

Religion and Life

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Will Ontario ever wake up? Does it intend to do anything about the iniquities committed in her orders which are staining her name? Does Christian Ontario not recognize her responsibility to moral conditions under her Government?

Look at the fare served up to us by day! We had week-end drunkenness in one section of Toronto described in the columns of the Telegram, and we know that the same system will produce the same results wherever it has opportunity. We have had revelations in Windsor of crime conditions with an international tinge. Crystal Beach then comes along with somewhat of the same international color, and we hear about boys and girls being initiated into dope habits in order that an infamous dope ring may multiply its agents and customers. Finally we have the welkin ringing with exposures of crookedness in connection with racetrack gambling. Even the betting public cannot be protected, and men who "fix" races have been "fixed" themselves by underlings whom they taught their tricks.

Now don't start blaming individuals for conditions when the electorate as a whole has brought them into being. Rather assume that the authorities attempt honestly and earnestly to enforce the law. The Prime Minister of our province has assured us that the full power of the province is being called to the support of its laws, and everyone who knows him knows that he means what he says.

an attempt to restrain a flood with dykes of straw. We multiply agents and outlets for the sale of liquor, all of whom are bound to increase their sales if they are to succeed, and then we try to stem the evil effects by arresting the victims of the trade.

The authorities try to stop the sale of tickets from the Irish Sweepstakes, and then, when anyone wins a glittering prize his name and picture and gains are published in every newspaper in the land, and he holds the headlines of the hour. More is done to encourage gambling by one such announcement than can be undone by all the police forces in the land.

Years ago the Dominion Government imagined that it could confine professional gambling within bounds of the race track and so passed a law making practices perfectly legal at race meets which are criminal anywhere else. But the evil seeped through, and it is a bit interesting to read of "bookies" whose trade is under the ban, but who, nevertheless, have tens of thousands to lose when the race themselves are "fixed".

Finally, we have the consummate hypocrit of Churches and certain benevolent institutions being granted raffles in support of causes which they call good, as if the end could ever justify the means.

All these evils are just symptoms, and to deal only with the symptoms, and to try to stem the evils in this way is like trying to cure smallpox by healing the sores. The whole trouble has this as its centre: we are allowing money to enter into morals. We are allowing moral principles to be violated by men who want to increase their gains.

Individual Free

For example, take the Act in defence of the Lord's Day passed by the Dominion Parliament in 1906. It made no attempt to prevent the individual from playing his own game on the sacred day so long as his play did not infringe on his neighbor's rights. But it forbade him to charge a fee for the admission of the public to watch him play. The line is drawn at the gate. Now Toronto has been allowed to annul that law as far as certain professional games are concerned.

There is no law to forbid individuals betting; the law does step in when a third party wants to hold the stakes and take a rake-off for himself. It is the business of vice that the law can deal with, and to allow people to make gain out of their neighbor's weaknesses is to bring the state under the judgement of God.

There is no doubt about the teaching of the Bible on this subject. The prophets insisted that God required the state to support right-doing and to condemn and penalize wrong-doing. When the state neither prevents nor punishes wrong, it accepts responsibility for what its people do.

Jesus called for love in all human relationships, but there is no anger as hot as love's anger when its objects are threatened. Listen to His words: "Temptations to sin are sure to come. It would be better for him if a millstone were hung round his neck and he were cast into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin." (Luke XVII:1-2)

There are evils in the land that mean the moral ruin of youth, and many of them are supported by our laws. God's judgments are on the state which accepts such a responsibility. Our only hope is in the Christian Church. Only there do we find men and women who will do more for God and humanity than these evil-doers will do for their gains.

But the church must not content itself with laying down abstract principles; she must deal with concrete cases. This means that individual ministers and congregations must dare to attack the evils in their own community, and so "Come to the help of the Lord against the Mighty."

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But the whole effort looks like

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HOLMAN'S "Please a Lady" contest winners. (1) Mrs. A. C. Evans, 187 Grafton Street. (2) Phil MacInnis c/o Canadian National Telegraph Office. (3) Jim Cameron c/o Island Telephone Company.

CITY POLICE COURT—At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court yesterday, six men charged with being drunk and incapable appeared. One was sentenced to 20 days in jail, one to 10 days in jail, another \$20 and costs or 20 days and three each fined \$10 and costs or 10 days in jail. A drunk and disorderly was remanded for one week and a man charged with drunken driving was remanded until the 29th. Three men charged with creating a disturbance were remanded until today. A man charged with vagrancy was also remanded until today.

