Poets, Editors And Fallibility

"The Canadian Authors' Association is starting a new magazine, to be devoted entirely to Canadian poetry. Those who can really write poetry will thus have a chance to have it published and they will also be paid for it, instead of having to send it to the newspapers whose editors frankly do not know good poetry when they see it." — Fergus News-Record.

Commenting upon the last statement—that editors don't know good poetry when they see it — the Toronto Star says it can prove it. One of its editorial writers sent a few lines of verse to the editor of the "A Little of Everything" column on the Star's own editorial page, and in order that there should be no chance of favoritism on account of his identity he had the lines typewritten and a strange name signed to them. They were never published.

Well, joking aside, why should editors always know good poetry, anyway, or what the world might regard as good poetry? Or, for that matter, why should they always know what is good prose?

Often they have shown that they didn't know. Only recently the editor of the Atlantic Monthly confessed he had rejected the manuscript which made Hemingway famous. London editors, or a good many of them, rejected things which Barrie wrote, and which turned out to be classics. More than that, and worse, there was an editor once, and famous who scorned Edgar Allan Poe's "Raven."

The story is told of Bret Harte that, in his heydey, he once disguised himself as a pauper and called on an editor with the manuscript of one of his best stories he had ever written. The editor, not penetrating the disguise, glanced at the manuscript, and pronounced it of no worth and told Harte to leave. When the editor discovered his mistake, he was profuse in his apologies, but from that time forth Bret Harte never submitted a manuscript or spoke to him again.

It all illustrates how in the matter of good writing, as in other things in life, judgments may be terribly artificial, even nonsensical. Most of us are more interested in show than in substance; indeed we appear unable to find the substance unless the show is visible. Almost every great writer has been compelled to create an appetite for himself; and until that appetite is created editors and publishers are too apt to be critical.

The truth is that in literature, as in most other spheres in life, success usually hangs by a slender thread. One thinks of Thomas Hobbes, one of England's most remarkable philosophers. He was an obscure thinker, who had been private secretary to Lord Bacon in his youth and all the indications were that he would die poor and virtually unknown. But one day some of the clergy made their appearance at the palace of King Charles, informed him there was an irreligious writer in the offing who should get his just deserts. Well, the King was not a scholar, nor much of a reader, though he was the wittiest man who ever sat on the throne of England, and as good natured as he was witty. But good natured as he was, he disliked the idea of persecution, and especially the persecution of free speech. Accordingly, and although he had never heard of Thomas Hobbes, he promptly bought all of the philosopher's works, ordered the greatest painter in London to paint his portrait, which ever after hung in the King's bedchamber, and settled a big pension on the man whom his own ancestors would have burned.

So, we welcome this new venture of Canadian Authors. If they can discover even one good poet they will have done Canada a first class service. — Ottawa Journal.

Aircraft Insurance Pressed In Britain

London.—Civil aviation in Britain is to follow in the steps of motoring with the introduction of compulsory third party, or liability insurance, in a bill which is to be one of the measures considered by Parliament.

Proposals in the bill include a minimum insurance of 5000 pounds for powered aircraft up to 5000 pounds in weight, and up to 25,000 pounds for planes of 25,000 pounds and over. The intermediate figures would be at the rate of 100 pounds per each 100 pounds weight. Balloons would be rated at a maximum of 5000, airships at 25,000 and gliders at 1,000.

The new insurance will cover damage caused by civil aircraft when taking off, landing, or in flight. If this is caused by willful misconduct or negligence, the owner would lose the benefit of his insurance. Injury to persons carried in aircraft is already provided for by legislation. There are many other proposed details which will be hammered out when the bill is discussed.

"Give instruction to a wise man and he will be wiser; teach a just man and he will increase in learning."—The Bible.

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Asks For More Humane Methods of Distributing Relief

Public health, more humane methods of distributing relief and an effort to bring womanly sympathy and understanding to the problems of women, children and aged people, will be the aims of Mrs. Rosamond E. Wilkinson, only woman member of the 1936 Calgary City Council. She was elected Social Credit candidate in the civic elections November 20.

A trained nurse who operates a physio-therapy clinic, Mrs. Wilkinson is a strong opponent of present methods of relief. "I believe every person is entitled to employment," she said. "If that is not possible, they should not be subjected to the humiliation they have to endure at present.

