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KEEP PEOPLE IN BUSINESS

Reformers are apt to be short-sighted. They see only a part of the picture. For instance there are those who complain that work could be done much more easily and cheaply if fewer were in business. While the tendency of late has been toward chain stores and huge department stores, there seems to be today a movement back to the smaller individual businesses.

While under most favorable conditions some articles might be sold cheaper by cutting out overlapping, the saving would be very small and would only increase the number of people on relief.

We have in Prince Rupert too many grocers, too many businesses handling clothes, too many hardware men, too many in almost every line of endeavor, yet we know of no way in which improvement could be made without causing great hardships to very many people. We pride ourselves on our freedom yet we constantly ask for restrictions, usually on the other party. We object most strenuously if anyone tries to restrict us in our work.

Just now it is announced that restrictions are to be placed on the oil companies. We are not defending them because we have not before us all the information but we think that, if there was a very large margin of profit, other people would be in the business. All we suggest is that, if prices are to be cut on gasoline, we may find the oil producers increasing the price of other products such as fuel oil and diesel oil to make up for it. How will that affect the hundreds of people in Prince Rupert who have put in oil stoves and the fishermen who use diesel oil? There seems to be two sides to every picture.

CONSERVATIVE TYPES

"The Canadian Unionist," published monthly by the All-Canadian Congress of Labor, has an editorial writer who often writes articles worthy of the attention of the world. In the latest number he has an article on "The Futility of Conservatism" from which we have space for only two paragraphs:

"A Conservative, in the general sense of the term, is one disposed to maintain existing institutions." In that sense, it has no political significance, since men of the conservative type of mind are to be found within the ranks of all political parties, and parties differ only to the extent of the influence which such men exert. In politics, they are often termed 'standpatters' and 'reactionaries,' but their attitude is much the same in other associations; every group has in it some members who are naturally inclined to set themselves against any new proposition. These men are fond of posing as the bulwarks of society and industry; they try to give one the impression that, without them, the social fabric would be torn to ribbons by so-called reformers, and our complex industrial system be sabotaged by reds and radicals.

"There are only three conservative types, the ignorant man, who understands nothing, but instinctively fears the untried plan; the 'tired radical' who is indifferent through discouragement; and—the worst offender—the man who wants to maintain existing institutions because he has 'made his pile,' gained the summit of his ambition, and is afraid that any system of equitable distribution of the good things of life will inspire his financial standing or his pride in thinking himself a superman. He actively opposes progress, while the ignorant and discouraged are, for the most part, passive. He gains his ends by appeals to prejudice, by waving the flag, by setting up various bogies or even by making direct threats."

The Letter Box

REPLY TO FATHER GORDON

Editor, Daily News:

It was quite a rude shock to me when I read the vehement statement coming from the distinguished Rev. James Gordon of the Annunciation Church that he should be duty bound to draw a lance on behalf of the Spanish rebels and the interventionists of Germany and Italy who are at this moment doing their utmost to destroy Catholicism in Austria and Germany. For already these same forces, which Father Gordon so gallantly goes to defend, have destroyed one of the most deeply religious peoples known to our times—the Basques—and their towns and cities. The only crime these devout people were or could have been accused of was that they dared to defend their homes and towns against Franco's "Christianizing" black legionaries from Africa and Hitler's and Mussolini's troops.

I find, however, that Father Gordon could have found stronger and more authentic information than that originating from a deserter from the Loyalist Army. Could he not, instead, have consulted for instance a noted journalist like Ernest Hemmingway or the Duchess of Atholl who is, by the way, a Conservative member of the British Parliament, or even a noted scientist like Professor Haldane or the news reporter for the New York Times, Matthews. These are only a few authorities who cannot be accused of being associated with the communists but many more authorities can be supplied, authorities who will look the same way at the picture as I do.

