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Mammoth Conference

The biggest gathering of its kind takes place at Ottawa next week, when the Canadian Conference on Education gets down to business.

The mammoth conference follows logically after the National Conference on Engineering, Scientific and Technical Manpower, held at St. Andrew's in September, 1955, and the Ottawa conference on the Crisis in Higher Education, called by the National Conference of Canadian Universities in November, 1956.

The Canadian Conference on Education will be particularly concerned with the elementary and secondary schools. It is basically a laymen's conference and its conclusions should be of all the more value for that reason.

Then, too, in matters of trade, the Liberals were content to put up with American impositions with scarcely a word of complaint.

A headline proclaims that "Municipalities Believe That P. M. Means Business". That is one thing about Mr. Diefenbaker that even his opponents cannot fail to recognize.

20 stores in St. John's, Newfoundland, have defied the "Saturday closing" law. It will soon be seen whether any government has the authority to interfere in these matters.

Documents recently published show that Hitler feared an attack in 1933 before he had rebuilt the German war machine.

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TRY BROTHERHOOD

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.

NATURE OF EDUCATION

Sir.—In the column "Editorial Notes" in Tuesday morning's Guardian, the question was asked: "Is it possible that any problem in education remains in hiding after all the publicity and research that have been devoted to the subject in recent years?"

I can understand, Sir, how anyone could ask the question, education surely has not wanted for publicity. At the same time I should like to suggest, though from limited knowledge, that one all-important aspect of education has been little discussed, if indeed it has been discussed at all.

Of the thousands of words that have appeared in the local press regarding the trials and troubles, and even the successes, of education in today's world, I cannot recall ever reading anything pertaining to the nature of education.

Despite the volumes that have been written and spoken concerning the inadequate facilities, the shortage of teachers, their lack of qualifications, the plight of the sciences in North America, the scorn of the humanities, the illiteracy found in advanced English classes, I have yet to hear anyone ask the simple question, "What is education?"

The purpose in writing you, Sir, is not only to comment on the question in the first paragraph, but to suggest that perhaps the basic issues involved in any discussion of education have been avoided. The constant airing of the many problems in the field, the concern expressed by numerous educators, to say nothing of the confusion that is often prevalent, indicate that there is some instability somewhere.

When an institution appears to be unstable the first thing one usually does is inspect the foundations, unless the fault is obvious elsewhere. In the matter of education, it certainly does not seem obvious where the trouble lies.

To define education, to state precisely its nature, is of course easier said than done; but the fact remains that if the educational system of a state is to function truly, smoothly and effectively some accurate notion of what is involved is absolutely necessary.

Now there are guides which are almost infallible in enabling man to determine the nature of education. We know first of all who is to be educated, man, the whole man. We don't bother to establish schools (not yet anyhow) for our pet poohies, goldfish or budgie birds.

Therefore, to understand the nature of education, we must have an accurate concept of the nature of man. Simply, we must know what man is. At least one other question must also be answered before education can be defined: the why of man must also be determined. In other words, we must know what man is for; has he any specific objective in being alive and on this earth?

Admittedly, the answers to these questions are not universally agreed upon, but among Christians at least there is a certain unanimity of agreement; and that could be the basis for a good beginning in any discussion of education.

In conclusion, Sir, permit me to suggest that the lack of an answer to these questions, or perhaps merely a failure to acknowledge the reality of the answers that have already been given them, is at the bottom of most of our educational problems. At least it seems true that neither the questions nor the answers have been discussed openly in educational circles for some time.

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UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Crash That Shocked Britain

By "Onlooker" Thomson Newspapers, London, England, Bureau

A plane crash at Munich came over the news headlines this week to produce the biggest stir in British homes. The crash was ripe to get to the bottom of the business.

I am, Sir, etc., DOMINIC MACDONALD St. Dunstan's University.

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE

Sir.—Recently it was my privilege to attend the National Young Progressive Conservative Convention in Ottawa. While my husband was an official delegate, I was merely an observer. A great many of my observations will always remain in my memory, a few of which I would like to share with you.

Most of us travelled by train. In the course of our journey we spent several early hours in Montreal Station, watching the impetus of business men women on their way to work, all with one common thought in mind, that of beating the time clock. I couldn't help but wonder if we in the Maritimes must give up our easy moving life in order to achieve the same economic standard as Upper Canada. That being the case I personally would prefer codfish. The ulcers I can do without, thank you.