"I shall make every effort to have greater dignity maintained in the administration of relief." Born in Ireland, Mrs. Wilkinson has lived in Canada for 20 years. She is a graduate of St. George's hospital and studied physio-therapy work under Sir Robert Jones, the famous bone specialist."

Canada Does Better

(National City Bank of New York)

To the north, Canada has enjoyed further recovery during the year. Improvement in the mining and pulp and paper industries, and in agriculture, has been the basis of Canadian gains.

Compared with the United States, industrial recovery not only has proceeded more evenly in Canada, but it has gone farther. In the three months ended October last, the Canadian index of industrial output averaged 84 per cent. of the 1929 level, compared with 76 per cent. recorded by the Federal Reserve index for this country; also, the percentage increase from the extreme low has been greater in Canada, amounting to 76 per cent., against 61 per cent. for the United States.

A FARMER BOY

ONE of the best known medical men in the United States was Dr. R. V. Pierce of Buffalo, New York, who was born on a farm in Pa. He noted daily in his medical career that many of his prescriptions prepared from roots, barks, and herbs, such as "Golden Medical Discovery," produced astonishing results.

He early founded a Clinic and Hospital in Buffalo, N. Y. Advice by letter is free.

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If Your Ears Ring With Head Noises

If you have catarrhal deafness or head noises go to your druggist and get 1 oz. of Paramint (double strength), and add to it ¼ pint of hot water and a little sugar. Take a tablespoonful four times a day.

This will often bring quick relief from the distressing head noises. Clogged nostrils should open, breathing become easy and the mucous stop dropping into the throat. It is easy to prepare, costs little, and is pleasant to take. Anyone who has catarrhal deafness or head noises should give this prescription a trial

Why I Visited Denmark: "THE McDONALD MOVEMENT"

(By Prof. S. B. McCready)

Editor's Note: This is the third of a series of articles which were published recently in the Harriston "Review." While written specially for the "Review" and addressed to residents of Minto Township particularly, we believe they will be found interesting to many of the readers of this paper because the problems of the farm folk of Minto Township are the same problems that confront rural people throughout the Province.

In order to explain my interest in Denmark and the purpose of my visit to that wonderful little country in the Summer of 1934, it will be necessary for me to disclose a little of my personal history.

Thirty years ago I was a teacher of Science in London Collegiate Institute when I received an invitation to apply for the position of Professor of Nature Study at the Macdonald Institute at Guelph. My appointment to the work brought me into the service of the Ontario Agricultural College to help in bringing into effect the ideals of one of the greatest men that this country, in my opinion, ever had, namely the late James W. Robertson. Though born and reared in Scotland he was a great Canadian and second only to Ryerson in his ambitions for the best sort of schools and the best sort of education for the country folk of Ontario and the other Canadian Provinces.

There will be many old-timers in Harriston and Minto Township who will remember him as the manager of the Cotswold and other neighboring cheese factories in the early 80's. He made Harriston his headquarters and was intimate with the McKillops and Coplands. At that time he represented a firm of British Cheese Importers. Afterwards he became the first Dominion Dairy Commissioner and in that capacity put Canadian Cheese "on the map."

He was a man of the highest ideals and a very lovely gentleman. I was very proud to be his disciple.

Knowing the needs of country life as he did, and sensing the inadequacy of our school system to meet those needs, he conceived the idea of establishing a new sort of Country Teachers' Training School at Guelph in association with the Agricultural College where he had been at one time an instructor in the Dairy Department.

Sir William Macdonald, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer of Montreal furnished Prof. Robertson with the necessary funds and the School was named the Macdonald Institute. This experiment in making school more natural and vital, sought to bring about a reform in country life education. It aimed to offset the town and university trend towards professional and white-collar jobs which has always characterized our school system by substituting handicrafts, homemaking and nature studies for the academic bookishness required by our exacting examination system.

My first duty was to take charge of an interprovincial class of about fifty teachers representing Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Ontario. I do not need to say it was a thrilling experience. I felt that we were having a hand in breaking down provincial prejudices. That work ceased after three years unfortunately. Wouldn't it be a great thing for Canada if there could still be some sort of national meeting ground for country teachers — say at the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa?

A SUCCESSFUL FAILURE

As most of you know this so-called "Macdonald Movement" for better rural education failed. The job has still got to be done. Perhaps Robertson was ahead of the times? Conditions were not ripe for a forward movement. And there is no doubt mistakes were made. It was made too dependent on consolidation for one thing. But I have never ceased to believe in Robertson's ideas and ideals — and some day they will be accepted by Ontario country folk. So I prophesy.

