

"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

The White Man's Plague

Civilization's unkindest cut so far as the American Indian is concerned has been the terribly high mortality from tuberculosis. It is some consolation, however, that a great deal is being done to right its ravages.

The rate is still ten times the white death rate which is approximately 13 per 100,000—half of what it was five years ago and 25 per cent below 1952.

It is slightly ironic that with the rapidly falling death rates the number of known cases of TB should remain practically static. The explanation, presumably, is that only in recent years has it been possible to detect the great majority of cases at an early stage.

A major concern of the Association today is that of rehabilitation. Long periods in hospital bring the danger that the patient will lose contact and interest in the ordinary business of living and making a living.

Newfoundland's Flag

The Newfoundland House of Assembly has approved the adoption of a floral emblem for Newfoundland and has confirmed also the right of the Lieutenant-Governor to fly on land the flag prescribed by law.

It has been assumed by many, says the St. John's News, that Newfoundland would be subject to general practice throughout Canada with respect to the question of flags. It followed that when the Red Ensign with Canadian Arms in the fly began to appear above Federal buildings in St. John's, it was thought to be the national flag of Canada.

The Newfoundland National Flag Act as printed in the recently revised statutes declares that the Union Flag or Union Jack is hereby declared to be the national flag of the Province of Newfoundland.

"About the adoption of the pitcher plant as the floral emblem of the Province," says The News, "there is not much to be said. What the Premier had to suggest about its symbolism was not likely to add to its general acceptance and it is probable that we could have got along as well without as with it."

A New Era

The New York Central Railway, with a mileage of more than 10 thousand miles, and assets close to 3 billion dollars, recently came under new management.

Mr. Young's rise to industrial eminence is one of the sagas of modern American history. Unlike the Vanderbilts and Morgans, who inherited much of their financial power, he acquired his by his own efforts and genius for business in many fields.

Like all top-level executives he has both admirers and detractors; but, generally, he is acclaimed as a man who climbed from obscurity to fame, unassisted by hereditary influences.

The transfer of the control of a huge business concern from one group of financiers to another is not, of itself, a matter of much importance; similar transfers are being brought about all the time.

Municipal Grants

The Federal Government has postponed until the next session an amendment to the Municipal Grants Act, which would liberalize the formula by which payments are made to the municipalities in lieu of taxes.

It would be helpful, adds our Ottawa contemporary, if the grants were prepared as early in the year as possible. Even with the proposed new formula, they would still be based on the government's own assessment of its property.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Today and tomorrow the Maritime Wildlife Federation meets in Pictou. The organization represents those who are willing to put at least as much into their outdoor activities as they get out of them.

There can be no valid criticism of the Provincial Department of Health and Welfare not participating in the tests of Salk anti-polio vaccine.

Tomorrow Summerside celebrates the centenary of the erection of its first Methodist church. The Methodist Church still exists, according to a ruling of the Courts, under the name of the United Church of Canada.

That it should be a lady from Buenos Aires who has made the journey from the Argentine to Canada on horseback must be startling both to cow hands and gauchos.

The late Mr. Andrew D. Merkel, former superintendent of the Canadian Press for the Atlantic Region, was well known in Charlottetown, which he visited regularly for many years in connection with his duties.



Point of View

The Poet's Corner

KIND OF AN ODE TO DUTY

O Duty, Why hast thou not the visage of a sweetie or a cutie? Why glitter thy spectacles so ominously? Why art thou clad so abominously? Why art thou so different from Venus? And why do thou and I have so few interests mutually in common between us?

A Little E. D. C.

Little noted in the world's pre-occupation with the Geneva conference and the Indo-Chinese war, a revolutionary change has occurred in the affairs of the Balkans, the historic cockpit of Europe's quarrels.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"Unrequited love, unrequited trade and unrequited exports are all equally unsatisfying."—R. A. Butler. Canadians have never had more—and many have never appreciated it less.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

The Scottish border town of Hawick, in relation to its size, is Britain's biggest dollar center. In the town are manufactured the cashmere sweaters that are so popular in Canada and the United States.

Old King Hakon VII of Norway dislikes automobiles and has not used his carriages since the death of Queen Maud. Instead, he rides Islo street cars and takes long walks alone.

The pattern of conformity, already so painfully familiar from dictator states, contains grave dangers, and although the majority is not necessarily always wrong, the world certainly needs the individualist.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer THE CHURCHES AND SEGREGATION

The traditional practices of segregation in the Southern United States are more embarrassing, to use a mild word, to the Churches than 13 other institutions. Indeed, some of the American Churches have been in a state of disunity on that account ever since the time of the Civil War.

In acknowledging the edict, the Bishop of Texas wrote: "At the time of the invitation I advised the Convention that the Diocese of Texas would extend Christian hospitality. I purposely never said, nor could say, that we would change the customs of the city of Houston or the laws of the State of Texas."

It was unfortunate in a way that the Houston incident had to take place at this particular time. The recent Supreme Court decision which declared segregation in the public schools unconstitutional encouraged the Northerners in their anti-segregation views; at the same time it embittered some Southerners, including a few Church leaders who profess to see in the judicial ruling an infringement of States rights.

If this incident indicated mere difference of opinion among members of one religious body, it would be of little news value and of only limited social significance. But it indicates a great deal more, than that. Members of Churches are at the same time citizens of the State. Necessarily, in instances like this one, the question of conflicting, or at least divided loyalties is bound to arise.

Just how this particular controversy will work out no one can say at the moment. Socially, however, and on a broad national scale, it is of the greatest importance. According to the latest figures available, there are upwards of 90 million people in the United States who belong to one Christian fellowship or another. Some day the question of segregation will have to be faced squarely from the Christian concept of society.

In his edict made under canonical authority, Dr. Sherrill noted that the witness of the Church must be so clear that it need not be explained. He continued: "I am aware that this decision will be met by a mixed response. I am thinking, however, not so much of the present as of the future, and I

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