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Make Teaching Attractive

A JUNIOR high school principal in Victoria, B. C. Gillie, has drawn attention to a serious situation in this province which is becoming more serious all the time. It is the growing shortage of school teachers.

By Mr. Gillie's calculation, 1,000 young men and women should be trained each year as teachers to keep pace with the province's rapidly increasing population. Right now in B.C. less than 650 are training for the profession.

Ten years from now, Mr. Gillie predicts, there will be 10,000 more children of school age in the province than there are now. By that time, if the present rate of training continues, the province will be short at least 3,500 teachers. The figure probably will be greater as a shortage exists already, without any immediate indication that it will be corrected.

The problem is of grave and intimate concern to every parent in B.C. Upon the personal attention that a teacher is able to give a pupil depends much of that child's future development. As the number of children in each class increases, the individual attention becomes proportionately less, with the result that pupils are in danger of going ahead year after year with only a partial understanding of what they are supposed to be doing.

For the slow student it will become a hopeless proposition, and more and more will drop out of school as the shortage of teachers becomes worse. This, in turn, could lead to problems in juvenile delinquency which would make those of today seem simple by comparison.

The only remedy for the shortage is to ensure that, by one means or another, the profession of teaching is made as attractive as it is valuable. The welfare of every child of school age depends on it, which allows no room for short-sighted treatment.

A Flaw in Policy

SOMEWHERE there is a very bad flaw in our immigration policy as it affects Great Britain. In the past four years the number of Britons coming to this country has decreased from 38 per cent of the total immigrants to 16 per cent. If the trend continues, it is estimated that by the end of the century less than one-third of the country's population will be of British stock.

While it will be admitted freely that an infusion of many races gives vigor and enterprise to a nation, as it has to the British people, it is disturbing that Canada is taking such little advantage of the British desire for settlement in this country.

"Interest in the advisability of settling in some other country, particularly in Canada, is both widespread and sustained," reports the Montreal branch of the Royal Empire Society.

"Everyone connected with the work of emigration from Great Britain can confirm this, though one need look no further than the fact that some 350,000 have gone to Australia since the war, many after finding their finances were insufficient to enable them to reach this country."

That last remark contains the clue to the whole story, and it should cover us with a national blush of shame. In spite of the far greater distance to Australia, it costs a young married couple with three small children only \$100 to get there, compared to \$650 for the trip to Canada. An assisted transportation policy in Australia, in which the United Kingdom cooperates, makes this possible.

It is not Great Britain's fault that we do not have a similar arrangement. It is ours. Aside from putting up advertising posters which make pleasant reading, but little else, Canada has done absolutely nothing to encourage British migration to Canada.

If we carried our policy to its logical conclusion, we would have those posters returned. The backs would be good for naughts and crosses, particularly naughts.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world."—1 John 2:15.

SPECIAL METAL
Austrian zinc, a light non-corrosive metal is used in manufacture of radio tubes.

EAGER FISH
The Albacore tuna in Pacific waters is often caught while lunging at an unbaited hook.

LETTERBOX

LOYALTY TO RUSSIA

Editor,
Daily News:
Since when did loyalty to the working class become a crime? That is the inference I take from your editorial of Nov. 19, titled "No Loyalty Among Thieves."

Since 1917, I and millions of other class conscious workers throughout the world stood firmly behind Russia in the great experiment of developing a working class republic by and for the working class, a challenge to capitalism and exploitation of the many for the benefit of the few.

For my part, my loyalty has never wavered, nor do I regret my action during those 35 years.

In my opinion loyalty to principle is not a bad religion to follow though at times it requires iron in both blood and bone.

In no way do I regret being a Canadian or that I reside in Canada, but I am forced to point out to Canadians do not own Canada. In great part she is owned by foreigners who owe no allegiance in any way to the crown but reap the profit of our resources and the labor of our people.

A few years ago Lord Beaverbrook said Russia belongs to the Russians. For my part, I wish Canada belonged to the Canadians.

GEORGE B. CASEY

EXPLAINS SITUATION

Editor,
The Daily News:

Where did you learn that Leonard Nix was lighting a coal stove with the aid of naphtha or gasoline at the Yacht Club when he was severely burned in a recent explosion there? He did no such thing.

