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MENDING ROOFS

There is the famous foolish story of the man who excused the leaking roof on his house by saying that when the weather was fine there was no need to mend the roof, and when it was raining the roof could not well be fixed. Probably that man received a ducking only when the rain was particularly fierce.

This is not to advocate leaky roofs. It is not even to suggest that leaky roofs should be accepted as the hand of providence, or to be endured on any count. In a civilized—even in an intellectual community—leaky roofs should be fixed.

NEEDS OF THE NORTH

A number of newspapers, including some in the North, support Hon. Mr. Nixon, acting premier, in his suggestion that royal commissions accomplish little of value as a rule and that accordingly the request of the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade deputation at Toronto last week, asking for a royal commission to study the needs of the North and formulate a proper government programme for development and expansion of the country is not likely to be granted by the powers-that-be at Toronto.

known before they start. Some of the newspapers even go so far as to suggest that the government—and, by inference, everybody else—is fully cognizant of the needs of the North, so why ask for a commission? Such an attitude is scarcely fair to the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade.

The Advance admits that it had serious doubts as to whether or not a royal commission would result in early justice being given the North. The report of such a commission, however, would assuredly have given some publicity to the case for the North.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Last week The Globe and Mail was publishing editorials condemning the Ontario government for forcing through the legislation attempting to over-ride the law courts of the land.

A travelling representative for a well-known product sold by retailers was amazed this week at the number of business men who were "away," or "out of town," or "may be back anytime now!"

The Ottawa Journal has fine scorn for those writers who send letters to the newspapers and do not write their names plainly enough to be read.

For a town of its size, Cochrane appears to have more crimes of violence than any other place in the North. The latest is the stabbing of a citizen who protested against some rowdyism.

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"Glasses are a blessing to me...."

"For some years now, I have spent most of my time doing fancy-work and reading. A few months ago my eyes bothered me so much I had to give up my pleasures. How discontented I became. How irritable!"

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Condemns High-Handed Action of Legislature

(From Simcoe Reformer) The Reformer heartily concurs in the sentiments expressed in a leading editorial in the Toronto Globe and Mail condemning the proposed amendment to the Power Commission Act.

Such legislation would place Hydro above the law and render it immune to legal action for breach of contract or for any other action whatsoever. While primarily aimed at avoiding the effect of adverse court decisions resulting from the cancellation of contracts with Quebec power companies, it would have a much more far-reaching significance.

The amendment constitutes a serious reflection upon the judiciary of this province. In no other country in the world is the judicial system held in such high esteem as in Canada.

It is a grave situation into which Hydro has been dragged by the politicians. There can be no question that Messrs Ferguson and Henry used very poor judgment in negotiating contracts with Quebec companies.

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The latest story about the Moscow trial is that agents of the Soviet purchased a drug in the United States and that the use of the drug on the prisoners caused them to act as they did.

It is understood that Hon. David Croll, Minister of Welfare for Ontario, is planning to have an act passed to prevent business firms from using the name of the quintuplets in unauthorized exploitation.

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Quebec companies. But the extreme steps being taken by the Roebuck-led forces in the Legislature go beyond all bounds of reason or necessity. It seems that having gone so far, they cannot turn back.

Much Loss Through Sickness in Canada

Two Per Cent. of Working Population Off for Illness

Among other matters studied by the Health League of Canada is that of the loss through illness in Canada. In this connection some rather startling figures are given, and comments made on the question.

"According to the most recent figures available, one out of every 23 workers loses an average of over 12 weeks in the year because he is sick."

"At any given time about two per cent. of the working population of Canada is off work because of sickness."

"Throughout Canada, among the whole working populations an average of about four full days per year is lost, due to illness."

"From reliable statistics, it is estimated that about 70 per cent. of all school children are suffering from defects that could be remedied."

"Among the adult population of Canada it is estimated that about 30 per cent. of persons from 18 to 40 years are not fit for heavy work because of largely preventable causes."

"It is further estimated that about 60 per cent. of Canada's population from 40 to 60 years are in need of care from controllable if not preventable diseases."

"Canada can have health if it wishes to pay for it. That has been proven by the effective results obtained in such programmes as diphtheria immunization, pasteurization of milk, infant mortality reduction, typhoid and tuberculosis control."

"There are means available in Canada for the effective control, and the eventual elimination of such diseases as cancer, tuberculosis, diphtheria, typhoid—if the people would only learn to use these means."

"The main problem of health as it affects Canada is (1) the preservation of health and (2) the prevention of disease and ill health."

"Primarily, this is a question of health education. It is a question of steady, persistent education of men and women (boys and girls) to the fact that most diseases can be prevented."

"The public is long-suffering. It is slow to anger. How many more years will go by before Canadians realize that they are being taxed heavily for hospitals and mental charitable organizations that are increasing in size and number beyond all proper proportions?"

"It is known, and generally agreed, that the pasteurization of milk will remove the chances of undulant fever, typhoid fever and tuberculosis—and yet municipalities in many parts of Canada remain unmoved and unafraid of the menace."

"It is a known fact that cancer, heart disease, infections from bad teeth and many other diseases could be reduced to a minimum if periodic health examinations were universally adopted."

Columbia University has recently ruled that every one of the staff of 3000 must be medically examined annually. Some day Canada's large educational institutions, factories, stores and office will realize the economic value of such a scheme."

"In the meantime a tremendous waste from preventable illness goes on from day to day."

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