

A Noble Example

This Province lost one of its most revered and distinguished citizens in the passing yesterday of the Right Rev. G.J. McLellan, P.A., D.D., whose career as churchman and educator spanned several generations, and whose name was a household word to our citizens of all denominations.

Monsignor McLellan filled many posts of responsibility in the Roman Catholic Church in this Province, as Rector of St. Dunstan's Cathedral parish, as Pastor at Tignish, as Vicar General of the Charlottetown diocese, as Vicar-Capitular in charge of the diocese on some occasions, as Prothonotary Apostolic, and, in later years, as Pastor of St. Paul's parish, Summerside.

To many former students at St. Dunstan's University he will perhaps best be remembered as the learned and able Rector of that institution, a post which he relinquished in 1928. He was a great disciplinarian in the true sense of the word—namely, "one skilled in the training of scholars and subordinates to proper conduct and action by instructing and exercising them in the same."

Such duties Monsignor McLellan held to be of paramount importance, and he left a lasting imprint on the lives of those who were privileged to come in contact with him during his years at St. Dunstan's.

He earned the same zeal and enthusiasm into his pastoral and other duties, and won the esteem and affection of all classes by his breadth of knowledge and understanding, by his friendliness, his warmth of personality, and his devotion at all times to the responsibilities of this high calling.

Blaming Dief Again

A commentator in the Toronto Telegram, traditionally a Tory organ, says that it took Mr. Diefenbaker more than five years cabinet maker to discover the penalty for bypassing able young men and clinging to the party god graft. Hence his criticism of Prime Minister Pearson's recent cabinet shuffle had something of the smack of sour grapes.

"It need not be an exaggeration to say," says this writer, "that had Diefenbaker been willing to promote able young men to key cabinet positions (held by such deadwood as Gordon Churchill, Howard Green and David Walker), the Conservative party need not have been kicked out of office."

Whatever truth there may be in this criticism, we find it significant as being very much in line with the views expressed in Peter Newman's controversial "Renegade in Power". In a passage not given in the abbreviated newspaper version of that book, Newman lists a number of younger men of promising talent, whom Mr. Diefenbaker could have used to strengthen his cabinet. Among them he names Mr. Heath Macquarrie, our junior member for Queens.

It was not suggested that Mr. Macquarrie should have replaced his colleague, Hon. J. Angus MacLean, in the Cabinet, for Mr. MacLean is commended by Newman on his ministerial ability. It would seem, therefore, that the writer considers both our Queens representatives as being good cabinet material. What he failed to note

was that the appointment of two members from one Prince Edward Island constituency to the cabinet would have been construed across Canada as a rank piece of favoritism.

Didn't Newman know that? To be fair, he should have pointed out that Dief had done better than his immediate Liberal predecessors by giving this Province cabinet recognition at all. He should have shown that cabinet appointments have to be carefully balanced as between the provinces. Mr. Pearson's latest shuffle was a case in point—where the appointment of Quebec played at least as much a part as the desire to bring younger men of talent forward.

But Dief seems to be fair game for every disgruntled Tory commentator nowadays. They have discovered a new heresy in the "cult of leadership" which brought him to power, and which they say ruled the party. But wasn't he, after all, the only Tory leader to win a federal election since the days of R.B. Bennett? That gentleman, too, as we recall, held pretty strong views on the subject of leadership.

Swiss Precautions

While other countries have become sceptical of the merits of fall-out-shelter programs, Switzerland has completed and approved plans for sheltering its entire civilian population in time of war. A bill passed by the Swiss States Council calls for a \$450 million concrete steel umbrella for all communities with population over 1,000.

The government also has drawn up a new plan to feed the nation entirely from Swiss goods in the event of a European war. Normally Switzerland produces only 50 per cent of its food necessities. During World War II it was only through careful stocking of foodstuffs and grain planting that the Swiss managed to feed their people. The new plan, an updating of previous wartime practices, would take advantage of a 60 per cent increase in Swiss vegetable production since 1939 and would save rations to be set at a caloric value of some 17 per cent higher than during World War II.

A Swiss government official explained that these measures are not being taken due to any aggravation of the world situation. "However," he added, "we do not yet have peace on this earth, and as long as this East-West situation exists it is our duty to be vigilant and prudent so that we can face the future with calm and confidence."

Admirable as these intentions are, we wonder how they could possibly be realized in the event of a nuclear holocaust. They remind us of a saying by R.L. Stevenson about one "Mr. Prudent, who always carried his umbrella in case of rain; but he was struck by lightning." The idea that fallout shelters and food reserves would enable any segment of humanity to face the consequences of another war with any confidence, is a figment of the imagination.

Paradox

The Vancouver Province has drawn attention to the paradox that, in the operation of public utilities, the public has more to say under private ownership than under government ownership.

Now that the company that produces gas, power and bus services to Vancouverites is publicly owned, states The Province, rate increases can be put into effect without the approval of the Utilities Commission. Formerly, under private ownership, "rates could not be raised except with approval of a public board which held public hearings to listen to public representations." A bus fare increase, the newspaper expects, will be imposed without any opportunity for the public to study his justification.

The fact is that state monopolies usually set their own tariffs and standards of service without much regard for the customer. Where the sale of liquor is in the government's hands, for instance, the hours of sale and location of outlets are not dictated by the customer even though he is charged all that the traffic will bear. That situation applies generally to government sale of any commodity or service.



THE FRENCH LEANING

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick McDonnell

Miss LaMarsh Stress Pesticide Hazards

The concerned killers who stalk every Canadian in our homes and gardens and grocerias and dairies are being combated by a pitifully small army of scientists and inspectors employed by our federal Department of National Health and Welfare.

