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# Notes and Comments

This Is "Education Week"

While they do not command the publicity which is afforded industrial growth and the forward march of national progress, Canadian schools are staging a march of their own and it is more important and more far reaching than any other of the many manifestations of progress in our country today. In 1946 Canada had about 2,100,000 children from 5-14 and about 1,000,000 teen agers from 15-19 years of age. It is estimated that by 1961 these figures will rise to 3,800,000 and 1,440,000, not just because of increasing births and new Canadians but because more children stay at school longer.

Municipalities are inclined to shake their heads and worry about the expense. Provincial governments are urged to face the problem and take up their share of the financial arrangements. Building trades and construction firms look kindly on this avenue of more work for their men and suppliers. And in the midst of the arguments everyone forgets all too often to remember that this largess of children in our national life really constitutes riches for which the controlled states of Europe have been ready and willing to pay a high price throughout the last half century.

A nation rises over the graves of its great men and on the hope of more to come. Canada's teachers and Canada's pupils will tell the story of tomorrow for the pupils of the day after tomorrow. So we must. look this problem squarely in the face and this week, Education Week, is a good time to start.

In the next few years we will need more schools. They will be a capital investment not a current cost. We will need more teachers and there will need to be more incentive and more opportunity for men and women who are willing to make this their life's work. Teachers' salaries have come into line throughout the past few years but there is still a great shortage of adequately trained teachers for both the public and high schools. The National Committee sponsoring this "Week" says "The qualifications for teaching must be raised. Much evidence points to the fact that more persons will be attracted to teaching as a career if the qualifications are raised - not lowered." This is one fact to face today.

## An Editor's Beautitude

Blessed are the merchants who advertise, for they have faith in their business and their prosperity shall increase many fold;

Blessed is the woman who sends in a written account of a party or wedding, for she shall see details and the names of her guests correctly reported;

Blessed are those who do not expect the editor to know everything, but who tell him whenever an interesting event occurs, for they shall have a better newspaper in their community.

Blessed are they who get their copy in early, for they shall occupy a warm space in the editor's heart; Blessed are they that co-operate with the editor in his efforts on behalf of the community, for their community shall be known to all men as a good place to live and do business;

Blessed are they who don't think they could run the paper better than the editor does - yea, thrice blessed are they because there are so few of them.

-The Bancroft Times.

# Weekly Keeps Town History

If you want the local history of any small Canadian centre you'll probably find it best recorded in the town's weekly newspaper files, says the Financial Post. In the absence of local historical societies, many of these papers have the only record of local happenings.

No doubt with this thought in mind a bill has been presented to the United States Senate, "to promote the preservation of the history of the United States as recorded in pioneer weekly newspapers and as currently published.'

Our country is young, and most emphasis has been placed on the future rather than on past happenings. Weekly newspapers can and do make a very worthwhile contribution to their communities and to Canada by accurately recording events and developments for future generations.

# LAFF OF THE WEEK



to go to the poorhouse at least I'd have something decent to wear on the trip!"

FOR PARENTS ONLY

# " SAVING FACE "

By Nancy Cleaver

or in sports. But occasionally boys out of tangles with the an ambitious mother confides law. pulled to pieces. He wants to many problem children in it. need of "saving face"?

of the child who was being sine could. painted in an uncompliment. As the weeks passed, she got ary way?

got into him!"

of the class."

the most undesirable words was different from other peofrom the older children whom he plays with on the street!"

Disobedience, low grades at school, bad language, are seldom helped by discussing them with a caller. Matters like these should never be talked about in a child's hearing. A child needs to know that mother and daddy love him, and are trying to help him overcome his faults or difficulties. Mothers do well to speak of a child's good points rather than his failings if they feel they must speak of their youngster when another mother calls.

hard for a child from a happy needs help in breaking a bad home but it is poison for an habit by replacing it with a insecure boy or girl from an unhappy family environment. who will not share his play If trouble with the law, or scandal, or divorce have caused his parents to be in the public eye, it is the worst time for him to be scolded in public.

