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B.C. and Newfoundland

RECENT PRESENTATION OF A MACE, gift of the government of British Columbia to the government of Newfoundland, comes as a gracious and fitting ceremony. In an official, but in none the less well disposed sense, it tightens the bonds of goodwill between the tenth province and the rest of Canada.

Particularly will this be true of the two most westerly and easterly parts of the Dominion. Both, to a considerable degree have something in common. The ocean fisheries of vast extent and value, scenic, rugged shore lines, a people largely associated with the sea and all that it implies, a position of increasing moment in air navigation, manufacturing and other industries all emphasize their parallel interests.

WHAT MAKES WAR?

HAS A SENSE OF GUILT FINALLY overtaken the world? inquires David Lawrence in the U.S. News and World Report—Is that the reason we are now weighed down by the awfulness of war itself? We proclaim with all sincerity that we never make war on others. We fight only when attacked and only in self defence. There must, of course, be armament—just as there must be police and fire equipment. Yet, wars are man made and rarely is guilt for a war wholly on one side.

Wars don't commence only when hostilities begin. They begin years and years before in the hearts and minds of men. We do not yet see clearly our own tendency to become provocative. But, it is there—a bland refusal to learn the real issues, a willingness to accept superficiality, prejudice, hysteria, as a substitute for an other approach to man-made dilemmas—as, for example by faith and spirit. Men impatiently erect barriers in their own minds.

To many persons this may seem mawkish and soft. There is today, a threat of war. But the whole world cannot continue to live this way—in an atmosphere of fear. Is materialism and selfishness our only doctrine? Or are we ready, at last to understand that spiritual compensations can bring happiness? Only man-directed weapons can destroy anything. It is fear of our fellow man, and his contrivances that puts us in a panic. When shall man learn how to control man? It is a matter of fairness, of justice, of kindness—of willingness to face evil with the strength that faith in God alone can give. . . . "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me."

CAMPAIGN AGAINST CANCER

CANCER IS AN UNPLEASANT FACT. But like all facts, there is only one sensible way to deal with it. And that way is: Face it.

It is a statement backed by some tragic figures. Last year an estimated 25,000 people in Canada developed cancer. Some 15,000 people also died last year of the disease. The number of people cured of cancer would have been greater if, needless delay had not been allowed to occur between the time of onset of symptoms and the time of reporting to the family doctor for advice.

It is not widely enough known that treatment for cancer can be more effective when given before the disease has had time to spread beyond its site of origin. The Canadian Cancer Society, by a national educational effort, is striving to acquaint more Canadians with this fact.

It is commendable that the Canadian Cancer Society which is holding its annual campaign during April, is stressing the need for knowledge, for understanding for participation on the part of the public, quite as emphatically as the Society's own needs for funds to finance its research and welfare programs. The citizen who takes an active personal and community interest in the problems of cancer becomes a contributor to this vital campaign no less than the man who sends in a large cheque.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Oh well. Daylight saving is just another of those little oddities you kid yourself into thinking you had best not do without. So what!

Most of the present generation are possibly unfamiliar with the life and labors of the late Justice Matthew Baillie Begbie. If so, they have missed something. He was unlike anyone else in the history of British Columbia. All this was about 75 years ago and, if the west then was tough, the caustic Begbie was tougher. He fined a drunk \$10. "Oh, I've that in my pants pocket!" remarked the accused. "And six months in jail at New Westminster. Have you that in your pants pocket?" inquired His Lordship. On another occasion, a convicted murderer came up for sentence. Begbie wished to know if he had anything to say and he had plenty, even urging that his case be laid before the Throne. The judge observed he would do as requested but this would take time. A year might pass before they would know. However, the accused would not be the least bit interested in the outcome for he was to hang on Monday. A Victoria citizen named Robinson was sandbagged, the circumstances being wantonly brutal. To the amazement of the chief justice, as well as to the prisoner, there was an acquittal. In discharging the accused, Begbie remarked it would be doing him personally, an inestimable favor, if the moment he was released, he would sandbag each member of the jury, making certain not one escaped.

The Windsors, notifying the Calgary press to call, proceeded to give an interview with the request that nothing of a private character be mentioned. It was all very business-like, for it was that sort of trip. Fair enough.

For about sixty years it has been customary when summarizing the extent of Canada to say or write "from Halifax to Vancouver." Slowly, yet with some certainty other names are quietly entering the picture. Thus, for example, as seen in a financial paper, "Trade flows freely now, because a man in British Columbia can take \$1. from anyone with assurance that he can spend this dollar anywhere from Prince Rupert to Prince Edward Island." Ay! The princes have it.

More local old timers are thinking of retiring. One reason is probably as good as another. But if and when you do, try and develop a hobby. A drizzly day in Prince Rupert, or anywhere else can be uncommonly long if you just sit around. Do something—do it every day regularly—so long as it's within the law. Anyone can have a hobby if sufficiently determined. For the rocking chair can be as deadly as thrombosis.

"Join the navy and see the world" say recruiting officers. Canadian tars, in New York for Easter, saw an interesting part of creation viewing the fashion parade on Sunday.

Due to late connections at Jasper, the train from the east, due at 10:15 last night, was eight hours and forty minutes late, arriving in Prince Rupert at 6:55.

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Q. How can I loosen dirt and stains in clothing when laundering?
A. One tablespoon of kerosene added to each boiler of clothes will help wonderfully to loosen the dirt and stains.

Q. How can I make smooth fudge?
A. A pinch of salt added to the fudge will make it smooth when poured and cooled.

Tightening Up On Drunken Driving

TORONTO — Penalties for drunken driving in Ontario will be stiffened.

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On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Lincoln's fellow employees at the general superintendent's office gathered and, through Superintendent C. A. Berner, presented him with a well-filled purse as a token of esteem and best wishes. Sentiments appropriate to the occasion were voiced both by Mr. Berner and Mr. Lincoln.

Back in 1908 Mr. Lincoln first joined the old Canadian Northern Railway express department. Since 1926 here he had been roadmaster's clerk, timekeeper and accounting clerk.



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