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## WELFARE WORK ESSENTIAL

At the Liberal-Conservative summer school last week Hon. Mr. Macaulay, Minister of Highways for Ontario, made the statement that continued extension of social and welfare services by governments is the only alternative to a socialist state ."To the extent of their financial ability," he is quoted as saying, "further governments will have to see mon people are assured a comfortable living under the circumstances of the day."

The Ottawa Journal does not appear to agree with this view, and comments on the matter as follows:-"It is a beautiful theory, but unfortunately it does not stand up so well under cold facts. The extent of a government's financial ability is the extent of the tax-payers' financial ability. If those who pay taxes are to pay more and more taxes, largely for the benefit of their fellow-citizens who pays little or nothing to the public treasury, then obviously a time may come when tax-payers will decide they would be better off in the category of those who receive. Where, then, is the money to come from? Private initiative eventually may go down before the increasing drain of an insistent treasury. We can go on in good times merrily doing more things more expensively for more people, so long as complaisant citizens will pay the shot, but the rub comes when times aren't so good. Then we find fastened securely around our necks vast structure of social services which can't very well be dropped at the time when they are most needed. If we go on and on from where we are, as Mr. Macaulay suggests how shall we finance all these splendid schemes for human betterment if and when the next depression hits us? Finally, why should we seek to be saved from a socialist state if future governments labelled Liberal or Conservative or what not are to carry on in a manner all but indistinguishable from the socialistic programme? If we are to have the game we might as well have the name."

The Advance believes that Hon, Mr. Macaulay has the right idea, and that The Ottawa Journal is missing the true purpose of government in a democratic country. The basic idea of government is, or should be, to advance the welfare of the people in general. The industries, the financial interests, the trade and commerce of a country are all important, but the comfort, the happiness, the health, the welfare of the people in general should be the chief consideration. In the past there has been a disposition on the part of certain classes to believe that material things-the things that may be seen and felt—the things that may be expressed in terms of dollars andcents-must take precedence over all else. Vital as these things may be they do not express the ideal measure of good government. Health is as important to a people as wealth. Contentment should be prized above trade or commerce or industry. Liberty, so far as such a thing is possible without depriving others of their rights, is fully as desirable to a nation as the development of industrial interests. It is true that liberty may be lost and contentment made impossible by undue paternalism on the part of a government. The happy medium is the desired goal of the government that approaches the closest to the ideal. At the present moment it seems as if the majority were the truly "forgotten men." The great need of the day is for recognition of the fact that majorities

The Ottawa Journal also seems to fall into the common keg on their laps. error of classing all money expended on welfare work and social service as just so much more taxation to be imposed, day it is the mode to charge economic and political conso much more money spent. As a matter of fact the money ditions with causing every ill to which men may be heir, for social benefit is often among the wisest and most pro- from the loss of religion to the occasional evidences of an fitable of governmental investments. Money spent for child excess of malicious egotism. From the words of one Towelfare work will give the country more useful and loyal ronto newspaper it might be inferred that all crime to-day citizens than double the amount expended in immigration is due to the treatment criminals receive in the penitentiary. schemes. Money spent in public health saves itself in the Another newspaper rightly questions the implications of lessened expenses for hospital and sickness cots. Old age the Toronto paper, but falls into another error in correctpensions, mothers' allowance, workmen's compensation, sol- ing the first mistake. This second newspaper suggests that the property of others, and take the diers' pensions, and the many other services classed as it is what it terms the "unsocial" conditions of the day that welfare works, may be shown to be good business, as well make for crime. The vision is implied of men who are as the higher humanity.

the people themselves, established in the British viewpoint suggested, is the devil that prompts to all the trouble. Of to allow the majority to make the most and the best of course, there are cases where need forces the breaking of life. Laws are but the rules and regulations of the popular the law, but such instances among adults are surprisingly will, so far as it may be learned and put into effect with rare in this country. The truth is that men are not forced the idea of safeguarding and advancing the common good. to crime, but rather they froce their crimes upon others. labelled this or that as socialistic, such a matter should be to murder or theft, nor is it the marriage laws that lead avoided by governments, is totally at variance with the to the crimes not specified in politic society. Vanity is ideals and practices of the Conservative party. It is a responsible for more breaches of the law to-day, than need. well-known fact that Conservative governments have in- "Trying to keep up with the Jones" explains more stealing augurated and established more measures for social wel- than does want. Studying the police court statistics of a fare than any other party in Canada. In Canada, the town like Timmins gives some interesting sidelights on the Conservative party has emphasized the idea of retaining causes of crime. In Timmins there is poverty and hardship and conserving whatever may appear of value and virtue, at the present time. That must be admitted with a great but at the same time there has never been hesitation to deal of regret. But there is no increase in crime. The out- from burning gasoline when Mrs. adopt even the things that appeared radical so long as they standing theft of recent years here is the robbery of a Boulanger attempted their rescue. Her were for the common benefit.

