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A Premier's Memoirs

PRIME MINISTER'S memoirs should be interesting and enlightening, particularly those of one whose tenure of office was as long as Mr. King's. He will write his story, the formal announcement just having been made.
How many premiers have produced their own story of their careers and public records may be a matter of some uncertainty but all have had their biographers. However, no one can tell of one's self as well as one's self. The King recollections will be unique value as contributions to the history of Canada and none will understand every word that is written better than the Canadian people themselves.
The holding of high office can provide material for a readable volume but just how diverting it depends on the writer. Inference, for example, can often serve as well, if not better than bald, outright statements and may make happier impressions. There has been plenty to draw on throughout the days of Macdonald and Laurier, MacKenzie and Tupper, Bowell and Thompson, Borden and Bennett, Meighen and now King. The book will be awaited with eagerness.

GOOD BOYS TOO

FOR EVERY DELINQUENT, there are thousands of good juveniles. Have you ever thought of that side of the picture?
Boys will get into scrapes, of course! And some are, undoubtedly, serious. But when all the hue and cry dies down, the solemn warnings fade away, and sad repining concerning the next generation is forgotten until next time, the outlook does not seem so dreary.
Boys will be boys, naturally! There should be something said about juveniles. Here's a little example! Jimmy Riddle, Don Vandenburg and Carl Knight, Indiana youngsters, not long ago spotted a large piece of iron imbedded in a tie on the Grand Trunk Western Railway, a subsidiary of the Canadian National. The iron overlapped the track. They were quick to notify the railway and stand by to flag oncoming trains. And so, the alertness of these lads prevented a wreck.
They were the proud guests of the general manager at a turkey luncheon with all the trimmings aboard his private car and to each was presented a United States Savings Bond. The railway appreciated a valuable service others might never have noticed.

BEER AND BUTTER

THE 1949-50 BUDGET of the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, has turned out to be quite as grim a document as could have been expected. A newspaper summary has described it as sentencing the British people to another year of hard labor—that is, they must produce to the limit and consume at a minimum.
Sir Stafford, being a man of no delusions or Utopian dreams, has long purveyed austerity to his people and there is no relief in sight for another year. At that, the Chancellor, even though he be a Laborite, is doing no differently—no better or no worse—than any realistic and fact-finding guardian of the budget and the nation's economic well would probably do.
Reaction to the budget in the Old Land appears to be one of more marked impatience at the long continuance of economic conditions which it was thought would have been relieved long ere this following the ending of war. But all there is a mere cutting of a penny off the pint of beer only to more than offset it with the increase on such essentials of living such as butter and meat.

Drama Lives At Hazelton

Four Schools Compete In Festival With Many Pupils Participating—Winning Play Coming Here

Surprising talent well developed by persevering school teacher directors was depicted at the second Omineca-Skeena School Drama Festival which was held in the Community Hall at Hazelton last Friday night. It was reported by H. S. Hurn, director of school and community drama for the province, who passed through the city over the week-end on his way back to Victoria after adjudicating in the festival. There were four contesting plays by school pupils of Hazelton, New Hazelton and Burns Lake. The hall was filled and the audience manifested keen appreciation of an excellent program. The winning play will come to the Music and Drama Festival in Prince Rupert next month.
Mr. Hurn adjudicated the trophy winners as follows:
Best High School production, "The Last Curtain," a tragic scene incidental to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, presented by Hazelton High School.
Best Elementary School production, "Sentimental Scarecrow," New Hazelton School.
Best performance in a High School production, Geri Martin



ENGLAND SET FOR EASTER PARADE—All smiles, British shopper Popple Willmot tears up her clothing coupons as she makes her first purchase of clothing following the government's action in removing all restrictions on wearing apparel. The London salesgirl standing behind the counter is evidently also delighted. She will no longer be required to count and save the coupons.

