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CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY

The business of getting something for nothing is always attractive. Hundreds, probably thousands of methods of doing it, have been devised, and now even some political groups have taken the subject up and are concocting schemes on the hypothesis that Santa Claus and Christmas can be made every day occurrences.

For example, a bill has been introduced at Edmonton called the "Alberta Bill of Rights Act," which is advertised as a plan to assure everyone over the age of 19 a minimum annual income of \$600 plus certain other health, security and educational benefits.

Members of the Alberta legislature acknowledge that they are a bit confused as to just what the bill means. To many of us in Richmond Hill it is reminiscent of the original promises of the late Mr. Aberhart who got the Social Credit Party into power with the rosy assurance that every man, woman and child was entitled to \$25 a month in what he called social credit dividends.

A Western editor sees the success of the Alberta bill resting on insulating the Albertan economy from the rest of Canada "by some form of import-export control, or possibly, by something in the nature of exchange control. He expresses the opinion that any plan which "contains within itself the seeds of such balkanization of the Canadian economy" must be a matter of concern to every other province.

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PUT IT UP TO THE BANKER

A correspondent of The Liberal asked in a recent issue that something be done to help safeguard the returned soldier from racketeers seeking to get the government allowances given a veteran on his discharge from active service. It was pointed out that a committee of the Lions Club of Richmond Hill was formed for that purpose and will be glad to help veterans decide the merits of any business proposal put before them. It would seem, however, that not only veterans but many others are also in need of some such service. In this connection, a Richmond Hill business man with wide contacts said to The Liberal a few days ago:

"Right in this district I have met people who listen to soft song men who profess with no pain, no labor and in no time whatever to make them rich. They don't seem to realize that if these cheats had the secret of quick wealth, they wouldn't be selling questionable propositions for a thin and precarious living.

"A sensible person wouldn't tap his savings to shoot craps or bet on a horse, or play gin rummy, but as sound investments, craps, horses and cards are no sillier than the current get-rich-quick schemes."

And the regrettable thing about it is that no one in Richmond Hill or the surrounding district need fall into any get-rich-quick trap in as much as one of the largest Canadian banks maintains an office in the village under the direction of a manager who is always willing to help persons in doubt about investments or enterprises on which they may be asked to embark.

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BUTTER, NYLONS, CONTROLS, ETC.

We have price controls and such things in Canada, and there are folks in Richmond Hill who classify them as most unpopular even though necessary interferences with trade. But the Dominion is not having anything like the trouble some of our American cousins appear to be having with their system of controls. For example, a gentleman named Chester M. Way writes to the Wall St. Journal from St. Petersburg, Florida, as follows:

"A local gas station advertises today that 'if you buy your gas and oil from us, you can purchase one pound of butter for 55c.'"

"Instead of selling butter through regular grocery channels you can get all you want at the local gas station if you happen to own a car. Butter takes on the odors of other commodities readily. Gasoline and butter should be a fine mixture. Who is responsible for such distribution of this scarce item supposed to be under government control?"

"A politician also advertises that he will distribute 150 pairs of nylons by dropping them over the city from a plane. How did he happen to be able to obtain 150 pairs of this scarce item? And will it not be interesting to watch the women scramble to the tree tops for a pair of this needed item? Personally, I would say that the politician would be defeated. He is depriving merchants of the right to that merchandise; he is depriving women who really need those stockings from obtaining them through regular channels."

It only goes to show, to our mind, that here in Richmond Hill we never know how the other half of the world is living.

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THE TRIUMPH OF FAITH

A highly edifying selection of verse has been made by Miss Phyllis Campbell to illustrate the view that in following literature down through the centuries one must be impressed with the view that thought revolves in cycles. Miss Campbell explains that one school cries out that there is no spiritual truth, that the material world is real and advocates in the words of Omar Khayyam:

Ah, make the most of what we yet may spend,
Before we, too, into the dust descend;
Dust unto dust, and under dust to lie
Sans wine, sans song, sans singer,
And—sans end.

World worship, Miss Campbell points out, inevitably brings with it inertia, desolation and a great weariness, but lush sensuality spent, there arises from it a deadly nihilism:

From too much of living
From hope and fear set free,
We thank with brief thanksgiving
Whatever gods may be
That no life lives forever;
That dead men rise up never;
That even the weariest river
Winds somewhere to the sea.

