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All Are Seamen

When navies began to rely on steam rather than sail there was a division of the ship's company into seamen and stokers. That time also marked the beginning of a large assortment of specialists who each in turn were designated according to their branch and contrasted with the diminishing proportion of "seamen". It is only within the past few years that the Royal Canadian Navy has given recognition to the fact that the skilled technicians in electricity, communications, radar, aircraft and the engine room, as well as shipwrights and gunners are all primarily seamen.

The Navy today is manned by highly trained specialists but all of them carry on the finest traditions of the sea. Not infrequently the old time skills of handling a small boat either under oars or sail are displayed by the specialists to the disadvantage of those customarily designated seamen. The same skills have been put to use to save lives of their own or other ship's companies.

Just as Naval personnel has become more highly trained and specialized, so the ships have become ever more scientifically designed for the jobs they are intended to do. Even the numerous and powerful fleet built up by Canada in the Second World War would seem puny and simple compared with those of today, designed to cope with high-speed submarines and aircraft attack. Further expansion is the order of the day to honour this country's obligations under the North Atlantic Pact and other agreements.

Next year we should have no less than 100 ships and personnel of around 21,000 men to carry on the primary job of general escort work and anti-submarine activity in the North Atlantic along with numerous secondary tasks. The highest type of young Canadian is needed for the task and we are confident that they will be available.

The Need For Unity

The fact that he has been personally under attack by the McCarthy element in the United States gives added emphasis to an address delivered to the English-speaking Union of the U. S. at New York on Nov. 23 by Hon. L. B. Pearson, Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs. Mr. Pearson said in part:

"It is customary these days, and very wise, to plead for patience in the face of the difficulties that stem from the Cold War, for a minimum of provocation and a maximum of steadiness and understanding. I suggest that one way of strengthening English-speaking unity is for the rest of us to show some of that patience—and understanding—of American leadership and American policy.

"We should also not hesitate to speak out in public recognition of the generosity, the constructive energy and imagination of the American people as they carry the burden of world leadership and power; something which they never sought but which they are bearing in a way which may already have meant our salvation from those aggressive, expansionist forces eager to destroy our freedom and erase our future.

"We Canadians claim the special privilege, as a close neighbor and a candid friend, of grousing about our big, our overwhelming partner, and of complaining at some of the less attractive manifestations of her way of life. It makes our own junior status seem relatively superior and helps us forget some of our own problems and mistakes.

"But we Canadians also know, from our own experiences and from our relationship with the United States that the sound and fury of contemporary clamor, while it may at times mar and even conceal, cannot destroy the noble qualities and the deep strength of this land on whom there now rests the hopes of all peoples, not merely English speaking peoples, for free existence.

"One way of strengthening our unity is to resist vigorously the temptation, which occasionally presents itself, to indulge in the somewhat novel but dangerous pastime of plucking the eagle's feathers. May the eagle in its turn learn, as the lion learned long ago when having its tail twisted, that this kind of attention is (in one sense) merely a recognition of its primacy among the birds and animals; even among the

Canada geese and beavers!" On the problem of dealing with Communism Mr. Pearson remarked: "We will, I think, keep these differences to a minimum if, on the one hand, we remain alert and realistic about the serious and present nature of the Communist menace, and if, on the other hand, we refuse to get panicky or be stampeded into the wrong way of doing things; if we stick to those tried and tested principles of justice and law; if of scrupulous regard for the rights and liberties of the individual on which alone can national strength be permanently established.

"This is not being soft to Communism, or any other 'ism'. It is showing sanity and common sense, and an understanding of the really enduring sources of strength and greatness. These are days that test one's patience and endurance as we strive at home to keep our countries free and secure, and, internationally, each to play its proper part in building up a coalition that will prevent aggression and maintain peace; or rather establish a peace which is more than the absence of war."

The Farmer's Dignity

The distinguished educator, Booker T. Washington, who has been called "the most eminent Negro of all time," once said: "No man can prosper till he learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem." He might have added that some of the finer literary works on record, including a number of the New Testament parables, were inspired by the many tasks that fill up the farmer's daily round.

This word "dignity", like many another, has been obliged to suffer estrangement from its original meaning which signified worth or worthiness. Nowadays it is used to indicate all sorts of things from pride of place and position to plain self-conceit. It was of course in its original sense that Washington made use of it.

There is, to be sure, a good deal of drudgery connected with caring for the soil which is, after all, the farmer's chief concern. There is a good deal of it in poem-writing, too, and in everything else that helps to give meaning and purpose to life. Indeed, without drudgery there could be no scientific advancement, no cultural development, no moral progress. Every worthwhile achievement has come the hard way. Filling in of little details always has preceded the blaze of glory.