as Jeanie Hart in "The Last Curtain."
Best performance by a boy in a High School production, Jon Evans as John Wilkes Booth in "The Last Curtain."
Best performance in an Elementary School production by a girl, Patsy Benson in "Sentimental Scarecrow."
Best performance by a boy in an Elementary School production, Billy Baker (Hazelton) in "Bill's First Date."
A special trophy was awarded to Harold MacDonald for his performance as an heraldic announcer.
COMMENT OF ADJUDICATOR
The adjudicator, Mr. Hurn, in his remarks following the festival, stressed the importance of choosing good scripts for young performers. Children had a great deal of natural ability which became enhanced when there was a really worthwhile creative job to be done. He liked the two winning plays, he said, because they presented, the pupils with such an opportunity. Both were interesting and occasionally reached moments of definite emotional appeal. "The Last Curtain," the adjudicator declared, was a really worthy choice. All the parts were good and were played with sincerity and enthusiasm. The strong ending might have been anti-climactic had it not been for the sustained performance of Jon Jones as Geri Martin. "Sentimental Scarecrow," making no harsh demands, was interesting throughout and the New Hazelton juniors did a

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NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of the Execution Act, Chapter 114, Statutes of British Columbia, 1948, and in obedience to an order of Mr Justice Coady, I shall offer for sale at auction, at the Sheriff's Office, Court House, Prince Rupert, B. C., on the fifth day of May, 1949, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, the following described Crown Granted, Mineral Claims, registered in the Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, in the name of John Holmgren, and not in his true name.
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Dated at Prince Rupert, B. C. this 25th day of March, 1949.
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There has been something slowly developing of late about George Rorie's whiskered chin. He has, you know, joined the beard growers as a prelude to Klondyke Night. It is not so much the color or thickness or general luxuriance. It's something else. You think to yourself: "Now, where have I seen him before? Who, somehow, somewhere, had that faintly familiar look? That was the maddening part of it. Yesterday came light. Now we know. All that was needed was a more careworn expression, carelessly brushed hair, a bow indifferently tied—and there you had him. Would you believe it, no fewer than four persons have already confided in George that—around the chin—he reminds them of Old Abe himself. It's not every George can bask in renown like that.
Premier St. Laurent plans an early visit west, but the coast-prairie itinerary does not include Prince Rupert. It's been that way for some time now. It

must be that those holding seats of responsibility and distinction are content to remain south of the frontier and therefore, safe. But earlier, many a notable wandered this way and would unbend to mingle with the primitive northerners. Sir Wilfred himself, with captivating naivete, loved to salute maidens where it would do the most good.



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Whatever our creed or language, we have all felt the impulse to pray. We may worship in various forms . . . we may call our God by various names . . . but, somehow, most of us express our faith in a Higher Power. When our loved ones are spared, we give thanks. At times of confusion or danger we call for guidance. When confronted by a mighty mountain, or the perfection of a tiny snowflake, we are awed by the wonder of life. We teach our children our faith, so that they will not be alone as they face the world.

FAITH is a family affair!

FAITH is not just for holy days. Faith is for every day . . . at work, at play, in the quiet times the family has together.
We need faith—and never so desperately as today. The world is filled with voices of confusion. It is easy to feel helpless and alone. But faith in a Power outside ourselves can be a bedrock of family unity, a shield for family happiness.
A return to faith can give men and women a broader view of life—a sense of perspective. Then they are better prepared for the give-and-take of family living. The family united in faith has a strong and lasting bond.
Children naturally turn to faith when it is a daily part of the family life. And when they know the real meaning of faith, they will be tolerant of those who express their faith in other ways.
The home atmosphere is far different when a family stops trying to walk alone, when it sees its place in the bigger scheme of things. It works together for the things it can control—and trusts its God for guidance in problems beyond its control. Such a family can't help feeling closer together, more sure of itself, happier!
To keep alive the family's faith calls for a positive plan—just as you plan for your family's material welfare. How your family expresses its faith is a matter of choice. What is important to you is that you do express it!
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