of social services means a socialistic state and that if Canada | chocolates and similar goods were the articles taken. Once is to become a socialistic state it might as well do so by one a grocery store was robbed, and sugar and raisins taken, but method as another is logic worthy of Agnes Macphail. The not as foodstuffs but as the raw materials for a still in the communists, the reds, the C. C. F., the so-called socialists bush for the distilling of liquor. Still more striking is the and all the other rampant radicals are not seeking the ideal fact that in practically all cases of crime here the offenders that was in the mind of Hon. Mr. Macaulay. What they have been of the type who have broken the law before, imdesire is to impose the will and the tyranny of a minority pelled by no want except that of desiring an easy life at on the mass of the people. Their programme can only be the expense of others. The experience of Timmins will be attained by a form of dictatorship. Their chief hope is to found to be that of other towns and cities. It is not condrag down those in comfort to the level of the lower classes ditions but wrong outlooks on life, selfishness, disregard for of society. They would at one fell swoop destroy all that the rights of others, poor sportsmanship, that cause crime has been built up through the tedious years by the effort, to-day. There is a class that imagine they can have their the ardour and the courage of the men who gave their lives cake after eating the makings. They ask to live on the to make their country a little better than they found it. On industry and the thrift of others. There is a lot of symthe other hand those who believe as Hon. Mr. Macaulay does pathy wasted on the victims of the law and too little on would conserve all of good that may be in our present system, the people in general who suffer by the fact that a certain and then by adding more and more to the benefits for the class selfishly and maliciously refuse to play the game. No majority, "assure to the people at large a comfortable living change of system would change their manners or their

under the circumstances of the day. governments "to the extent of their financial ability." With rich, or as men on relief defrauding those as poor as themsuch a limit it is idle to ask that senseless question, "Where selves, they are all of the same stripe. No change in laws | GRAVEL AND SAND-AND PLACER is the money to come from?" After all it is not so much a or government will alter their attitude. Naturally, they question of raising new taxation, as of diverting money from endure the communist idea of wholesale theft. It is on a less essential purposes. Money spent in education is saved grand scale what they have been attempting in a mean way. World's Fair at Chicago freely acknowledge the excellence of in the lessened costs of jails. Money spent for public health The pessimists feared that with reduced prosperity there the event, but hold the opinion that after all, the Canadian is saved in the otherwise inevitable costs to the country. would be increased crime waves. The facts have shown the National Exhibition at Toronto almost every year holds more Old age pensions and mothers' allowances wipe out expendi- fear was groundless. The more difficult times have made of interest, of education and of attraction than the more portsmouth penitentiary. No doubt, he would replace it stylish bathing attire, and thousands

especially on roads and forest conservation, reduce unemployment. The country benefits in double fashion. No one nced fear a socialistic state. The road surveyed by the Minister of Highways for Ontario will lead to a truly British ideal of government where the advantage of the people in general will be the chief consideration.

## CLEVER POLITICS

There have been good Liberal party people who have felt that The Toronto Globe had ceased to be the mighty force for the party that it was once upon a time and that a certain or uncertain other Toronto newspaper had won the place as chief organ of the Liberal element in Canada. Some of the Liberal party machine have even suggested that The Globe has not the political sagacity of the certain or uncertain paper and that when it comes to practical politics newspapers and magazines have been

youth must be served. What about the facts of the case? Well, look at the situation to-day! The certain or uncertain newspaper has been attempting the subtle line of trying to curse the Conservatives by praising the C. C. F. The strategy of the certain or uncertain paper has been to toady to the communists, to condemn the criminal code's provisions against more and more social services developed, so that the com- the advocacy of violence and bloody revolution. The sum total of its efforts has been that the certain or uncertain newspaper has not been able to convince very many, but it has apparently duped itself into endorsation of the C. C. F. idea of government by a noisy minority, largely alien.

On the other hand look at The Globe! In apparent sincerity it has persuaded itself, and a lot of other people, that the issue of the day is not the depression, or unemployment, or even the Beauharnois scandal, but rather the conditions in the Kingston penitentiaries. Its cry is not for freer markets, but for freer prisons. No longer does it ask, "Where is the money to come from?" but "Where are your prisoners to go to?" The alleged maladministration at Ottawa is sidetracked by the pretended mismanagement at Portsmouth. The Globe has attracted to its banners a number of men once prominent in the Conservative party. These men have grievances against the party, it is true, but there is always the fair chance that this may be unknown or forgotten in the fight.

