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EDUCATING THE NEW CANADIAN

The phenomenal increase in the volume of immigration now reaching our shores presents a subject of immense importance to the thinking people of Canada.

Immigration is generally recognized as one of our social problems but not everyone realizes that, by immigration, Canada is building up a new national life. In a normal family, each child may be regarded as a "problem"; but when the family is increased by adoption, an entirely new group of problems is introduced into the family circle. The immigrant is an adopted citizen, and brings with him among his effects, a trunk full of new national responsibilities.

Social workers, are perhaps, a little inclined to view immigration by its failures rather than by its triumphs. The individual of British or Anglo-Saxon stock, who makes absorbed into the fabric of Canadian life, contributes to the taxes; casts an intelligent vote; and requires no specialized treatment. The social workers are hardly aware of its arrival. The immigrant who drifts into their purview is likely to be the one who has some physical or intellectual handicap. Possibly only that of a foreign language, which places him at a disadvantage in competition with those who can speak and read English; but more often the failure of the immigrant to "make good" is connected with some physical defect, through which he becomes a public charge or a unit in the statistics of correctional or remedial institutions. Unfortunately there are no statistics of the immigrants who succeed and become our leading citizens, so that the record of immigration, as found in the reports of social work, is apt to be pessimistic in its outlook.

It is therefore peculiarly interesting to find in the proceedings of the Convention of the Social Service Council of Canada just published a suggestion for the welfare of the immigrant which involves the setting up of no new, specialized machinery for "Canadianization," but simply a more profitable use of our existing system of education.

The suggestion is so simple that at first sight it may appear unimportant; merely a recommendation that the Federal Government should make provision for ascertaining as far as possible the educational standing of immigrants and should turn over this information to the Provincial governments, in order that it may be made available for use by the Departments of Education and Health in each province.

When the final destination happens to be in a city or town with a highly organized system of education and public health, the problem of assimilation is likely to be dealt with by those more or less expert with it; but our immigration policy is aimed at peopling the remote districts of the country where the local representation of the systems of health and education is often not so competent to deal with the reception of the foreign immigrant. In such conditions much might be done were the Provincial authorities informed of the arrival of a group of immigrants who were not likely to fit quickly and naturally into existing local circumstances.

Information as to educational standing might reach the presence, in such a group, of a teacher who might be, in a very real sense, the "key man" to open the way to assimilation.

No doubt, there will be opposition to such a proposal. Immigration is a federal matter; is a statement frequently made and partially true, but since the British North America Act explicitly defines the scope of provincial immigration, this statement should not preclude co-operation between the federal and provincial governments.

There is no such information provided in the ship's manifests with regard to immigrants; it is an objection which is only to be reckoned as final by those (and they are not few) who appear to think that the manifests now contain all things necessary to the salvation of the immigrant, and that there is something sacrilegious in suggesting that they be changed.

The possession of such information would not only bring the immigrant to the notice of the departments of health and education, as represented by the public health nurse and teacher, but also within the sphere of the churches and other voluntary social agencies with which, to an increasing extent, the more alert governmental departments are co-operating.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Parents should be held responsible for the conduct of their children. Often boys are arrested for wrongdoing without proper enquiry being made as to the contributory negligence of their fathers. It is a rare case that children brought up in a normal home under reasonable control develop into law-breakers. It is the neglected child that becomes the delinquent.

It Wouldn't Take Much More Energy To "Skin Up" That Tree



FARSIGHTEDNESS CAUSE OF DEFEAT OF BENTINCK'S REEVE

Editor of Chesley Enterprise Expresses Above View in Editorial in That Paper Last Week.

Ex-Reeve Hunt was defeated for the Reeveship of Bentinck on January 7 largely because he was in favor of the abolition of statute labor. He was an advanced thinker and paid the penalty for trying to get rid of a system that began in his township when it was first set apart as a municipality away back in the fifties when bears were as hard on sheep as dogs are these days. It would seem that the defeated Reeve was in touch with public opinion when he advocated the abolition or commuting of that ancient rural institution which dates back to the Act of Union between Upper and Lower Canada in 1841. As a matter of fact the Legislature has gone the whole limit and has notified Township Councils that commuting statute labor will not draw the 20 per cent. Government grant any more than by every ratepayer doing his own statute labor under a pathmaster. The system must be as completely abolished as the old theory of the earth being flat for a municipality to draw the grant. No more will the columns of local newspapers be adorned with the list of embryo statesmen who started at the foot of the ladder as a pathmaster and had a vision of climbing the ladder of fame into the halls of legislation just as clearly as Jacob had when he saw the angels ascending and descending at Bethel when he used the soft side of a stone as a pillow.