Referring to me as being impartial would by no means be correct. If a man is impartial he never goes forth to fight the battle of a people he earnestly believes to have a just cause. I frankly admit that I am partial and I also think the Rev. Father Gordon is partial. If he were not so he most likely would not have come in with his statement so promptly after the meeting at which I spoke. If the forces which Franco represents and which Father Gordon also seems to sponsor, had been in a majority in Spain, obviously there would have been no rebellion. This brings us to the conclusion that defending a minority group in revolt places a defender in such light as to advocate similar action in this or any other constitutionally governed country.

Regarding accusations of deliberate destruction of properties, churches, etc., can it be pointed out that the Loyalists ever bombarded the civilian population machine-gunned school-children or destroyed churches when these latter were not used for fortresses against them? It cannot be proven but it can be proven that the fascist forces have preferably used peaceful people as targets.

Guernica, and the ferocious slaughter that took place there, is still fresh in the memory of people who read newspapers. Bilbao, with the massacre of 30,000 people, Barcelona, March 17-18, 1938; the destruction of the beautiful city of Alicante and numerous other acts of violence will remain stains on Franco's name irrespective of what turn history will take.

To accuse the Spanish people of being "reds" is just the old time-worn trick of drawing the herring in front of people's eyes. I conclude that Father Gordon, in search of evidence against Republican Spain, ought to have found more objective and more reliable sources than statements coming from a deserter.

OUTER DEFENCE PLANNED BY U.S.



Legislation is before the United States Congress to provide for a vast seaplane fleet to cover the Pacific for about 5,600 miles north and south. With the main base at Pearl Harbor, other bases, under naval plans, would be established as shown above. The northernmost would be at Kodiak and Dutch Harbor, off Alaska. To the south, -600 miles from Dutch Harbor, would be another with a third at Wake Island, another 1,000 miles. In the South Pacific there would be a base at Canton Island, 1,800 miles from Wake, and a final one at Pago Pago, 700 miles further on.

Used Cheques As Bookmarks

South African Lawyer Cut Heirs Off With Nothing by Unique System

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 17. (CP)—It would have been better for Beaulieu Upington's heirs if that prominent lawyer had cashed cheques instead of using them for bookmarks.

Executors of Upington's estate found the distinguished King's Counsel left nothing of great value besides a fine law library and some sporting prints.

The eccentric lawyer's habit of

using cheques as bookmarks was legendary but no one placed much belief in the story. His executors found it was true. They discovered hundreds of cheques, in books, in his files, in the original envelopes or attached to covering letters of firms which had briefed him. Some were for sums of more than \$500. Some were dated in 1914. Many were signed by persons now dead. Almost all were valueless.

In addition, they found that Upington had used proceeds from his lucrative practice to make anonymous gifts of as much as \$2,000 at a time to what he considered worthy causes. His only relatives were two sisters in England and a nephew in the Transvaal.

Everybody reads the Daily News. There's a reason.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the Matter of the "Administration and

And

In the Matter of the Estate of Manuel

Gonzales, Deceased

TAKE NOTICE that by order of His Honor Judge W. E. Fisher Local Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, made on 14th day of October 1938, I was appointed Administrator of all the Estate within British Columbia of the above-named deceased, late of Mayo, Yukon and Stewart, British Columbia. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith, and all persons having claims against the said estate are required to file the same, properly verified, with me within one month from the first publication of this notice, otherwise the distribution of the said estate, will be made without regard thereto.

Dated at Prince Rupert, B. C. this 15th day of October, 1938.

NORMAN A. WATT,

Official Administrator.

Prince Rupert, B. C.

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DATED this 5th day of October, 1938.

NORMAN A. WATT,

Official Administrator.

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BANQUET AND Gandhi's Mahatma DANCE HELD Is Made Official

Christian Youth Society Had Gay Evening on Friday

On Friday evening the Christian Youth Society held its annual banquet and dance in the Commodore Cafe with about thirty-five people present. Miss Edith Johnstone and Cliff Madill were in charge of the evening's proceedings and Lewis Crompt acted as chairman.

After a delightful dinner, Miss Winnie Cameron gave the annual report which dealt with the society's activities during the past year. The past president, Ken Harding, spoke of the society's success during the year and the new president, Tom Johnstone, asked for the support of the members to help make the ensuing year as successful. Rev. J. C. Jackson gave a few words of encouragement to the young people.

