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Christian Church Conventions

Another convention of much public interest opens today in Charlottetown, that of the Churches of Christ of the Maritime Provinces. This religious organization is of long standing in Prince Edward Island; indeed, so far as local churches in Canada are concerned the movement may be said to have originated in this Province in 1810.

In Charlottetown, a small church appears to have been functioning in 1844 under the leadership of a Mr. Hughes, but they had no house of worship at that time. Soon after, a building was erected on Great George Street, which was succeeded by the present commodious building on Kent Street, dedicated in 1900.

A comparatively large number of preachers, educationists and professional men have come from the Churches of Christ in Prince Edward Island, and the adherents include many well known and esteemed families throughout the Province.

Doubtful Accolade

A man of Lord Beaverbrook's temperament and convictions would be the last quarter that one might expect to find praise for Britain's socialist Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison. Yet Mr. Morrison has recently been accorded the accolade of "Man of the Hour" by The Express of London.

Serious observers of the contemporary political scene in Britain detect in the somewhat mysterious support accorded by the Tory press to Mr. Morrison's muddling in the Middle East, evidence of a rift in Conservative circles on British foreign policy.

It is not without significance that while all these heated exchanges have been going on, Mr. Anthony Eden should have chosen August as the most propitious moment to pay a visit to Canada and the United States.

Thus far, the Conservative party in Britain has been singularly successful in concealing from the public the possibility that there may be two points of view within the party hierarchy on a most critical issue in foreign policy.

such a state of affairs would seriously weaken the Conservatives in their attempt to make political capital out of the somewhat more obviously divided views in Labour Party circles on rearmament versus false teeth and spectacles.

Hospital Charts

Industry, particularly mass production industry, has a long lead over clerical work in devising means of increasing the output of the worker while at the same time simplifying tasks.

The saving is particularly valuable where, as in the case of hospital nurses, the persons doing the paper work must be highly skilled in other matters than record keeping.

The Toronto Western Hospital has tackled the problem and it seems likely that other institutions will follow suit. New charts have been developed and printed which enable the nurse to check a list of particulars, indicating which apply to the patient, and give a complete record in simplified form, writing perhaps 20 words instead of about a page.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The City streets are kept nice and clean these days.

Three days till Old Home Week, and what a lot of "old homers" are already here.

Rotarians in Glasgow, Scotland, will be hosts to a dozen Canadian boys, members of the Canadian Training Corps, when they visit that city on August 15.

Icebergs reported in the Strait of Belle Isle send shivers down one's spine and may not be altogether free from blame for the weatherman's misbehaviour.

We are not so badly off as some other northern countries. The wholesale price index in Norway on July 15 was 266.2. Average monthly rise during the preceding 12 months was 5 points.

Professor A. S. Besicovitch, Prof. of Mathematics in the University of Cambridge sailed for Canada August 2nd to attend the bi-annual seminar of the Canadian Mathematical Congress in Halifax, N.S.

Old time German militarists once shocked the world by acting on the principle that war is a continuation of diplomacy. Today it seems that diplomacy has become merely a continuation of war.

Acting Premier Matheson had evident pleasure in announcing to the Education Convention he was once a teacher himself, and sat in at a Canadian Federation gathering a quarter of a century ago. Time does fly.

Free Education was introduced in England this date 1870 with the passing of the Education Act. The act provided for a compulsory local rate, a representative local authority and compulsory attendance of children in school.