This is the last year for pathmasters to get in the honor roll. Their places will be taken by a regularly appointed road superintendent who shall be appointed under by-law as a permanent official of the township. The Deputy Minister of Highways puts the position of the Government in the statement: "The Minister, after careful consideration, has decided that no grants will be paid by the Province under the Ontario Highwayways Act on road expenditures carried on after the 31st of December, 1924, to any township that has retained statute labor, either in its original or commuted form. Further, all townships receiving aid from the Province must have a regularly appointed Township Road Superintendent, acting under direction of the Township Council."

KILLED WHILE ALONE BY A FALLING STUB

Young Farmer of Collingwood Township Found Dead by Searchers.

Joseph Eagle, a young farmer living on the 6th concession of Collingwood township, four miles north of Eversham, was killed by a falling stub on Monday. Nobody knows exactly how the accident happened as the victim was alone at the time.

In the afternoon he went out to the bush to cut down a stub for wood. Failing to return home for supper, his wife became uneasy and informed neighbours. A search party went out and after a continuous search until three o'clock in the morning the young man was found pinned to the ground by the stub and with the life crushed out. The stub, when descending, in some way turned and fell on him with fatal results.

The deceased, who was about 30 years of age, leaves a wife and one daughter. He was well thought of in the community and his tragic passing has cast a gloom over the whole district.

DEPLORES PASSING OF "THE FAMILY DOCTOR"

Speaker Says Graduate of To-day Does Not Want to Do General Practice.—Wants to Specialize.

The "family doctor" of an earlier generation may have disappeared in this age of specialization. If he is gone, his passing explains the increase in osteopaths, chiropractors and science healers. The medical graduate of to-day does not want to do general practice and the health present-day doctor is inclined to overlook minor ailments.

This indictment of the medical profession was made by a man who is widely known as a "specialist" himself—Dr. William Carpenter MacCarthy of the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., in the principal address before the several hundred members of the American Congress on Internal Medicine at the annual banquet at Hotel Chase, St. Louis, Dr. MacCarthy's subject was "The Making of a Doctor," and he treated his subject in a critical and philosophical light.

"How few of our graduates want to do general practice," he declared, "and how many want to be consultants or great surgeons immediately! This common attitude of our medical graduate explains, perhaps, the rapid increase in the number of osteopaths, chiropractors and Christian Scientists; these practitioners are certainly caring for the people who formerly were attended by our faithful old general practitioners. In my opinion, at least, all of this means that there is something radically wrong in our system of making doctors."

"If this be heresy, it is stimulated by a burning desire to increase the good which has already been done in improving our professional activities. It is unnecessary to picture in detail this good; you know it well and the public appreciates it. It has been largely a matter of prevention of disease rather than cure. Parents and public officials pride themselves on sanitary schools, clean streets, wholesome foods, sanitary plumbing and pure water supplies. To spit on the streets and floors is not only ungentlemanly, it is unsanitary, and the public knows it. But does the public know how and when to choose its doctors? Can our medical graduates care for the minor ailments, which are in all probability the antecedents of greater ills?"

FIFTEEN FOLK OF SEVENTY IN HAMLET OF FIFTEEN HOMES

Carlsruhe Village in Bruce County Possibly Holds Unique Record for Canada.

The little hamlet of Carlsruhe, situated on the boundary of Carleton and Northumberland Townships, has a unique record that is hard to beat, that is, if a dispatch from Mildmay tells the truth.

This hamlet contains only fifteen occupied houses, and among the population living there, fifteen have passed the 70th milestone. The oldest inhabitant is Mrs. Conrad Hoffmann, who celebrated her 94th birthday the first of this month.

Six persons have passed their 80th year, namely, Peter Zettler, Joseph Hinsperger, Mrs. John Kirstner, Mrs. Peter Girodat, Mrs. Katherine Lob-singer and Mrs. John Westenhäfer.

The other eight have passed their 70th birthday. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Hesch, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fischer, Miss Katie Kestner, Mrs. Peter Zettler, Peter Girodat and Lorenz Sheilias.

All of the old-timers are in excellent health and are still able to do a day's work. Three of the above,

THE HEART RAIDER WILL BE HERE THIS WEEK

Agnes Ayres Speed Girl in Her Newest Picture.—Here To-morrow and Saturday Nights.

