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PRISONS AND PRISONERS

There is little likelihood of a cessation of the public interest in the discussion of modern punishment of wrong-doers until such time as the matter is fully considered by an independent commission of inquiry and its recommendations for improvement of institutions and inmates are given a fair trial. It is not enough to appoint commissioners and to have them make suggestions; that has been done before and the report has been pigeon holed, with scarcely a serious recommendation heeded. Not even repeated outbreaks in penitentiaries have influenced government or officials to devise reforms and remove all reasonable cause of complaint. Mr. Nickle, a former attorney general for Ontario, who, living in Kingston and taking a humanitarian interest in the nearby Penitentiary in a recent address, showed how great is the need for a thorough over-hauling of the entire system of trying, convicting and punishing wrongdoers. Mr. Nickle rightly urges the British tradition that a man is innocent until he is proved guilty. That in every trial the accused should be given all warranted assistance, instead of as is now too often the case, finding public prosecutors making common cause against him. The prosecutor should scrupulously aim to bring out the facts; he represents the public primarily, but his duty is also to see that the accused person gets fair play.

The public interest in delinquents does not end with their conviction and sentence however, and if there is neglect here we must all pay the penalty. We cannot overlook the fact that a very large proportion of the inmates of penitentiaries are under 20 years of age—many of them first offenders. Hence the need of the authorities seeing that these youths are separated from the seasoned criminals, and special efforts made to surround them with special opportunities for instruction, education and sympathy, thus providing them with incentives to right living instead of supplying affiliations leading to the downward road. The new prison for first offenders, outside the big penitentiary at Kingston, was provided by parliament for these youthful offenders and was a grave mistake to keep these youths with the recidivists and make the new institution a place of comparative repose for favorite brokers, and kindred favorites.

Our attention has been called to another grave misapplication of penal regulations. We refer to the habit of Ontario magistrates making the penitentiary a place for sending persons convicted of escaping from local prisons. It would be interesting to ascertain how many of these offenders have in the last few years, been sentenced to a penitentiary term for decamping from provincial institutions. A friend of ours took a magistrate to task for imposing so severe a sentence as two years imprisonment, when he knew that there was statute, passed by the Provincial Legislature, fixing the sentence for unlawful escape from provincial custody at imprisonment for one year. The reply was the production of a circular from the office of the Attorney General directing magistrates to ignor the provincial law and convict under the criminal code. Thus we have had youths, sentenced to a few months detention at a provincial prison farm, given every opportunity to escape, and embracing it to gratify the natural love of liberty, and longing for home sentenced to the long prison term in the penitentiary, and to association with the worst of criminals. Under the circumstances, it was a grave mistake to have an offender of this rank subjected to such treatment and the taxpayer mulct of the greatly increased cost of his maintenance. Why should a prisoner who escapes from jail or jail farm not be subject to the Ontario law? For such a misdemeanor a year's additional imprisonment at hard labor would surely meet his case.

The Penetentiaries require a thorough going over, but the manner in which they are filled up must not be overlooked, if our penal institutions are to be made all that the public have a right to expect.

CHAOS IN MARKETING

"Every private sale to a packer representative or an export firm renders the farmer a prey to a highly efficient and well-informed organization from which he cannot hope to secure a just or adequate price," W. A. Amos, president of the United Farmers Co-operative said in an interview by The Weekly Sun on the cattle situation prevailing in Ontario. He described the present marketing methods as chaotic, and condemned unregulated, direct trucking of cattle and hogs from the farm to the packing plant.

The Weekly Sun is conducting an investigation at the present time on the marketing conditions in the stock yards. They claim that the trucks operating direct to the abattoirs has lost the former bargaining powers which they enjoyed in years past, by removing the largest portion of livestock offered for sale from the competitive market. If the stock was shipped direct to the stock yards, in place of to the packer The Sun stated that prices would be more stable and the stock owner would benefit. The Sun is instituting a great crusade and should be successful if they could only bring the facts of their investigation to the great army of stock raisers, whose interests they are so well attempting to serve.

Other Paper's Opinions

Somebody Failed — Not Orphan

In commenting on an item in The Advance about a young boy being taken into a wealthy family on trial for adoption, and then being returned to the orphan home, the Toronto Star Weekly has the following to say:

"Somebody failed, perhaps, but we are not sure that it was the orphan. Being a small boy he probably put on no pretence, but was just himself. Perhaps when he grows older, learns guile, hears of the big chance he missed of being adopted into a family of great wealth he will wish that he had shown some cunning, some hypocrisy and had pretended to be exactly the kind of boy others wanted him to be. Had he done this he would have been a poorer bit of stuff than he is. In order to judge the case one would need to know something about the "wealthy couple" who took this orphan on trial. What kind of people were they and what did they expect of a boy who had not known them and was unfamiliar with their way of life? Did they not want the impossible when they wanted to make over this strange boy into a replica of the son they had lost—a son they now idealized, exaggerating his virtues and forgetting every fault he had ever posessed? The scheme would not have worked and it was probably just as well that the small boy was set free to live his own independent life.

