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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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An Inspiring Report

It is to be hoped that all our readers will study carefully the annual report of the field secretary of the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau...

The whole emphasis of the report is on the home and family as the centre of communal life, and on aiding families not through indiscriminate and impersonal benefactions...

Unemployment is found to be one of the chief causes of demoralization in the home. Improper and inadequate housing also plays a large part...

Child welfare naturally occupies a prominent place in the report. Worth noting particularly is the humane attitude with which the Bureau has approached the unmarried mother problem...

In this age when so many social responsibilities are being shouldered impersonally by the state, the maintenance of an institution working on the higher plane of true Christian charity is all-important to the community...

U.S. Paper Speaks Plainly

Figures just released by the U. S. Commerce Department show that in 1951 our American neighbors exported goods and services valued at four billion dollars more than the value of what they bought from abroad...

"The United States," says the Post, "has preached to other countries to cut their trade barriers, spur their production, check inflation and push their exports into foreign markets. It has spent more than 30 billion dollars since the war, and piled new taxes on top of gigantic increases in the national debt..."

The Washington paper goes on to say that since the difficulty is so largely made-in-America, it is up to the United States to bring its policies and principles into line. "The President should insist, to begin with, that the Munitions Board and other executive agencies comply with the executive order waiving the 'Buy American' act in defence contracts..."

This is plain speaking, and from an influential source.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Ash Wednesday.

Easter falls this year on April 13th.

Parliament resumes at Ottawa tomorrow.

Taxing by air in emergencies these days is being taken as a matter of course, showing how adaptable we are to change, improvements and progress.

Cape Breton teachers have called off their strike on terms agreed upon between their executive, the municipalities concerned, and the Department of Education.

\$300,000,000,000 for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's defence of Europe is a fantastically large sum but certainly not excessive if it proves the means of averting war.

One serious objection to the proposed World Calendar is that February will be a full length month, despite the activity of Julius and Augustus in cutting it down to suitable length for its inherent worth.

The Foot-and-Mouth disease reported near Regina is a most serious blow to the cattle raising industry there, but prompt and determined measures stand a good chance of making the menace short-lived.

The Canadian Army is making a bid to meet the competition of the other two services in providing glamour for its youthful affiliated organizations. It is sending 74 C. O. T. C. cadets to train with the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade during the summer college vacation.

Between 500 and 600 boys from 26 countries, including Canada and the U. S. A., are expected at Blair Atholl, Perthshire, Scotland, July 22 - August 1 for the 4th Scottish Scout international jamboree. The programme will include deer stalking, sports and a mountain hike.

A U.S. Holstein cow, Green Meadow Lily Pabst, has achieved a world record for milk production at 42,805 pounds of milk in advanced registry. This is said to be the first 42,000-pound record ever made under comparable supervision with actual daily milk weights. The former record was 41,943 pounds.

It is being claimed by people supposed to be in the know at Ottawa that the defence bill for 1952-3 will be in the vicinity of \$2,300,000,000. That being so gives little encouragement to the expectation that there will be considerable cut in income tax when Finance Minister Abbott brings down his budget in April.

There is much that can be urged on both sides as to the merits of a ban on margarine but it is surely time that the term "monopolistic" ceased to be applied to the dairy industry. There are already more than a few Canadians engaged in it and there are no limitations, except economic ones, to prevent as many more as wish participating.

Mr. W. A. Stewart has a long record of public service behind him as well as his business record in connection with Moore & McLeod Ltd. Not the least is his presidency of the Protestant Orphanage, which with the invaluable aid of Mrs. H. S. Henderson, he has made an outstanding success. Yet his voice is seldom heard in public, deeds, not words, being his unspoken motto.

John Evelyn, English diarist, died this date 1706. He attended Balliol College without attaining a degree and studied law but never practiced as a barrister. He was interested in horticulture and travel and wrote on a wide variety of subjects, as well as publishing translations of Greek, Latin and French authors. He was on close terms with most of the notables of the day and his famous diary, which was discovered in an old clothes basket in 1817, is a mine of information about England and the Continent in his day.

A committee of Parliament will be given the ticklish problem of redistributing representation in the Commons on the basis of the 1951 census. This is how the 262 seats in the Commons will be divided in the next parliament, with existing representation in brackets: Newfoundland, seven (seven); Prince Edward Island, four (four); Nova Scotia, 12 (13); New Brunswick, 10 (10); Quebec, 75 (73); Ontario, 85 (83); Manitoba, 14 (16); Saskatchewan, 15 (20); Alberta, 17 (17); British Columbia, 22 (18); Yukon and Northwest Territories, one (one). The committee's task will be to alter boundaries of existing constituencies, where necessary, to provide for changes in representation.

Striking Oil



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.

