

**RELIGION AND LIFE**

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**THE SACRED DAY MUST BE UPHELD**

If you want to raise a storm about any public issue, start a dispute about a trifle. Grave problems we can face calmly, even in the family; trivialities irritate us. We have no opinion to express on the rights or wrongs of the argument about the Sunday evening concerts in Hart House; our concern is lest that heat over a trifle blind people to the great principles involved in the legislation which protects the sacred day. The only good thing that has come out of this "tempest in a teapot" is the anger of certain prominent musicians against what they considered an arbitrary interference with an entertainment which many wished to attend. Now that they see the harm such arbitrary action can do, we can count on them turning their attention to their own unions, and making sure that they will no longer be allowed to interfere with entertainment which a large public is eager to enjoy and a large number of individual musicians are equally eager to give.

The sacred day is one of the most precious institutions that we have inherited from our religious past. It is because Canada is a Christian nation that the Fourth commandment of the Decalogue finds a place in our laws. It is the belief of Christian people everywhere that God has reserved one day in seven for His purposes in human life. Its central requirement is rest from our ordinary activities on that day. Religious people have no right to impose on others their modes of observing the sacred day; their concern as citizens is only to see that everyone has the right to rest on that day.

Hence the Lord's Day Act passed by the Dominion Parliament in 1906 is different from the Provincial Acts which in effect it superseded.

**SUNDAY GOLF**

The late Dr. J. G. Shearer, who had most to do with enactment of that law, once heard a commentator about the way a Sunday golfer was parading his Sunday golf, and he was asked what the law had to say about it. His answer was that no legislation of that kind had anything to say about the way a person spent the Rest Day; its object was that everyone should have the right to spend it as he pleased, so long as his enjoyments did not disturb others. At the same time, he pointed out the observance of the Rest Day as a sacred day by Christian people was a necessary condition of its defense as a Rest Day for all.

In the Reform Movements of that time, the line was drawn at the gate. For example, anti-gambling laws had nothing to say against a man who wanted to bet with his neighbor on anything; it was when a third party stepped in to hold the stakes and get a take-off for himself that the law stopped the transaction. The object of attack was the business of promoting evil indulgences for the sake of personal gain.

On the same principle the Lord's Day Act forbade games and other forms of public entertainment which charged admission fees; here elsewhere the line was drawn at the gate. In every city there are huge business interests pressing for the privilege of conducting their forms of public amusement on the Lord's Day with admission fees; they want to add one day more to their revenue-producing activities, and their hope is that, on the day when regular business activities cease, more people would be free to attend.

**DESIRE FOR GAIN**

It is always the desire for gain which is the chief motive for the removal of such restrictions. The failure to hold this position in Toronto a few years ago has encouraged selfish interest all over the land to agitate for the privilege of conducting their gainful activities on the sacred day. This would mean that more and more workers would be denied the privilege of spending the Rest Day with their families, and that the anxious folk among them would be denied the privilege of public worship.

The dangerous tendency of today is that more and more religious people are turning holy days into holidays. Instead of the worship and the forms of spiritual activity for which the sacred day provides, they are thinking only of their own enjoyment. The only driving force that can withstand the attacks that the shippers of Mammon are continually launching against Sunday is a day of rest is the zeal of

Christian people who want God's will to be done in obedience to this command and the spiritual interests of the nation guarded.

One enemy of our faith said that Christianity can never be overthrown as long as the sacred day is upheld, and all who have enjoyed its benefits are called to defend it. The preservation of the sacred day for the working out of God's purposes in human life is, therefore, of the utmost importance. The public worship of God is the source of any community's highest inspirations and aspirations. The teaching of the truths revealed in Holy Scripture is as necessary to the forming of character as strong food is to the body's health and vigor. The training of young people in Christian service is an essential part of their preparation for citizenship and churchmanship in their later years.

The main part of all this depends on people generally having the day free for the functions for which it was divinely designed. Besides, the individual needs quiet in order to maintain that fellowship with Christ on which spiritual progress depends. Hand the day over to modern commercialism and the opportunity for all this will be denied to the majority of our people.

It is, therefore, both the duty of Christian people and their high privilege to keep the day holy in every way open to them both as citizens and as members of the Kingdom of God.

**NEW DAILY ROUTINE**

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THE C. C. F. Provincial convention will be held in the Union Hall (Orange Hall) Richmond St., Charlottetown on Wednesday, November 16th at 2:00 p.m. Public meeting at 8:00 p.m. Carl Hamilton, guest speaker. Everybody welcome.

CAN ISLANDERS afford good schools and well paid teachers? Hear K. A. Parker discuss this subject at Provincial Home and School meeting, Prince of Wales College, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16. Public welcome.

**Gregory Clark Salutes A Bee**

The part played by a too-busy honeybee towards the introduction of a couple of now happily married people is told by Newspaperman Gregory Clark in The Standard this week. As the small insect innocently aided the famous humorist in his own deep laid scheme it receives full honor for the success of the plot. Here is a true story of a family event of great importance. Get The Standard - on sale now, complete with magazine, 12-page novel and 20 pages of comics. Only ten cents!

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**Card of Thanks**

The family of the late Mrs. Frank Pidgeon wish to express their sincere thanks to all who helped them in their recent bereavement—the Doctors, the Rev. Mr. Ingham, those who acted as pallbearers, Mr. Davison, Mr. Russell MacKay and organists; those who sent flowers, cards and letters of sympathy. They also wish to thank kind neighbours and friends for their thoughtfulness and help; to those who helped in nursing her; and all who brightened her long illness with visits, cards, letters and flowers, especially Miss Annie MacDougall who sent flowers weekly all summer, and her mother for his many visits of comfort and help.

