no deeper doubt to make me mad. I need no brighter love to keep me pure. To me the faiths of old are daily bread; I bless their hope, I bless their will to save. And my deep heart still meaneth what they said. It makes me happy that the soul is brave. And being so much kinsman to the dead I walk contented to the peopled grave. —George Santayana.

The Age-Old Story

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

The education of our young people takes on increasing importance precisely because the present world emergency is in large part a struggle of ideas and ideals—a moral and spiritual struggle. The responsible and conscientious layman knows that the potential of education is boundless and is therefore working with increasing determination for better schools in his own community. Through greater interest on the part of all citizens we can give our children the very finest in educational opportunities. Let us bear in mind that "The key to our future security" as General Bradley declares, "lies in our schools."

SAFETY MEASURE

Bee-keepers usually wear smooth clothing when working with hives, because a bee's feet get tangled in fuzzy clothes.

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Notes By The Way

"A new tractor weighing only 88 pounds, washes clothes, cuts the lawn, plows snow and bulldozes. But how about tending the furnace and taking out the ashes?" —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

If the present trend continues, Canadian women will outnumber men. The result can be a marked change in Canadian habits, with industry and commerce, as well as the entertainment and publishing businesses, geared more and more to producing to feminine tastes. Whether this is good or bad is a matter of opinion, but it will certainly change the face of Canada. —Ottawa Journal.

There are some things the mainland sends us we are happy to receive. But we do wish they would keep their storms to themselves. Every storm that has visited us this Winter originated either on the east American coast south of New England or somewhere in the Rockies. They bring us weather we don't want. —St. John's (Nfld.) News.

Thunder Bay is a big place. When the weatherman is forced to set down in a few words what Thunder Bay may expect in the way of weather during the next 24 hours, more often than not he cannot find a common denominator for an area covering about 52,000 square miles. It matters not that Nature can provide a great variation in the weather for two places, separated by only 75 or 100 miles. —Fort William Times-Journal.

Inhabitants of Calgary are called Calgarians; of Edmonton, Edmontonians; of Halifax, Halifaxians. But that suffix does not apply to all cities or places. The accepted forms, we believe, are Vancouverites, Winnipeggers, Ottawahoos, Lethbridgites, Guelvies, and so on. The Innisfil Province, we notice, refers to its people as Innisfillians. That seems quite improper. Wouldn't the correct word be Innisfillians? —Calgary Albertans.

A man we know has been having a tough time lately. His business takes him out a great deal. Toward the end of the day he puts in an hour or so at the office. But he never can find any place to park his car off the home-going rush route whereon parking is prohibited at that time of day and a violation costs \$5. The other evening, in desperation, he left his car on the no-parking street. On the windshield he stuck a scribbled note reading "Out of Gas." It worked. The police didn't shove a ticket under the windshield wiper. He did the same thing the next evening. It worked again. But the third time he tried it he returned to his car to find the usual police ticket under the wiper. And next to his "Out of Gas" note was another piece of paper. Pencilled on it by the traffic cop was "Out of Patience." —Toronto Financial Post.

"Desert Fox," a film of the life of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, has been banned in Italy following a demonstration against it. Rommel was the leader of the Nazi-Fascist forces in North Africa in World War II. Italians feel insulted by the film. We don't think Rommel was quite the fine type portrayed in the film, but he was a worthy commander. If he had had more German troops and fewer Italians, he would have been harder to defeat than he was. Indeed, Rommel probably regarded most of the Italian troops at his disposal as a military liability rather than an asset. The Italians rapidly had been losing the war on the desert until he took command and brought with him some crack German units. If the Italians had proved themselves as good at fighting as they are at demonstrating and listening from balconies, they wouldn't need to be ashamed. — Windsor Daily Star.

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