In her latest Paramount picture, "The Heart Raider," coming to the Veterans Star Theatre April 18 and 19, Agnes Ayres drives horses in a chariot, a speed boat, and a racing car. The first two are new experiences for Miss Ayres. She never had the reins in her hands before and never sat behind the wheel in a speed boat.

"The funny thing about it," explained Miss Ayres, "was that I was more scared driving the horses than I was the boat. You never can tell what a horse may do. They have temperaments just like picture stars—a boat will respond exactly to your will."

Mahlon Hamilton is leading man in this production, a comedy-drama directed by Wesley Ruggles. The support is excellent.

CENITARIAN DEAD AT GALT

Mrs. Mary Ann Coleman of Galt, oldest resident of the city, died Sunday at the age of two days less than 101 years. She was born in Ireland, lived under the reign of five sovereigns and well remembers the potato famine in Ireland. She came to Canada 71 years ago. Six years ago she had her hip broken, and remained an invalid ever since. She had no family.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Mary Turnbull of South Bentinck, who is attending North Bay Normal school, is spending the Easter week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Turnbull in Huntsville, Muskoka.

Miss A. C. MacKenzie is spending the Easter holiday in Toronto and Milton.

Miss Beckie Levine of Toronto spent a couple of days with her father, Miss Sadie, who is attending High school here.

Mrs. David Adlam returned from Toronto Monday after a two weeks' visit with her daughter, at Toronto.

Hospital Babies NEED NEW CLOTHES FOR EASTER

Contributions left with Mrs. Grant gratefully received.

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected April 17, 1924. Live hogs \$7.25, Wheat 95 @ 1.00, Oats 45 @ 50, Barley 60 @ 65, Buckwheat 75 @ 85, Peas 1.20 @ 1.25, Hay 10.00 @ 12.00, Butter 20, Eggs 1.00, Potatoes .05, Hides .50c @ \$1.00, Sheepskins .50c @ \$1.00

Short News Items Of Local Interest

Harold Jarvis, the well-known singer, died recently in Detroit.

The C.N.R. on Tuesday resumed their regular daily freight service between Palmerston and Kincardine.

Elderslie township reports its first case of sleeping sickness. The victim being Allan Bancise of the second concession.

Mr. George A. Lawrence, a returned soldier, and a son of Mayor Lawrence, has been appointed postmaster at Palmerston.

A public meeting at Harrison to organize a horticultural society was so poorly attended that the idea was abandoned.

The Forbes Magazine says: "Honesty is best, whether it is policy or not." The "best policy" brand is not honesty, at all; nothing but a "gold brick."

The dispute between Collingwood Board of Education and the fire insurance company regarding the loss on the Collegiate Institute, has been referred to an arbitrator.

The title of trainmaster on the Canadian National Railways has been changed to assistant superintendent, and goes into effect immediately.

Alex. Buchanan, near Dundalk, lost six of his young cattle recently. They were being watered at the Sauguen River when the ice gave way and they were swept down the stream.

Clarence Osborne and a companion narrowly escaped drowning at Shallow Lake on Thursday of last week. The boat they were in upset, and both swam to a piece of floating ice from which they were rescued in a famished condition.

Port Elgin Council at its last meeting, passed an order for compulsory vaccination of all children attending the public and high schools of that town. Pupils will be required to produce medical certificates of vaccination on re-opening the school after Easter.

E. A. Rea issuer of automobile licenses for Oxford county, has been notified that he must not visit other towns and villages in the county to issue permits and markers. To save farmers trouble he had been in the habit of going to other places, but last week received notice that this would not be permitted by the Department.

The correct thing to do when you meet a lady driver at an intersection is to run into the curb and rush in to the drug store.

FRUIT TREATMENT FOR CONSTIPATION

Quick and Permanent Relief By Taking "Fruit-a-tives"

What a glorious feeling it is to be well! What a relief to be free of cathartics, salts, laxatives and purgatives that merely aggravate constipation and are so unpleasant to take and so weakening in their effect!

What a satisfaction to know that the juices of apples, oranges, figs and prunes will absolutely and permanently relieve constipation. By a certain process, the juices of these fruits can be concentrated and intensified with tonics—and it is these concentrated fruit juices that correct constipation, relieve headaches and biliousness, and make you well and keep you well.

"Fruit-a-tives" are sold everywhere at 25c. and 50c. a box—or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa, Ont.

NOT HIS HABIT

Mrs. Browne—"I must say my husband is very economical. Does your husband save much?"

Mrs. Towne—"Before we were married he saved me from drowning but he hasn't saved anything since."

