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### Co-operation needed in school and at home

ith the start of school today throughout the city and the rest of the province thousands of young careers are either being launched or continued. Once more these young lives are being placed in the hands of hundreds of teachers, some new, some veterans. Next June the results of the co-operation between these two groups, the students and the teachers will be once more placed to the test as exam results are received.

More and more as education looms larger in our way of life, the need for a deeper understanding between parents, pupils and teachers, not in a parent-teacher association sense but to ensure that the students are receiving the maximum assistance in learning all that is necessary to fit them for facing the world when they leave school.

On the elementary school level, especially for Grade 1 pupils, it is essential that children grasp without fail the basic fundamentals of arithmetic, writing and reading. That is obviously the aim, but past experience has shown, whether teachers like to admit it or not, that students are reaching junior high school still unable to do simple addition and subtraction in their heads, their spelling is atrocious and their reading ability far from satisfactory.

This places an additional burden on both the pupils and the high school teachers. The latter find it difficult to impart advanced material to students who are still groping for basic knowledge they should have gained in Grades 3, 4 or 5. By the time students reach Grade 12 many lose interest due to their inability to cope with their

school work and teachers become frustrated because their efforts are being wasted on pupils who don't appear able to absorb information they should.

At the same time, right from the Grade 1 to graduation class, it is the duty of both parents of a child to keep a keen eye on their child's progress. Any lack of understanding, inability to absorb facts, any confusion in the mind of their youngsters or teenage children should be noted as soon as possible by the parents and a remedy sought immediately. A boy or girl cannot make progress in any subject of which the fundamentals are not clearly understood. If a barrier to advancement exists it should be removed before additional information is piled on. If this is not done only greater confusion will result and in the end the child will become hopelessly lost in a welter of meaningless facts or figures.

With understanding and helpful assistance supplied by the teachers and parents the major contribution towards a successful academic life still remains with the child. If respect for learning and its rewards is instilled in a boy or girl, the need for patient, steadfast work in school or at home stressed, then good results should accrue. Procrastination, fetish adherence to the gang vogue or the placing of pleasurable pursuits ahead of study, will play havoc with school work and it is up to parents to lay down the law and see that their children attend to first things first. In that way, possibly, instead of having a few outstanding students every other year, the whole educational standard of the city's youngsters can be lifted to a notable degree.

#### The law of Alabama

DOBBERY is a capital offense in Alabama. That is why Jimmy Wilson, 55, a Negro handyman, has been sentenced to die on September 5. He robbed an elderly white widow of \$1.95.

Wilson was prosecuted on this charge alone, though a grand jury had indicted him on three counts-robhery, burglary and burglary with attempt to ravish.

For robbery, only four men, all Negroes, have died in the electric chair since it was installed in Montgomrey, Alabama's capital, in 1927.

Twenty-four were executed for criminal assault, which appears to be an clastic term in the South. "Around here, if a Negro touches a white woman, that's criminal assault," J. Render Thomas, clerk of the state supreme court, explained.

An all-white jury heard the case. On appeal, the seven-man supreme court

upheld the sentence. A motion for rehearing is not expected to be granted because there is no new evidence. Wilson's last hope is that the Governor will commute the sentence.

The severity of the sentence clashes with some fundamental concepts of Canadian and British law that the punishment should fit the crime and that, while justice must be done, it should also APPEAR to have been

The people of the South should remember that these cases are reported around the world and give excellent propaganda material to those wishing to criticize the United States for tolerating barbaric, obsolete laws.

If the Governor commutes the death penalty, it will lessen the propaganda impact of an act that is certainly inhumane, if not unjust under the laws of Alabama. — The Toronto Telegram.

#### INTERPRETING THE NEWS Icelandic waters dear to Britain, Europe By JOSEPH MacSWEEN

fisheries are some fresh cold facts of economic Whether you say it in pounds and pence

Behind the British-Icelandic fight over

or dollars and cents Iceland's waters mean money to Britain and European nations who fish there.

As for Iceland, fish products comprise 07 per cent of total exports on the estimate of the government, which says flatly that "the Icelandic people depend for their existence on the survival of the fish stocks."

It was with this background that Iceland--on the ground of conservation-started the dispute by extending her territorial limit to 13 miles from four miles Sept. 1, after a previous extension to four from three miles in

Britain estimates the annual value of its Teclandic fisheries at \$35,000,000, notably from cod and haddock. This amounts to 40 per cent of the harvest taken by its "distant water floot" and 20 to 25 per cont of fish caught

by all British vessels. West Germany, France, The Notherlands. Sweden, Norway, Donmark, Bolgium and Spain are other countries fishing Icolandic waters. In desending its action, Icoland refers to

Canadian Press Staff Writer a Geneva international conference on territorial limits last April and says:

"In all, 13 resolutions were tabled . . . none of which gained the required majority-twothirds of the votes cast.