There would be no justification for suggesting that one honest way of making a living is better than another. Whatever a man's task may be, the fact that his heart is in it will cover a multitude of deficiencies. As he goes along from one detail to another he will find added joys and satisfactions which have much to do with competence. But, if comparisons must be made with respect to good results then surely the farmer who is dedicated to his calling can hold his head very high. What more far-reaching result can follow any task than the emerging of "God's Plenty" from the good earth?

EDITORIAL NOTES

Community leadership, as encouraged by a series of meetings to be held throughout the Province, is an essential element in democratic society. A reluctance to step out in front is understandable but in a society in which control is not imposed from the top down it is a duty for the individual to be prepared to make that step.

Good co-operation was shown in identifying the two large striped bass caught in the Hillsboro River Monday. The fisherman recognized the importance of the catch and started a train of investigation that confirmed identification. Sufficient information about the habits of this fish can well mean the establishment of an important tourist attraction.

Samuel Crompton, greatest improver of cotton manufacturing, was born this date 1753. He lived a hard-working life as a Lancashire farmer and weaver. It took him five years' ceaseless toil to invent the spinning mule, a machine which was to produce the finest yarn ever woven. It became the most popular on the market, and was used in preference to the machines constructed by either Arkwright or Hargreave. Crompton, however, received little recognition for his invention.

The Swiss Navy is apt to be regarded as a stock subject for humour. There is a very real Swiss merchant fleet, however. It has grown into one of the most modern and best equipped in the world. Twenty of its 36 vessels were built since 1948. The fleet comprises 21 cargo ships, 12 coasters, two oil tankers and one tanker specially fitted for carrying wine—not a bad showing compared with this country which extends from sea to sea.

Sing A Song Of Fixed Pence



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.

MAIL COURIERS' PAY

Sir,—I would like to take this opportunity to add my opinions to those so aptly expressed by "One Who Knows The Facts" in the Forum of November 27. The writer of that letter must also be a mail courier to know all the facts concerning these underpaid and forgotten government officials. I, too, would like to know who benefited by the bill which was passed by Parliament regarding the pay of rural mail couriers. No mail courier of my acquaintance did all were informed that they were being adequately paid for the services performed. I wonder if the gentlemen who sign their names to those letters have any idea of the cold and hardships suffered by our rural mail couriers from November until April. On the route I serve, there is scarcely ever any thought paid to opening the roads for the mail man and every day is a struggle with mud, snow and cold, to say nothing of the abuse suffered by the vehicle used. Added to this, one must feed a horse all year round and keep a sleigh and wagon in repair as there are times when travelling with a motor vehicle is impossible on dirt roads; and all this for a mere pittance, compared with the pay received by other government employees.

It is time that all mail couriers got together to demand as "One Who Knows The Facts" suggested, a decent system whereby a courier would be paid an adequate salary for his time and operating expenses for his vehicle. I am, Sir, etc., Another Who Knows The Facts.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

SOURIS EAST

"Souris East, the eastern terminus of the P. E. Island Railway, now takes first rank among the rising towns of the Maritime Provinces. How speedily it has developed into its present proportions may be judged from the fact that only about seventy years ago it had but one resident household—the late John Longaphie. The next who settled there were the late Fiedle Paquet, Peter Cheverie, Francis Lavie, John MacPhee, John MacDonald, Francis Cheverie, Neil MacDonald, and Edward Keays.

"The first merchants who did business in Souris were J. Coughlan and Benjamin Bars. Then came Shattuck and McKay, John McFarlane, McDonald, and Walker, John Knight, Donald Beaton, etc. The first Roman Catholic church that was built there was erected under the ministry of the Rev. "Father John", who resided at St. Margaret's.

—The Examiner, July 23, 1888.

The Age Old Story

Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness, out of the prison house.

Notes By The Ways

Wonders will never cease. A judge in Michigan has sent a woman to jail because she refuses to talk.—Niagara Falls Review.

Four languages are spoken by a four-year-old Kitchener child. But with probably only one word for spinach.—Hamilton Spectator.

The Ontario Alcoholism Research Foundation has just completed a six-month survey to find out how many abnormal drinkers there are in Ontario. The survey was conducted in an unnamed Ontario county where there are 43,606 persons 20 years of age and over. The county was chosen because the population is comparable to that of the province of Ontario as a whole with respect to rural-urban distribution, sex ratio, national and religious composition and the percentage of persons 20 years of age and over. In this unnamed county 698 abnormal drinkers were discovered, 93 per cent of whom are not receiving formal treatment for their alcoholism either through radical services, Alcoholics Anonymous or otherwise.—Welland Tribune.