Those of us who had a hand in that "Macdonald Movement" thirty years ago heard a great deal of Denmark. That land of the Vikings was held before us as an ideal for Canadian schoolmasters to emulate. The wonderful accomplishments in co-operation amongst Danish farmers were, we were told, due largely to their system of rural schools. The "Macdonald Movement" and Denmark were parts of the same idea.

What Denmark had done, we could do, we foolishly thought. In 1914, just at the time of the outbreak of the Great War, we had all the Ontario School Inspectors at Guelph for a week to be instructed by Dr. Foght about the Danish system. But nothing came of it. I suppose the War prevented anything being done and besides educational reforms can not be initiated by School Inspectors.

That was about the "last kick" of the Macdonald Movement for rural school advancement. I had a little hand in the adventure for ten years, from 1905 to 1915. They were, I think, the best years of my school master's life. Though we had failed, it was worth while. I have always believed. The mistakes we made should serve as warnings for those who attempt the next advance.

Believing that there was no possible chance for progressive changes in rural education in Ontario under our rigid educational system, I resigned from the Government Service in 1915 to follow other educational work. But I never ceased to dream about "Denmarking" Ontario's schools a bit.

So, in 1934, nineteen years after withdrawing from the service of the Department of Educaton, I went to Denmark to try to find out if the devastating depression from which Ontario agriculture suffers, could not be helped by copying some of the methods that proved successful for the Danes in like distress.

I went. I saw. I learned. I believe that the only hope for the permanent and successful re-establishment of Ontario agriculture is by co-operation and education. This was Robertson's faith. In that same faith I write these articles.

Next week's article will be about Denmark and the Danes.

HAVE YOU HEARD

A man isn't licked until he begins to blame his parents, his community or his family.

Harper—Do you see that man through the window? He hasn't moved for 24 hours. He can't be asleep; he must be dead. I am going to call the police.

Kenneth — Oh, it's all right. There's a chess tournament going on in there.

PETTY THOUGHTS

Memories are nice, but anticipation gets a bigger play. . . . In these modern times a love affair seldom outlasts one application of lipstick. . . . A professional man is one who would be out of a job if he always succeeded. . . . Why not let the women who insist on wearing pants assume the family obligations? . . . If other people weren't bad, how would we know how to be good? . . . Mother's vacation begins when she can say: "Now run along to school, darlings." . . . The reason there are so many cross words in some families is a puzzle. . . . Puppy love never turns out to be as serious as the symptoms indicate. . . . Rain on the roof is swell music provided there are no leaks. . . . You will find it is always safe to trust the man with baby fingerprints on his collar. . . . Life is one bundle of cancelled checks after another. . . . Romantic love is a dangerous fever too often fatal. . . . All the world loves a lover except the electric light companies. . . . There was a time when charity began at home, but nowadays no one stays at home long enough to start it. . . . Political eggs are hatched or thrown as the occasion may require. . . . Be critical—of yourself. . . . A self-serve cafeteria is a good place to practice self-resistance. . . . Law of improvement—Your "best today," isn't good enough tomorrow. . . . You can tell an honest man. He thinks all crookedness is illegal. . . . He who laughs last certainly is a nit wit. . . . The know-it-all never has any secrets. . . . A mouth full of clothes pins is the best cure for the cigarette habit.

Purchaser—Will the color in these stockings run?

Seller—Oh, no!

Purchaser—Then it is fast?

Seller—Certainly!

Purchaser—Well, how can anything be fast that can't run?

There are showers for the bride . . . but it is the bridegroom that catches thunder.

White Friend—So you're a salesman, now, eh, Sambo? Do you stand behind the product you sell?

Sambo—No, sah! Ah sho' don't.

White Friend—Why, Sambo, I'm surprised at you. You should always stand behind your product. What are you selling?

Sambo—Mules.

Women dress for men to look at and other women to talk about.

Hattie, the colored maid, was deeply interested in the efforts of one of the neighbors to prepare a pedigreed dog for the dog show. After much combing, brushing and other careful grooming, the dog was duly entered in the canine show, and received the first award in his class at the show. Naturally, Hattie was told immediately.

Neighbor—Well, Hattie, my dog got the first prize!

Hattie—No! Ain't dat nice! What was it?

Neighbor—The blue ribbon.

