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Editorials

What If Canadians Were As Ignorant

It is plain to see that Canadian History isn't a part of the American student's curriculum. The average college boy or girl in the United States knows little or nothing about Canada and from the answers given on American TV and radio quiz programs, it's not likely they will learn a great deal from their parents. Men and women in the U.S.A. are equally ignorant of our country. Only recently we heard this question asked on a popular U.S. television quiz show-"Who is Canada's Prime Minister?" The contestant unhesitatingly replied Mr. Eden It's really hard to believe but it's true.

Recently a speech was given in a U.S. community by an official from the Canadian consulate in Chicago, Robert F. Renwick. It included the usual information about trade, markets, the tourist business etc. The meeting really got down to facts however concerning Canadian-American life in a question period which followed. It was stated that Canada pays taxes to Britain. This however is not true, as Canada is politically independent of Great Britain as it is of the U.S.A.

What would an American think if Canadians believed slavery still exists in the southern states? Yet Canada never paid taxes to Britain while slavery was legal in the United States and the antacedent British colonies for 150 years or more.

In building up the myth of the American democracy, it is unfortunate that even simple, basic facts about her closent neighbor are neglected.

Rundown Communities Lose Out

Recently, a U.S. town lost its chance for thriving prosperity because of its shabby, unpainted appearance and apparent lack of progress. The town council had interested an automobile manufacturing firm in a town site for a multi-million dollar assembly plant which would have employed 3,500 people. The real estate scout for the automotive firm admitted later that one of his company's reasons for rejecting the site was that many of the town's properties had not been painted for 25 years!

It would be interesting to know how many Canadian communities are guilty of having lost badly-needed industries because of such a needless reason. There is no doubt that most Canadian centres are anxious to attract industry. The more industries, the more employment opportunities there are for its citizens. The local per capita tax load is usually reduced. More money pours into the coffers of local businesses which in turn may expand their premises and staffs.

Industry of course takes several factors into consideration before finally resolving to locate. Is there a good water and power supply? Is the labor supply adequate? Are there suitable schools and churches? Several other factors are studied.

Suppose several communities possess equally suitable facilities, which one will be chosen as an industrial site?

As a veteran real estate scout from one large Canadian firm put it: "Considering all other things are equal, we would undoubtedly give the nod to the tidy, well-painted and landscaped location. We believe the citizens of such a place are industrious, conscientious, and possess pride in their community. We feel they would make good employees and fine neighbors."

Rural Disgrace

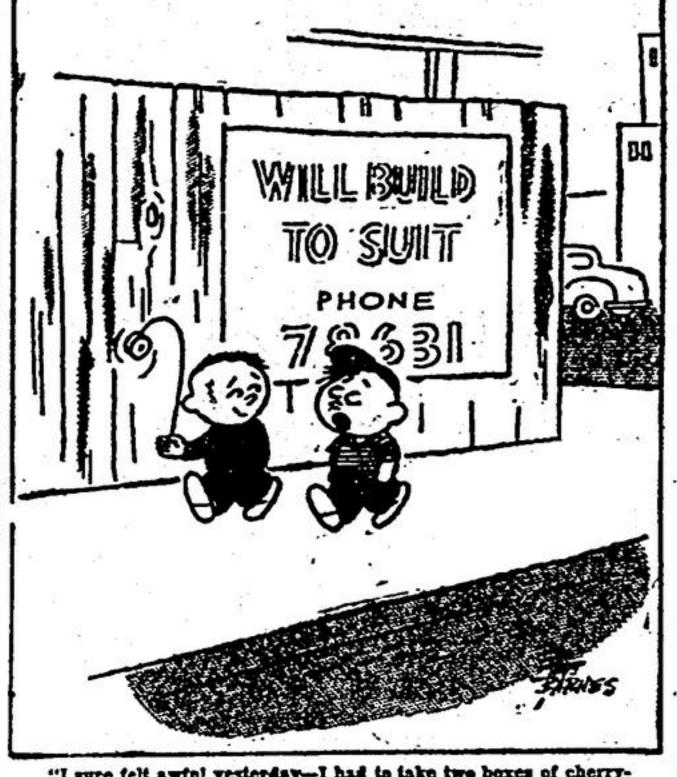
Have you ever motored through the countryside and viewed the playgrounds surrounding some of our rural Public Schools during the months of July and August? If so, as I have, you have probably noticed the disgraceful conditions which exist during the summer holiday period. Many school grounds in our own local communities are allowed to grow up wild with every noxious weed known to mankind. To a stranger passing through, it would be surmised that the school building was no longer in use or that the Board of Trustees was very much lethargic in its duties. Since students have returned to their respective schools for the fall term, these conditions, in the majority of cases, have been corrected. But why must the trustees wait until the eleventh hour to right such a condition?