A writer in a United States newspaper has been taking time out to ponder the interesting question of whether or not dogs tell one another "shaggy man" stories. It is a nice question, and it can be answered only out of a knowledge remembered, we would be inclined to believe most strongly that dogs have a whimsical taste in stories. Such stories probably do not involve shaggy men; the dog is to cast aspersions on the sensible behavior of his principal dog. But there may be more than a suspicion that the canine glee evinced around the street corner has been occasioned by the latest contes of some doggy wag, who prefaced his remarks by, "Have you heard the one about the two cats who..."

No matter which way it is cooked chicken has been a favorite dish all down the years. That has been evident in the fact that thousands of people attend barbecues at which this type of poultry is featured; in the way, too, that they have responded to the better products which have been coming from the farms in recent times. In addition, canned chicken has been an institution. Where is the housewife who has not when company called reached for a can of chicken to meet such an emergency, or employed it for other domestic purposes? It may come as a surprise to the average person to learn that more than half the canned chicken in the Dominion is produced in canneries of the smallest province of all—Prince Edward Island.—Hull-Chronicle-Herald.

In these days of spy scares we should be careful not to think we spotted a Red Chinese saboteur when it is merely a 10-year-old girl with her skirt over her snowsuit trousers.—Hamilton Spectator.

Lack of Negro representation at the Government House dinner during the Queen's visit last week still is a talking point in Bermuda. In the House of Assembly Friday a British Guiana-born Negro member, lawyer E. T. Richards, described it as "the biggest snip made this century in this country" and a "cruel and unkind blow" at 60 per cent of the population.—Reuters.

Hidden in the English language is a storehouse of colorful terms and expressions of the hunt. Some people may remember that it is correct to say "clowder" of cats and a "kinder" of kittens, a "gang" of elk and a "sloth" of bears. But how many know that geese on foot are called a "gaggle", or that in the old days a group of geese aloft became a "skein" or that a "covey" of birds meant a single family, while several flying together made up a "bevy"? How many nimrods can identify a congregation of plover, a seige of herons, a muster of peacocks or a walk-of snipe?—Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

The Poet's Corner

WEATHERS This is the weather the cuckoo likes, And so do I; When showers betumble the chestnut spikes, And nestlings fly; And the little brown nightingale bills his best, And they sit outside the "Traveler's Rest." And maids come forth spring-muslin dress, And citizens dream of the South and West, And so do I. This is the weather the shepherd shuns, And so do I; When beaches drip in browns and duns, And thresh and ply; And hill-hid tides throbb, throbb on throbb, And meadow rivulets overflow, And drops on gate-bars hang in a row, And rooks in families homeward go, And so do I. —Thomas Hardy.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer PERSONALITIES AT BERMUDA The Bermuda meeting is going, technically, by the name of "Round-Table" conference, a device used when equals get together in order to avoid any suggestion of "leadership" on the part of anyone present. It is also a meeting of executive heads of States, not of political personalities as such. We may take it for granted, however, that "leadership" will be much in evidence and that the mantle will fall on Prime Minister Churchill.

This will be so not because he happens to be the nominal host nor yet because he happens to have diplomatic seniority over the other two. It will be because he is recognized both in official and unofficial places as the elder statesman of the free world. A look at the personalities, as distinct from the executive heads, may be in order as the conference gets under way.

Sir Winston comes to the conference as a man who has grown old in statecraft. Hardly anyone now living can remember a time when he was not doing something and usually a great deal in the affairs of Britain and of the world. He knows, perhaps better than anyone else who could be mentioned, the problems, the burdens, and the hopes of mankind. Added to this knowledge is a clear view of history and the ability to interpret history which have fallen to the lot of perhaps no more than a dozen people in the last thousand years. More than any other person he is the connecting link, as it were, between the happy complacency of the early part of this century and the sense of urgency which prevails at this time.

Crisis, as such, does not alarm him; he has seen so many crises come and go and in most of them he has been a central directing figure. Political upsets, changing social customs, the rise and fall of national fashions; all these things have been woven into the texture of his life. He has lived with them. He brings to Bermuda in the 80th year of an eventful life the weight and prestige of an elder statesman in the full sense of that title. Round-table or square, Sir Winston Churchill will be the leader at this conference. It could not be otherwise.

RESERVED SEATS

Two of the 26 seats in the Senate of Northern Ireland are held for the Lord mayor of Belfast and the mayor of Londonderry.

PRETTY SPRY

CHERRY HILL, N.S. (OP)—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nowe have been married for 75 years. Mr. Nowe, who at 95 is six years older than his wife, says they often visit friends "and I could dance a good step, too, if somebody would play the fiddle."

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