We arrived in Ottawa at noon and I was very happy to see that life moved at a much slower pace than in Montreal.

I immediately hid myself off to the House of Commons, which proved to be my own personal mecca during our stay in the capital. I entered the gallery of the 'House' with all the respect due those hallowed halls, nor was I disappointed. One could almost hear the echoes of great statesmen from other eras.

Fortunately, the House was sitting three times daily, and I sat in on many sessions including the session of Parliament's dissolution. I couldn't help but feel a little sorry for Mr. Lester Pearson because of the badgering our Conservatives were giving him. And I couldn't help but notice the frequency with which he leaned back and seemingly asked questions of Mr. J. W. Pickersgill, seated directly behind him.

On Saturday night came our Prime Minister's electrifying announcement, by which he dissolved Parliament. Judging by the deep frown on Mr. Pearson's face, I think he found it a little more than electrifying.

Following that, the delegates voted for their national president, and in choosing Mr. Douglas Jung they chose a young man of irrefutable honesty and ability, indeed a young man destined to hold a far greater position than the one he now holds.

After that we gathered in the ballroom of the Chateau Laurier for our closing banquet, to be addressed by our Prime Minister. Indeed the ballroom proved to be too small; we overflowed into the corridors and main dining room both in number and in enthusiasm. When Mr. Diefenbaker rose to address us the acclamation he received was indescribable. He told us that we, the Young Progressive Conservatives, had helped put him there and he knew we would go home and do it again. I have never before heard such an ovation accorded one man.

Finally, on the day of our homeward journey, I went to the Peace Tower. As I stood on the top and gazed over the Ottawa Valley like silent grey sentinels in the background, the pages of Canada's proud history seemed to unfold before me. For just a moment I caught a glimpse of the great future of this country of ours, and I felt a very deep sense of pride and humility in the fact that I am a Canadian.

I am, Sir, etc., MRS. SONIA D. MACRAE Charlottetown.

Battling With Recurrent Colds

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

IT is practically impossible for the man who goes to work; the woman who goes shopping and the child who goes to school to escape all the cold germs that are being constantly spread by unthinking victims who should be home in bed.

RUNS ITS COURSE

The common cold is our greatest nuisance. Once it strikes, unfortunately, there just isn't much you can do to get rid of it until it runs its course—about a week or ten days.

Eating the right foods, getting the proper amount of rest and keeping your feet dry are no guarantee that you will not catch a cold. These good living habits, however, will help your system fight off the cold virus as quickly as possible.

SECONDARY INFECTIN

More important, your chances of contracting a secondary infection such as pneumonia are much less if your general health is good.

Most of us will have about three or four colds a year. While not a serious illness in itself, a cold can make you feel pretty miserable.

Even though you can't bring a cold to an abrupt halt with medicine, there are many things you can do to make yourself more comfortable.

LIQUID DIET

For one thing, avoid heavy, rich foods while you are suffering from a cold. Generally, a diet composed mostly of liquids will be best.

Drink lots of milk, fruit juices, coffee and tea and eat plenty of hot soups and ice cream. I think you'll find this will make your raw throat feel considerably better.

CLEARING THE HEAD

As for clearing a stuffed or runny nose, I have expressed my viewpoints on this many times. The best thing to do is to sniff the mucus to the back of your throat and then spit it out.

Use nose drops if your doctor recommends them. Indiscriminate use of them, however, may make things worse. Usually, each application of drops is followed by a reaction in which breathing seems even more difficult than it was in the first place. This could result in a vicious circle.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

D. C.—What would cause tiny, pinpoint blood spots to rise just under the surface of the skin? Answer: These spots are due to a variety of causes, among which are meningitis, leukemia or purpura. Frequently they are due to less serious causes, among them sensitivity to drugs such as aspirin.

The Age Old Story

Thou shalt wee, no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

agencies over here start hanging their big drum for sunlit summer holidays.

Where will the British go this year? Of course, the bulk will be going to British resorts—on England's South coast or to Brans and breezy Blackpool, up to Scotland to smell the heather and feast eyes on the hills, inland to wander along the crazy English lanes which were, tradition insists, formed by drunken English hicks as they staggered home at night.

