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Victoria Day

PERHAPS more than any other legal holiday in Canada the celebration of May 24 strikes a responsive chord. The date is known by different names but, to a multitude of Canadians, it's been "the twenty-fourth."

Canadian enjoyment of a statutory holiday on the 24th of May—a holiday unique in the British Commonwealth and Empire—is due largely to the wisdom of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his fellow legislators.

May 24 was first observed in 1838, the year following the accession of Victoria to the British throne, and held its place as an Empire holiday for more than 60 years.

When the Queen died in 1901, Canadians generally agreed it would be a pity to abandon May 24 and celebrate the birthday of Edward VII, which fell in the inclement month of November.

Parliament, on the motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on May 2, 1901, passed a bill designating May 24 as an annual holiday to commemorate the Good Queen.

If the Turkish ambassador who attended her coronation in 1838 could see the fireworks sparkling in night sky above Canadian towns and cities on this 24th, he would certainly be astonished that Victoria's birthday should be honored in a land thousands of miles distant, 110 years later.

History has it that the ambassador was so struck by the magnificence of the coronation he could not walk to his proper place, but stood bewildered, muttering: "All this for a woman."

The pomp and display of that occasion was justified by a reign that saw wide colonial expansion and the growth of British power on land and sea. The Queen became Empress of India, a title calculated to impress British sovereignty on the minds of the princes and peoples of the great sub-continent.

Victoria Day in Canada is distinct from Empire Day, which since 1899 has been observed in schools on that last school-day preceding May 24. Elsewhere in the Empire, Victoria Day has merged with Empire Day, and is not kept as holiday.

A Canadian woman, Mrs. Clementina Fessenden, is credited with establishing Empire Day. As a result of her efforts, the Hamilton school board, of which she was a member, in 1898 set aside one school afternoon of the year as "Flag Day" to inspire children with patriotic sentiments.

The Dominion Educational Association soon made it a national movement. The Earl of Meath took up the idea and the first celebration in the United Kingdom in 1902 heralded the beginning of its spread throughout the Empire.

MORALS AND VD

IN THE CASE of venereal disease, prevention means an understanding that conduct and not medication lies at the core of the problem.

Despite all that medical science has done and is doing to control VD, the scourge is still with us. The fact that in at least one large Canadian treatment clinic—since the advent of quick cures—one-third of the patients are repeaters would tend to prove that syphilis and gonorrhoea are no longer purely medical problems.

Medical science, it would appear, has far outstripped moral teaching in the fight against venereal diseases. The lack of widespread attention to this teaching is actually defeating science in the anti-VD war. The treatment of these diseases with sulfa drugs and penicillin has had spectacular results, and, because of such speedy cures, there seem to be people who disregard moral restraint.

Believing that those people are among those whose moral training was inadequate, the Health League of Canada emphasizes that venereal-disease prevention lies in character education—in an understanding that only the highest of moral standards will ultimately defeat this world-wide scourge.

Venereal diseases may be curable—but they are preventable only if conduct between the sexes remains on a high plane.

CANCER CURE NOT PROVEN

Official of B.C. Medical Association Sounds Warning Here

After declaring that it was the earnest hope of all medical men that research work now going on to find the cause of cancer would come to fruition speedily, Dr. F. L. Whitehead, executive secretary of the British Columbia Medical Association, speaking before the Gyro Club while visiting the city this week, commented upon a report that a Victoria doctor had found a cancer cure and warned the public against being led to believe that anything extraordinary had been done up to the could be proven in a minimum present in any case.

Dr. Whitehead was speaking on the subject of "Modern Trends in the Practice of Medicine." Only within the past two centuries, he declared, had the practice of medicine and the knowledge that goes with it had been really developed along scientific lines. In that time control had been brought about of scourges such as smallpox, plague, yellow typhus, malaria, typhoid and diphtheria which maladies had been practically eradicated. Great advances had been made in the fields of anaesthesia, fracture treatment and blood transfusions. It was well known today what was being accomplished by the use of penicillin and streptomycin although the possibilities of the latter had not yet been fully explored.

Dr. Whitehead alluded to the public demand for prepaid hospitalization and medical care, the desire for protection against the costs of being sick. While extremely helpful to the public, such plans, Dr. Whitehead admitted, were also "to the general good from the point of view of the doctors" who were thus given freedom to go ahead and were actually provided with more security.

Speaking of the large investment involved in becoming a doctor, Dr. Whitehead declared that the "old day of the general practitioner as understood 20 or 30 years ago is passing away rapidly." Specialization was the order of the day. Special qualifications were required and obtained today by doctors in even the smallest of communities.

Trend of the times in the treatment of mass afflictions of humanity such as tuberculosis, cancer, mental ailments and venereal disease was toward uniform methods. Costs involved demanded that public moneys be put to work in order to try to control the situation. The provision of millions of dollars as announced recently by the federal government was to be welcomed. It would assist materially.

Doctors, the speaker said, were welcoming the provincial hospitalization insurance scheme and could be expected to co-operate fully with it.

