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School Ends, Education Continues

Schooling is far from being the whole of education and although the school term is over the education of the youthful scholars goes on. Whether they go to camp, accompany their parents to the shore or get summer jobs or all three, they are learning about life in a more vivid way than is usual in the classroom.

The habit of initiative and the development of intellectual curiosity as well as the playing of games are all important to their well rounded growth. Camp is particularly valuable in this respect, teaching the young boy or girl both self-reliance and at the same time the art of getting along with others of the same age, although sometimes of vastly different outlook.

The schools have adopted many of the principles of that great leader of boys, the late Lord Robert Baden-Powell, but they have not yet been able to capture the atmosphere of high adventure with which B.P. surrounded his whole programme of youth training.

Those Tax Agreements

Our tax rental agreement with Ottawa this year will give us \$3,915,671, instead of the guaranteed minimum of \$2,977,015. How is this figure obtained? It's all very simple, according to Finance Minister Abbott. It is based, in each of the five fiscal years beginning with this fiscal year, "on the ratio of per capita gross national product and of provincial population in the year preceding the year of payment compared with the new base year, namely, 1948."

Under the old agreement, the calculation was based "on the average of ratios for the three years preceding the year of payment in relation to the base year 1942." This 3-year average had the effect of bringing greater stability into the adjusted payments by spreading out the effect of a sudden change in economic conditions. In a period of rapid growth, however, such as we are now experiencing, the 3-year averaging process would have a tendency to slow down unduly the increase in provincial revenues. The Provinces therefore were given the option of choosing either an adjustment based on a 2-year average or one based simply on the data relating to the one year prior to the year of payment. All the Provinces so far have elected to accept the 1-year calculation option.

Under the old agreements the quarterly payments began on Sept. 30 of the calendar year and the last one was made on June 30 of the following year. Under the new agreements the adjusted payments to be made in respect of any one year will be paid in quarterly instalments within the fiscal year—June 30, Sept. 30, Dec. 31 and March 31.

Fascism In South Africa

In the days when the name of Field Marshal Smuts was synonymous with freedom and the Rule of Law, Canadians were prone to regard the Union of South Africa as a sister member of the British Commonwealth enjoying the same traditions and the same liberties which form part of our own constitutional heritage. It was to be the tragic and sinister fate of Smuts' political rival and successor, Dr. Malan, who now holds the post of Prime Minister, to set the clock back to the era of totalitarianism which now grips that unfortunate Commonwealth country.

Prime Minister Malan's cold-blooded racial discrimination legislation, which relegated South Africans other than those of European origin to the Boer equivalent of the Ghetto, was ruled unconstitutional some weeks ago by the Union's Supreme Court. Nothing daunted, Dr. Malan's Government continues its headlong descent towards totalitarianism. The Senate has passed a "High Court of Parliament" bill giving the Government power, whenever it sees fit, to overrule the Supreme Court itself. Police brutality, censorship and the all-pervading spirit of fear have gripped the country. Under the guise of suppressing Communism, trade union officers as well as members of Parliament have been compelled to resign.

Civil war in South Africa would be a tragedy the repercussions of which would echo around the free world. Yet unless a general election is held, and held quickly, there seems little hope that either the

native African or Asiatic inhabitants of the Union, not to mention the white minority of Anglo-Saxon origin, will have any other alternative if freedom and the Rule of Law are to be preserved from the authoritarian dictatorship of Dr. Malan's regime.

Cost Of Protection

In 1816 a report to the United States Congress advocated the policy of Protection which that nation has ever since followed. Behind tariff walls her "infant industries" became industrial giants. The beginning of the end of the sales without purchases was in 1930 when Britain was forced to abandon her historic Free Trade policy. That made Protection an almost universal policy and deprived it of all benefit, which in fact had only been of value while industry could enjoy a protected market at home and at the same time flood the Free Trade world with any surplus. Canada, like other countries, had to adopt Protection in self-defence.

A new report was presented on Monday by a presidential commission which reverses that 136-year-old recommendation. No nation's raw materials are inexhaustible and it has come to be recognized that a policy of exporting as much as possible and importing as little as possible may bring what is called a "favorable balance of trade", but the result is to leave the country poorer in real wealth.