Then, however, as the wheel of thought turns, new voices arise struggling spiritward. Comes the faltering faith of Tennyson who recognized a "larger hope":—

Oh yet we trust that somehow good
Will be the final goal of ill.
That nothing walks with aimless feet;
That not one life shall be destroyed,
Or cast as rubbish to the void,
When God has made the pile complete.

In somewhat the same strain is the groping thought of Cardinal Newman, unable to cope with intellectual wrestling, turning in faith to a Power believed rather than understood:

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,

Lead thou me on;
The night is dark and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on.
Keep thou my soul; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.
But strength and confidence come to the poet when the wheel turns to its farthest extreme, and we have Browning ringing down the years with insight and with courage:

Fool! All that is, at all,
Lasts ever, past recall;
Earth changes, but thy soul and
God stand sure:
What entered into thee,
That was, is, and shall be:
Time's wheel runs back or stops;
Potter and clay endure.

THE LIBERAL'S FORUM

Padre John Foote A Fine Example.

"T.N.T. Religion" writes The Liberal as follows in a vein that is genuinely inspirational:

Sir,—Within recent years there has been an apparent increase in the number and in the strength of the accusations of "decadence" which have been directed toward Christianity.

Many of us who have been nurtured in Christianity realize that today too many so-called Christians fail to appreciate the pricelessness of their religious heritage — a heritage that has been given to us by men and women who have not counted the cost, but who could say with St. Paul: "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed unto us."

Christians must make themselves aware of the fact that religion is not a passive or a negative conception of man's relationship to God, but it is itself Christ's Church "militant upon the earth." No more outstanding example of the powerful truth of this statement is to be found today than has been revealed in the life of that heroic Christian, Major John Foote, V.C.—the "Padre X" of Dieppe. Surely no one can sincerely doubt the divine origin of religion when it can, through God's grace, produce such a man. Rev. John Foote makes one proud to be a Canadian, but above all he makes one humbly thankful to have the opportunity of being a Christian.

Editor The Liberal:—Few books have more accurately or sympathetically drawn the kind of boyhood the British Empire builders had than Rudyard Kipling's "Stalky & Co." The death at 80 of Major General Lionel Charles Dunsterville, the original Stalky, closed a career spent largely in central Asia and in China upholding the traditions founded by many predecessors from English schools. I know you would not want his passing to occur without some mention in your columns. Hence this letter.—Old British Soldier.

Reply:—We thank Old British Soldier for his reminder. Stalky was a hero of the type everybody likes. His school adventures were of the kind that constituted excellent preparation for the tight spots abroad in which many an English army officer was to find himself. England owes much of her prestige in Asia and India to the Stalky type of soldier.

VICTORIA SQUARE

A large number of people from the "Square" were able to attend the wedding of Miss Peggy Jean MacKay, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. J. MacKay to Sub-Lieut. Carl John Hinch R.C.N.(R.) on Tuesday, March 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols and Donnie, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nichols, Vera and Emma Warden motored to Creemore and were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Helmkay.

Miss Robinson of Toronto was a visitor at the Nichols home over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. H. Mortson celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 23rd at their home. The celebration was a complete surprise to the bride and groom of 25 years. Friends and relatives numbering about 60 joined in the occasion. Several gifts of silver were acknowledged by both Mr. and Mrs. Mortson. Flowers were sent by wire from Miss Sadie Gee of California.

A party was held for Mr. E. Caseley at his home on the occasion of his 64th birthday. The daughters and son, and their families were present. We wish for Mr. Caseley many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. Paul from Ottawa was visiting her daughter Joan and Mr. and Mrs. McRoberts on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Boynton, Rev. and Mrs. MacKay had dinner with Mr.

and Mrs. Bennett on Saturday, Mar. 30th, the occasion being Mr. and Mrs. Boynton's 25th wedding anniversary.

Miss Dorothy Oliver of Highland Creek was visiting with Mrs. W. Brumwell on Saturday, March 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Mottson, Wayne and Bruce visited Mr. and Mrs. E. Brown on Sunday, March 31st.

