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YOUR M.P. REPORTS



By John Addison

Castle In Ireland

Sharing his experiences with our readers, Mr. R. D. Little, who with his wife is on a tour of Great Britain and Continental Europe, writes from Ireland:

A CASTLE IN IRELAND

With the weather in our favour the TCA DC8 was only 4 1/2 hours flying from Montreal to Shannon where we landed in the customary Irish rain at 5:45 a.m. Via taxi over winding walled roads we drove eight miles to the small town of Newmarket-on-Fergus and shortly thereafter passed through the impressive gates of Dromoland Castle which is situated on a high rise of ground in a wooded area of several hundred acres.

The castle is 150 years old and was originally built by the O'Brien family. In June of this year it was opened to tourists after being completely modernized. There is accommodation for 50 people, each room with private bath.

In the great halls, with carved winding staircases, paintings of dead and gone nobles look down on wall to wall carpeting. One large painting is of Queen Anne which she personally presented to Sir Donatus O'Brien, first Baronet.

As we arrived at 6:45 a.m. our reserved room would not be vacated for a few hours so we were given a room in one of the towers to rest until our room was ready. Three meals are served daily in the large dining room (dinner at 8 p.m.). It is very attractive with dark red walls and black paneling and through the 20-foot high windows there is a delightful view of the lake in which the guests are invited to fish for trout. I have no proof that they are catching any.

The trees are magnificent, many evergreens not familiar to me, and great arrangements are everywhere in the halls and sitting rooms - mostly roses, dahlias and sweet peas which seem to thrive here.

Apparently the owners are encouraged by business to date as a smaller castle nearby is in the process of being modernized and the staff are housed in another building.

Only one fly in the ointment, to heat loving Canadians the rooms seem chilly although accepted as normal by local residents. There is a complete hot water heating (oil) system but it is not considered necessary to turn it on in August. The bathrooms are electrically heated, however, and in the halls and sitting rooms are wood burning fireplaces.

On Sunday morning we join our friends Dr. and Mrs. McBain at Shannon airport and with a car and driver start a four day tour of southern Ireland, ending in Dublin.

P. S. The heat was turned on before we left the castle.

Rambling Around
 BY ELIZABETH KELSON



A GOOD EDUCATION IS A MUST FOR MODERN YOUTH

As the years go by, it is quite evident that we can no longer use a horse and buggy approach in a world of jet planes, super highways, space travel and nuclear warheads. There was a time when a good education wasn't as important as a man's desire to clear land, plough a field and establish a home and family. All the ground work has been accomplished and for some time now the average girl and boy growing up are painfully aware of the new problems facing them in the modern world. From now on, there will be nothing but bridges to cross, and the most important one will be the great bridge of the right kind of education to suit a particular individual. Never in all history has it been so important for people to think clearly and constructively. I do not believe it is necessary for everyone to have a university education, but the education they have should be liberal enough so they can understand their times.

Without sufficient education they cannot hope to understand the modern world, its people and what goes on in it. They couldn't effectively handle themselves with poise in a hostile world which is certainly not as friendly as their home, school or church, and possibly the community. They would have difficulty in bringing objective insights to their own problems or those of others. It would be difficult to achieve understanding and a reasonable peace of mind without knowing what everything is all about and how it got that way.

I believe that the education of the future must be more than learning facts or a blue print to get a good job. It must include development of character and personality. It is necessary to encourage proper frames of mind, sound thinking and good judgment.

An educated boy or girl who can generate and communicate ideas in an understanding and competent fashion will have better hope for reasonable achievement and security. I think that the great scientist Albert Einstein summed it up admirably: He said, "The school should always have as its aim that the young man or woman leave it as a harmonious personality, not as a specialist. This in my opinion is true in a certain sense even for technical schools. . . . The development of general ability for independent thinking and judgment should always be placed foremost, not the acquisition of special knowledge." He said again: "It is essential that the student acquire an understanding and a lively feeling for values. He must acquire a vivid sense of the beautiful and of the morally good. Otherwise he - with his specialized knowledge - more closely resembles a well-trained dog than a harmoniously developed person."