President Orme Stuart presided over the luncheon and thanks of the club were extended to Dr. Whitehead by Grant Stewart. Dr. L. H. Leeson, president of the British Columbia Medical Association, acknowledged hospitality.

Many guests included Dr. L. H. Leeson, Dr. J. E. Walker, Dr. D. W. Johnstone, and Dr. F. L. Whitehead, Vancouver; Dr. W. E. McElmoyle, Victoria; Dr. L. M. Greene, Smithers; Dr. J. D. Galbraith, Dr. M. Ormiston and Dr. P. Kozak, Miller Bay; Dr. J. A. Macdonald, Dr. C. H. Hankinson, Prince Rupert; W. J. O'Neill, W. T. Wark, Owen Hooper and D. T. Evans, Smithers; C. P. Businger, Telkwa, and Martin Van Cooten, Prince Rupert.

CHURCH

SATURDAY SERMON

A MISSIONARY VISION

By A. W. Carmichael, Missionary to India "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18.

The tom-toms thumped on all night and the darkness shuddered round me like a living, feeling thing. I could not go to sleep, so I lay awake and looked and I saw and it seemed like this:

That I stood on a grassy sward and at my feet a precipice broke sheer down into infinite space. I looked, but saw no bottom; only cloud shapes, black and furiously coiled, and great shadow-shrouded hollows, and unfathomable depths. Back I drew, dizzy at the depth.

Then I saw forms of people moving single-file along the grass. They were making for the edge. There was a woman with a baby in her arms and another little child holding on to her dress. She was on the very verge. Then I saw that she was blind. She lifted her foot for the next step... it trod air. She was over, and the children over with her. Oh, the cry as she went over!

Then I saw more streams of people flowing from all quarters. All were blind, stone blind; all made straight for the precipice edge. There were shrieks as they suddenly knew themselves falling and a tossing up of helpless arms, catching, clutching at empty air. But some went over quietly and fell without a sound.

Then I wondered, with a wonder that was simply agony, why no one stopped them at the edge. I could not, I was glued to the ground and I could not call. Though I strained and tried, only a whisper would come.

Then I saw that along the edge there were sentries set at intervals. But the intervals were far too great; there were wide, unguarded gaps between. And over these gaps the people fell in their blindness, quite unwarned; and the green grass seemed blood-red to me, and the gulf yawned like the mouth of Hell.

Then I saw like the picture of peace, a group of Christians under some trees, with their backs turned toward the gulf. They were making daisy chains. Sometimes when a piercing shriek cut the quiet air and

reached them, it disturbed them and they thought it rather a vulgar noise. And if one of their number started up and wanted to go and do something to help, then all the others would pull that one down. "Why should you get so excited about it? You must wait for a definite 'call' to go. You haven't finished your daisy chains. It would be really selfish," they said, "to leave us to finish the work alone."

There was another group. It was made up of people whose great desire was to get some sentries out but they found that very few wanted to go and sometimes there were no sentries for miles and miles at the edge.

Once a girl stood alone in her place, waving the people back; but her mother and other relations called and reminded her that her furlough was due; she must not break the rules. And, being tired and needing a change, she had to go and rest awhile; but no one was sent to guard her gap, and over and

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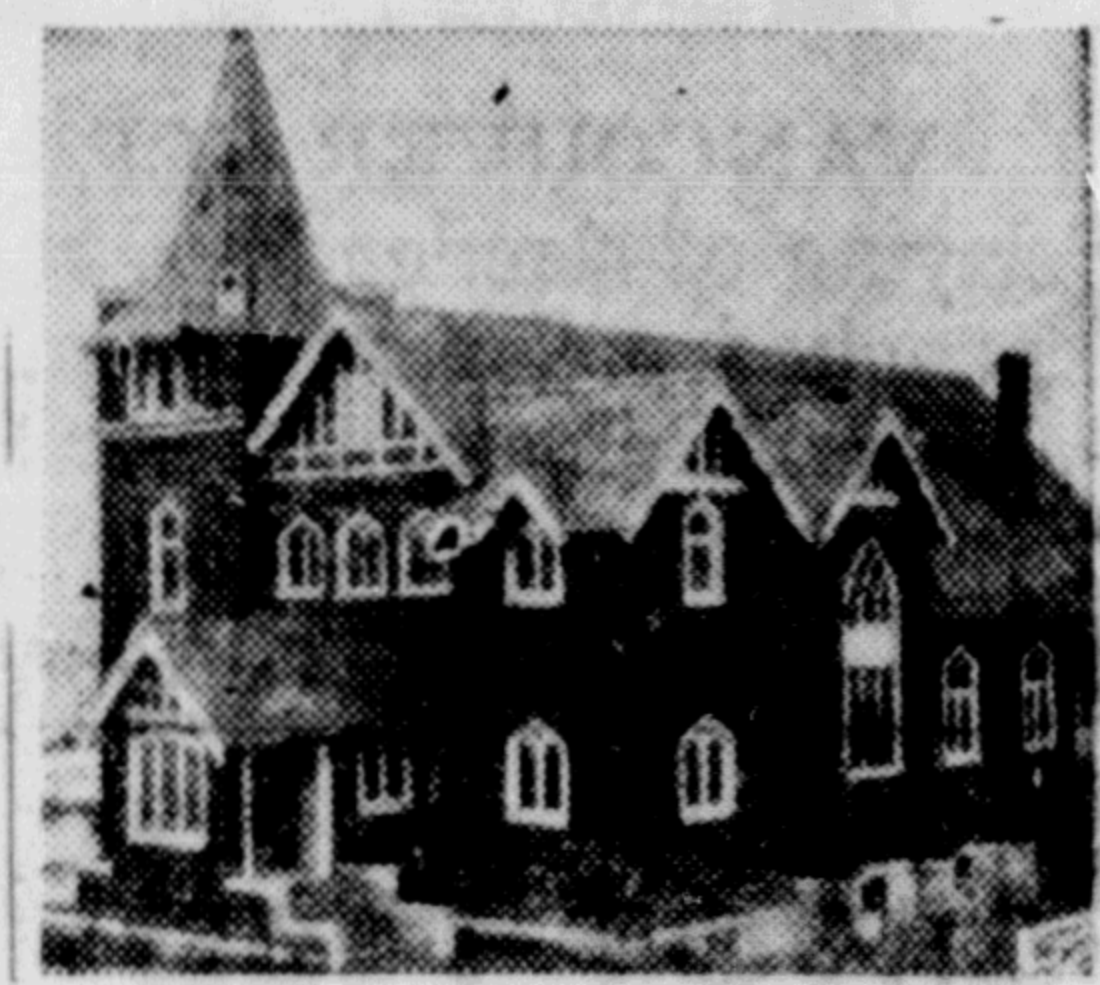
over the people fell, like a waterfall of souls.