Miss Doreen Klinck of Toronto spent the week-end at her home. On Saturday, March 30, Mr. and Mrs. S. Boynton celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Relations from Toronto and neighbouring friends shared in the surprise party.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. Ouimet, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis White and family on the loss of a wife and daughter, Velma Ouimet, (nee Velma White). This untimely death came as a shock to the whole community.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Perkins and family, Mrs. J. Lunau, and Miss Heise of Richmond Hill had tea on Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. R. Perkins and Coral.

Mrs. E. Klinck motored with friends to Welland to visit her aunt who has been ill.

The Young People's meeting will be in charge of Miss Beverley Watson next Sunday night. There is some business to be taken care of so be present and keep our meetings alive.

A joint meeting of the J.W.I. and J.F.A. met in the Community Hall last Tuesday evening. The meeting was opened with a song led by Mr. Cockburn. Business was put before the club members by President John Buchanan after which followed an interesting paper by Norman Tyndall. W. M. Cockburn, Agricultural Representative, spoke to those present and gave a brief outline as to how to make a club a success. He then introduced the new Assistant Agricultural Representative, Oliver Dalrymple, who spoke a few words to those present. We welcome our new assistant, Miss Mabel Sanderson very ably conducted a few enjoyable games with the assistance of Miss Helen Castator.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Forster and family on Sunday were Mrs. M. Haig, Gormley; Mrs. K. Summiervale, Toronto; Mr. H. L. Kaiser, Woodbridge, and John Buchanan.

Miss Bessie Hagerman is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Anderson, Port Hope, this week.

Ho hum! It seems you can cram most anything into the human head except reason.

Notice of Special School Meeting

A Special Meeting of the ratepayers of Union School Section No. 4 Markham and No. 21 Vaughan will be held in the school-house of the Section at eight o'clock in the evening of April 11th, 1946, for the purpose of selecting a site for a proposed new school building and for enacting any other school business which may arise.

Dated at Jefferson, Ontario, this 28th day of March, 1946.
C. BEYNON,
GEORGE McNAIR,
Trustees.

MAPLE

Dr. Archer Wallace will give his illustrated lecture on the Canadian Rockies in St. Paul's Church, Vaughan on Friday evening, April 5th at 8 o'clock. Dr. Wallace is a very entertaining, witty and interesting lecturer and his lectures are always enjoyed by those who have the opportunity to hear them.

Maple United Church Sunday School has "adopted" a child under the "Save the Children" scheme. She is an eleven year old French girl, Solange Micalowa by name, in Paris, France, whose father, a veteran of world war II lies paralyzed in hospital. The Sunday School is sending \$8.00 a month for at least 6 months for the support of this child, which is the sum asked for by the managing board sponsoring the scheme. This is a very commendable thing for a Sunday School group or any organization to have a share in. The secretary reports that the response to this appeal has been wonderful. Miss Joanne Johnson had the misfortune to break a finger playing baseball at school recently. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Snider on the birth of a son last Friday, March 29th. Mother and babe both doing well.

All girls from 12 to 17 years of age interested in forming a C.G.I.T. group are being asked to meet Friday at 7.30 p.m. in Maple United Church school room.

The executive of Vaughan Township Red Cross Society having decided to carry on peace time work, there will be no sale of work room articles as had been arranged previously. The annual meeting, however will take place on Monday afternoon, April 8th in Maple Masonic Hall as scheduled.

Prompt action on the part of the Maple Fire Brigade in putting out a grass fire at the rear of McGinnis store this week prevented what could easily have been a disastrous loss of property.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McDonald of Toronto spent Sunday with Henry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton McDonald.

Red Cross Canvassers of Maple and District for Members

In order to aid canvassers you are asked to leave your membership fee of \$1 and upwards at one of the local stores. A canvass of those who have not joined will be made after Saturday, April 13th.

Maple Women's Institute will hold their April meeting on Wednesday, April 10th at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Earl Palmer. The topic of agriculture will be taken by Mrs. F. S. Rumble.

Wm. S. Hodge left last Thursday evening for Winnipeg where he will take a position as a radio operator with Trans-Canada Airways.

Jack Walkington

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