

## Times Do Change

**T**IMES DO CHANGE! In 1853, which is not so long ago, either, Asiatic cholera, after ravaging many parts of Europe, duly visited Scotland. The good Presbyterians of that time, the Theocracy of the "unco guid" who had survived the satire of Burns, believed—or kidded themselves into believing—that the visitation of the epidemic was the result of Divine anger and was intended to chastise the people for their sins, as in the times of the Hebrew kings.

Of course, they had precedent. They read the Bible. They knew that neglect of spiritual duties brought penalties and that fasting was the most effectual way of stopping the epidemic. Not for them to institute sanitary measures and other carnal devices to improve the public health. That might show that they trusted too much to the arms of the flesh. No! No! National fasting and public humiliation, weeping and hunger, were the cure.

Lord Palmerston was Home Secretary then. How he must have laughed at this queer message of a Scottish clergyman! "You can often tell a Scotchman, but you canna tell him much." But Pam told him plenty. He sent what was considered by the Scottish fundamentalists as a most profane reply. Sanitation and better housing, he suggested, would stay the epidemic better than "all the prayers and fastings of an inactive people."

Today, modern Scots do not fast any more than they have to, under the threat of Asiatic smallpox. But who knows whether they pray nowadays like they used to? But they do follow old Pam's advice and take every other precaution first. And to vaccinate more than a million people in the one area all at once takes a lot of serum.

### THE GLOVED HAND

**I**F YOU EVER MEET A WOMAN and get into a situation where the two of you are shaking hands, you will find that she may say all sorts of peculiar things, but one thing she will not say is, "Please excuse my glove." This phrase is used by men only. Women never apologize for wearing a glove. If they have gloves on, they seldom try to bare their right hand for a shake.

Men make a great job of trying to get the glove off their handshaking hand. They usually don't quite get the glove off. So then they say: "Please excuse my glove." It gives them something to say, something definite and socially safe. The phrase is much safer, for instance than, "How are you?" when a further glance may show that the person at the other end of the handshake is in a bad way indeed. Some men put real emotion into "Please excuse my glove," sounding almost as though they were saying something new as they grin with relief at having the glittering *bon mot* ready.

At this time of year, however, men begin to find themselves meeting people and bracing themselves for a few words of conversation, and not having a glove to try getting off and therefore not being able to apologize about it. When men became tongue-tied in the Spring it used to be thought that it was love, but now it is seen that they just haven't anything to say when caught without gloves.

## Who Will Get Date?

Two city organizations, the Civic Centre Association and the Shrine Club, crossed friendly swords at a meeting of the city council last night. Each organization had a letter before the council and representatives at the meeting.

William Long, acting for City Clerk H. D. Bain, read a letter from the Civic Centre requesting that a carnival be allowed Aug. 19 to 26. The request was granted. Then a letter from the Shrine Club was read to members. It asked for a change in dates for its carnival, stating that Crescent Shows would not be able to appear here July 3 to 8. Instead, they said, it was possible for the midway to set up here July 20 to 29.

As the dates are close together, representatives from both organizations, present at the meeting, were allowed to speak.

Don Forward, secretary of the Civic Centre, explained to members that the Civic Centre will be obliged to spend about \$11,000 on its affair and could not risk the money if the Shrine Club presents its show less than a month before.

He added that all money ob-

taind is spent in the city and not taken out.

Roy Van der Sluys and W. D. Smith, Shriners, delegated to present the club's case stated that the 20 per cent derived from the show by the club will be used to improve the Shrine Band and aid unprivileged children.

Council members agreed both were essential organizations although some aldermen took sides.

A motion was finally passed granting the request of the Civic Centre. The Shrine Club withdrew its request. Alderman H. F. Glasse stated that he did not want to see an organization leave council chambers with a belief that council was not aiding them.

It was finally suggested that the matter be discussed at a special meeting next Monday. Meanwhile the organizations will meet and attempt to find a solution.

## Dowell River Makes Millions

**VANCOUVER** — Consolidated net profit of the Powell River Co. for the last years was over \$7,500,000, the annual report of the company shows. Harold Foley, president, in his report to the shareholders, announced that the output for 1950 had already been contracted for.

## Ray Reflects . . . . . . and Reminisces

With so much going on, it may be unreasonable that one of the lesser industries of the country is devising ways and means to draw more money although no one has heard of impatient remarks from the Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, whose salary is \$21,000. Well, how about it? Mayor O'Dwyer of New York gets \$40,000. President Truman's salary is \$100,000. Premier Attlee receives \$50,000, plus large expense allowance. It's often said Canada is a hard country to govern.

