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Advice to Students

ALTHOUGH his remarks were addressed to university students, Toronto University president Dr. Sidney Smith, speaking at the opening exercises, gave some advice on methods of study which is applicable to students of any grade. He said:

It is essential to include the proteins of study in your diet from the very first. As Professor Bernhardt says, "the first few weeks of the term are very important. It is then that you set a pattern of activity for yourself and develop your program of work and recreation." So I offer you this advice: Don't start to work next week. Start this week. Last year, in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, 36 students who had failed previously and returned to repeat the year were interviewed and invited to assess the reasons for their failure. They might have said that they hadn't got enough preparation in high school, or that the instructors hadn't made things clear enough, or given many other reasons or excuses. But most of them simply admitted: "I didn't get down to work soon enough."

I am not telling you this to scare you. It is simply a fact of university life that loafing for the first term and cramming before the exams is not good enough. If I could sear that message on your brains, you would be the most successful entering class in our recent history!

My second piece of advice is this: Don't try to pass. Try to get honors. Try to do the very best work you can. I have just recently come back from a conference at St. Andrew's, New Brunswick, where the industrial leaders of Canada were talking of the need for educated manpower in the Canadian economy. They did not say merely, "We need so many hundred graduates in this and so many thousand graduates in that." They said, "We need quality. We need men and women with good trained minds who are not afraid of work or of responsibility. We would rather have one good graduate who has excelled in his academic preparation than twenty who have just scraped through."

New Agriculture Minister

IT HAS been drawn to our attention that in yesterday's editorial we were mistaken in saying that provincial Minister of Mines Kiernan also carries the portfolio of minister of agriculture. Although he served in both roles in the last cabinet, the agriculture department has now passed into the care of Ralph Chetwynd, who is also minister of fisheries.

However, the point we were making remains unchanged. It was that W. J. Asselstine of Atlin, a former Liberal mines minister who is now a Social Credit MLA, might well have been given the position which Mr. Kiernan now holds. Not only has he had the experience needed, but he comes from an area which in the next few years should see great mining development.

Lack of cabinet material has been one of the chief difficulties of the Social Credit party since it came into power. Now that he has some scope of selection, Premier Bennett should make full use of it.

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Discrimination by Landlords Against Indians Charged

The Editor,

The Daily News:

I never thought that I would sit down one day to write an open letter to the editor on the subject of discrimination on the part of some people, especially landlords of Prince Rupert.

My husband and I have been trying to look for a larger place to rent but up until now we have not been successful. The reason is because I am an Indian.

I telephoned a certain landlord tonight concerning a small house to rent. The house had not been taken nor had anyone else telephoned for it. The landlord told me that we could come to look at it and we were told it was \$100 per month. Then these questions were asked:

Question: Is your husband Indian?

Answer: No, he is not.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

No matter how engrossing domestic politics, world affairs, and general economic problems may be in the months ahead, it's a safe wager that they're not going to divert public attention completely from CBC's intrepid anti-Davey Crockett crusade.

The object of the crusade is to persuade Canadian kids to put away their Davey Crockett hats and other regalia and devote their impulsive hero worship to some native figure equally stirring to the youthful imagination. Pierre Radisson, pioneer French-Canadian fur trader of the 1600's, the legendary character selected to supplant the Davey Crockett myth.

It seems that amongst our TV suggestions which CBC has been receiving over recent months is a plea from distressed Canadian parents for some Canadian TV hero capable of winning the devotion of young viewers who are yielding to frontiersman Crockett. The parents appear to sense that it isn't too healthy a thing for Canadian youngsters to grow up with a reverence for the pioneer heroes of another country.

Always ready to champion a spirit of authentic Canadianism, especially where the country's junior citizens are concerned, CBC has prepared to film a stirring dramatization of episodes taken more or less from the life of the pioneer Radisson. The aim is to make the stories so dramatic that Canadian youngsters will conclude that Davey Crockett was just a sissy compared with Radisson.

One of the difficulties which CBC faces in the project is that a good deal of cleaning up is going to have to be done on Radisson before his life can be made suitable fare upon which to nourish youthful Canadian minds. For the record leaves no doubt about him having been a genuinely robust character, with considerable tendency to talk most generally accepted social refinements. Here is what Canadian historian Stephen Leacock says about Radisson:

"He spent many years living with the Indians, actually living them, and he bettered their instruction in craft and ferocity. Fighting against the Mohawks he had been captured and his tortures at the stake begun, when he was seized and rescued by a squaw, who knew a man whom she saw one. From then on Radisson did not hesitate to join in burning his enemies at the stake and to join in the cannibal feasts that were another variant of Indian pleasure . . . He left a journal, No history book, diluted by a hundred repetitions, can match the crude reality of it."

All in all, he sounds like quite a character and the CBC shouldn't have too much trouble in building him up into a figure splendidly awesome to the youth of the nation. But if the manners of the youth of the nation should fail to improve as they come to pattern themselves upon him, Canadian parents shouldn't be too surprised. Nor should CBC.

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NEW LEVELS OF LEADERSHIP

Women Should Wake Up To Public Responsibilities

The following article is the last of a series published this week in connection with Business Women's Week, being observed across Canada between September 23 and September 29. The articles are contributed by Prince Rupert business and professional women who, along with the Canadian Federation of PWPC seek to improve the status of women in the business world.

By ALDERMAN KAY SMITH

There are all too few women in public life—both at the municipal level and also in the political world. I feel that there is a definite need for more women in these fields.

All Aboard

By G. E. MORTIMORE

There are many pleasures to light a dark world, in the autumn. For instance:

A tree full of small birds exploding into flight. The honk of wild geese.

The shiny face of a chestnut broken from its husk. Boys gather the nuts to play with. A grown man furtively hides a chestnut in his pocket and examines it when he thinks no body is looking. The nut is a talisman of boyhood. Its pure high gloss, like the bowl of a new pipe, fades to a dry, tough brown. The smell of apples and leaf-smoke. Yellow, brown and tattered green foliage reflected in a lake, until a wind smashes the mirror and sends the leaves flying.

It is true that some men are unwilling to accept women as equals on governing bodies, but fortunately, these men are in the minority.

Women now make up a large proportion of our voting groups and, therefore, should undertake an equal proportion of the work in deciding policy, spending our money and in all decisions connected with the affairs of our various governments.

We speak of our powerful "groups"—labor, management and so on. But let us not forget that the women of our land could be the most powerful "group" if they so desired by waking up to their responsibilities and taking their rightful place in the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government.

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