A young man in a reform over with him when the two school told his counseller that of them are alone. his parents never spoke well of him and it was the last straw

Did you ever meet a mother to his self esteem when he was who was not eager to talk expelled from a Boy's Church about her child? There is no Club for misbehaviour. Fortunsubject of conversation that is ately, a great many patient and of more interest to them. Usu- wise mid-week youth leaders ally they proudly comment on and Sun. School teachers have their son's or daughter's clever lessened the Juvenile delinsayings, or success at school quency in many areas and kept

in a friend her disappointment | A teacher in a Sunday School in her child's actions. If she offered to teach a class that had does this in Junior's presence, acquired a particularly bad repnaturally he dislikes being utation because there were so appear in the best possible The former teacher had only light. Why, of all people, should made matters worse by "makhis mother not remember his ing an example" of each child who was saucy. The new teacher was really interested in her Have you not heard com- scholars. They felt her underments something like these and standing and desire to help been aware of the inner misery them. She praised whenever

to know the children who had "Tommy has been so diso been labelled "incorrigible". Tobedient lately I've told him not gether they planned a hike and to touch his father's car but pienic supper which was enthis morning I found him in joyed by everyone. Gradually the front seat pretending to this teacher found out about drive. I don't knw what has her pupils' home environment. Without exception, the difficult "Helen almost failed to pass child came from a broken home into the next class this year, or a home where the parents Her older sister was so clever! were constantly quarreling. She always was near the top The children felt uncertain of love at home and they were "Johnny has been picking up sensitive that their family life ple's. Because she loved them and believed in them, and knew enough to "Save their face", this teacher was a real force for good in the lives of every one of her pupils. She believed in the old Scottish proverb: "Give a dog an ill name and he will soon be hanged."

Teachers, parents - anyone who has anything to do with children - should be particularly careful not to destroy a child's good opinion of himself. This does not mean that bad habits or wrong doing must be ignored. No - a child should be helped to face his wrong "Losing Face" at school is habit or misdeed. He likely desirable one. The small boy things, must learn through experience that if he refuses to share, other children will not want to play with him. Mother will "save face" by talking this

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# REPORT FROM PARLIAMENT -

By Michael Starr, M.P., Ontario Riding

The biggest problem facing the Government these days is the unemployment now existing in Canada. It has reached highest it has ever been since heavy response to the Govern- ernment is currently offering prior to the Second World War. Because of this a debate was mons in order to impress the resent about 30 million dollars disposal at 61 cents a pound in Government with its serious in taxpayers' money. Every carload lots. Farmers have ness and to appeal to those responsible for the economy of this country to present some plan to eliminate the present situation and also to provide some measures to forestall anything similar in the future.

Although the Government is not saying that the unemployment in Canada at the present time is seasonal, the Minister himself in his remarks gave no indication that he felt it was of a nature that demanded any drastic action on the part of the Government to alleviate the situation.

As of January 20th, 569,582 persons were looking for work through the National Employment Service. Information is that the figure has risen since then to around 600,000 unemployed.

The President of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada has, urged that a Federal-Provincial Conference should be called to devise ways of creating more jobs. This conference, he stated, should include municipalities and representatives of labour organizations. The conference should, of course, be called at once. The tentative date for a Federal-Provincial Conference, as outlined by the Prime Minister, has been set for some time in

In a recent speech Trade Minister Howe said that Canada will have a very good year tin 1955, providing all current forecasts materialize. The main problem, he said, was to maintain and expand foreign markets for Canadian goods. He admitted that exports declined last year but he added that we have succeeded in the main in providing markets for all that Canada can produce, but he said that the experience of 1954 does not indicate any real setback in our ability to find markets for that part of Canadian production which is surplus to our own requirements. He went on to say that there was some improvement in exports, capital spending is continuing at a high level, industrial activity is also expanding, and consumer expenditures rising, all of which

tend to give a better outlook on the economic scene.