It's a bit premature to ascribe all this unseasonable spring weather to atomic bombs and other accomplishments. However, it will be all right if skiing and hockey matches are included in Dominion Day sports.

There is something about lost treasure that holds a strange fascination, although nothing worth a hang has ever been recovered. Time and again, men

## Atomic Film Impressive

Pictorial explanation of gathering of information for the construction of the atomic bomb by scientists of various countries of the world and expression of immediate need for world atomic unity, was all contained in the film "One World Or None" shown approximately 100 persons in the Armory Monday night.

A sound film in color, it was sponsored by the Shantymen's Christian Association. The audience also heard M. Bedford, missionary-elect for India, present a simple but direct speech connecting God's salvation of the world with the atomic age.

The meeting Monday night was in the form of an Easter service. Another film was also shown entitled "Scientific Scriptural Message."

The atomic film shown Monday night has been receiving praise from every audience. The United Nations Atomic Energy Commission has requisitioned ten copies for use for its personnel. President Harry Truman commissioned the film for a character guidance program for members of all the armed services. It is compulsory as a training film for all members of United States Air Force.

Produced by the Moody Bible Institute through the Moody Institute of Science department, it is classed as "Sermons From Science."

The film was shown at Booth Memorial High School last Thursday afternoon and received an ovation. Cecil J. Carter, director of missionary work for the Prince Rupert branch of the Shantymen, expressed his desire to screen the film in this city again.

Acting as master of ceremonies Monday night, Mr. Carter expressed thanks for the use of the Armory by Col. S. D. Johnston.

have toiled on that small island off Ecuador. Heaven only knows on how many occasions, Captain Kidd buried some of his booty between Cuba and the Bay of Fundy. Right now, divers are trying to locate what may be a gold laden galleon believed foundered in Tobermory Bay, Scotland, four centuries ago. Also, at present, a hunt is on for buccaneers' plunder off Cape Cod. North of Prince Rupert, some years ago, the steamer *Islander* crowded with passengers from the Klondike, going outside for the winter, and many with full 'pokes' stowed away, went to the bottom. In time, the hulk was found. But any gold, if gold there was, had returned to mother earth.

### OWES LIFE TO PROMPTNESS (Continued from Page 1)

different courses. The Full Moon was sighted by Elvin Leask on the bar close on the Tugwell Island end. It was actually afloat with the tide rising, driving ashore with engine still running. The first thing Leask decided to do was get aboard, stop the vessel and take her in tow. This done, he decided that she was still seaworthy and capable of remaining afloat so she was anchored, and he again joined the other vessels in the more important job at the moment of searching for Dr. Kergin.

**Object Sighted**  
Meanwhile, the six other boats were engaged in scouring the vicinity of Ryan Point, about fifteen minutes distant. Half an hour later Henry Ryan sighted what at first he believed was a seal perched on the rock 300 yards from shore. Yet the object had white markings which was no ordinary seal. Closer approach disclosed it was the object of the search. The white was the Indian sweater which Dr. Kergin wore. This garment had served a double purpose in his deliverance. It had provided buoyancy which helped to keep him afloat as he swam from rock to rock. It had saved him from being passed up in mistake for a seal. "He was like a drunk guy, ready to pass out" was the effective yet simple way in which the rescuers described the doctor as they picked him up. Henry Ryan using a skiff, to approach the rock and take him back to the power vessel.

Tide still being too low for the boats to cross the bar, Dr. Kergin was taken ashore to the Tugwell Island beach. From

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there he was taken on board James Donaldson's service boat Two Rivers, which was hailed as it passed by. The Two Rivers headed back towards Prince Rupert but met the police boat P.M.L. 15 at the entrance of Venn Passage and re was again transferred for completion of the journey back home to Prince Rupert.

Meantime, Mrs. George Ryan had also played an important part in the day's episode. She had given shelter and sustenance to Mrs. Kergin and her three children in her home at Metlakatla pending the arrival of the police boat which brought them into Prince Rupert. All this time, Mrs. Kergin was distraught with the conviction that her husband had perished and that she had witnessed the tragedy, helpless to give assistance and faced with the emergency of effecting the deliverance of her three young children from a sinking vessel which she was unable to control.

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