THE OTHER WAY OF SEEING THINGS

Some young people are always looking forward to the good time they will have when they have finished a task They study their lessons in school, or do their work at the office, thinking what a good time they will have when the work is completed. Often it goes even farther. Some students are thinking how much they will enjoy themselves when they have finished school.

Having a good time is more of a habit than anything else. Some people never enjoy themselves because they formed the habit of being discontented and gloomy when they were young. They growled about their school work, and when they left school, they growled about their jobs; even though the time has come when they neither have to study nor to work, they still growl and grumble.

If you want to have a good time, start now, right where you are. Learn the joy there is in washing dishes, mowing the lawn, wrestling with algebra problems, or hunting for errors that keep your books from balancing. The fact is, there are possibilities of enjoyment in almost everything. —Ex.

Minneapolis court decided that when a man left his wife he could also take the family car along with him. That is more than can be claimed for the happily married man who has a grown-up family.

Statistics show that employment in Ontario has improved by approximately 25 per cent. this fall over a corresponding period last year. Slowly, but surely, we are getting back on our knees after having been knocked flat on our backs. It may be a long time before we shall walk again, but the indications are for better business, providing we can keep hanging on.

—HAVE YOU RENEWED?

Hockey Broadcasting

For the arm-chair hockey fan, and his name is Legion, there is a thrill of anticipation in today's announcement from headquarters of the General Motors Hockey Broadcasts. First game to go on the air over a Central Ontario network, with Foster Hewitt and Gordon Castle at the microphone is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, when Boston plays Maple Leafs at the Gardens. Second broadcast will be Saturday night, November 11, when the New York Rangers pay Toronto a visit.

As far as Ontario radio fans are concerned, they will hear about the same number of games as last year, but hockey by radio "caught on" to such an extent last year, that the General Motors Hockey Broadcasts are to be extended considerably for the rest of the Dominion. Games at the Montreal Forum are to be broadcast each Saturday night over a network in the Province of Quebec and some of the Montreal games, as well as many of the Toronto games, will be carried on a coast-to-coast network.

The list of stations carrying the broadcasts from Maple Leaf Gardens and the name of the dance orchestra for intermission entertainment, will be announced soon.

Incidentally, the extension of the broadcasts to Montreal Forum brings a number of new voices to the ether, including that of Elmer Ferguson, of the Montreal Herald, one of the most authoritative sports writers in Canada; Charles Harwood, former hockey player and well-known Montreal sports broadcaster; Phil Lalonde CKAC manager; and Roland Beaudry sports editor of Le Canada. The last two will be identified with Canadiens games in the Forum, which will be broadcast in the French language.

Protection of Roses and Other Plants For Winter

In the parts of Canada where the snowfall is heavy, comes early, and stays all winter, ordinary perennials need no other protection, but in districts where the ground becomes bare in winter a covering of straw, cornstalks or pine boughs is advisable. Bulbs such as tulips and daffodils should be covered with old manure. At the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, it has been found that daffodils sometimes kill out in the winter, but a mulch of old manure seems to give the needed protection.

Except in the mildest sections of the country climbing roses, Hybrid Teas and Hybrid Perpetuals should be covered for winter. As climbing roses bloom on last year's wood the canes must be kept in good health or there will be very few if any flowers. When the weather turns cool the canes should be taken down from their support and tied together. The bundle of canes should be laid on the ground and earth mounded up around the roots to the height of twelve to eighteen inches. In some varieties the canes are stiff and should be bent over as far as possible and tied to a stake that has been driven into the ground. After the ground is frozen the canes should be covered with dry leaves or straw and these covered with boards, placed together to form an inverted V so that water will drain off. It is important that the canes should be kept dry as moisture may freeze on the bark and damage it. Building paper is sometimes used. In spring the covering should be removed gradually. In places where mice are troublesome some wheat soaked in poison should be placed under the covering as they frequently damage the bark of the rose.

Bush roses such as Hybrid Perpetuals and Hybrid Teas bloom on the new wood, so that it is not necessary to keep the whole of the stems alive as the plant will grow and flower if cut back to three or four eyes. The earth should be mounded up around the stems as recommended for climbers and after it is frozen, straw manure, straw or leaves placed over the beds and covered with pine boughs, cornstalks or chicken wire to keep it in place.

As the amount of protection required for plants varies according to the climate it is advisable to find out what method has proved successful with other gardeners in the district.