Once a child caught at a tuft of grass that grew at the very brink of the gulf; the child clung convulsively, and it called but nobody seemed to hear. Then the roots of the grass gave way and, with a cry, the child went over, its two little hands still holding tight to the torn-off bunch of grass.

And the girl who longed to be back in her gap thought she heard the little one cry and she sprang up and wanted to go; at which her relatives reproved her, reminding her that no one is necessary anywhere—the gap would be well taken care of, they knew. And they sang a hymn.

Then through the hymn came another sound like the pain of a million broken hearts wrung out in one full drop, one sob. And a horror of great darkness came upon me, for I knew what it was—the cry of blood.

Then thundered a Voice, the voice of the Lord; and He said, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Then said I: "Here am I; send me." And He said, "Go and tell this people..." Jesus said: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature..." and lo, I am with you always. (Isaiah 6:8; Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:20.)



First Presbyterian Church Fourth Avenue East Rev. Allan M. McColl, Minister Mrs. J. E. Smith, Organist

I.O.E. Church Parade, 11 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Junior Choir. Solo, Barbara Teng, "Somewhere." Sermon: "Deborah, a Mother In Israel." Sunday School, 12:15 p.m. Evening Service, 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir. Sermon: "The Parable of the Lost Prisoner."

Stewart Hospital Tea Raises \$205

STEWART—The Stewart General Hospital benefitted to the extent of \$205.48 proceeds from a bazaar held by the Women's Auxiliary last week in the Canadian Legion Club Rooms. In charge of arrangements were Mrs. George Nelson, vice-president, Mrs. G. Anderson, secretary, Mrs. R. Barwise (tea), Mrs. L. A. Behnsen (sewing), Mrs. F. H. Lewis (white elephant), Mrs. J. Wolstenholme (fish pond), Mrs. W. R. Tooth (home cooking). A slab of bacon was won by Mrs. A. Lawrence, embroidered apron by Mrs. F. Hunger and, in guessing the number of pennies in a sack, Miss Dorothy Maxymuk was the winner.

FREEZER IN CHINA A huge ammonia refrigerating plant is being manufactured for China by an Australian company.

Rome was supposed to have been founded by Romulus in 753 B.C.

ledged hospitality. Many guests included Dr. L. H. Leeson, Dr. J. E. Walker, Dr. D. W. Johnstone, and Dr. F. L. Whitehead, Vancouver; Dr. W. E. McElmoyle, Victoria; Dr. L. M. Greene, Smithers; Dr. J. D. Galbraith, Dr. M. Ormiston and Dr. P. Kozak, Miller Bay; Dr. J. A. Macdonald, Dr. C. H. Hankinson, Prince Rupert; W. J. O'Neill, W. T. Wark, Owen Hooper and D. T. Evans, Smithers; C. P. Businger, Telkwa, and Martin Van Cooten, Prince Rupert.

REGULAR BAPTIST

S.O.N. Hall, 5th and McBride SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1948

"The day of the Lord is at hand." —Is. 13:16.

12:15 p.m.—Sunday School. 7:30 p.m.—Gospel Service.

Speaker: G. R. S. BLACKBAY.

Topic: "IS THE END OF THE WORLD NEAR?"

(Come and hear what God's Word says.)

Junior Girls' Quartet will sing.

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7:00 p.m.—Junior Young Peoples.

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