When he opened the door to enter the cabin of the barge, an explosion of coal gas that had concentrated therein, due to faulty setting of the dampener in the chimney of the coal heater, roasted all his exposed flesh and blew him back 10 feet into rocks and brush. He picked himself up, stripped off his flaming oil-soaked coveralls, yelled to Jimmy Martin, the Yacht Club caretaker, to phone for the fire engine and a doctor; then ran and got a 25-lb. fire extinguisher and played it into the burning barge.

This painful action by Leonard Nix quelled the progress of the blaze sufficiently to save the barge (which carried cans of inflammable oils and paints) and the Yacht Club shed a few feet away, until the fire department arrived.

W. C. LEWIS

(Editor's note: The Daily News did not say Mr. Nix lit the coal stove with the aid of naphtha or gasoline. It reported that he was carrying a can of gasoline at the time, which information was obtained from the best sources available. We are pleased to carry this explanatory account of Mr. Nix' quick-thinking action.)

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Reflects and Reminisces

Nothing shows a woman's age as much as her efforts to hide it.

The stairway from First Avenue across the yards to the station has been traversed by thousands. They could go freely. But now with lock and key bottom and top, there's a change and it's a wise one. The less footing there is across railway tracks the better.

ALMOST EVIL
Prince Rupert has been hearing about Soviet Russia. Incidentally, the following Vienna AP despatch appeared in the St. Thomas (Ont.) Times Journal: "Everybody seems to be afraid to laugh for fear someone will report them to the police. It seems to me laughter is considered almost a sin."

Everyone should be pleasant but a receptionist is fortunate. She gets paid for it.—Lethbridge Herald.

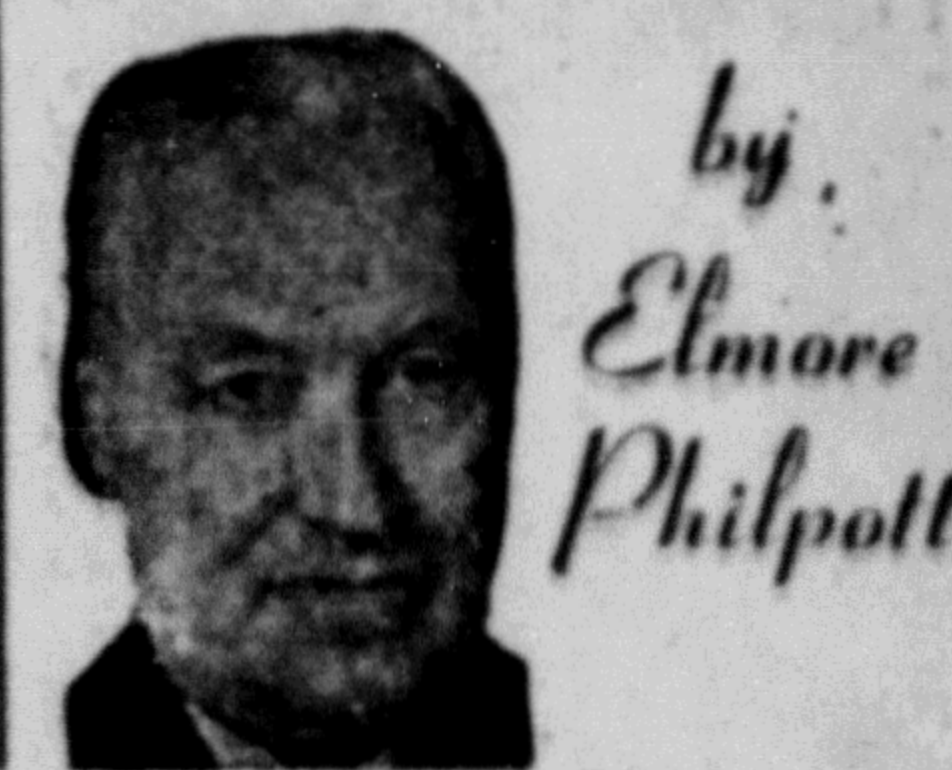
A NOD SHOULD DO
Small bones in the soft hand of the Mayoress of Blackpool were recently broken, during handshaking. In future, there will be no more such salutations in the Lancashire city. Instead, there will be given just a slight bow. This is an example that may be widely followed—if one can follow the comment read and heard.