HAMPSHIRE HALL

Sir,—Why isn't this new hall which has been talked of so long erected? The public are very much interested in this Hampshire Hall. If the building of this hall will take as long as it took to pick a suitable site it may be erected in 1955. The people of Hampshire were never known in the past to be so backward in a project of this kind. It looks to be amateur engineering on someone's part.

ONE WHO IS INTERESTED.

THE WAR MIND

Sir,—Man is born with the fighting instinct, and Nietzsche, the German philosopher, taught his people that this instinct should have a primary place in education. The only sin was weakness, and the only virtue was to be strong—the Superman. The German nation fell for this doctrine, with the result that, beginning in 1870, they waged war after war of aggression, including two world wars—six of them altogether; and it is said that their fighting instinct is still alive. No wonder France objects to their re-armament.

There was a day within our Empire when war was glorified. In our schools the fighting instinct was cultivated. I well remember on my first day, coming out at noon, there on the grounds from the senior room was a pupil, bawling like a calf for its mother, and blood from his nose streaming down his shirt. A.H. had hit him on that tender spot where many a man, before and since, has been struck with bloody results that bring cheers from the bischers. One of my first bits of education was to learn to handle my hands, to hit with all I had and in the most vital spots. And later, when fistie encounters became tame, they tied our hands behind and we went at each other with heavy soled boots. I never was good enough to love the sport, but I remember boys who were high up in the arts of war.

Today, school fights are rare, and duelling is almost unknown. The fighting instinct is dying out. Our attitude to war is changing. Any of you readers who are old enough will recall that in the Nelson leaders, used in the P. E. Island schools, half the poetry and a good deal of the prose in the 5th and 6th readers were devoted to the glorification of war; and as literature it is great stuff. To run to battle was a glorious thing. Of course, our cause was always a just one. The pacifist hadn't standing room. For example, in "The Burial of Sir John Moore" who was killed fighting against Napoleon in 1800, the poet writes:—"Slowly and sadly we laid him down, From the field of his fame fresh and gory; We carved not a line, and we raised not a stone— But we left him alone with his glory."

Napoleon was a terrible man who waded to power in Europe through seas of blood, and yet we had these closing lines in the poem, "The Death of Napoleon At St. Helena":—"In the rocky land they placed his clay, And left him alone with his glory."

And it is a remarkable fact that Napoleon was reckoned France's greatest man up to the beginning of the twentieth century, when that great saviour, Pasteur, took the lead.

During the long peace of the Victorian age the fighting in-

Long Life Common Fate Of Ministers

(Toronto Star)

The death of Sir A.B. Aylesworth at 79 is another reminder of the longevity which seems to characterize cabinet service in Canada.

This is particularly true of Prime Ministers. Of them all, only one, Sir John Thompson, who died suddenly in England at 50, has failed to reach 70. Sir Charles Tupper lived to be 94; Sir Mackenzie Bowell, nearly 94; Sir Robert Borden, 82; Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 77; Sir John A. Macdonald, 76; R. B. Bennett, 76; W. L. M. King, 75; Sir J. Abbott, 73; Alexander Mackenzie, 70. Ex-Prime Minister Arthur Meighen is 77; Prime Minister St. Laurent, 70.

Sir A. B. Aylesworth became a minister in 1906, at which time the Laurier cabinet was composed of 14 members of whom Sir Allen was the last to pass away. They lived to be the following ages: A. B. Aylesworth, 97; R. W. Scott, 88; W. S. Fielding, 80; Frank Oliver, 80; Sir W. Laurier, 77; Sir R. Cartwright, 76; William Paterson, 74; C. S. Hyman, 72; R. Lemieux, 71; William Templeman, 70; Sydney Fisher, 70; Sir Fred Borden, 66; H. R. Emmerson, 61; L. P. Brodeur, 61.

Earlier members of the Laurier cabinet also lived to advanced ages. Of the original members not included above, Sir William Mullock died at 101; Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, 88; Sir Oliver Mowat, 82; Sir Henry Joly de Lotbiniere, 78; Sir Louis Davies, 78; while members dying at less advanced ages were Sir Clifford Sifton, 68; Richard Dobbell, 64; A. G. Blair, 62; Israel Tarte, 59—the only one who did not reach at least 60. The original Borden cabinet of 1911 of which Sir Thomas Whitte is the surviving member, also had a remarkable record in longevity. Of the 17 members of it who passed on, four lived to be 80 or more: Sir George Foster, 84; Bruno Nantel, 84; Sir Robert Borden, 82; Sir George Perley, 80. Martin Burrell died at 79, and eight others lived to be more than 70.

stinet began to die out. Many were saying: "Wars are finished. We are becoming civilized"; and then like a bolt from the blue came the war. It was an un-speakable shock to the world. Its death and destruction robbed war of its ancient glory, and re-voiced mankind. "Never again" sounded through church and state.