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Noise Will Be Regulated

Once upon a time there was a peaceful little village just nine miles north of a big city. Quiet and contentment were prevalent and the sign at the south limits of the village advertised it as "Toronto's highest and healthiest suburb."

Those days have been gone for the past seven years when unprecedented development increased the population almost overnight to that of a good sized town. Now the population of that little village has passed the 18,000 mark if one is to believe the sign on Yonge Street South.

Among the many problems increased population and increased development of Richmond Hill has brought is that of increased noise - thoughtless neighbours with radios and TVs, barking dogs, noisy mufflers, squealing tires and honking horns at all hours of the day and night, coupled with the noise from industrial development, have led to numerous complaints being received by Richmond Hill Police Department.

Although the police were well aware of the problem, they are also residents of the town, there was not much they could do to correct the situation. The only anti-noise by-law on the books of the town was one passed 90 years ago before the appearance on the scene of many of the present-day noise-makers.

This problem will soon be solved it is hoped - members of the police committee of town council are presently engaged in studying the anti-noise legislation in other municipalities. It is their intention to prepare a by-law that will be applied effectively and can be enforced in the courts. The committee believes that it will be possible with the right by-law to restrict unnecessary noise.

Although only one letter from a ratepayer has been received by the committee, commending them for their efforts to restrict noise in the community, an anti-noise by-law is being discussed and approved by residents and business people. All are hopeful that the new by-law will be enforceable and will bring the noise down to a bearable level.

Unfortunately the local by-law will be able to deal only in the specific fields noted in the Ontario Municipal Act. Some features of the City of Toronto anti-noise by-law with which many citizens are familiar can not be incorporated locally. To cover a wider range of noise-makers than is permitted by the Ontario Municipal Act, Toronto had its anti-noise law approved by a special bill in the Ontario Legislature. So many of these private bills have been taking up the time of the Legislature that they have been discontinued.

Make Crosswalks Official

Unlike the white stripes that might make a black cat a skunk, white lines across Richmond Hill's main thoroughfare don't make school crossings pedestrian crosswalks.

However, they are used as crosswalks and in some cases none too safely.

The school crossings designated with broad white stripes at Lorne Avenue and Yonge, just north of the municipal buildings at Wright Street and again at Crosby Avenue are just that . . . crossings for young students to and from school.

But to Metro motorists and perhaps our Toronto traffic-brainwashed commuters, they LOOK like pedestrian crosswalks and the automatic reaction of most drivers is to come to a halt whenever anyone is perched on the curb ready to tackle oncoming traffic.

In several noted incidents, and

there are probably dozens in any given day, rear-end or near rear-end collisions occur at these points. This is a dangerous thing, from the point of property damage and from the point of that common minor-accident injury . . . the whip-lashed neck.

Most of us are inherently lazy even if we do observe the traffic safety rules. We would prefer to cross Yonge Street at feasible points such as these rather than walk to the Centre Street lights as the midway point. And in the case of the older citizens, such convenient crossings are a health-saving factor.

Next year's roads committee in drawing up its annual budget might be well advised to study Metro crosswalks and their cost and with the addition of some proper signs make these crossings official. Surely it would be an expense that would be justified in its safety factor.

The Old Order Changeth

Here in this space the wheat grew tall,
 And the lilacs bloomed by the garden wall;
 By yonder lane was a field of corn,
 And a barn that sheltered the newly born.
 A rail fence staggered along this line
 While the bluebirds sang in the morning's shine;
 The cattle came with the early stars
 To the water trough by the pasture bars.
 Then the tractors came on a day in June,
 And the 'dozers whined each morn and noon;
 Now far as the eye can see are rows
 Of bungalows and bungalows.

Robert D. Little

Second Thoughts . . .

