

Protection for Men of Wilds

FOR a prospector or trapper whose work takes him into areas where there is always the danger of attack by animals, an essential piece of equipment is a revolver. Easy to carry and effective in any such emergency, a revolver could be the difference between life and death to these lonely men of mountains and forests. Yet here in B.C., because of some recent snarl in red tape, this vital bit of protection has been taken from them.

In the words of Justice Minister Garson, speaking on the subject in parliament, the situation is this:

"Section 90 of the criminal code makes it an offence for a person to have a pistol or revolver elsewhere than in his dwelling house or place of business unless he has a permit. Section 94 of the code authorizes the commissioner of the Mounted Police and the attorney-general of the province to issue such permits. Since section 94 places the authority for the issuance of permits within the province in the hands of the attorney-general of the province, the commissioner of the Mounted Police confines his authority to issuing permits to those of an interprovincial nature, such as permits to express messengers."

"In those provinces such as British Columbia, in which the government has entered into an agreement with the provincial government to make available the services of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to discharge provincial police duties, it is the provincial attorney-general who controls the policy under which those authorized to issue permits, including officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, must issue them. Moreover, the officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in the issuance of permits for pistols and revolvers in such a province are, pursuant to the police agreement, under the direction of the provincial attorney-general."

If it is true that the matter now lies in the hands of B.C. Attorney-General Bonner, then he should attend to it without delay. It is of real importance to the development of B.C., particularly its northern section, that men be encouraged to live in and explore its isolated places. Depriving them of a means of self-defence previously allowed them is a step in exactly the opposite direction.

Stratification

WITH social stratification wearing thinner every year, a section of the British upper class has taken a final stand against invasion from below. The members call themselves the "U's," as distinguished from the "Non-U's," and they base the difference on the oldest distinction in the world. They speak different languages.

As far as possible, the U's avoid genteel euphemisms and keep their language as direct and simple as possible. Some of the gradings may be baffling to people on this continent, however. Why are "sweets" and "greens" superior to puddings and vegetables? If bike is more Chaucerian than cycle, what about telegraph as a substitute for wire? The distinctions become more obvious when translated into our own idiom. If you refer to a bad heart as a cardiac condition, if you insist that people pass away rather than die, and commend them to a mortician instead of an undertaker, then you are Non-U, and probably headed for a bad Inferiority Complex.

There seems to be no way of grading Inferiority Complex, either up or down. Possibly the Non-U's will go right on using it as it stands. The U's naturally won't recognize it in any form.

Saturday Night.

Scriptures

Be ye therefore perfect as your father which is in heaven is perfect. Matthew 5:48.
We certainly will not exceed our ideals. We should not accept a low objective.

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