PERSONALS

The Misses Margaret and Marcella Donahoe, Boston, are the guests of their brothers, Joseph and Harold, Cornwall.

Mrs. Blair MacDonald (nee Shirley Jenkins), has returned to Ottawa, Ontario, after visiting her home in Charlottetown.

Louis MacDonald, Cornwall, is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Max Ferguson, who has been employed by the City of Moncton on Social Service work, has returned to her home in Stanley Bridge.

Mrs. James Lockwood and daughter Ann of No. Adams Mass. and Mrs. Elizabeth MacNeil and son Edwin of Dorchester, Mass. who have been spending a month at their former home in Victoria, guests of their mother, Mrs. Cella Rogerson and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rogerson, have returned to their homes.

Mrs. E. Grace Mader and Miss Hazel Mader of Taunton, Mass. and Mr. White, senior at Boston University, also assistant pastor at the Central Methodist Church in Brockton, Mass., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Patterson, left recently to return to their homes after a pleasant holiday. They enjoyed the interesting events which took place during the visit, and the unique beauty of the Island Province.

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Sinnott - Fitzgerald Wedding

The marriage of Willa Coreen Fitzgerald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Fitzgerald, Charlottetown, and Cyril Joseph Sinnott, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Sinnott, Bristol, took place in St. Dunstan's Basilica on Thursday morning, August 23rd.

Rev. Patrick McMahon, D.D., officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr. Simon P. Paol, wore a trailing gown of white embroidered nylon and apple blossom organza with fitted bodice, Peter Pan collar, and full skirt. Her finger-tip veil was of tulle illusion and hung full from a halo headress. She carried a cascade bouquet of white chrysanthemums and asters.

The bride was attended by her sister, Beverly, who was gowned in yellow nylon net over tulle with matching headress, and carried a nosegay of mixed flowers.

The groomsmen were Mr. Ralph Sinnott. The ushers were Mr. Arthur MacInnis Jr. and Mr. William Ledwell.

The bride's mother wore a navy more gown, yellow sash, hat and corsage of yellow carnations.

Mrs. Sinnott, mother of the groom, wore a navy tulle suit, navy hat and a corsage of pink roses.

Mrs. Joseph Dougan, church organist, played the wedding music.

During the wedding ceremony Miss Ethel Kelly sang appropriate hymns.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Queen Hotel where the toast to the bride was proposed by Rev. James Kelly.

Following the reception Mr. and Mrs. Sinnott left on a short trip through the Annapolis Valley before travelling to Montreal where Mr. Sinnott, a graduate of St. Dunstan's University, is a student in the faculty of medicine at McGill University.

For travelling, the bride wore a navy gabardine suit with large navy hat. Her corsage was yellow roses.

Stead - MacMillan Wedding

Standards of glad and mixed summer flowers formed the floral setting at Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, on August 22nd for the wedding of Maude Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. J. Brenton and Mrs. MacMillan, Union Road, to Harold Stead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stead, Sherwood.

The minister, Rev. G. Carlyle Webster performed the ceremony, and the organist, Mr. Frank Johnston played the wedding music and accompanied Mrs. George Jones, Calgary, Alberta, aunt of the groom, who sang before the ceremony, "I'll Walk Beside You" and during the signing of the register, "O Perfect Love".

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in her train length wedding gown of rosepoint lace over white satin with stand-up collar and long lily-point sleeves. Her finger-tip veil of French illusion was held in place with a lace cap, and she carried a bouquet of white gladioli and orchids.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Arthur MacRae, as matron of honor, wearing pale green nylon marquisette with matching headress and mitts. She carried a basket of yellow gladioli.

Mr. Wallace Stead, brother of the groom, acted as groomsman and the ushers were Mr. Eric MacMillan, Mr. Cyril MacMillan, brother of the bride, and Mr. George Abbott and Mr. Allison Jewell.

Mrs. MacMillan chose for her daughter's wedding a gown of black nylon with black and white accessories and a corsage of white gladioli. The groom's mother was attired in a gown of burnt umber with matching accessories and a corsage of yellow snapdragons.

