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GOOD POLICY TO SPEND

There are people in this country who pretend to believe that if the Hyde Park policy of England were in force in Canada the communists would soon blow off all their steam and evaporate in the process. It is quite evident that even Hyde Park has not achieved this desired end for Britain. Indeed, there is good excuse for claiming that Hyde Park methods have fostered communism and given communists opportunity for spreading their evil doctrines and adding numbers to their ranks. Certainly they have reds in Britain, and the theories expounded by these nit-wits are just as foolish and as illogical as any of the schemes outlined in Canada by the alien agitators. For instance, at London at the time of the opening of the King's Silver Jubilee celebration the communists in London, England, used the occasion of a silver jubilee ball to promulgate their crazy theories. They gathered before the building where the ball was held and between the times of singing the Internationale they chanted the words, "Your fine robes would buy us bread." Had they been workers, as they pretend to be, it would be the fact that the "fine robes" had already "bought their bread." The "fine robes" meant money expended for material that was the product of workers and for labour that would bring wages to the workers. It is one of the silly ideas of the ignorant theorist that fine raiment and lavish expenditure by those with money means some sort of injury to the worker. As a matter of fact the rich are never so generous to the workers as when they are spending their money. If the people who have accumulated wealth would only expend their money for fine robes and expensive food they would provide employment and bring material benefit to the workers. This is a matter that has no connection whatever with the question of what may be the best economic system. Under the present system—and this is the only system that has yet been suggested—this is the system now in force in its basic elements in Russia, though certain abuses militate there against its fair operation—the one thing that the workers should consider commendable is the spending of money by those who have the money to spend. There is no other plan that tends to the more even distribution of wealth. The hoarding of wealth, on the other hand, is one of the causes of the difficulties that arise in the working of the system.

In the case of the British celebration of the King's Silver Jubilee there is also another important point to remember. The lavish manner in which the celebration is being carried through is not only creating work and distributing money to those ready to work, but it is also bringing money into the country. The Silver Jubilee events are attracting people to England from all parts of the Empire and from many other countries. The British people, according to one Old Country newspaper, expect that the celebration will bring into Britain a sum that will fully reach \$150,000,000. King George himself is said to have urged those in charge of the celebration events to more lavish and colourful displays. The King is a shrewd business man with wide knowledge of human nature and in the celebration he no doubt saw opportunity for big returns to Britain's commercial and industrial concerns as well as to the country's workmen.

In Timmins there were one or two citizens who thought that the money spent in floats, costumes and for other necessities in connection with the big parade, might have been better expended for direct relief. This is a shortsighted attitude to take. As a matter of fact it is always better to provide work than to give direct relief. Everything that makes labour is of value to the community and to the country, especially in times like these. Providing work through the use of materials and the making of displays keeps the workers in position where they do not need relief. That is much better than trying to remedy the conditions that arise from lack of work and the need that results from want of enterprise.

MILLIONS MAY BE WRONG

Writing to The Advance this week a friend attempts to make the point that there must be something in the so-called "Social Credit" scheme or so many people would not be giving it countenance. It may be taken for granted that there is lack of soundness in any theory that has to be obscured by the most obtuse language used for half a century in the discussion of any public question. The number of people who may be deceived by a fallacy does not at all improve the questionable character of the false premises upon which the theory may be built. If numbers of adherents were taken as a criterion then Ponzi was a financier. He had hundreds of thousands of bitter supporters, but that did not alter the fact that he was simply a type of confidence man and his scheme was inevitably doomed to failure. There will be many to-day who have not heard of Ponzi, and many others who have forgotten him. This proves how little trust may be placed in numbers,

for some years ago Ponzi was hailed as a heaven-sent genius whose hobby was the making rich of all the strangers who cared to write to him and send him money. If numbers had made right Ponzi would be immortal. It may be said now that Ponzi utilized the chain letter scheme to collect money, paying out handsome dividends to a few to keep the many sending in their money. When he was at the summit of his success it was useless to attempt to point out to his dupes that there was nothing but fraud in his scheme. The same is true to-day in regard to the chain letter schemes now in progress. The fact would seem to be very evident that in this chain letter scheme no one can secure more money than he put into it, without some one else being defrauded. If one man is to receive \$1040, then 1039 men who sent a dollar will receive nothing. It is useless to suggest that the multiplication of those sending in money will have any effect on the principle involved. No matter how many millions may join the chain, the fact remains that only the amount of money put in (less postage and any other costs) can be drawn out. If one man draws out more than he put in, some other man is defrauded. It is on this principle that the confidence men are working the racket. The fact that many honest and honourable people are deceived in the nature of the plan is giving the confidence men in the chain letter fraud great assistance. But try to get any of the chain letter fans to accept this truth!