**Radair Line Airlifts Are Biggest In Whole World**

Some 20 operating companies are involved in east and west but much of the details must be withheld for security reasons, he added. Mr. Fox, president of Associated Airways, spoke enthusiastically of the daring-do and romance involved in getting the big projects started. "In the beginning was the old Norseman—which is a single engine workhorse of the north—and a few Eskimos breaking down snowdrifts for a landing strip," he said. "Within one month the main job had started. UNIQUE AIRLIFT "Now it far surpasses any airlift anywhere, and the particular types of problems encountered are not duplicated in any other air lift." A prime difficulty was the hazard of drifting, or "blowing," snow. Drifting snow can extend from 10 to 100 feet over a landing strip in the north, and it is a condition of zero visibility that cannot be predicted by meteorologists. "Of course this is a hazard that besets all bush pilots, not just the radar line pilots," said Mr. Fox. To make the DEW transport job an all-weather, round-the-clock affair was the main headache, involving, for instance, the laying out of lights and power plants in remote and desolate snow landing places.

**TELLS OF PROBLEMS**

T. P. Fox of Edmonton, the 45-year-old former bush pilot who is president of the association, said in an interview Sunday that some 100 Canadian aircraft—from single engine machines to four engine—now are engaged in the radar jobs. "Everything is being carried to the north for these lines—from heads of lettuce to bulldozers"

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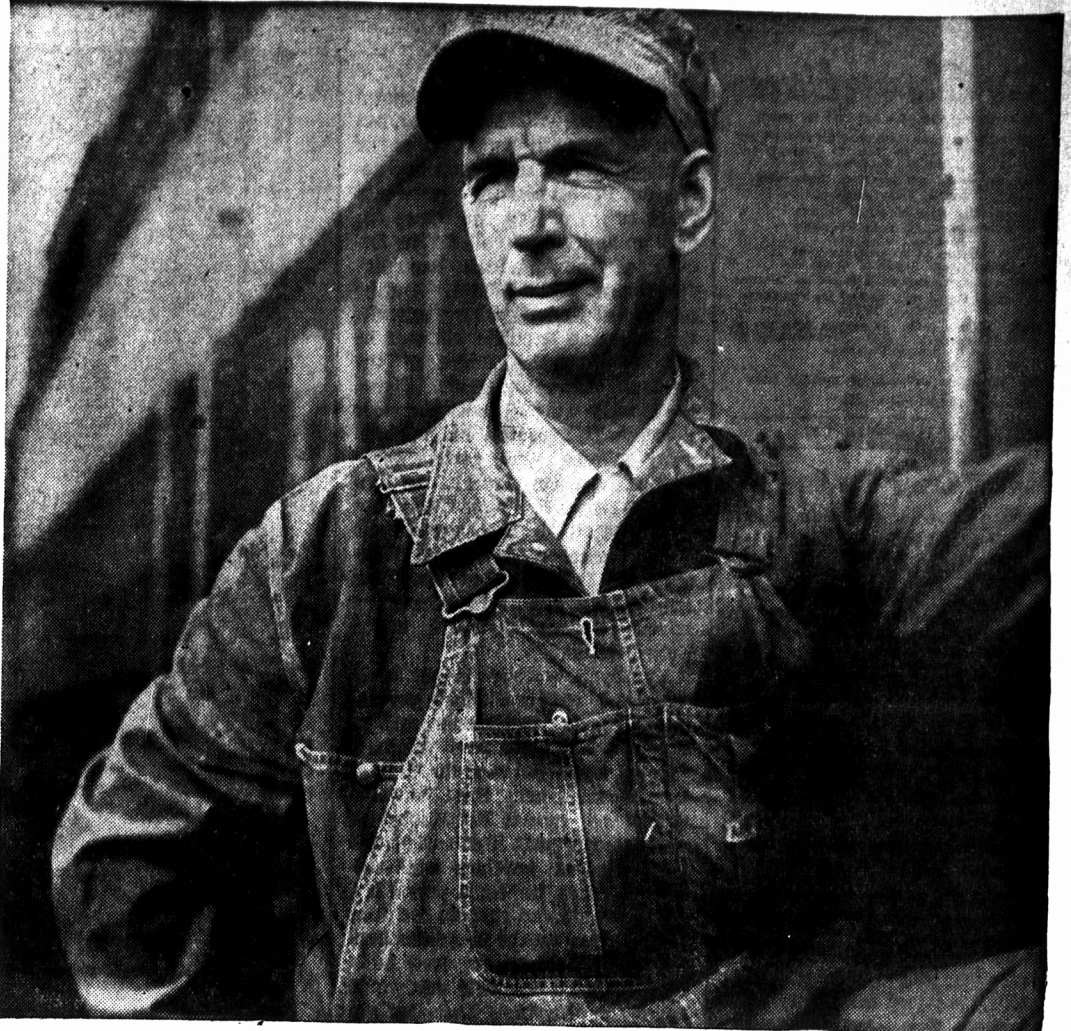
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**Better days are here for Phil Fraser!**

In all his years of railroading, Engineer Phillip Fraser has seen some big changes. "Rolling along in this smooth diesel locomotive," says Mr. Fraser, "is a real thrill—a far cry from driving the old steam jobs. Its extra power gives it quicker pick-up and more speed on the grades. Besides, it can run from coast to coast without a change. That's what I call progress!" Phil has seen progress in the life insurance business too. As a family man, he knows that this business offers better service today than ever before.

Take life underwriters, for instance. Modern training makes these men better qualified to guide people through the complex problems of planning for future security. Today, too, life insurance is more flexible. There's a wider range of plans—allowing people to meet their own individual needs. Moreover, people with certain physical handicaps, can now enjoy the protection of life insurance. In these and other ways, the life insurance companies in Canada have progressed with the times to meet the changing needs of people in all walks of life!

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