"Canada's proposal of 12-mile fishery limits received a simple majority of the votes cast, which showed among other things that fishery limits of 12 miles enjoyed a great support." British sources maintain that the Icelandic

cod catch has remained constant on the basis of 100 hours fishing—a common term of measurement—for the last 50 years, thus indicating no over-fishing. They also maintain that Britain's share of the total catch dropped to 26 from 37 per cent in the periods 1930-38 and 1053-55 while Iceland's Increased to 45 from 31 per cent.

Iceland says that in 1955 the total catch of all fish apart from herring came to 355,350 tons, 343,231 in 1056 and 318,832 in 1057 despite an increased fishing fleet and modern tech-

Perhaps a key to Icoland's long-term thinking can be seen in a statement that the little country imported goods worth £3,500,000 from Britain in 1057 and £2,500,000 from Gor-



PRIME MINISTER DIEFENBAKER with his favorite painting of Sir John A. MacDonald, Canada's first prime minister in the background, posed for this picture as taken by a Saturday Evening Post photographer. The picture was one of many illustrating a recent article in the Post entitled "Canada's Amazing Prime Minister" by the well-known U.S. political writer Milton MacKaye.

# All Aboard By G.E. Morlimore

They've had the automatic pilot for some time. Now science has produced the completely automatic air naviga-

This British-made gadget is called the Marconi Doppler Navigator, Type AD 2300.

It is the world's first electronic navigational aid which is' completely independent of ground stations.

According to United Kingdom Information Service, "it can present, on a combined control and indicator unit, direct information on distanceto-go along a stage of a predetermined flight plan; distance to go along a composite desired track to reach a destination; direction and speed of wind, ground speed and drift angle.

"Other information includes left-right indication for steering the aircraft on a desired rhumb line or great circle track; distance to destination and a visual indication when the end of a navigational stage has been reached."

It can be built into an autopilot system. And, one might add, it doesn't drink too much beer on the night before it goes flying. It does not whistle into the intercommunication system, lose all its pencils and navigational instruments, or add the magnetic variation instead of subtracting it, human errors to which fleshand-blood navigators were sometimes liable.

The automatic pilot, familiarly known as George, itself seemed marvellous enough in its day.

Many a navigator of middlesized aircraft, I am told, can remember the panicky feeling that came over him the first time his pilot appeared in the navigator's compartment.

It was almost as though a man were dozing in the back seat of a car and he awoke with a start to find that the driver was sitting beside him, and that nobody was at the

Not quite the same, though. In the case of the aircraft, George was driving.

A navigating machine of sorts was in use in some areas during the war. But it wasn't as versatile and as self-regulating as the new one appears

Many former air force navigators will wish heartily that the new machine had been in-

vented a few years earlier. With an automatic pilot, an automatic navigator, mechanical wireless operator air gunner and electronic gunners when needed, members of the crew could have acquired companions from the Women's Auxiliary Air Force or RCAF (WD) and had an agreeable day or night on the town, while their aircraft found its way there and back by itself.

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## Victoria Report

. . . by J. K. NESBITT ber birthday list and we'll see a good cross section of our

Legislature. his 58th birthday—still in the William H. Murray, SC MLA prime of life, as far as politicians go. There's still plenty for Prince Rupert, was 42 Sept. of time for him to become 2. He was born in Edinburgh. Next Monday Harold Roche, Prime Minister of Canada, if SC MLA for North Peace River he can convert the country to will be 60. He was born in He was born in New Bruns-Manitoba,

VICTORIA—Saturday, Sept.

6, Premier Bennett will mark

wick, but early in life follow-

ed the advice "go west young

man," and so went to Alberta

and then came further west,

to British Columbia's Okanag-

an Valley, which has done very

well by him, and he by it, as

anyone in Kelowna will tell.

ambitious young man, who

hasn't a lazy bone in his body,

a dull chord in his brain. No

one can say he hasn't done

well, very well indeed, thank

you. There may be a lot of

people who wish he hadn'

done so well, but such is a

matter of political opinion;

few premiers have been so

personally hated as Mr. Ben-

nett, but the hatred is slowly

September is quite a month

for legislative birthdays. Good

thing the House isn't sitting,

bing up and down wishing

everybody else many happy re-

Let's examine the Septem-

e everybody would be bob-

dying away, as it should in a

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Sept. 10 there'll be two legislative birthdays: Attorneygeneral Bonner, SC MLA for Point Grey, native of Vancouver, will be 38; Liberal George Gregory of Victoria, born in Victoria, will be 42.

Arthur Turner, CCF MLA for Vancouver-East will be 70 Sept. 12. He was born in Eng-

Sept. 13 Recreation and Conservation Minister Earle Westwood, SC MLA for Nanaimothe Islands, will be 49. He was. born in Nanaimo.