Did anyone ever hear of the Spanish prisoner game? Literally hundreds of Canadians have been victimized by this fraud which does not even seem plausible. Although it has been practised for half a century, and exposed a hundred times, it still draws victims. The fact that hundreds of people may be deceived by the crude Spanish prisoner fraud certainly does not alter the fact that the story of the man in a Spanish prison with hidden wealth that he is willing to share with anyone ready to risk their cash is nothing but a fraud.

Scores of other illustrations might be given to show that numbers do not necessarily mean proof of the virtue of anything. At the present time people seem to be overly eager to accept new, or supposedly new, schemes for righting apparent troubles. The intense desire to better conditions tends to make people too ready to accept changes that in the end may prove worse than the original difficulty. Wild-minded people whose opinions would be scouted in normal times are given hearing to-day. It may be very flattering to these self-styled experts who spring from nowhere in the night, but it is doubtful if it is any advantage to the country. Nearly everyone is ready to admit to-day that a large number of the public men in the limelight and in places of power compare but poorly with the public men of a few years ago. This situation is due to the general public anxiety that leads to the fallacy that any change may be for the better. The friend who bases his opinion of "Social Credit" schemes (and by the way there are two distinct Social Credit plans advocated in Canada) should secure scunder basis than mere numbers of adherents. At the same time it may be added that the actual number of adherents has yet to be shown.

THE RIGHT ROAD ROUTE

Premier Mitchell Hepburn did a good day's work in a few minutes last week when he said that the routing of the Trans-Canada highway by way of the rocky north shore of Lake Superior was out of the picture. He would have done still better had he added that the Ontario Government would also drop the Heenan plan of building from Schreiber to White River. At the conference in Toronto last week, Homer Sutcliffe, an able North Land engineer who has made a careful survey of the several routes proposed, condemned the section from Schreiber to White River. He believed it would cost \$85,000 per mile, in place of \$17,000 per mile for a stretch to link Schreiber with Oba. It is doubtful if there is anyone in better position to give expert opinion than Mr. Sutcliffe. He knows his business and he knows the country. When the question was before the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade Mr. Sutcliffe showed very plainly that he was not swayed by any other consideration than the facts of the case as he saw them. If Mr. Sutcliffe disapproves of the Schreiber to White River section, The Advance is certain that it will eventually be proved that this route should not be taken.

In the conference last week in Toronto W. O. Langdon, president of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, presented the case from the viewpoint of all the individual boards of trade in this section of the country. He made it clear that he had no fault to find with any section of the country that desired road connections, but all the resolutions of the Associated Boards of Trade in the matter were centred on the one route. That route was by way of the Ferguson highway to Hearst and from there westward. He believed that the logical route would be from Hearst to Oba and from Oba to Schreiber. As an engineer Mr. Sutcliffe approved this route. Mr. Langdon pointed out that while the Ferguson highway route could compete with any other route for scenic features and attractions for tourists, there were other more important features to be considered. The Trans-Canada highway should be routed with thought of the development of the mineral, forest and agricultural wealth of the country. No other route could compare with the Ferguson highway route from this standpoint. Hon. Mr. Heenan seemed wedded to the Schreiber-White River section. Mr. Langdon was opposed to this as impractical and expensive. If the Ferguson highway

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Keep on the Sunny Side of Life

Thornloe Lady Observes her 95th Birthday Event

Mrs. Grace Harmer, who came to Canada as a girl of seven and who, after having been shipwrecked off Ireland en route, became a pioneer of both old and new Ontario, on Monday of this week entered upon her 95th year. She lives with her son, George, on the homestead near Thornloe, on which she and her late husband settled when they left their old home near Mitchell, more than 30 years ago. Mrs. Harmer enjoys fair health for her years. Formerly Miss Grace Muxworthy, of a family of old English stock, Mrs. Harmer is a native of Devonshire, where she was born on May 27, 1841. Her father was a miller in his native land but after the family came to Canada he became a farmer in Perth county and for the greater part of her long life Mrs. Harmer has lived in the country. She was married to the late John Harmer, also of Mitchell and likewise of English birth, living in Perth until they came north, when Temiskaming was opening up for settlement as the T. & N. O. Railway was being pushed through the claybelt.