No one questions the sincerity of The Globe. That is what makes its battle of to-day such good politics. The Globe has been misled in its opinion of penitentiary life by those with axes to grind or grudges to serve. The kindliness, the sentiment, the chivalry in waging war for the poor abused prisoners in the penitentiary makes appeal to the dear old Globe. The facts are against the case of The Globe but sentimentality and generous-heartedness are with it. The Globe is, no doubt sincerely and truly honest in

its deception. But how many others will be swayed by the same appeal to sentiment and to kindly hearts. It looks like the best bit of clever politics for many a long day. If it is unconscious political scheming, it is all the more to be feared for that. Just as unconscious humour is often the most excruciating in its provoking of laughter, so unconscious political trickery may pull more support than laboured machinations.

Were it not for the evil effects that may develop from this cry against penitentiary management—the tendency to pamper criminals at the expense of honest people, the danger of duplicating in Canada the menace of some foreign prisoners with their political evils and their lack of terror for the evil doers-were it not for these things most people would consider the political outcry against the penitentiaries as the cleverest political move of many a day. proving that the dear old Globe, as Hon. I. B. Lucas used to dub it, was still supreme in its facility for raising a high moral issue and using it for the advantage of the country and the glory of the Liberal party.

Everything used to be blamed on booze, from burglary to housemaid's knee. The burglar wouldn't have taken what after all deserve the first and chief consideration. The gov- didn't belong to him had it not been for the nasty liquor, ernment that will look after the interests of the majority | the world was told, and the suspicion was raised that housemust necessarily consider closely all sorts of welfare work | maids didn't get that way about the knees by kneeling on and carry through all kinds of plans for social advantage. floors, but more probably through trying to hold a beer

Fashions change in criticism, as in other things! Towithout chance or opportunity in the world being driven to Governments, after all, are simply the representatives of crime through force of circumstances. The "system," it is The idea of The Ottawa Journal that because someone The banking system of the country does not compel men jewelry store. It is true that wholesale warehouses have husband ran to her rescue and dragged The suggestion of The Ottawa Journal that the extension been robbed here in recent months. But cigars, cigarettes, morals. They belong to no particular section of the social Hon. Mr. Macaulay was careful to limit the expenditures of order. Whether posing as high financiers taking from the

# Save Some Sympathy for Victims of Crime

Present Danger is a Sickly Sentimentality by Which the Decent and and the Law-Abiding are Overlooked.

With all the maudlin sentimentality for murderers, thugs and rogues, it is refreshing to read the plea of an important Eastern newspaper for some consideration and thought for those who are innocent of offence. In a recent editorial article The Saint John, N.B., Telegraph-Journal says:-

"Just recently Canadian readers of treated by two of the leading publications in their respective classes to a rather maudlin exposition of the experiences of two ex-convicts while serving terms in an Ontario penitentiary. The apparent purpose behind the spreading of these matters upon the pages of one of the Toronto daily newspapers and one of Canada's foremost magazines is to reveal conditions iin the penitentiary in question, which have been the subject of charges and counter-charges, and more recently of a report to the Minister of Justice by the superintendent of Kingston Peniten-

"No good purpose is served by giving to these former prisoners the full freedom of public press. Their views are almost certain to be biased against authority which inflicted the punishment, and which obliged them to go through the rigid discipline which must of necessity be one of the characteristics of such an institution.

"In opening their columns to the questionable recitals of former convicts, these two publications—whether, they realize it or not-are rendering a distinct disservice to the administration of justice and the preservation of law and order in our land. They are descending to the level of the tabloids. the influence of which has never been considered as being helpful in the cbservance of law and order.

"It is always possible that a few Canadian men and women, innocent of any crime, may get into prison through a miscarriage of justice. But they are the exceptions. By and large those who tenant our penitentiaries are criminals, enemies of society, many of them preachers and perpetrators of violence, resulting in death or injury to law-abiding people or the destruction of valuable property.

"In the commission of their crimes against their fellow-men, they gave little heed to the suffering they were causing these fellow-men-or if the thought ever occurred to them, they pushed it from them as being of less importance than the objective of their criminal pursuits.

"Why, then, should there be such concern about the punishment which they so richly deserve? Why should the law-observing portion of the public be treated to such recitals as those spread upon the pages of some of our publications and coming from the minds and the pens of former convicts?