On the other hand we find butter surplus, despite the same time a year ago. The Govment's offer of reduced prices to buy all surplus butter at

time the Government sells but warned that they will wage a ter below cost this also means bitter battle if any attempt is a loss chalked up to the tax- made to reduce price supports. payer. The argument put out The next seven or eight weeks by the officials is that large should tell whether the Govstocks of butter would be han- ernment will decide to continue dy in the event of a bad pro- the current support or reduce duction year. The Government lit. currently holds more than 60 There is some doubt raised at

million pounds of butter which, the present time whether the that the Government may en- according to government offiter the new production year cials, is about 20 million pounds this spring with a 50 million lb larger than they were at the

aligns himself with God.

to Canadia institutions. This 58 cents a pound wholesale, very large surplus would rep- holding the stocks for witer

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# Business BETWEENTOURSELVES

Religion and Shakespeare

yet all his works indirectly teach the moral order of the world.

He does not quote directly from the Bible, but he reveals an

intimate knowledge of it, and in scores of striking passages one

recognized this fact. He holds, as it were, a mirror up to nature

and shows how inevitably sin is punished; teaches in all his

works that there are moral regards and penalties. Over and

measure of the regard of heaven. The rewards and penalties

of heaven are inward, and move within the region of the soul.

tranquil and expanded heart; if in the outward triumph of his

hopes he had the inward triumph of his spirit; then it would

be reasonable to hold that heaven was indifferent and regardless.

the evil he was set on, all that makes life beautiful departs from

not say your sin will be found out. It says that sooner or later

it will find you out, in the deep and secret places of the soul.

And the awfullest horror in "Macbeth" is not the murder of the

helpless Duncan; it is the way in which Macbeth's sin found him

him turned to stone; he became the prey of agonizing fears; he

could not sleep - "Macbeth hath murdered sleep." Suspicion

haunted him; terror was round about him; life was a living

death. He lost all kinship with what was fair and lovely; "he

than any other drama in all literature, the utter misery of a

troubled conscience. To Shakespeare evil was something which

very nature of the universe that wrong could not remain victor-

thought much on the deep problems of life, and his thinking

led him to have faith in the wisdom and goodness of God even

when his ways are mysterious. In "Anthony and Cleopatra" he

makes one of his characters speak thus of unanswered prayer:

Deny us for our good; so find we profit

"If Shakespeare left us sullendnwtfo ents'fo Ds

"We, ignorant of ourselves

By losing of our prayers."

though dark with cloud, is on their side."

reference to the Holy Land in Henry IV:

"Those fields

think deeply they think religiously."

THERE IS EVIDENCE everywhere in his works that Shakespeare

Beg often our own harms, which the wise powers

"GOODNESS MAY BE VANQUISHED, but our heart remains upon

"IF SHAKESPEARE left us sullen and despairing, we might flee

the side of goodness. Evil may be victorious, but we loathe it

even in its victories. In the dark mysteries of many coloured

life, man at his deepest, sides with what is good, and so doing

for refuge to the gods of pessimism. But that is precisely how

he never leaves us, though the stage be strewn with the bodies

of the good. He leaves us with the glowing certainty that the

good are the real victors though they perish, and that heaven,

Over whose acres walked those blessed feet

For our advantage to the bitter cross."

. Which, fourteen hundred years ago, were nailed

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rent Session, at least in its

present form. The Government

had steadfastly opposed forma-

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Make instruments to plague us."

him, and he moves into the darkness of the night.

"The gods are just and of our pleasant vices

"OUTWARD SUCCESS and failure (in Shakespeare) are not the

"IF MACBETH, winning his heart's desire, were left with a

"BUT THE HORROR of the tragedy is this, that in accomplishing

"BE SURE your sin will find you out," says Scripture. It does

"HIS SOUL SHRANK and shrivelled; all that was sensitive in

THE TRACEDY OF MACBETH presents, perhaps more forcibly

over he demonstrates that :

made his bed in hell."

SHAKESPEARE did no! aim at teaching morality by precept,

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