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Better Teacher Training

WHAT promises to be a valuable step in the training of school teachers in this province will be taken next September when the college of education opens at the University of B.C. This will mark the end of normal school training for elementary teachers which qualified them to take up their duties after a year's course. Now they will be required to complete two years at the new college (although in some cases a one-year emergency program will be allowed), after which they will receive a Bachelor of Education degree plus their teaching certificates. Secondary school teachers will be trained in a five-year Bachelor of Education degree program.

The extended and more intensive courses for teachers in training should do much to eliminate the uncertainty experienced by young men and women in the profession today when, barely out of school themselves, they are flung into the exacting task of instructing others. No doubt because of their inadequate training, many have given up in despair before they had a chance to prove themselves. Thus the new program should ensure not only better teachers but more of them.

Any idea that the longer period of training will discourage young people from entering the profession does not seem to be borne out by experience. In fact, results have been exactly the opposite. In the U.S., where all teacher training is given either in degree-granting teachers' colleges or in universities, it has been found that the system has materially increased the prestige of the profession and thereby made it more attractive. Now over half the States demand a four-year degree for the elementary teaching certificate—an example that was followed by Alberta in 1945 and later by Quebec. Nova Scotia also has placed teacher training at university level.

It is obvious that neither the training nor the supply of teachers in this province has kept pace with the rest of the program being undertaken at considerable cost for the advancement of education. There is reason to hope that by this new measure both faults will be corrected.

Postmen And Dogs

WHY do dogs dislike postmen?

Last year 183 mail carriers in Canada claimed compensation for dog bites serious enough to require medical attention, and the Post Office Department said there were hundreds and maybe thousands of cases in which the victim was able to patch himself up without professional aid. In the same year 5,880 United States mailmen were bitten, indicating that the dislike is general and not confined to one country.

The Canadian Department issued a list of suggestions for mailmen who were advised to ignore the dog until he showed he was friendly, to bluff him by walking straight and fast past him, and to refrain from striking at a snarling, barking or snapping dog. The U.S. Department thinks some more effective protection is needed. It is considering various methods of meeting or preventing attack, among them being a chemical dog repellent, wire meshings, and reinforced clothing at "appropriate places" on the mailman's uniform.

American statistics show that in 72 per cent of the cases the dog bites below the knee, in 13 per cent he bites on the hand or the forearm, in 12 per cent he bites above the knee, and in three per cent he bites "elsewhere." These figures indicate canine tastes or tactics, but they do not explain why dogs dislike postmen, or why dogs that dislike postmen are allowed to run at large.

Toronto Telegram.



Lamb's

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As I See It

BY

Elmore Philpott

• Exit Molotov

THE passing of Molotov from the top post in Soviet Union foreign affairs marks the end of an era.

For months past the top Communists throughout the world have been systematically and ostentatiously pulling down statues of Stalin, both literally and figuratively.

Also, for months or even years past, it was clear that Molotov was uncertain and insecure in his own position. So no one was surprised, at the end, when Molotov was given the gate.

Yet for all that, the final formality of the change impresses that the Old Bolsheviks were a thing of the past. Molotov was the Old Bolshevik par excellence—the living, walking statue to Stalinism in action.

WHAT book this man Molotov could write. If only Old Bolsheviks were given to writing real books instead of party-line treatises or ideological arguments!

He could tell the whole inside story of the Russian revolution. He could tell the whole truth—the terrible truth—of the long murderous struggle between Stalin and Trotsky for the supreme command in the world Communist army, which is inaccurately called the Communist "party."

He could tell of the undeclared war which raged in the early 30s between Russia and Japan—a war in which bloody battles were fought between large armies, but with hardly a word of it getting out to western newspapers till weeks after the event.

He could tell of the reasons for the terrible famine in the Ukraine in 1932 when vast numbers of human beings died of starvation at the very period that Russia was dumping huge quantities of wheat on the world markets in order to get the cash for what she had to buy to fight the undeclared war with Japan.

