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Privy Council Takes Initiative.

While Canada has been talking about abolition of the right to take Canadian cases to the Privy Council the Privy Council itself has taken action to forward the idea and has decided to restrict cases coming before it to those only which are recommended by the Governor in council or for which leave is granted by the courts themselves. The hope is also expressed by them that the courts will not see fit to grant permission except in constitutional cases.

It is often claimed that the British constitution is largely a growth rather than a set of enactments. So we find it in this case. The British court has sensed public opinion and has forestalled any drastic action on the part of Canada by itself withdrawing from functioning in a manner distasteful to a large section of the Canadian people.

Discussing the new ruling L. A. Gannon, addressing the Canadian Bar Association said:

"This indeed is more than evolution. It nearly amounts to a revolution. What a contrast with the British attitude in 1876; even where, as in Quebec, an appeal exists de piano to the privy council in certain cases, it will now be necessary to obtain in all such cases, leave to appeal from the colonial court appealed from. It is to be hoped that our Canadian courts will discourage such applications and by their decisions will help the privy council to adopt a policy restricting the exercise of the prerogative to very important constitutional cases. They should consider as final the judgment of our Supreme Court in all cases where the interest of the general public is not concerned. In private litigation, leave to appeal should be curtailed, as the costs are so high that even the successful party considers a favorable judgment of the privy council an expensive luxury."

Bigotry And Ignorance In Canada Says Visitor.

A New York preacher, Dr. W. S. Rainsford, visiting in Toronto a few days ago showed himself critical of religious life in this country. In a newspaper interview he is quoted as saying:

"You have had a union of three churches and I see the head of the United Church is reported to have said: 'Now that we are united we shall be able to strengthen the Sunday blue sky law.' That is not Christianity — it is the subjection of Christian principles to tradition and legalism. If that is the only kind of good the United Church can do, then the sooner union is blasted the better. That is the sort of downright bigotry which is driving young people from the church today."

"The trouble here in Canada is that you are smothered in ignorance," he said. "There was something wrong with your education system a generation ago, and as a result people are afraid to think along intelligent lines. Clergymen dare not teach the truth. They must teach tradition and bigotry. In religious knowledge and progress the United States is far ahead of you."

Needless to say we do not agree with Dr. Rainsford. We believe the degree of intelligence in this country is quite equal to that in the United States and that the educational system a generation ago was as good as it was in the United States and a great deal better than in some states of the Union. The illiteracy in this country does not compare with that of the country to the south.

United States Leads In Many Things.

Still it must be admitted that in many things the United States gives us a lead. There are some educational institutions from which we have been able to learn much and from which we may yet learn. They have experimented with education but that has been in spots and not generally throughout the country. We do not think it is very good taste for the eminent clergyman to come to this country and talk like he did.

LIKEABLE LAD WAS CAMPBELL

Vancouver Journalist Tells of Past Life of Boy Who Attempted to Rob Bank

W. A. DeGraves, a clever Vancouver newspaperman, in an article dealing with the boy who attempted to rob the Bank of Commerce but was caught in a trap, says:

Fred Campbell, 18-year-old "two-gum" bank bandit, is a mystery boy."

Three times in the hands of the juvenile detention officials, once the instigator of a daring break in which a guard was severely beaten up, and later an escape from the Boys' Industrial Home at Coquitlam, Campbell has yet a warm spot in the hearts of the men who handled him on those occasions.

Is Likeable Youth

"There are very likeable things about Fred. He is a mystery to me. Never whining; never making rash promises to mend his ways, and never reviling his luck, when he wished he could be very sociable. He appeared to take everything as a matter of course, the smooth with the rough, and had a rather fatalistic way of looking at life," said Captain H. W. Collier, probation officer, who admits that Campbell had every possible chance to work out his own salvation under the approved probationary methods, but he did not "make good."

"He has not responded to the probation system," is Captain Collier's way of putting it. "A smart boy; with a good ordinary education, very bright, with more than ordinary determination for a youngster, and possessed of an adventurous spirit, Fred would have made an ideal soldier under proper leadership. The trouble is he got away to a bad start."

Although young in years, Campbell has apparently had the experience of men years older than himself. He has been a sailor, worked around wharves, and has always mixed with men his senior. It is that fact which officials believe has been his undoing.

"He is a boy of impulses, and when the urge takes him he just follows the line of least resistance," said Captain Collier, "but you can't help liking the way he takes his medicine."

At the Boys' Industrial Home the news of Campbell's latest escapade drew an amazed "Well, the little rascal. Did he do that?" from the matron, and it was plain from the tone that the young bank bandit had another friend there.

Home Is Divided

There is another angle to Campbell's story. Apparently the young bandit is the victim of a divided home and the lack of home environment is said to be responsible for his waywardness.

Campbell's mother, now occupying a responsible position in an Eastern city, is apparently of a very high type. Twice since he has been in the hands of the juvenile authorities she has written asking to be kept fully informed of his welfare and requesting the authorities to keep an eye on him and do everything possible for him.

His father's whereabouts are unknown, but the first time that Campbell came into the hands of the probation officer, when 15 years of age, was on a charge of stealing money from his father. Later he was again held on a petty theft, and then on a burglary charge, and it was while

detained for this that, with another inmate of the house, he overpowered a guard early one morning and escaped. The guard was able to hold on to the other inmate, but Campbell was not picked up again until the city police secured him some days later.

Eighteen Years Old

For this escape he was sent to the Boys' Industrial Home, where he made another successful break for liberty, and he was on the wanted list at the police station when he essayed the bank robbery on Friday morning which led to his arrest.

According to the official records Campbell was 18 on Aug. 22, so that he is now six days over the age at which he would be dealt with under the Juvenile Offenders' Act.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

Halibut landings at Prince Rupert for the month of August established a new high record mark, 2,106,400 pounds having been handled during that period.

Anoxo will send a football team here to compete with Prince Rupert for the Exhibition Cup during Fair Week.

There is a political scandal in Manitoba. Sir Rodmond Roblin, ex-Premier, J. H. Howden, Dr. W. H. Montague and George R. Coldwell, former members of the cabinet, are being charged with conspiracy to defraud the province.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

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of the Fair Board in obtaining an exhibit of twenty paintings from the National Art Gallery, Ottawa.

The pictures are already here and, after the Prince Rupert Exhibition, will be forwarded to Victoria for exhibition. The paintings cover a wide range of interesting subjects and the artists are: Carl Ahrens, James Macdonald Barnsley, John William Beatty, Franklin Brownell, William Brymer, F. Schallener, W. H. Clapp, Frederick S. Coburn, Maurice Cullen, Charles De Belle, Berthe Des Clayes, Francis Flamong, Daniel Fowler, Clarence A. Gagnon, Jas. Little Graham, Fred S. Haines, Lawrence Harris, Robert Harris, Robert Holmes and Francis Johnston.

The tongue was made to think with,

The brain was made to chatter,

The ear was made to see fair play,

But no one nose what's the matter.

TREAT IN STORE
FOR ART LOVERS

Outstanding Painters are Represented in Group Received Here from National Art Gallery

A treat is in store for local art lovers at the forthcoming exhibition as a result of the success