Every year Township Councils are becoming more "weed conscious." In order to enforce their wishes, the Weed Inspector has the power, after a certain length of time, to step in to neglected properties and personally see that the land is cleaned up. The cost of the work is then charged back on the property owner's tax bill. If lot owners and farmers are compelled to keep their lands free of weeds, why should Trustee Boards be allowed to let school playgrounds grow up "wild." It is true that rural school boards are comprised mainly of farmers, who, during the summer months "are up to their eyes" in work, but this is no excuse to allow such unsightly conditions to exist. Usually by the first week in September, many weeds have gone to seed and the next year sees the situation worsened.

Gremlins - A Pest to Every Newspaper

Every newspaper, whether it be daily or weekly, is plagued with unseen mischief makers known as "gremlins" or in the language of the Fourth Estate, the miscues are generally called typographical errors. Possibly the worst place one of these mistakes can occur is in an obituary. Generally the occasion is a sad one, and some frivolous error such as "the casket was borne to the grave by six old fiends," doesn't help matters. The next worst place is probably in an account of a wedding, a serious, happy occasion, yet errors of this type have occurred in the past, and no doubt will continue to do so. A collection of some of these 'Editor's headaches" have been gathered together and although somewhat humorous to the average reader, they no doubt have turned many a publisher's hair prematurely gray. They are typical of those that have appeared in the original copy which was not properly edited. Others are mental lapses by linotype operators. The bride was given in marriage by her father

wearing her mother's wedding gown. The couple went to school together and their marriage will end a romance begun there.



"I sure felt awful yesterday-I had to take two boxes of cherryflavored cough drops before I felt better."



Let Us All Sing

WITHIN THE COVERS of almost any hymn book are hymns written by men and women of various denominations and holding widely different views. Probably here, more than anywhere else, is to be found the broadest basis of Church union.

"ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS," was written by Baring Gould, a widely known Anglican clergyman and a vigorous leader of his day. "Abide with me," which, according to a recent poll in Britain, is the best loved hymn of today, was also written by an Anglican, the Rev. Henry F. Lyte. "Lead Kindly Light," written by Henry Newman, who left the Anglican Church to become a priest and eventually a Cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church, is a favorite in all churches. "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," was written by Charles Wesley, brother of John Wesley, originator of Methodism. Henry Ward Beecher considered this the finest hymn in our language and many would agree with him.

SARA FLOWER ADAMS, author of "Nearer My God To Thee," was a Unitarian, and John Greenleaf Wittier, who wrote "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"; "When on My Day of Life the Night Is Falling," was a Quaker. Isaac Watts, perhaps the most prolific of all hymn writers, was a theologian, holding evangelical views. Many of his hymns are among the best-known in our language. Among others, he wrote: "O God Our Help in Ages Past," which was the most popular in the first World War. In an age of bitter controversy, Watts remained charitable and tolerant. More than seventy of his hymns are in constant use.

IN HIS DAY William Cowper was considered by many, the most popular poet of his time; the critic, Charles Lamb said Cowper was, "the wisest and best of Britain's poets. His fame as a hymn writer is most enduring. Among his best-known hymns are: "Hark My Soul It Is The Lord"; "Sometimes a Light Surprises," and "God Moves in a Mysterious Way." When the British magazine, John O'London's Weekly, queried its readers for their preferences, this last hymn was ranked very highly. His religious views were similar to those of Wesley and Watts.

A HYMN, found in hymn books of nearly all denominations, is "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee," written in the twelfth century by the French Monk, Bernard of Clarivaus. He was founder of the monastery of Clarivaus and author of many theological treatises. The hymn was translated from Latin into

English, over a century ago. . THE HYMNS JUST MENTIONED were written by men who were far apart in their theological views but absolutely one in their deep devotion to God. And this devotion is recognized by every religious group who sing the hymns without giving a single

thought to their authorship. WE FORGOT TO MENTION the Calvinist, Augustus Toplady, author of "Rock of Ages." Who, for instance, ever stops to inquire about Toplady's views before singing that deeply moving hymn? And so it is with all hymns. We sing them because they do something to us and we recognize the spirituality of the author

apart altogether from their views. WHEN WE ATTEND a religious service, no matter what the denomination may be, we sing and enjoy the hymns because we feel in the same spirit as the man who wrote them. When a hymn is announced no reasonable person would think of looking in the hymn book to see who the writer was or find out what system of theology he believed in. We find that we centre our minds on the words of the hymn itself. Perhaps we are nearer to God in such a mood than at any other time. It may be that Christian people will be united through the medium of hymns more than any spoken word.

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by F. W. Faber: "For right is right since God is God, and right the day must win."