"It is about time that an end was put to this creation of false sympathy for those enemies of society who are meeting their just deserts at the hands of the authorities appointed for that purpose. If these who now waste their sympathies on convicted felons would give thought to the misery and suffering which the acts of those criminals have caused to many innocent people; if they would keep in mind that the fear of punishment is the greatest deterrent of crime, and that in those countries where all sorts of influences are used to defeat the forces of law and order, the criminal and the thug and the blackleg hold the whole population in constant terror, there would be less inclination to shed unceserved tears over the fate of those who scoff at the sancity of life and the sacredness of law into their own hands.

"The Canadian penitentiary system may not be perfect—there may be need of certain reforms—but it will not help matters to make heroes of convicts and than their criminal acts deserve.

## BRAVE WOMAN DIED LAST WEEK AT GRAND DESERT

Mrs. Henry Boulanger, aged 33 years died at Grand Desert last week from burns suffered on Aug. 30th when she rushed into a blazing garage to rescue two children from a neighbouring family. The children had accidentally set the garage on fire and the two youngsters were enveloped in flames her from the burning garage as she was pulling out the youngsters. In doing this and in trying to beat out the flames in the clothing of the children

was rather badly burned. He will recover, however. Mrs. Boulanger was ourned all over her body from head to feet and though she made a gallant fight, it was impossible to save her life. One of the children saved from the burning garage, the two-year-old son of Joseph Boisscnault, is in a critical condition in the hospital at Bonfield. The other lad, an 8-year-old boy of the Boissonault family, while also badly burned, is making good progress to recovery. Mrs. Boulanger, who gave her life in saving the two children, was herself the mother of nine children. The bravery of Mrs. Boulanger and of her husband prove that the high qualities of courage and self-sacrifice that distinguished the ploneers of the newer parts of the North has not been altogether lost.

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ingly crime has decreased, rather than increased. In this heart-breaker to the Canadians with the inferiority complex | KIRKLAND LAKE POLICEMAN'S lies a hint for the true cause of crime, and the possible cure. who believe that nothing can be good unless it is foreign. The cause is chiefly poor sportsmanship, meanness, selfishness, disregard for others. The cure lies not in maudlin sympathy for the criminal, but in stern frowning on the Swayze gold field recalls the fact that Cobalt, Porcupine and crime, and the upholding of the general rights. When it is Kirkland Lake all had their lady prospectors. The ladies evident to all that crime does not pay, breach of the law will were also sure of chivalrous and kindly treatment, and no become increasingly unpopular among the people who to-day one attempted to make their work more difficult. At the make a business of living on the backs of others. There same time, though the lady prospectors received much pubare victims of circumstances, creatures of weak wills, who licity, none of them ever made a discovery that later deneed the sympathetic help of stronger people. But in the veloped into a producing mine. Of course the same might main the criminal of to-day is but a mean, vicious, poor be said of scores of the male prospectors in each camp, but sport, with no thought but for himself, and the very telling the women prospectors attract so much special attention to him of this fact would help to cure him. When all good | that more is usually expected of them. people stand foursquare with the law-their law-the problem of the criminal will be on the way to solving itself.

Several from Timmins and district who attended the

The story of a woman prospector going into the new

It would be amusing were it not so tragic, that some peo- recently at Timmins, promoted by P. ple are exercised to-day over the danger that people may be killed or injured during the hunting season, while the reckless slaughter of human lives by motor traffic is a weekly occurrence that has ceased to rouse horror or alarm.

"Abandon Hope All Ye Who Enter Here" is the sign that one emotional visionary sees hanging on the front of the Fures for charity. Expenditures on needed public works, men in general more thoughtful and considerate. Accord- violently ballyhooed event across the line. This will be a with the more common road sign, "Welcome! Call Again!

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CHARITY BALL NETS \$83.15

The Policemen's Charity Ball held recently at Kirkland Lake netted \$83.15, according to a statement last waek by Chief Shane. This amount, however, is subject to the amusement tax, but Chief Shane is seeking to have the amusement tax rebated on the grounds that the net proceeds go to charity. Kirkland Lake's Policemen's Charity Ball was a successful and Committee at Kirkland Lake. There was a "Policemen's Charity Ball" held S. Hurd, of Toronto, who was also the promoter of the event at Kirkland Lake. The event here netted over \$100.00 after the amusement tax had been paid.

Sudbury Star:- "A pretty girl evangelist preached on a Chicago beach, in came to listen." Uh huh-to listen.