But the tourist agencies are tumbling over themselves to produce cheaper holidays on the European continent. They are having a hard job of it, for prices are going up in most countries. France will be the main attraction for the English tourists. Prices there, too, have gone up, but the devaluation of the franc means that on the whole holidays there will be cheaper. Some agencies are offering an eight day holiday in Paris—travel from London, hotels and meal included—for well under a hundred dollars.

Switzerland is losing out in the race for British tourists travelling independently, although they attract a lot of the tour traffic. Belgium is trying to catch up with France, and this year has an added attraction—the World's Fair, the first since the 1939 New York show. But when I went to Brussels a couple of years ago I left with Paris still on top of my list of European holiday towns.

VICTIM OF OWN INVENTION

There looks as if a bit of a storm will be caused when some of Britain's most famous scientists and World War II leaders get around to reading a hefty, 500-page volume just out called "Three Steps to Victory".

It is the autobiography of Sir Robert Watson-Watt, the Scot-turned-Canadian (he now lives at Thornhill, Ontario) who invented one of the most powerful war-winners—radar. In his time, it seems, he encountered many top people who were, at the least,

NOTES BY THE WAY

In the bosom of his family a Fort William father was reading the paper. He looked up and said to his wife "I see Mae West's memoirs are going to be published in the spring." The son, aged 17, looked puzzled. "Who's Mae West?" he asked. Such is movie fame.—Fort William Times Journal

OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Feb. 15, 1933)

The new Falconwood Hospital, for the construction of which seventeen tenders have been received by Mr. C.A. Fowler, Architect, Halifax, will have the most modern mental hospital equipment available. The plan of the building calls for five units which will give accommodation to some 300 patients.

The closing meeting of the Summerside Town Council was held last evening with Mayor Manson presiding. Mayor Manson reviewed the record of the past year and also the record of the Council since taking office. Reports were also heard from the

apathetic towards him. When the time came around to distribute cash awards to inventors he was ignored. It was only after a hefty scrap that he was awarded \$140,000.

A slice of poetic justice he records: he was one of the victims of a post-war application of his own invention. He was charged with speeding by a Canadian cop—who caught him in a radar trap.

If the commentators on the common cold have no cure to offer will they please shut up and permit one to sneeze privately.—Cape Breton Post

A new sore neck disease has become prevalent, caused by things and three or four at the same time.—St. Thomas Times Journal

various chairman councillors of whom reviewed his department indicating the progress which had been made.

TEN YEARS AGO (Feb. 15, 1948) Horton's Canning Plant at Mill Saturday night. The amount of loss was expected to exceed \$100,000. The steel-covered building, 80 feet long by 25 feet wide, was built in 1939. The fire was a serious blow to the village since some thirty persons were normally employed at the plant with the number usually being doubled during the busy season.

The King's County Jail at Georgetown is closed. No prisoners are to be admitted until the first of May. This order has been in effect since Friday and is due to the coal shortage. The prisoners have been removed to the Queens County jail.

MAXIMS What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us. What we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.

ATTENTION

All young men and women of Queen's County between 18 and 35 who wish to meet and hear Mr. Heath McQuarrie are cordially invited to be present at the Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday, February 18th at 8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Young Progressive Conservative Confederation of Queen's County.

To The Electors of Ward 3

Thanks a million for your generous support at Wednesday's election. It shall be my constant endeavour to honor the trust you have placed in me. Congratulations to my opponent, Mr. Ernest Lord who made such a splendid showing in what certainly was a good, clean contest.

FRANK G. O'NEILL

NOTICE

Effective Monday, February 17, 1958, the law office of J. Elmer Blanchard will be re-located at 160 Richmond Street in the premises formerly occupied by H. M. Simpson Ltd.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your confidence and support in Wednesday's election. During the next two years I shall do all possible to justify that confidence and support.

BILL BOYLES.

ANNUAL MEETING

P. E. I. DIVISION Canadian Red Cross Society CHARLOTTETOWN HOTEL

MONDAY, FEB. 17th -- 6 P.M.

Dinner Tickets \$1.50 For reservations phone or write Red Cross Headquarters Charlottetown

THANK YOU!

To The Electors In Ward 4: Please accept my sincere thanks for the magnificent support and expression of confidence in electing me to represent you at City Hall.

EARLE C. BAKER.

THANK YOU!

I warmly appreciate your support on February 12th, and will do my utmost to justify your confidence.

H. E. HYNDMAN.