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Duties Of A Member

With the election campaign now in full swing, it might be well to remind ourselves of the primary duties of a member of a Legislature or Parliament under our British system of democracy.

"What is the function and duty of a member?" Burke said. "Certainly, gentlemen, it ought to be the happiness and glory of a representative to live in the strictest union, the closest correspondence, and the most unreserved communication with his constituents."

"It is his duty to sacrifice his repose, his pleasures, his satisfaction to theirs; and above all, ever and in all cases, to prefer their interest to his own."

This passage should be displayed in letters of gold in all our legislative chambers and convention halls. In it lies the real answer, or a great part of the answer, to the internal threat to our democracy today.

Physician's Oath

The refusal of the British Medical Association to attend a medical conference in South Africa is hailed by the Winnipeg Free Press as a notable protest against racialist policies in government.

The South African Medical Association invited the British doctors to a meeting in Johannesburg and proposed no discrimination against visitors who might not be of British stock.

Thus the medical profession in Britain has stood by its basic principles. As the British Medical Journal says: "Medicine can take no account of frontiers, or race, or caste, or religion."

Weeds Costly To Canada

When the early settlers emigrated to Canada they unknowingly brought with them a variety of weeds which are costing the farmers of this country some \$150,000,000 annually.

But this is only part of the damage wrought by weeds. According to an article in the current issue of C-I-L Oval by H. E. Wood, chairman of the Manitoba Weed Commission, poisonous plants are the cause of heavy losses to the Canadian livestock industry.

Lawns, railway and power line right-of-ways and roadways are favorite congregating spots for weeds.

At one time the control of weeds was thought to be a hopeless task. Pioneer Scottish settlers in Nova Scotia tried to impose a fine on farmers who allowed a thistle to ripen on their land or in front of their homes.

Fortunately for the farmer, chemistry has come to his aid. In 1944 a selective herbicide, dintro-ortho-cresol, was introduced and found highly effective in eradicating broad-leaved annual weeds.

While 2,4-D, is not effective against all weeds (wild oats for example) it did start a revolution in modern weed control. Other chemical weedkillers have been developed since and are being used to advantage for specific purposes.

Such discoveries as 2,4-D, a host of other pesticides and chemical fertilizers point out the fact that one of the farmer's best friends today is the chemist.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is indeed later than you think. Income taxpayers have the budget reports to remind them that the current payments must soon be made.

There may or may not be a link between Britain's peanut scheme, the promise of peanut suits and impetus currently being received by the cult of nudism.

The London National Gallery was opened this date 1838, having taken some six years to build. The founding of the National Gallery, however, dates back to 1824 and the acquisition of the Angerstein collection.

Now B. C. has a second sea monster to attract tourists and this Province, so far, has not acquired even one. The only explanation is that the waters around our shores are much too warm for these denizens of the deep.

Three-dimensional photography is making rapid advances, methods being already available to give single pictures the effect of pairs of stereoscopic slides.

A sharp distinction between traditional criminal law and the multitude of regulations which encompass modern life was pointed out recently by Edward P. Morgan, Director of Enforcement of the United States Office of Price Stabilization.

One cannot but admire India in refusing to accept Canada's left-over low-grade wheat, under Canada's contribution of \$25,000,000 in the first year of the six-year Colombo Plan for southeast Asia.

Britain's budget will be brought down today when higher taxes are expected. The U. K. faces in the immediate future a decline in the rate of increase in the national output, a worsening of the balance of payments, a fall in supplies of some consumer goods and a continuing rise in prices.

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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.

LOST: ONE MILLION DOLLARS

Sir,—Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of the country. Another opportunity to take a stand on the alcohol as a beverage question is approaching. Never in all history have the facts of the situation been so well known and understood.

That one hundred thousand Prince Edward Islanders and their friends would spend a million dollars on alcohol in one year is unbelievable. But the facts are verified by the Government. The church by teaching and preaching has been confusing the issue. For temperance is moderation and there is no place in the church for drinking alcohol in moderation.

Now, under the circumstances what is the best course to pursue? The total abstinence forces are not ready to put candidates in the whole field. But it is possible and desirable to make sure that no candidate who favors the unlimited distribution of alcoholic beverages should gain admission to our Legislature.