The famous old Toronto Telegram has been sold for four million. A sheet that can share in a financial feat like that need never worry.



U.N. ASSEMBLY OFFICERS—Shown are the eight leading figures of the U.N. General Assembly now holding its seventh session at new permanent headquarters in New York. Top, left to right: Lester B. Pearson of Canada, President of the Assembly; Joao Carlos Muniz of Brazil, Chairman of the Political Committee; Alexis Kyrkou of Greece, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee; Jiri Nosek of Czechoslovakia, Economic Committee. Bottom row: Amjad Ali of Pakistan, Chairman of the Social Committee; Rodolfo Munoz of Argentina, Trusteeship Committee; Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines, Administrative and Budgetary Committee; Prince Wan Waihayakon of Thailand, Legal Committee.

As I See It



Socreds Plead Free Bite

CANAL, FLATS, B.C.—

After travelling from end to end of this vast Rocky Mountain riding, and talking with hundreds of people in speeches or private conversation, I figure the biggest political laugh of the century may be shaping up.

The temporary Social Credit government of B.C. brought on this by-election to find a 100 per cent seat for the attorney-general. They picked this constituency as the most likely looking pushover. But now things here are in such dizzy confusion that not a living soul knows what is likely to happen on election day.

The people of this usually forgotten district are already chuckling at the fact that the Social Crediters, in a panic, have rushed in virtually the whole cabinet. The voters are like the long time old maid, who inherited some money and suddenly found herself the centre of swarms of suitors. Anything can happen, and she hopes it does.

TO UNDERSTAND the sudden Social Credit alarm you have to remember that last June, when Socreds won on the third count, there were four parties in the field. The Conservatives were counted out first. Their second choices were split between the Liberal and Socred. The CCF man was counted out next and CCF second choices elected the Social Credit MLA.

Now the CCF leaders have made strenuous efforts to educate their followers to the downright insanity of giving their second choices to Social Credit—which is far more reactionary than the Tory party. In his Golden speech the national CCF leader urged by urging Social people to "vote against Social Credit." He did not even urge them to vote CCF as their first choice over the Liberal. And everybody got the point.

A MORE ominous sign for the Social Credit candidate is that two prominent Conservatives—Ted Zinken, the candidate of last June and the noted surgeon Dr. Williams, have both signed the nomination papers of the CCF candidate. (Correct—I said CCF.) I think George Drew's earnest speeches, especially the one in New Westminster solemnly warning of what happened to France when new parties like Social Credit were allowed to multiply, have also sobered the responsible old line Tories. I figure the best of them will vote Liberal, for once.

TO ME the biggest laugh of all is the sheer impudence of the Social Credit appeal to Liberals. They say, in effect: "Let us take just this one bite out of you—and please don't resist—so that we may more easily eat you all up next year."

Not even Little Red Riding-hood would fall for that.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Bank Reports Regional Slump In Canadian Economic Aura

By The Canadian Press

The Canadian Bank of Commerce in its monthly commercial letter says a measure of stability continued evident in the Canadian economy in recent months, but some regional weaknesses developed at the same time.

Consumers and producers appeared uncertain about future economic activity. But current statistical indicators "continue to give the appearance of a general buoyancy prevailing throughout the economy."

The bank's index of industrial activity moved upward in September to 187, close to the post-war peak of 180 in June, and continuation of this stimulated activity is indicated.

All industrial groups, except the automotive trades, registered increases over August. Food industries moved up five points in September and textiles again recorded a higher level of activity.

Retail sales have been well maintained largely by an ex-goods. Value of sales in August, about \$959,000,000 was seven per cent above a year ago.

PRICES DOWN

The bank's letter says the general downward trend in prices at both wholesale and retail

levels "seems to have become more firmly established, indicating a definite easing in inflationary forces in the economy in spite of the high level of consumer buying and credit, of government expenditure on defence production and of investment and industrial expansion."

The labor market improved during the last two months "with construction activity imposing heavy demands on the available labor supply."

At the beginning of October the number of persons seeking employment stood at 142,806, about 8,000 more than the previous October.

The total value of construction contracts to the end of September, however, has been only 73 per cent of the dollar value of contracts in the same 1951 period. Declines have taken place in all but residential construction.

From Daily News Want Ads

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