Cliff Madill, as master of ceremonies, led the party in community singing. Miss Joy Green entertained with a solo and a hilarious duet was rendered by the Hamblin sisters. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, novelties and comic stunts, adding to the jollity.

The party came to a close at midnight after a gay and most enjoyable evening.

"MEN AT WORK"

The most cheerful sign on the road

"MEN AT WORK" is an encouraging, cheerful sign upon the highway.

It is the happiest sign on the business highway too.

Business enterprise, making wise use of banking service, is the mainspring of employment.

The contractor responsible for that "Men at Work" sign gets the job of building that stretch of highway by being the lowest responsible tenderer.

Not always does he have the ready money to buy all the materials, pay wages and build it out of his own resources.

He goes to the bank and, having assets and a good reputation, he negotiates such advances as he may need.

He orders materials, sets men to work. As the job proceeds, engineers' certificates enable him to collect from those with whom he contracted, and the work goes on.

The highway finished, the bank is repaid. Such repayments enable the bank to supply credit to other responsible borrowers.

A manufacturer gets a large order, with an early time limit for delivery. With only a hundred men, his factory cannot turn out the articles within the time required. With more men he can do it—but he lacks sufficient cash.

Operating his factory, as a going concern, with a profitable order and having a reputation for integrity, he asks the bank to lend him what he needs to pay wages.

The bank makes him a loan. He takes on more men. They get wages. The goods are turned out, delivered and paid for. The manufacturer repays the bank with the agreed interest.

He has his profit and can spend some money developing new business to keep his men employed.

How does a bank make these advances—where does the money come from?

Banks, having branches throughout Canada, mobilize the surplus funds of millions of depositors, large and small, and, based upon them, make credit available throughout the country as may be required.

Millions of little sums represent the toil, production and lifetime savings of Canadians—your fellow-citizens.

Safeguarding these deposits is the bank's first care.

Deposits of \$1,000 or less—most of them much less—are owned by 3,770,000 out of Canada's 4,084,000 savings depositors. The total of all bank savings deposits in Canada is nearly \$1,584,000,000; the average savings deposit in a bank is only \$387.

Wisely safeguarded by Canada's chartered banks these deposits furnish credit that keeps "men at work" when used by Canadian business and industry—producing new realizable

wealth from Canada's great resources. The country and all its people benefit.

In the field of business deposits, "current" accounts, 660,000 amount to \$1,000 or less.

Savings deposits are, primarily, the basis on which banks can make loans.

Only the confidence of the people and their willingness to leave their money on deposit, enable a bank to lend money and—at small profit-margin to itself—serve the community.

We have mentioned the contractor and the manufacturer. The same process stimulates employment throughout the whole fabric of production, industry and commerce.

Loans to agriculture and for marketing agricultural products totalled in 1937, \$88,294,000—9.0 per cent. of all ordinary bank loans shown on the return to the Minister of Finance, October 31st, 1937.

Of this sum \$57,490,000 went to farmers, cattlemen and fruit raisers and \$30,804,000 to grain dealers, seed merchants and grain exporters.

Other bank loans went to municipalities and school districts; wholesalers, retailers, manufacturers of and dealers in lumber, pulp and other forest products; fishermen; fish packers and curers; public utilities including transportation companies; stockbrokers and bond dealers; provincial governments; mining men; churches, parishes; hospitals; and to charitable and religious institutions.

Canada's chartered banks defend and protect the safety of the funds of depositors—the millions of thrifty souls we have described, whose life-savings they entrust to their banks.

No Canadian depositor, through the world-shaking events of recent years, has had to fear for the safety of a single dollar lodged with Canada's chartered banks.

The funds of depositors are their own—not a pool from which everybody may draw at will for any and every new financial experiment.

Your local branch bank manager will be glad to talk banking with you. He will be glad to answer your questions, from the standpoint of his own experience. The next article in this series will appear in this newspaper. Watch for it.

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