Hattie (thinking a moment)—How many yards?

TIP FOR LOVERS

"Your modern girl has no time for empty compliment. Above all she values frankness." Extract from mushy article. The love scene, of course, running something like this:

"Do you really think I'm pretty, honey?"

"No, Minnie, I don't! Your nose is cock-eyed for one thing, and your ears are too big."

"Darling!"

"Sweetheart!"

"What you think of my face, Minnie?"

"I try not to, darling. It reminds me of a blancmange."

"My love!"

"My own!"

Charming, don't you think?

"No education deserves the name, unless it developes it."—E. P. Whipple.

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Peacemakers That Make War

Frank H. Simonds in Current History

Not long ago I was asked by a friend of mine, high in the official circles of one of the best known of American peace societies for a criticism of the activities of her association. In brief, my response must be that not alone her association but also the domestic peace movement as a whole has become the gravest peril to peace the United States has to deal with in the present hour of the world crisis.

In a word, if there is danger that we shall become involved in war, be it in Asia, Africa or Europe—and in my judgment the danger exists—the reason is to be discovered not in the machinations of the militarists but in the performances of the pacifists. It is not the munition makers, the international bankers or the war mongering admirals and generals who are today pushing towards participation in other people's wars, but those peacemakers whose aim it is to prevent war.

The explanation of this paradox, discoverable in Great Britain as well as in the United States, is very simple as the professional peace-makers in both countries still remain convinced that there is some peaceful way to prevent war even in the present hour when the rulers of at least three great powers have adopted war not merely as the chief instrument of national policy, but also as the sole means of assuring personal and national survival.

Alike in the Japanese action in Manchuria, the German in Austria and the Italian in Ethiopia, it is possible to discover precisely the same resolution dictated by exactly the same considerations. Japan has, more over already taken Manchuria; Germany has tried once to get Austria, and is visibly preparing to try again. As to the Italian determination in the matter of Ethiopia, patently that needs no elaboration here.

"'Tis a base abandonment of reason to resign our right of thought."—Byron.

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SCOUTING Here · There Everywhere

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The 1st. Sudbury Rover Scouts have assumed the secretarial duties of the Ontario Institute for the Blind of the district. They will inform central headquarters of new cases, and will act as guides for blind persons when required.

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The 9th. Niagara Falls Troop, Ont., were the guests of Troop 22 of Newfane, N.Y., at a Sunday evening investiture service at the Newfane Methodist Church.

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A tug of war, Scouts vs. Dads, furnished excitement at the Parents' Night of the 16th Toronto (St. Matthew's) Scout Troop. Skits were presented by each of the six patrols, and refreshments were served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

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Fifteen Edmonton Scouts qualified for the Friend to Animals Proficiency Badge after taking a four weeks' course in the care of pets under City Humane Officer McDonald.

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Small Christmas trees for the aged and shut-ins of the island, each tree trimmed and bearing candy bags, were distributed by the 1st. Grand Manan (North Head) N.B., Scout Troop.

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The Town Council of Kindersley, Sask., following the example of a number of other Saskatchewan communities, has indicated its readiness to provide a lot upon which the local Scout Association may erect a permanent Scout headquarters.

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Ten selected Scout text books for the use of leaders of Cub packs, Scout Troops and Rover crews have been installed by the Public Library of Wallaceburg, Ont. Books for Cubs and Scouts will be added in the near future.

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The fortunate Aylmer, Ont., Scouts have been provided by the Aylmer Inn Syndicate with a meeting place which comprise separate rooms for each patrol and a large main hall for assembly and games. The wiring and electric lights were put in by the Carnation Company. To raise funds for equipment the boys have been making and selling popcorn.

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A message on birch bark carried a challenge to a hockey game from the 13th Saskatoon Scouts to the 8th Troop.

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A weekly luncheon of the Calgary Kiwanis Club was held at the Scout hall of the 8th Calgary Group, and resulted in a contribution of $60.000 to the Troop funds. The boys put on a physical exercise display comprising tumbling, pyramid work and boxing.

OTTAWA.—An increase of more than $1,000,000 was shown in the value of wheat exported to the United States during November as compared with the corresponding month last year, according to a report issued of statistics.

Wheat exports to the United States were valued at $2,582,802 compared with $1,522,901 in November, 1934.

Exports of all farm products to the United States during November totalled $3,730,238 against $3,975,489 in November, 1934.

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