Mr. Harmer died about 15 years ago. There are three sons in the family, William, at Milberta; James, in the White River section, and George, on the old homestead, with two daughters, Mrs. Moore, in California, and Mrs. Frank Murray, of Toronto. Mrs. Harmer turned out at the provincial elections a year ago and voted, being probably the oldest supporter at the polls that A. J. Kennedy, former Conservative member and unsuccessful candidate then, could claim.

The Semi-Weekly Smile

This one has started the rounds of the press again:— A jaded man was taken on a yachting cruise because yachting was about the only thing he had never gone in for. On the second day he insisted on returning home. "After all," he said, "when you've seen one wave you've seen them all."

London Free Press:—It is easy to denounce capitalism and big business. Yet there are over 4,000,000 bank depositors in Canada—all capitalists. Most of the big corporations like the C.P.R. and the Bell Telephone Company have thousands of stockholders. It is surprising how widespread are the stocks held of the big banks.

route is not chosen it will certainly not be the fault of Mr. Langdon. At the same time all should be on guard against further attempts to sidetrack the Ferguson highway route for the Trans-Canada highway.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

There is always something new in this North Land. Serious bush fires as early as May can be set down as another of the unexpected things that may be expected in this country.

It's bad enough to have the impression given out that everybody except the father and mother have an interest in the quintuplets, but when the advertising columns leave the idea that it wasn't Dr. Dafoe but some food or medicine or disinfectant that was responsible for the lives of the five famous children being saved, then no doubt the newspapers will protest if they can do so without losing any of the said advertising.

Thoughtful people might do well to note the number of cabinet ministers and other public men at present in serious state of health. With Premier Bennett likely to be forced to retire from active work, Hon. E. N. Rhodes and Hon. W. A. Gordon both reported as desirous of some measure of relief from duty on account of their health, the thought is forced on the public consciousness that serving the public these days is an onerous task and one that is prejudicial to the health of even the most robust of men.

SEARCHING FOR PRISONERS ESCAPED FROM L'ORIGINAL

Police are engaged in a widespread search for three prisoners escaped from the L'Original jail near Ottawa. The three, Jack McAuley, alias St. Jean, 36, of St. Patrick street, Ottawa; Edward Clarke, 26, of Chatham, N.B., and Leopold Desjardins 17, literally sawed their way from the old lock-up, making a hole from an attic through the roof and getting to the ground with the aid of a rope and a ladder.

Their escape was evidently carefully planned, and, it is believed, was engineered from the outside by accomplices who provided the equipment which set them free.

McAuley and Clarke were awaiting transportation to penitentiary to serve terms of seven and five years respectively, and Desjardins was being held for trial before a judge this week.

Gore Bay Recorder:—In days of old when knights were bold, and barons held their sway, they took their orders from their wives—just as we do to-day.

The New Yorker:—In our economy of abundance, we even build a pioneer's house for him. He still has to button his own pants, but even THEY work with a zipper!

Brockville Recorder and Times:—More cent-a-mile railway excursions between eastern and western Canada have started. Since travel nearly always promotes better understanding, a much clearer idea of the respective problems of the East and the West should come out of this cheaper trans-Canada movement.

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Word from Tacoma, Washington, tells of the kidnapping of a boy there, the lad being held for ransom with the threat of death for the youngster if the police interfere or the ransom is not paid. The parents of the boy have begged the police not to take any steps in the matter until the child is safely back in his own home. This is a natural attitude to take in such a case, however favourable it may be to the kidnapper. The case surely shows the absurdity of Attorney-General Roebuck's proposal to make it a criminal offence to pay ransom or agree to pay ransom in the case of kidnapping.

It is remarkable how popular all "share-the-wealth" and "share the profits" plans are, and how much less popular interest there is in any plan for sharing the responsibilities.

A ruling of the United States Supreme Court has the effect of completely upsetting all President Roosevelt's plans to hasten the recovery of the country. The Supreme Court has ruled that the National Recovery Act commercial codes are unconstitutional and so null and void. The ruling has had a serious effect on the markets, while increase in unemployment, lower prices and other evils are expected to result. There is a general opinion in many quarters in the United States that the country will see even worse times than it has endured before recovery sets in again.

Never was the Blue Eagle as blue as after the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States that the said Eagle was not to be allowed to live.

Such Treatment [Image of two women] The bandits who robbed Boston travel bureau where the sisters Iris and Sylvia Beals (above) are employed certainly cannot be classed as "gentlemen." They made the girls to disrobe to foil pursuit. Try The Advance Want Advertisements