These killers are the poisonous insecticides and pesticides which are sprayed all over Canada, from small aerosol bombs in our homes and from giant commercial sprayers on our farms, from aerials over our forests and in fields.

Judy LaMarsh, our Minister of Health, described these dangers and her department's counter-measures in a recent speech in her own constituency of Niagara Falls.

"Pesticide hazards can be considered in three categories," she said. "Persons involved in the manufacture, formulation, distribution and use of these chemicals are exposed to them generally under controllable conditions. Household pesticide products are an exception. They are used by the general public in our homes and gardens. They are exposed through the ingestion of small amounts of pesticides contained in foods."

STUDIED BY M.P.s

A special committee of the House of Commons was set up to examine these hazards last year, and held eighteen meetings at which expert witnesses presented briefs and underwent questioning. The committee, led by its hard-working chairman, Dr. Harry Harkley, M.P. for Oakville, Ontario, submitted its report in Parliament in December. It was an excellent study. The government is now examining the report, and considering what might be done to improve public awareness of the hazards of pesticides.

One of the principle recommendations of the committee was that the word "Harmless" be removed from the labels of many pesticides. "As many as 100 billion of these

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face of the possible dangers." The best-known witness submitting evidence to the Commons Committee was Miss Rachel Carson, the author of the best-selling book "Silent Spring," which described the dangerous effects of wanton use of pesticides. She related quite sensitively the high risk and high concentration of residual poisons resulting from the use of pesticides. Her evidence seems to have been insufficiently noticed by the committee, possibly because it was delayed until very late in the parliamentary session, when the pressure of the election was on.

However, one point made clear by the committee and by Miss LaMarsh is that her department sets high standards and does its best to protect Canadians, but in this is limited by its own budget and staff.

Far-Travelled Comets

National Geographic Society

The awesome sight of a comet streaking across the heavens has terrified and intrigued men for centuries. The sudden appearance of comets has caused kings to abdicate, armies to halt in battle, and whole populations to fear the end of the earth. A 12th-century historian reported that a comet was "a twisting serpent, writhing and coiling back on itself, lusting for human blood."

Even in the enlightened 20th century, it would be surprising to find a man did a brisk business with a line of "comet pills" guaranteed to cure any ailment. Some people supposedly emitted by Halley's comet during its return to earth.

DIRTY SNOWBALLS

The facts about comets are even stranger than the fancies. To begin with, comets are essentially dirty snowballs. They probably are composed of the ice of water, methane, and ammonia, with a sprinkling of dust.

The sun, surrounding the nucleus with a fuzzy envelope called the head or coma.

PUBLIC FORUM

LIBERAL PROMISE

Sir—I have been reading with great interest the letters in your issue of January 27th in which you raise financial promises to raise family allowances to 18 years. With two boys in high school they don't seem to get through with the allowance, we just have to struggle on as best we can. I think it disgraceful Mr. Pearson is now sunning himself in Florida. I think you should be after the great raise in salary he gave himself. What does he care about poor mothers. There are very few today making a living entirely on the farm, we are the mothers marching on Ottawa. Have we a sponsor?

I am, Sir, etc. DISTURBED MOTHER Kensington R.R.

"THE HANDS OF ESAU" Sir—After reading your very offensive book "Renegade in Power" in the one above referred to, I might be to his advantage to take a mirror and, gazing into it, realize the smiling public neither like nor respect one who exaggerates the weakness of another or tries to kick him when he is down.

John Diefenbaker would not have won the election if he had been a gentleman and would not stoop to such tactics. I am, Sir, etc. FAIRPLAY Summerside.

Treatment For Burns

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen The big wheels in business don't turn there by 9 o'clock around at night—Ottawa Journal.

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The ice water-detergent plan is ideal for burns and scalds. The new water-resistant skin cream is considered a heresy to use a soap, denture, hard or other grease. The cream is a new skin cream and their application of a dress of thousands of micro-organisms to tissues that already are soiled. The cream is a new skin cream and their application of a dress of thousands of micro-organisms to tissues that already are soiled.

Skin grafting may be needed. In some instances, the seared and charred areas are covered with skin from an unburned section of the body. The layer is held in place by a special paper and takes root and grows on the raw surface. If there are no complications, occasionally a donor is used to provide a temporary graft. It is rejected after a few days and the skin grafting is delayed for months.

Severe burns have disabling effects, particularly if the face, neck or chest is involved. The scars that are left are permanent and prevent extension of the arms, for example, or moving the head. The scars are permanent and prevent extension of the arms, for example, or moving the head.

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Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

PRELIMINARY STRANGERS A GO FOR THE SEVENTH YEAR. The preliminary strangers are a go for the seventh year. The preliminary strangers are a go for the seventh year.

YOUTH TRAINING STUDENTS held an enjoyable social evening at Prince of Wales College. The evening was a success. The evening was a success.

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Inviting Violence

Montreal Gazette

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For some time now, President Nixon has been in the news. He is a personal power. He is a personal power. He is a personal power.

Recently, three persons, including a former government minister, were accused of having conspired to assassinate Nixon. The court was Nixon's own. It was Nixon's own. It was Nixon's own.

Births On Farm

Windsor Star

An English farmer, with his wife of 70 years, plans to save himself some sleep during the calving season. He has a connection to his bedroom. He is awakened every two hours. He can go back to sleep. But, if there is a sound from a healthy calf, he immediately expects mother, who will hasten out to see that all goes well.

There is no accounting of the hours Ontario livestock men lose during the birthing season. The farms it amounts to a lot of extra work. The farms it amounts to a lot of extra work. The farms it amounts to a lot of extra work.

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The area affected will be from Watersloo to Glenfarne, Fort Augustus and Pictou. This interruption is necessary to make repairs to a damaged structure on this line.

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