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I am, Sir, etc., VERNON CROCKETT York, P.E.I.

THE LIQUOR BLIGHT

Sir,—A boy of nine years was forbidden by his mother to enter the cellar where she kept her jam because from experience she had found this prohibition necessary, but through a loose board in the floor this lad was able to lasso the jam and still obey his mother.

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I am, Sir, etc., W. I. GREEN Stanley Bridge



Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

PICNIC AT POINT PRIM

"On Thursday last a picnic party, consisting of His Excellency Sir Donald Campbell, Hon. T. H. Haviland, Hon. J. S. Smith, Hon. R. Hodgson, William Campbell, Esq., His Excellency's son, William Douse, Esq., M. P. F., and several other members of the House of Assembly, together with about 40 other of the private gentlemen of Charlottetown, on the invitation of Mr. Douse, was held at the Light House, Point Prim. About 9 o'clock the party, in twenty sleighs, having assembled at the Queen's Wharf, proceeded directly across the river; and thence, by portage, to Belle Vue, where they again took the ice, and drove thereon a distance of 18 miles, to Point Prim, without stopping—passing the different points of land a distance.

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people who provided the liquor, another minister was asked to take the funeral. This trained young man had a very promising future and was the only child of his widowed mother. That happened right here in Prince Edward Island, and I tell the story because this kind of thing is frequently happening all over Canada. It often takes the best of our people.

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The Poet's Corner

A POET'S WISH

I wish my rhythms would swing and sway With the grace of an elm on a wind-brushed day; With the ease of white clouds hurrying by To keep an appointment across the sky.

I wish their musical cadence grew As winking as cobwebs sprinkled with dew; And that drowsily they could speak As rose-petals touching a baby's cheek.

I wish their courage could stir the heart As a bugle note in the shrouding dark; Challenging as the breakers' roar, Where rhythms of ocean throb on the shore.

But grace, ease, courage and fair design Will stay close-wrapped in this heart of mine; Only the shadow of all I've sought Will speak through every indited thought.

—Theresa E. Thomson, in the New York Times.

course toward the shore. His Excellency and party continued their way, on the sea ice, direct across the Bay for Belle Vue. "On arriving in Town, the party, in regular procession, with Mr. Douse at their head, conducted His Excellency to Government House, where Sir Donald alighted on the colonnade, and the party drove past him in succession, for the purpose of respectfully taking their leave, and received from His Excellency, in their turns, as they passed, the most courteous salutations." —The Islander, March 31, 1848.

MANILA, April 9—(AP)—The Philippines Government today announced it has established formal diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

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Notes By The Way

There is much said about the depopulation of the rural sections of Ontario, but few have paid much attention to the ever-decreasing size of the country towns. Population in many of them has been receding during the last 60 years, and in others it has stood still. It would take a close analysis to discover the true causes, though reasons, or alleged reasons, rise glibly to the tongues of many, who see in it only the superior attractions of the larger cities.

What a wealth of memories Lady Steele must have had! Memories of stirring days through which she herself had lived and of the tales told her by others who themselves had lived through the adventure of settling a new country. When Marie Elizabeth de Lotbiniere-Harwood married Samuel Benfield Steele it was a union of adventurous stock. Steele had already fought against the Fenians, had been with Wolsey's force on the Red River and, as an original member of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, had marched with that force on its first trek to the Rocky Mountains; he had commanded the cavalry and scouts of General Strange's column in northwest Canada in 1885 and commanded the force that pursued Big Bear's band and the Wood Crees and fought them at Loon Lake. Lady Steele inherited these adventures with her marriage and was to go

off to share others with her husband, first in the Canadian West, then in South Africa and later, during the Great War, in Britain. By birth she had inherited another set of adventures and memories. Her family lines went back to the beginnings of this country and her family helped to build it. Her great-grandfather was the last Marquis de Lotbiniere, Seigneur of Vaudeuil, and through him the line carries back to Montcalm's day, for his father was one of Montcalm's engineers and built Ticonderoga and other forts for the French commander. All these memories were Lady Steele's. She was a line with a long past and only at the age of 93 has that link been broken.—Montreal Star.

The Age-Old Story

And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day. The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day? And when He had said these things, all His adversaries were ashamed; and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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