As the sources of critical materials dry up the problem becomes more urgent, particularly while the world is still governed by power politics. It takes a long time to change the fixed opinions of people and Protection was certainly fixed in American mentality.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Festive Week opens.

Tomorrow, 3rd Sunday after Trinity, Feast of St. Peter.

Farmers of this Province have shared in the general increased use of farm machinery. The jump from \$5,800,000 worth in 1941 to equipment valued at \$16,261,000 in 1951 is at least on a par with the rate of mechanization across Canada.

Contact with different peoples is supposed to improve manners. It does not seem to have done so in Korea where U.N. negotiators have begun to walk out of conferences in the best Russian manner while a Red negotiator may still be speaking.

This project of making newsprint from sugar cane waste has all the attraction of the earlier inspiration to burn discarded slack coal. In that case, however, the material in question soon became a valuable commodity rather than waste.

The Treaty of Versailles was signed this date 1919. It provided for a League of Nations, surrender of territory, principle of self-determination, German disarmament, occupation of the Rhineland, war guilt, reparations and other matters. Most of the provisions were violated later.

It is curious, to say the least, that the amended provisions for veterans' "burnt out pensions" only permit veterans to earn \$120 a month without reduction in the allowance, rather than \$125 a month for single men and \$250 for married veterans as formerly. Otherwise the new legislation improves the position of these men, increasing the actual allowances from \$40.41 and 70.83 a month to \$50 and \$90.

We are so accustomed to almost endless stretches of sandy beach in this Province that it comes as something of a shock to learn that the city of Ottawa finds it necessary to manufacture a beach. Begun last year, the project is not yet completed but workers in the capital are all ready to sun themselves on the sand as though they were really down on Prince Edward Island.

"Science is neutral," says Professor K. Mather, F.R.S., on the BBC. "It is in essence a way of collecting, codifying and utilising knowledge of the world around us. This knowledge may be put—has often been put—to serve the good of us all. It may—if we so choose—be pressed into service as a weapon against our fellow men. It is then a tool serving the baser side of human nature; a tool which, given the will, could be turned to serve the cause of human betterment. We should deplore the prostitution of science, not its existence. We should seek to redirect it, not to abolish it. For if the spirit of scientific enquiry is killed—if killed it can be—we should say goodbye not merely to the things we may fear from it, but also to the thousand and one benefits it has showered on us and which we so complacently take for granted."

On With The Show! Festive Week '52 Fun For All Begone, dull care! Miss P.E.I. Talent Competition Parades Sports Bands Dancing Scott's Night

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

FIREMEN'S EXPENSES "We are glad to learn that notwithstanding the opposition of several of the City Councillors, the Fire Brigade of this city will attend the grand Centennial celebration at St. John, N. B., on the 18th. It will be remembered that after receiving the invitation to attend from the St. John firemen, Chief Lark, on behalf of the men, asked the Council for a small grant to help pay their expenses over and back. The Council, after much wrangling, agreed to do this by a majority of one, but Chief Lark wisely refused to take one cent, unless the vote was made unanimous. The matter was happily brought to the attention of Mr. Brecken, M.P., at Ottawa, who procured for the men free passes over the Intercolonial and back."

The Poet's Corner

MAN AND BOY There is no sizing up these two; And whether what they plan to do Is work, or sit in the June sun You cannot tell by either one. For this one, though the crow's-foot grow Around his eyes and axe and hoe Have curved his fingers, seems to see A joke unknown to you and me. Examined closely, he appears To be somewhat younger than his years. And this one—well, the thing inside Is taller than he is. And the pride Behind the eyes, that spreads from there To fists and feet, and head-of-hair, And trouser's hitch, and shoulder's bay, Is big enough for anything. - Charles Bruce, in Canadian Poetry Magazine.

The Age-Old Story

Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us, and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are: depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And ye shall say, Lord, Lord, open unto us, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.

Notes By The Way

Whatever Canadians may think, most foreigners would agree that this is the most fortunate nation in the world today. This results mainly from the character, energy and good sense of the Canadian people, not from the direction of its government. However, if things were different the government assuredly would be blamed. It is entitled to some credit when the nation prospers and progresses in even more important directions. Assuredly it gets that credit in abundant measure from foreigners.—(Victoria Times).

