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THE BRITISH WAY

The events which transpired following the death of His Majesty King George V furnish an illuminating picture of the calm way in which the British people accept great changes. There was no great formality and mass of red tape to satisfy when King George passed away. The transition, for such it might be called, was very simple. The Home Secretary, to whom this sad duty is delegated, was present at the deathbed and certified to the death of the King. Immediately, without ritual of any kind, the heir apparent, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, became ruler. Thus, with no fuss at all, the change was accomplished and the government business was enabled to continue without an interruption; there was no interregnum.

Of course, later on the new ruler will be formally installed with all the pomp and ancient usage which is so dear to every Briton. Anglo-Saxons have an inherent love for pageantry which will be fully gratified at the colourful coronation ceremonies-which will take place at some time after the period of mourning for the departed sovereign is over. As a matter of fact, the late King was crowned somewhat more than a year after he ascended the throne. Nearly half a year after that again he was proclaimed Emperor and assumed the Crown of India at Delhi.

All these interesting ceremonies take place in due time; but, in the meantime the government carries on in the usual way-just another instance of the British genius for getting the job done efficiently and still preserving all the trimmings.

LEAP YEAR

Leap year is with us again, and he who cherishes single blessedness is taking his solitary life in his hands for the full sweep of 1936. We have Leap Year owing to the fact that the astronomers of Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. set the solar year at 365 days, six hours. These extra hours, totalling a day every fourth year became February 29th. This orphan day leaps into what ordinarily would be the first day of March and that is how the year comes by its name. The belief that leap year comes once in every four years is not wholly correct. As measured by the sun there are a few seconds each year which do not fit into man's accepted measure of time. To balance these unwanted seconds, the extra day is tossed overboard every century year not divisible by 400.

Leap year was skipped in 1900. It will be skipped again in 2100, but that should not be a cause for worry as you

can scarcely hope to be around then.

A UNIFIED COUNTY POLICE FORCE

Abolition of local police commissions and the formation of a single body with jurisdiction over the entire County and with one police chief in control was the recommendation of Judge O'Connell, chairman of York County Police Commission to the York County Council this week. It is an excellent suggestion and one which is long over-due. The policing of the County could best be directed by such a commission and such a police force, and the Commission when named should be given every power and authority. Police direction is one branch of the public service which should be divorced as clearly as possible from municipal politics. The fact that it has been reported some municipal heads will oppose the proposed change would appear an excellent argument in its favor. York County Council should lose no time in acting on the suggestion of the Police Commission. There are conditions in the County which need the stern and efficient hand of such a commission to clean up.

A GOOD CAUSE

Last year a children's playground was established in the park and a considerable amount of the cost was subscribed by private donations. A small balance still remains to be paid and to raise funds for this purpose a community masquerade carnival will be held at the rink next Wednesday evening. If the public response is sufficiently generous the suggestion already has been made that a second playgrounds be established on the west side of Yonge Street. The playgrounds in the park proved very popular last summer and not only was it a source of joy to the youngsters but it contributed to the public safety in keeping children off the streets. The suggestion of a second paygrounds at the municipal building is an excellent one as the children west of Yonge Street could use it without crossing through the heavy traffic. If you favor the idea you can help it along by giving generous patronage to the carnival next Wednesday night.

WANTED-SIDEWALK ON YONGE STREET

There is hardly a day passes that we do not hear of someone who has had a narrow escape from injury while walking on Yonge Street south of Richmond Hill. In past years there have been many accidents and several fatalities. How many more must be injured before action is taken to provide the necessary sidewalks for pedestrains? How many more lives must be sacrificed before something is done? Hundreds of men in this district are on relief and are praying for an opportunity to perform useful employment. As soon as weather conditions permit these unemployed men should be put to work making suitable sidewalks on Yonge Street south of Richmond Hill.

SUNDAY RADIO ADVERTISING

There are many who object to having to listen to advertising over the radio on Sunday, but feel they can do nothing to stop it. But they can. Recently Mr. Russell T. Kelley, the well-known advertising man in Hamilton, addressed the men's club of St. Jude's Anglican church in Mount Forest, and he stated that no goods advertised over the air on Sunday are allowed to enter his home. This is certainly a good way to discourage this form of advertising, if practised by many people.

TheOttawa Spotlight

By Wilfrid Eggleston

Ottawa, Feb. 4th-The Sherbrooke rayon incident gave Ottawa a minor thrifl; government supporters were jubilant when it turned out so well and wrote it down as a triumph. The whole affair is under investigation by Mr. Justice W. F. A. Turgeon of Saskatchewan, so any final pronouncement should await his report. But the government here evidently read the announcement that hundreds of men and women-one press report said a thousand-were being thrown out of work in the textile mills because of new Japanese competition, as a challenge which must be met. Obviously a government which came into power to help unemployment couldn't sit idly by and let thousands of persons be thrown out of work. If the unemployment really was caused by the Japanese treaty: then something ought to be done about it If not, then the facts ought to be known by all the people. So Hon. Charles Dunning, as head of the tariff department appointed the aforesaid Mr. Justice Turgeon as a royal commissioner to probe the incident and report. It is significant, read it as you like, that a day or so afterwards most of the discharged employees went back to work, the press announcements issuing from that area saying that Japanese competition was really not so severe as it had been several weeks ago. Another report said the workers had only been laid off for a week, anyway. The conclusion most Liberals drew was that someone had tried to bluff the government, and that the government had promptly called the bluff.