The years since have been bitterly disappointing. We seem forced to cultivate the war mind. We saw the failure of the League of Nations to end war and now, after another four years of killing and cruelty, we are thrown into an arms race that is frightening and impoverishing the nations. In this race the U. S. is passing the U. M. T. Act that calls up the young men, spending, this year, 52 billions of money, and probably will elect a war President. This is cultivating the war spirit with a vengeance and the U. S. is, at heart, a peace-loving nation. We seem forced to cultivate this spirit. "God is love" but He won't be trifled with. He dealt, drastically, with His chosen people. Old Testament history has lessons for us, today. Because of idolatry the prophet, Jeremiah, foresaw and told the people in blistering language the destruction of their land and their Babylonian captivity, that would last for two generations. God declares: "I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not; for ye have kindled a fire in Mine anger; and then, at the close of His prophesy, a free and generous pardon is offered to a repentant nation. "The sins of Juda shall not be found." That is the God of Jesus. He is always urging His people to repent and promising pardon and salvation.

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

Old Charlottetown

(And P. K. I.)

CITY WATER SUPPLY

From a letter appearing in The Islander of March 31, 1871:

"Last fall the City sent for Mr. Fairbanks to make a survey of the best mode and probable cost of supplying the City with water. His report, which indicates that the cost would not exceed £30,000, has been sent, together with a Bill, to the Legislature, asking for the necessary powers to construct the works. The interest upon the proposed capital will be £1800 per annum, being several hundred pounds less than the citizens are now paying for a partial supply of water.

"The City accounts show that the pumps and wells now in use, which will not be required when we have water works, cost £240 yearly. The water retailed through the streets, by water carriers, realized the respectable sum of £600 and over. The City Council have received returns showing that 1129 houses within the City proper require water, which, at an average of about thirty-two shillings per house, would pay the interest upon the cost of the water works.

"Men have been placed at Spring Park to take an account of the number of persons taking water from the spring during the year, and find that over 36,000 puncheons are taken during the twelve months. One day this winter, when the roads were as bad as they could well be, sixty puncheons were taken from the spring, between daylight and dark. For the probable cost of each puncheon, nine pence would be a low estimate, or a total of £1350 per annum. To this should be added the saving of £600 in insurance which the new water works would afford.

"The City Council have provided in their plan that a 3-inch pipe shall be placed at each corner of the various blocks, by which means four 3-inch streams of water can be instantly thrown upon any block in which a fire may occur, and during the summer months the streets can be watered by the same means, which will also be of considerable benefit to citizens.

"The Council have asked for a Government guarantee for the interest on their debentures, in like manner as the Government of Newfoundland guaranteed the debentures of the City of St. John's for their water works, which cost £144,000, island currency."

The Age-Old Story

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit wherein ye are digged. . . For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a sign of the people. My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be forever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

BEHIND EUROPE

Per capita consumption of fish in Canada has been estimated at 10 pounds a year, compared with 45 or 50 pounds in Europe.

Notes By The Way

Some of the ingenuity put into concealed music boxes should have gone to produce a lost snow shovel that chimes to indicate its position under the drifts. — Edmonton Journal.

A Halifax girl who was robbed by a man who bound and gagged her with her own stockings described her assailant as "a gentleman." Imagination hoggles at the notion of an encounter with somebody whom she deemed un-retained. — Peterborough Examiner.

Some parts of Vancouver are overrun with dogs. They roam some residential areas in packs, biting and snapping at postmen and other delivery men, endangering traffic, frightening children and old people, damaging gardens and upsetting garbage cans, making filth on the streets and sidewalks. All this is, of course, not the fault of the dogs; it's the fault of the dogs' owners — selfish, stubborn people who will not consider the rights of their neighbors. — Vancouver News-Herald.

The Danish farmer who philosophically remains cheerful although his accounts books reveal only too clearly that he is on the brink of bankruptcy will now be able to get into even better humor if he seeks the legacy which has been left by an eccentric Danish lawyer. The legacy is left to provide a sum of money for any farmer who can prove that during the year he "managed to run into a large debt and still maintain high spirits." — News of Denmark.

Canada knew that Elizabeth was Queen almost as soon as Elizabeth did. It was far otherwise when Queen Victoria came to the throne. News took a long time to travel. When the coronation was celebrated in Toronto an ox was roasted whole in the cellar of an old building on the foot of the

happy, happy time, when the white star hovers Low over dim fields frean with bloomy dew, Near the face of dawn, that draws atwath the darkness, Threading it with color, like yew-berries the yew, Thicker crowd the shades as the grave East deepens Glowing, and with crimson a long cloud swells, Maiden still the morn is, and strange she is, and secret; Strange her eyes; her cheeks are cold as cold sea-shells. — George Meredith.

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