During a brisk windstorm over New York City last week, lawyers on a top floor of a Wall Street skyscraper were dismayed to see a sudden gust snatch papers out of their office windows. Before anyone could raise a hand, the precious documents were floating east. Ten minutes later Van Alystine, Noel and Co., a brokerage firm on the ninth floor at 62 Wall Street, two blocks away, phoned: "We are glad to say your papers have just arrived.—(Newsweek Magazine).

People of the district who remember the grass-grown streets and abandoned houses of a few years ago, are constantly amazed by the progress that is being made in the bustling town of Espanola. Steps have been taken in Espanola to have a public library board govern the affairs of the town's new \$30,000 library, and it can be forecast with confidence that success will crown the efforts of the people to raise one of the best libraries in Northern Ontario. People in Southern Ontario who speak of the North as being on the fringes of civilization will get a shock if they venture out of their backyards and see such things as the fine library buildings in Northern Ontario cities and towns.—(Sudbury Star).

For more than a year now the charity fund raising movement has been considering how best this problem of multiplicity of

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Shorter Training For Nurses

(The Canadian Nurses Association) A report just issued by a Joint Committee of the Canadian Education Association and the Canadian Nurses' Association has found that nurses can be trained at least as satisfactorily in two years as in the usual three years but only if some new sources of revenue can be secured. In such a scheme hospitals would be used to provide only enough clinical experience for training purposes, more graduate nursing and other paid personnel would be required and a larger part of the cost of nursing services would be paid for in money instead of in student services. On the other hand, a shorter course and much better conditions of training, might be expected to increase the supply of more nurses substantially.

An experimental two-year "Demonstration School of Nursing" has been in operation since January 1948 in Windsor, Ontario, and the supervision of the Canadian Nurses' Association and financed by the Canadian Red Cross Society for a four-year period. As an independent school it had its own board of directors and was associated with the Metropolitan Hospital for clinical practice. With the approaching end of the experiment an evaluation was a necessity and this was arranged through the cooperation of the Canadian Education Association.

The Joint Committee included Dr. J. G. Althouse, Chief Director of Education, Ontario; Rev. Sister Denise Lefebvre, Institut Marguerite d'Youville; Miss Evelyn Mallory, Director, School of Nursing, University of British Columbia; Mr. Allan Cameron, Minister of Education, Saskatchewan; Miss Agnes Macleod, Director of Nursing, Treatment Services, Department of Veterans Affairs; Dr. A. J. Phillips, National Cancer Institute of Canada; Miss E. K. Russell, Director, School of Nursing, University of Toronto; Miss Helen McArthur and Miss Gertrude Hall (president and general secretary, Canadian Nurses' Association); Dr. H. P. Moffatt and Mr. F. K. Stewart (president and executive secretary, Canadian Education Association); Dr. J. Lord, Vancouver, was named Director of the Evaluation.

The absence of any considerable uniformity in the programs required by Hospital Schools of Nursing and of any generally-accepted method for measurement made two steps necessary in this evaluation. All relevant information was first secured/collected by similar data for three "Control" hospitals three-year program and comparisons were drawn. Two "Control" schools were in large Ontario cities, one was in Saskatchewan, and all were highly recommended by provincial authorities.

Between admission and graduation the Windsor school lost 21% of its students. "Control" schools 21% to 30%. The reasons were: Windsor, "Unsuitability", in "Control" schools, "Dislike of Nursing", "Unsuitability", "Ill Health". Absences, because of illness, were fewer in Windsor and available time for study and for recreation was much greater.

Wide differences in content of curricula made comparisons difficult but all graduates must clear one last hurdle, Registered Nurses' Examinations. Windsor's overall average was 76.4% and "Control" schools 69.7%, 70.5% and 70.7%. Some subjects are optional for nursing schools. Among these are Mental Health, Public Health, Psychiatric Nursing and Tuberculosis Nursing. In one "Control" school none was available, in another about one-third received Psychiatric training and in the third either Psychiatric or Tuberculosis could be taken. In Windsor all four were compulsory and the use of Mental Health and Public Health principles in all aspects of nursing was a significant aspect of the program.

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