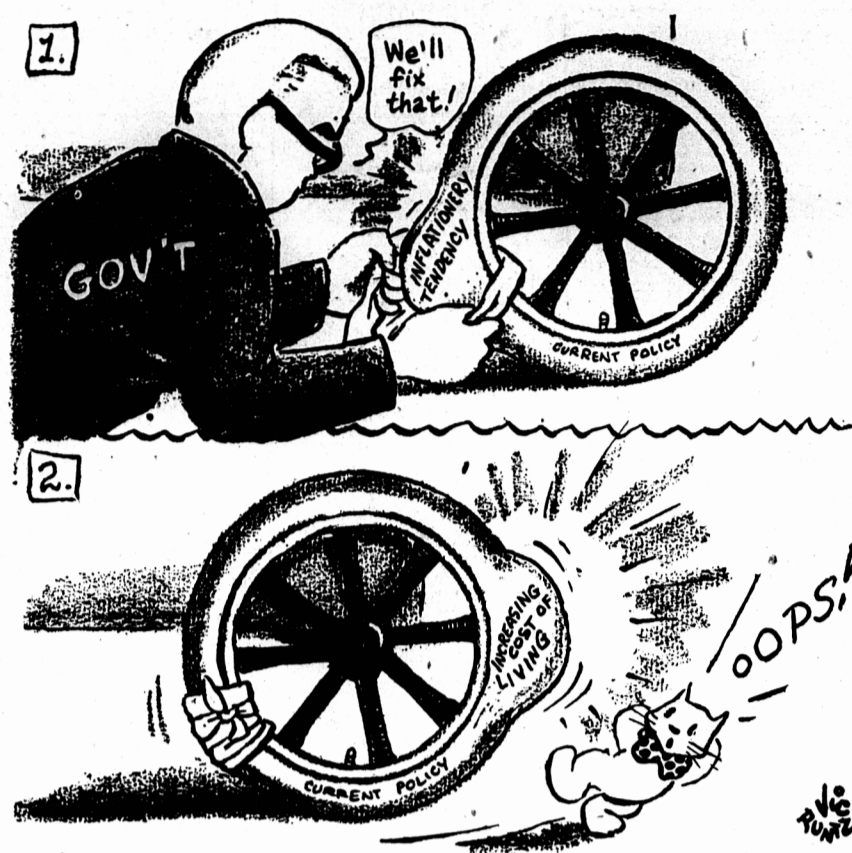
A Summerside law student, George Bruce MacDonald, has been called to the bar at Halifax. Presumably he intends to practice in Nova Scotia, otherwise he would have been admitted in his native town to the Island bar.

An Ottawa feature in this issue deals with the question of renaming the Progressive Conservative party, simply Conservative. As has been pointed out before, such discussions should be followed with an occasional reflection that the present name was preceded by that of Liberal-Conservative.

Evidently whoever is responsible for collecting and shipping relief supplies to Korea is woefully ignorant concerning the country and its people, according to the advice and criticism of C.P.'s special correspondent at the front.

Educational practice has lagged far behind its theory, it is clear from the discussion of educationalists attending their national convention here. Money is needed, as always, to produce some of the improvements but many can be brought about by giving encouragement to prospective teachers to take the greatest possible preparatory training.

Time To Re-Tire?



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.

DRINK AND CRIME

Sir,—Senator Charles W. Tobey of the U. S. Crimes Commission writes as follows:—

"We found where one man has more power than the Governor in many things, and received a million dollars last year, from liquor and other evil interests, to use in any way he wished and he used this money to corrupt men in public life. No accounting was made and no records were kept."

This Commission found that in the big cities of Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, and all over the country drink and crime went hand in hand. Television has started the American people with its revelations of crime, gambling, theft, lying and murder as never before in their history.

It is common knowledge that drink is the root of most of our crime. In Trinidad we lived beside a Chinese grocery shop where also rum was sold. On a dark night of heavy rain, by the way, I remember, it was the day King George V was crowned, five Indian men came into the shop and drank liquor. Mohammedans though they were, to make them reckless. They hid behind the counter while old Assee locked up.

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Two went to pray? Oh, rather say, One went to brag, the other to pray;

One stands up close and treads on high, Where the other dares not send his eye;

One nearer to God's altar trod, The other to the altar's god.

—Richard Crashaw (1613-1650).

OLD TRACKS

The first railway tracks, wooden planks placed on the ground, were laid down at an English colliery early in the 17th century.

Law And Justice

(Royal Bank Monthly Letter) Justice is more than an instinct for preservation, more than a product of our reason, more than a sentimental force. Once in a while we startle ourselves when our unconscious thought brings us face to face with a revelation of justice.

Justice is obviously not happiness for everyone, says Rene Wormser, for a law which would make one man happy is very likely to make another unhappy. To say that justice is happiness for the majority will not appeal to people who believe that the minority should be considered too.

It will be seen that there is some difficulty in deciding what is justice, whether thought of as an end or a means. There are some who would have us believe that only fear of the consequence of injustice persuades men to do justly. Others say we are made just by contemplation of the things for which we shall be accountable at the final Great Assize.