Molotov could tell the truth about the purges of the later 30s, when tens of thousands of people were put to death by Stalin's secret police, partly because there was a separate conspiracy by Hitler's agents and Trotsky's followers to overthrow Stalin.

Molotov could tell how much evidence there was, or was not, that these two groups were working in cahoots, and how much of Stalin's repressions were due to blind fear, and the ferocity that goes with any tyranny.

BUT above all Molotov could tell of that strange Hitler-Stalin pact of 1939, which was the immediate prelude to the second world war.

It was he himself who did the legwork to and from Berlin to complete the deal.

Was it true that Russia was unwillingly driven into making that bargain for sheer reasons of self-preservation?

It has always been my theory that this was so, and I plainly wrote in this column in the years 1938 and 1939 that Russia and Germany would make exactly the deal that they did make because of Mr. Chamberlain's surrender to Hitler at Munich.

As I wrote at the time, "the west had better take Hitler-Germany easy" and the inevitable answer of the Russian government to the west would be to make a counter offer to Hitler which would send him west instead.

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PERSONAL EFFORT

COMOX, B.C.—A claim to mark the spot where the first white settler landed in this Vancouver Island valley is almost finished. G. R. Bates, after campaigning several years for a monument, finally started the job himself.

And that's when the next major government-opposition engagement will be fought. It will be on the same scale as the pipeline battle. It may even be more tense. No one can guarantee how long the government's patience under the terrific pounding it has been taking from the combined PCs and CCFers will last. The election the opposition groups are fighting to provoke could come with dramatic suddenness.

SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Demolition Contract For Borden School Set

Contract to demolish and remove familiar Prince Rupert landmark, the Borden Street elementary school, was awarded last night to A. W. Allaire of Kain Industries Ltd. as the lowest of two tenders submitted to the Board of School Trustees for District 52.

Successful tender was for \$2,100 and the board will inform Mr. Allaire that acceptance of the bid was subject to the condition that the demolition work be completed within four months of starting on the job.

Admire Molotov or abhor him, but you can't get away from the fact that Old Iron Pants Molotov was among the toughest operators of the toughest regime that this world has seen since the fall of the Roman Empire.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

It can be said with complete assurance that even once the controversial pipelines legislation is passed by the aid of closure, the issue of the rights of Parliament which it has raised will not die down.

The PCs will see to that. They feel that in accusing the government of dictatorship tactics, of depriving Parliament of its freedom, and of sundry other repressive measures, they have made charges that are unforgivable under any system of true democracy. Consequently, they consider that consistency requires them to continue without any let-up their opposition to a government guilty of the offences for which they have indicated will.

There is, of course, always the possibility that the PCs are mistaken in their indictment and that they have accused the government wrongfully. The PCs are willing to admit this in theory, even although they are convinced that the facts are otherwise. But their contention is that the people should be allowed to render an ex parte verdict in a general election.

And so even when the smoke of battle clears away over the pipelines bill, there isn't the slightest chance of peace returning to the House of Commons and the session carrying on uneventfully to a routine conclusion. The PCs are going to strike out on another warpath without giving the government time to catch its breath. The aim which they are prepared to pursue will be to force a general election during the present summer preferably in late August.

The occasion of the next PCs offensive will be the cabinet's expected attempt almost any day now to vote interim supply to meet the costs of government in the remaining period before the departmental estimates are approved and the regular sessional world.

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Monty To Stay With NATO Until He's "Kicked Out"

VANCOUVER (C) Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery is one old soldier who has no intention of "fading away."

"Will you make certain that gets back to the UK," he asked.

"They are saying I am getting tired and will soon go away. I have no intention of evacuating my post. I would like to make it quite clear I haven't the slightest intention of leaving..."

"Of course, I may be kicked out."

"He said he intended to stay with NATO, of which he is deputy commander, "until there is an end in view."

Such an end he described as a balance between economic and

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