Following the ceremony the reception was held at the home of the bride's parents where the bride's table was centred with the wedding cake flanked by lighted tapers and low bowls of dahlias. Rev. Mr. Webster proposed the toast to which the groom responded.

For a honeymoon trip to Upper Canada the bride travelled in a pink gabardine suit, pink and black velvet accessories, and wore a mauve orchid.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Calgary, Alberta; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Stead, Hamilton, Ont.; and Mr. Milton Cutcliffe, Toronto, Ont.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

An analysis made of the water of Prince Edward Island was found to be 100 per cent pure — the purest drinking water in the world. That in part accounts for the wonderful health and longevity of Island folk. The infant mortality is the lowest in North America. Why? Because every condition that conduces to health, happiness and long life is to be found here.

Talk about the past winter being a mild one. It was. But turning back to January 13, 1870, the records show that John Newson of Charlottetown had a consignment of walnut or mahogany come here from Halifax, on the old side-wheeler, St. Lawrence, on the above date.

Believe it or not, but herring was caught off Connolly's wharf on April 18, 1913, close to shore; a fishing record that has never been broken.

There were 543 Prince Edward Islanders killed in action during the First World War; 71 died while on military service; 946 were wounded in action; 49 were prisoners of war in January; 9 were reported missing and 16 discharged badly gassed, and six wounded and missing.

In the winter of 1923 Warren and Piedham Allen walked across the Northumberland Strait. The men left Tormentine at approximately 1.10 p. m. and arrived at Cape Traverse at 5.10 p. m. A few others made the dangerous crossing on foot — Hanford Allen, brother of the two above mentioned, and Alexander and George Truins. Perhaps some reader of The Guardian may know of others. If so, please send their names to this paper together with an accurate account of the trip.

England boasts the tallest man in the world. This modern giant stands nine feet, three and one-half inches, and his name is Ted Evans. He's a chap that everybody has to look up to.

Wireless Coast Stations of Britain's Postoffice Department picked up 295 distress calls from ships at sea in 1950. In addition, medical advice was given to 219 ships at sea.

Good news for tiny tots — Overseas buyers at British Industries Fair in May will hear dolls singing and speaking in foreign languages. These dolls can also walk alone.

Vitamins again. Now its ultra-violet rays for livestock. Fluorescent sun lamps are now available for use in poultry and livestock buildings to supply the ultra-violet radiation which supply Vitamin D, thus promoting better health and increased production. The operation costs are said to be within financial reach of every farmer.

The annals of the sea contain amazing records of long-distance passages in tiny boats by ship-



HERO OF DANISH UNDERGROUND TO LIVE IN CANADA

One of the most recent and distinguished immigrants to arrive in Canada is Jørgen Kjøch Larsen, a Danish underground resistance worker who photographed Nazi installations in the occupation of his native Denmark during the last war. Seen with his wife, and son, Ingolf, the 37-year-old former bookkeeper said, on his arrival in Toronto where he and his family will live, "No matter where you live in this world, you'll hear about Canada. We did and here we are."

wrecked men. Take for instance the voyage of the Bounty's boat, when Lieutenant Bligh and 18 men were set adrift in a 23-foot launch by a mutinous crew and traveled 4000 miles of the Pacific before they found help.

The journey of the Pinnac of the Centaur, one of Rodney's squadrons, which foundered in 1782 off the West Indies, is another famous epic of the sea. Twelve of the ill-fated ship's crew in a damaged boat without a compass and minus a sail, and steering by the sun and stars, were 16 days on the Atlantic in terrible seas before they reached land more dead than alive. Yet strange to say only one man died as a result of exposure and starvation.

On June 6, 1897, two Norwegians started from New York in a row-boat to cross the Atlantic. Every one who heard about the proposed voyage said the men were mad. But they reached England without serious accident after a fifty-five day passage.

Then there's the true and startling story of six deserters from the detachment of the Garrison Artillery stationed at St. Helena in 1799. They stole a small whale-boat and put to sea without hardware any gear and but few provisions. The first leg of their journey was the Ascension Island. There was but one set of oars among the six, and they had no sails.

They started their long row on June 10th. For eight days they continued their journey northward. By June 26th their supply of food was exhausted. Their drinking water was about used up. On July 1st, a small dolphin was killed. They made the bird last another four days. Then starvation and thirst faced them. At this point they agreed to draw lots to see who should die so that the others might live a little longer.

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