Justice is almost always simple, handy and small. Justice takes in all people, and is at the heart of our every ideal. It is at the centre of every truth we know. It includes kindness and pity, generosity and heroism, because all these are acts of justice. Justice goes far beyond the narrow circles of obligation that surround us, beyond the criminal's mind, beyond duty. We have no virtue that is complete unless it can stand up under the fixed and keen regard of justice.

Opposed to justice is injustice, which has two aspects: the actual doing of an injury to another, and timely looking on while he is injured and not helping him. We give away our freedom every time we are silent in the face of injustice.

Worst of all injustice is the causing of suffering to others whether or not it breaks a law. Injustice is shameful to those who are unjust, not those against whom the injustice is directed. No man cares to look back upon his acts of weakness or injustice, and to have congregated in his mind the events of bygone days which he cannot contemplate calmly and peacefully with satisfaction.

We should dislike very much to start our advance toward realization of the justice we seek in the midst of a sorrow we caused, even though without intention. Justice exacts payments for injustice by destroying our personal happiness. As a writer of the Middle Ages said: "The man who suffers inwardly the pangs of remorse for unkindness he has inflicted suffers more grievously than he who is whipped for his sins."

But if old hopes lie shattered around us, shall we not pick up the fragments and piece together another ideal, less ambitious perhaps, but still resting upon our inborn sense of justice? The precepts of legal justice are these: to live honourably, to injure no other man, to render to every man his due.

We have, now, a vague conception of the all higher ideal that we would approach. We press ourselves too hard if we seek to know what only time will disclose to future generations. But by seeking justice in ourselves, we

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) TREASURY NOTES

"During all this winter, the farmers have been paid for their grain in money, instead of goods, as formerly—the limited amount of Treasury notes in circulation has thus been, in a great measure, absorbed by them, and it is now difficult to get even the best bills cashed. The country is liable to a charge of interest upon these notes, it is true, provided they are funded, and it would, therefore, be imprudent to issue any quantity of them, however urgent the demand at the moment (for they may all finally revert upon the Treasury) without making a provision for the interest, simultaneously with every fresh issue."

—Royal Gazette, March 15, 1831.

Cow Bells

(Windsor Star) Recently in a woodland den we heard a pleasant and unfamiliar sound. It took a moment to recognize it for what it was. It was the tinkle of a cow bell.

As she grazed, it rang out its irregular music, its tone and tune varying with the movement of the animal's head as she grazed. It brought back memories of youth, at a time when most herds of cattle had their "bell-cow". She usually was a docile creature, selected because the bell wouldn't annoy her.

Cow bells, of course, were not used just for the music they made. In the days when Ontario was more heavily wooded, the cows grazed in the bushes. Often, seeking shade from the sun or shelter from the wind or rain, they would be in some secluded corner of the bush or swamp and not easily found. The bell enabled a

It truly is, and listening to it, and putting it into our lives, we shall profit greatly.

The Age-Old Story

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

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Notes By The Way

In London a government "child expert" says children should be permitted to make "a glorious clean mess" with water or paint. Needless to say the lady is a spinster. —Ottawa Journal.

From Wolverhampton, England, comes an idea for saving 80 per cent of the high grade steel used in razor blades. It is a patented blade consisting of a cutting edge of steel glued between two pieces of stiff paper. —UK Information Office.

At a distance, French politics bear a striking resemblance to baseball. Some premier is always getting belted out of there before a successor has had a chance to warm up. —Sault Daily Star.

Cuba played well but Canada played better, and its lawn tennis team has reached the zone finals of the Davis Cup. Thus 18 barren years have come to an end and the victory, by stimulating general interest in the game, may lead to more successes in the future. Youth needs encouragement, and this fillip is just what was needed most.

Our climate, unlike that of California and Australia, does not lend itself to all-year-round tennis. All the more credit to our team which played extremely well. Now Canada faces the formidable United States in the finals. No one will expect our boys to win the match, but their form against Cuba proves their fighting hearts. They will disgrace neither themselves nor their country. Good luck to them all. —Montreal Star.

Harvard is one of the top-notch universities in the United States and it would be fair to assume that the grade of young men who go there to be educated for the sciences and professions and to be leaders of the intellectual, political and business life of the country would have a natural taste

lad to find the cows with a minimum of waste time and effort. On modern dairy farms, with fenced-in pastures, cow bells are not needed. Except in bush country, they are an anachronism. It is rather too bad this is the case. The bell cow was a distinctive feature of the herd, and the music of the bell still lives in many an older man's memory.

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