Rock elm from Desboro vicinity is being used in the construction of British ships of war. With hearts of oak in the crews and Sullivan rock elm in the Dreadnaughts what's the use of puny little nations like Germany, France or the United States ever thinking of defying the old flag that has braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze.

Committed Suicide By Using Employee's Rifle

A young man named Mervin Davidson committed suicide by shooting himself on Monday night at the home of his employer, Wm. Crockford, who lives on the east-back line about a mile south of Mt. Zion church. The young man was 20 years of age No reason has been assigned for his rash act. He was a son of Robt. Davidson of Wareham. Mr. Crockford on going to the stable Tuesday found the body with one hand still clasping a rifle and with a bullet hole through his forehead.

Nursery Stock Fakirs

"Be on guard against Nursery Stock Fakirs," warns J. A. Carroll, Superintendent of Horticultural Societies. "One community recently parted with several hundred dollars as advance on nursery stock to be delivered next spring. It has now been learned that the firm supposedly represented does not exist." "There are many reliable firms in Ontario," states Mr. Carroll, "and no one should purchase from a stranger without being sure of his credentials."

An Oshawa woman, 101 years of age, says she prefers to stay in bed a good part of the time. We are sure she has earned the right to such an innocent pastime.

The police of this province are a shrewd and daring lot of men. The one who at present occupies the most prominent place in the hall of fame is the Oshawa upholder of law and order who captured a skunk alive without receiving a scent for his daring deed.

MORTGAGE SALE

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Solicitor to the Mortagee.

Dated at Toronto this Eleventh day of October, 1933.

AN INDIAN TRAIL

How many curves, big and little are there on No. 6 Highway between the Elora Road in Guelph and Main Street, Mount Forest, inclusive? Motorists driving up one day last week took the trouble to count and made the number sixty-one, three every two miles, on an average. Sometimes there is a straight road for three or four miles, at other times there are several curves within a mile. From Guelph to Fergus, 13 miles there are twenty-two; From Fergus to Arthur, twelve miles there are twenty, and from Arthur to Mount Forest, 15 miles, there are nineteen, so that on the whole the Indian trail impression is pretty evenly maintained.—Mt. Forest Confederate.

POTATO YIELD

The preliminary estimate of the total yield of potatoes in Canada this year is 40,260,000 cwt. from 520,800 acres, or 77 cwt. per acre as compared with 76 cwt. per acre in 1932 and 83 cwt. per acre, the average for five years 1927-1931. Ontario's yield is the lowest since 1916, being only 52 cwt. per acre as compared with 61 cwt. per acre last year. This was largely due to the drought which prevailed during the summer months particularly in Southern and Western Ontario.

It is often said that the world is in a muddle and no one nation can cure its ill. Moreover, no single nation, no matter how great, can at the present time benefit at the expense of others. It seems that every nation is in the same fix—some a little worse off than others—but all more or less afflicted as never before with the evils of unemployment.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE of James Sullivan, late of the Township of Osprey in the County of Grey, Farmer, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the late James Sullivan, who died on or about the Second day of January, 1933, at the Township of Osprey in the County of Grey and Province of Ontario, are required to send by post prepaid, or to deliver to the undersigned Solicitor herein for John Hale and William Spencer, both of the Township of Osprey in the County of Grey, the Executors and Trustees under the Will of the said James Sullivan, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing, verified by Statutory Declaration, of their claims and statements of their accounts and the nature of security, if any, held by them.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the Tenth day of November, 1933, the said John Hale and William Spencer will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitle thereto, having regard only to the claims to which they shall then have notice, and that the said John Hale and William Spencer will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person of whose claim they shall not then have received notice.

DATED at Collingwood, Ontario, this Seventeenth day of October, 1933.

—EWAN JAMES MacEWEN,
Collingwood, Ont.
Solicitor for the said John Hale and William Spencer.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Elizabeth Williams, late of the Township of Artemesia, County of Grey, Married Woman, Deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that all those having claims or accounts against the above-named deceased are requested to send full particulars thereof to the undersigned solicitor to the executors, on or before the Third day of November, 1933. After that date the Estate will be distributed amongst those entitled thereto, having regard only to the accounts and claims of which notices at that time shall have been received.

DATED this Sixteenth day of October, 1933.

C. C. MIDDLEBRO'
Solicitor to the Executors,
City Hall, Owen Sound, Ont.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Robert Wesley McMullen, late of the Township of Euphrasia, County of Grey, Farmer, Deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that all those having claims or accounts against the above-named deceased are requested to send full particulars thereof to the undersigned solicitor to the executors, on or before the Third day of November, 1933. After that date the Estate will be distributed amongst those entitled thereto, having regard only o the accounts and claims of which notices at that time shall have been received.

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