Some of the English telephone girls have a pretty sharp wit—as for instance: "Have you lost your manners, miss?" asked a hectoring subscriber.

"Yes," replied the telephone girl, "if you find them, please use them."

Veteran Star Theatre

TWO SHOWS: 8 and 9.15 P.M.

FRIDAY--SATURDAY

April 18-19

AGNES AYRES

"THE HEART RAIDER"

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Settle Quarrels A Friends Resen

Married Couples Who Stage Domestic Differences in Presence of Outsiders Cause Embarrassment and Lose Regard of Friends.—Tyrannic Rule of Domineering Wife Should Be Confined to Precincts of Home, Says Dorothy Dix.

This is a sad world, mates, with too little sunshine in it, so far be it from me to abridge, abate or curtail any innocent pleasure. But it does seem to me that there are certain diversions that should be indulged in only in the privacy of the home.

One of these is the family spat. Apparently a large number of men and women get married for the sole purpose of providing themselves with a sparring partner, with whom they can put on the gloves at a moment's notice with, or without, the slightest provocation. Life has no dull moments for them, because they are always saying something that draws blood, or framing a remark that will cut to the quick, and the excitement of a battle to the death is perpetually thrilling their nerves.

Without doubt, it is a merry and adventurous existence for the doughty domestic warriors who enjoy that kind of thing! I would not be cruel enough to deny them the cheery pastime of going to the mat over every trivial difference of opinion. But I do contend that conjugal quarrels are an indoor sport, and should be pursued only when the participants have sought the seclusion that the cabin grants, as they used to say in "Pinafore," and when all the shades have been pulled down and the key-holes stuffed with cotton.

Possibly the lack of an audience might take off a little of the edge of the bout for the battling husband and spouse; but, oh, how immensely it would add to the comfort and happiness of those of us who are the innocent bystanders and who are forced to look on, sick with horror, at these encounters.

In all good truth I know of no other situation so miserable and so embarrassing as to be called upon to referee a fight between a married couple. Their quarrel is, to begin with, a matter with which we have no concern; one in which we do not desire to meddle; one in which we ardently wish to take neither side.

It makes us feel like cowards to keep silent while a man hurls deadly insults at his wife, and we writh in vicarious shame while a woman vituperates her husband.

We have the sense of having assisted in an indecent orgy of a husband and wife strip every rag of reserve away from their relationship and throw open the doors of their homes in public. Nor are we consoled by the knowledge that the people who make public exhibitions of their tempers must enjoy doing so or else they would not do it.

Yet we all number among our friends husbands and wives, otherwise estimable and charming individuals, who always stage their fights in the most conspicuous place they can find, and who seem to prefer an audience to privacy.

When you meet them for an evening's diversion they are having a preliminary set-to. Perhaps the husband has come home late from the office, or has forgotten to mail a letter, or possibly the wife has kept her husband waiting while she did her hair a second time. During the selection of the dinner they get warmed up to the work and put in some punches with real steam behind them. They clinch, and late and gouge over the selection of a play, and they reach for each other's vital spots and get in dirty jobs at the supper dance that follows the play.

Doubtless the fighters are enjoying themselves, but a pleasant time is not being had by all. The abashed onlookers know not what to do. They do not know whether to rush in and make it a free-for-all fight, or to try to mediate between the warring couple, or whether to pretend to have been suddenly stricken deaf, dumb and blind. And they wind up by feeling outraged that they should have been placed in such a mortifying position, and wishing heartily that husbands and wives would keep their quarrels for home consumption and not inflict them on their friends.

The same strictures apply to the woman who heckles her husband. That also should be confined to the quiet home joys that should be strictly confined to the domestic circle.

I raise no voice of protest against the woman who has wit and strength to oust her husband out of his position as head of the house and assume it herself. It is a matter for which she has no right to strike for he hasn't enough spunk to lose them. But why cannot the bossy woman be content with exercising their tyranny quietly and unobtrusively? Why do they insist upon rattling their chains by which they lead their husbands until they call public attention to them?

Think of the women you know who always say "My house," "My car," "My children." Who always walk ahead of their husbands and point out a seat and say, "John, sit there," and who always tell John where to get on and where to get off! And think how all the rest of us are embarrassed for poor John!

Believe me, dirty linen should be washed at home, and family quarrels staged there. That is one of the main things for which homes are designed.

Making the Criminal Pay (Detroit Free Press)

The former Kaiser is suing Prussia for about \$100,000,000 worth of property. If Wilhelm III should be much why not apply it on the reparations bill?