Sept. 15, George Massey, SC

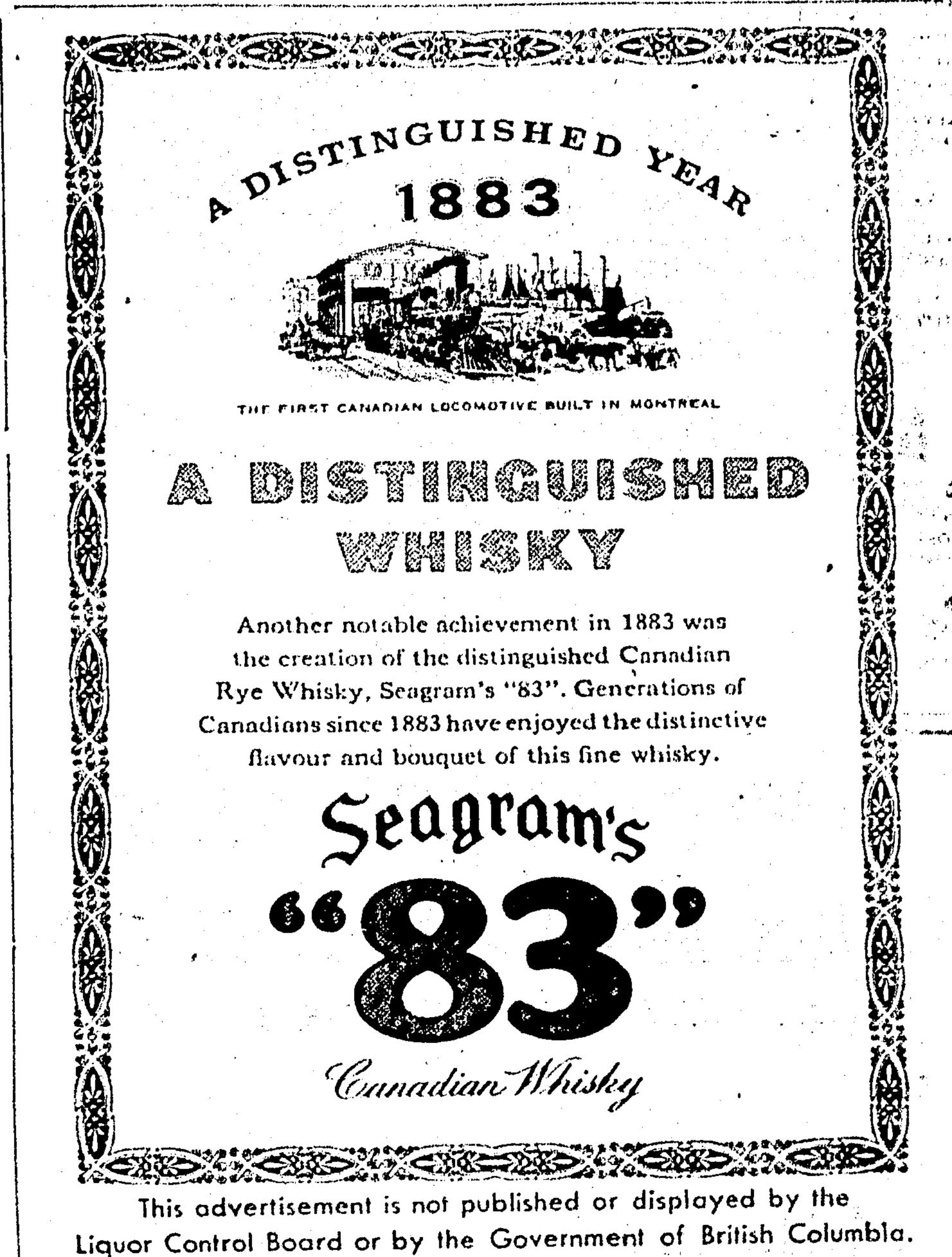
MLA for Delta will be 55. He was born in Ireland, the only true-blue Irishman in the

Two more birthdays Sept. 16 \(\) -Mrs. Lois Haggen, CCF MLA for Grand Forks-Greenwood, and Arvid Lundell, SC-MLA for -Revelstoke. Both will be 59000 Mrs. Haggen was born in Alabama, Mr. Lundell in Revel-

Next day, Randolph Harding, ... CCF MLA for Kaslo-Slocan will be 44. He was born in Silverton, B.C., where he still

Irrespective of politics, these folks are all good citizens, doing their best for British Columbia and its people, and so we may all sing "happy birthdays, M.L.A.'s . . . ''

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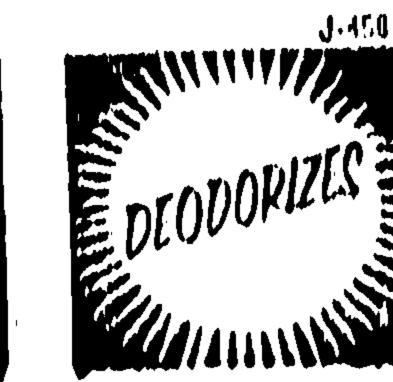
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