(Plenty More Coming)

The present Ministry probably has a lot of that sort of thing to face. like a human being." Every time it lowers the duty on any commodities a few interests which to move slowly and carefully. When stepped in. the Liberal government reduced the During a demonstration of the Nathese centres grew remarkably. If zest of a small boy. a low-tariff government is too susceptible to propaganda from the protected interests, obviously it will be afraid to stir an inch. The artificial silk industry has about the highest protection, short of complete prohibition, of any industry in the country, and some observers think that if the recent episode was by way of demonstration or agitation, it was a blunder. It is true that the rayon industry has recently lost three bricks off its tariff wall: one when the surtax on Japanese goods was eliminated; another when the arbitrary valuation was cancelled: a third when the currency dump duty on the depreciated yen was reduced. But after all these had gone, the protection afforded rayon fabrics is still 36% per cent ad valorem, plus 40 cents a pound, plus a dump duty of about 11 cents per yen plus 9 per cent on the dutypaid value. This adds up to about 150 per cent protection in typical cases; and the average commentator is inclined to say: 'Well, if an industry has to shut up shop because of foreign competition in spite of a protection of 150 per cent, there is something wrong somewhere and we had better know what.'

(Changing B.N.A. Act at Ottawa) The provinces and the Dominion have been discussing methods whereby the constitution can be altered at Ottawa in future, instead of Westminster, as at present. At the same time the Supreme Court is hearing argument for and against the validity of the Bennett 'New Deal' legislation, the Farmers Creditors' arrangement act, and allied bills.

The session begins this week on a sombre note, because of the death of the late sovereign. It promises, however, to uncover a number of lively issues. Unemployment, the railway question, the radio commission, election methods, balancing the budget, lower tariffs, the United States trade agreement, the treaty with Japan, and the renewal of the Empire pacts are all coming up for discussion. Usually these first sessions are short and perfunctory: this may be a fively one, in spite of the small opposition. We have, also the Social Credit doctrines in the federal house for the first time.

What a world! No group gets justice until it is strong; and when it is strong, it becomes a tyrant.

The happiest of men are those who can go through the rigmarole of the lodge without feeling silly.

Anecdotes Shed Light on New King's Democracy

the British Empire in token of the heroism. He declined, many tributes of character, ability and personal charm he brings to the

caught on to her little trick. The it." guests roared with laughter and the Prince refused to budge.

the Prince inquired of the Duke of the conversation. York. "Where did you get that medal? That's a new one I never saw before." The Prince fingered another and added, with mock disdain. 'Hm! I have one just like that."

North Wales in 1934, the Prince was informed of the disappointment of a woman of 101 that he was not passing through her village. He detoured other village, on that trip, he joined a group of jobless in a game of table

Violating a regulation in Biarritz in 1933, the Prince was called sharply to task by a traffic policeman. He enjoyed it, informing the officer. "It makes me feel normal to be treated

The Prince made a surprise tour of expect to be injured will call atten- tenements in the Marylebone district tion of the government to the work- of London in 1933. He knocked at a men who will inevitably be discharg- | door. The response was "Come in | ed as a result. When genuine dis- darling, and see my house." The tress on a wide scale is likely to re- invitation was from a 70-year-old sult, the government will be compelled pensioner. The Prince laughed and

tariff on automobiles in 1927 it was tional Fire Brigades Association in represented that thousands of factory Yeovil, Somerset, in 1934, the Prince workers at Oshawa and Windsor climbed aboard a fire engine and would lose their jobs. Actually it clanged the bell furiously through the turned out that employment at both streets with all the enjoyment and year.

> On a vacation at Biarritz in 1934, the Prince was among those who rescued a 10-year-old boy from drowning

Innumerable anecdotes are related in a swimming pool. The French NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN purby the subjects of the new head of Government offered him a medal for

his portrait was being painted by Mrs gallantly picked it up and restored it. The artist replied all were equal in their claims. A few moments later the same dancer Heaven. The boy said thoughtfully, AND TAKE NOTICE that after the dropped two combs and a flower near "I think that is quite right, but great the Prince. But the Prince now granny (Queen Victoira) won't like

Prince stood talking to a friend as a for the said assets or any part the eof A touch of royal small talk, over- woman he knew came by and bowed to any person or persons of whose heard on May 6, 1935, outside St. to him. The Prince was hatless. ceived at the time of the said distri-Paul's during the jubilee ceremonies: Quickly he seized his friend's hat, bution. Gazing in admiration at his bro- tipped it in salutation and replaced it ther's gleamingly decorated uniform on his friend's head, then continued

> Basil Maine, friend of the new King and author of a book about him entitled "The King's First Ambassador, has written in its pages:

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said date the Executors will distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that Outside a Piccadily club in 1934 the the said Executors will not be liable claims notice shall not have been re-

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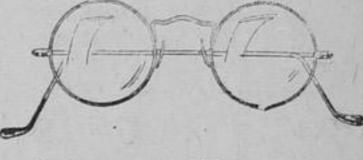
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