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

by George Mayes

The Anglicans may have monopolized paper space over the last few weeks but you have to admit that those Buddhist monks made the hottest news.

And a small item in the Star's massive coverage of the Anglican Congress said there were 320 reporters covering the convention . . . Wonder where the other 20 were from?

HEAD-COUNTING BEGINS IN YORK NORTH
 AUGUST 26

Heading on a pre-election story in last week's "Liberal". Doesn't this form of enumerating give the other parties an unfair advantage - with all their two-headed supporters?

Ontario's former Liquor Commissioner, Allan Grossman, has been appointed Minister of Reform Institutions . . . Now there's progressive Conservatism! Going from bars to bars.

And, while our new liquor boss, G. Harry Sheppard, may not be a politician in the usual sense, as Board Chairman of IBM, he qualifies for the PC's as a big THINKER.

A Broadway production of "It's Never Too Late" is coming to Toronto for the September reopening of the Royal Alexandra Theatre . . . If it hadn't been for Honest Ed it would have been interesting to see them presenting it on a parking lot . . . And, just as a second thought on the reopening: Wonder if Honest himself will personally take charge of the lost and found office?

Oshawa's Emergency Measures Organization is waging war this week on the city's starlings . . . Which sort of proves, despite what some people think, that the EMO is not FOR the birds.

THE "NO COMMENT" CORNER

Toronto's electronic traffic-brain starts to take over control of the city's traffic flow this month. Police officials say the first street to have its lights controlled will be Jarvis St.

A meeting planned for earlier this month between Richmond Hill's Council and the town's planning board had to be cancelled because the planning board's chairman was on holidays.

A disgruntled ex-executive of the Seafarers International Union says that union czar Hal Banks fired him for refusing to do something against his principles.

One of the deepest and dampest of Buffalo's suburbs during their early-August flood was an area known as "Pine Hill".

ASK ABOUT OUR
Thursday afternoon
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August

If August had no other reason for being, we would celebrate it as the time of the ripe tomato and the ready roasting ear. Both come to the table now in flavour and abundance that would make Lucullus envious. One reason August has no holidays as such is that sweet corn and garden-ripe tomatoes make every day a festival.

So thank the Indians, thank Columbus, thank the gardener and the farmer. Don't make the list too long or the thanks too detailed, because the corn won't wait and the tomato ripens by the minute. But do give fleeting thought to the fact that corn and tomatoes are among the enduring treasures native to this land. The Indians grew and ate them long before Europeans knew there was a North America. The colonists

came late to the feast, but their descendants have enjoyed it every August since. Feast, and be grateful.

Corn is maize, if it really matters, and the tomato is the tomatl, in the old Indian tongue. But in August corn is the sweet ear at its prime, like no other flavor in this world; and the tomato is rich, red, juicy succulence unmatched. Boil or roast the corn, hurry it to the table, butter it well, salt it judiciously and fleck it with pepper. Chill the tomato or, if you are the fortunate gardener himself, pluck it sun-warm, slice it, give it just a hint of salt and a breath of pepper. Then eat, feast, and forget the gods who sipped nectar. If the gods had ever tasted sweet corn at its prime or garden-ripe tomatoes, nectar would have gone begging.

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The basis of the plan is that everyone in Canada should be able to have a more generous retirement allowance as well as allowing the individual to transport his pension from job to job. Since there is very little saving accrued by elderly people, this additional money will immediately enter the economy in the form of extra purchasing dollars.

PAY RAISE

I have received correspondence on this matter and surprisingly enough, very little of critical nature, with the exception of some people who felt that old age assistance should be raised an additional \$10 before a raise was granted to the M.P.'s. I, as your representative, along with 199 other members of the House of Commons voted for this legislation. It and included in the 10 were the Deputy Leader of the Social Credit Party, Mr. Real Caouette, and the Leader of the Conservative Party, Mr. Diefenbaker.

I have been a continual advocate that this Liberal Government should be business-like in administration and implement recommendations of the Glassco (Continued On Page 15)

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