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Editor. The Tribune,

Dear Sir, A brace of items on your editorial page are the twin sparks note that "A place in California holds the world's record for the greatest one-minute rainfall -.65 inches. But that doesn't compare with the world's record rainfall for one day. This un-

Toronto, Ont., with) the assertion concerning takes about 40 tons of water to August 27, 1956 gambling: "It is a human trait, produce a bushel of hard wheat or frailty, which enters into all here in the West. They tell me, activities from the cradle to the also, that an inch of rain over grave. Every business activity is one acre equals 113 tons. a gamble. You stake life itself impulsing this little letter. I every time you enter a motor car or cross the street. The far-

> elements on his crop return." Most farmers are weather-

mer who risks his labor and seed

conscious, especially in the busi- under the heading, "Teacher 36 in the Philippines with 45.99 nadian prairies, "a region of called the fact that I was Lela inches, or almost two inches of scanty rainfall" averaging out M. Forsythe's first teacher, and rain every hour for a 24-hour at a long-time annual average of that she was the only pupil in just 15 inches. In other words, my 55 years of teaching who

On the other side of that weat it would take the next three commenced her regular school ther picture I see (and agree years to catch up with the good work at the age of about 41/2 years. All others were somewhat over the 5 year age.

The bride wore a strand of tiny matched pearls. Her gown was of vile green. Her accessories were plain punk.

The bridegroom's mother was attired in a lace dress which fell to the floor.

The maid of horror wore yellow tulle. The bridesmaids carried tiny nosebags. .

The little flower girl wore a maize gown with puffed cleeves touching her ankles.

black stray hat. The nuptials took place in a setting illuminated by

'The bride's mother wore a dawn blue chiffon and

lighted Roman candles.

The couple exchanged cows. The bridal couple then passed out and greeted the

guests.

The ceremony was attended by only a few loose friends and relatives

"I wonder how many young-; There is a word-picture in Ann sters in Canada run away from Bridge's "Portrait of a Mother" home in a year?" Mr. Johns of Ann as a young girl, hating asked his wife as he glanced to have to ride a horse on a up from his newspaper. Then leading rein when she felt per-

who came home with a poor through the woods, but was punished by his parents and in- who looked after a pastry shop. stead of returning to school that This famous writer, recalling afternoon, he bolted on his bi- this incident, tells how her

Johns exclaimed.

ished when he was picked up forgotten. and returned to his parents."

been painful and disillusioning, never have taken place. he may refuse to say anything This is the time to use love pearance?

ing him more opportunities for new experiences and greater freedom, under supervision, this is usually a passing phase.

It is the pre-adolescent and teen-age youngster who runs away for several days, or even weeks, who give parents an anxious time. In the period of strain and stress, of rebellion against authority, many a boy or girl longs to leave the famliar scenes of home and school and try his or her luck among strangers. Children, as well as adults, weary of monotony. Distant pastures look green to them, too.

In the fine biography of John Christie Holland, Jessie L. Beattie tells of the magic spell the Barnum and Bailey circus cast over the 15-year-old who: was supposed to be working for a farmer. Instead, he ran off, found temporary work with the foot westward.

After many weary months, by strange- coincidence, John offered to shine the shoes of one of the Jubilee Singers, appearing in a concert at Fort Wayne, and that singer was his older brother Willie. His brother bought John's ticket home and made him promise that he would never run off again.' Years later Villiam explained:

"Home was a good place to all of us and I knew what a wonderful moment it would be when he walked into our house !"

It was Christmas morning when the young prodigal jerked open the door of the humble home in Hamilton. The father led in prayer, in reading from the Bible, and then "loving arms reached and claimed the wanderer." John Christie Holland later said:

"When my father began to pray, I wanted to kneel down, but I was too ashamed—and : was still an outsider. This wasn't the kind of welcome had expected and it made a deeper impression upon me than a sound thrashing would have done."

Sometimes a sensitive child runs away from a home situation which becomes intolerable

folk at Baguio's "world's record rainfall for one day."

According to the experts, it

-Jr. FARMER Innisfail, Alberta

Aug. 28, 1956 in the spring gambles with the Editor. Stouffville Tribune, Dear Sir.

In your issue of August 23rd,

welcome honor goes to Baguio ness of grain-growing on the Ca- years, born in Markham," I re- Permanent Waving

Her father, Edwin Forsythe, a trustee, came to me at the opening of my second year at Mongolia, saying that Lela wanted to commence school with me. I consented to try her out. Though only 412, she measured up with the other beginners and was a good pupil.

Her little playmate from over the road, Libbie Bowers, was a new beginner, and Lela wanted to start with her. She and I were also fairly well acquainted, so Lela was right at home.

Sincerely. E. A. Quantz P.S. - I could give you quite a list of the old pupils of Mongolia at that time, many of whom have passed on. E.A.Q.

For Parents Only

Young Runaway

By Nancy Cleaver

Sales conducted anywhere. Specializing in Farm Stock, Furnifectly capable of controlling her ture, and Property Sales. All "Here's an account of a boy mount herself. She ran off sales personally listed and adschool report one noon. He was finally recognized by a woman

this complete service which mother took a carriage and went "How long was he missing? to get her back. When she saw I'm sorry for his mother :" Mrs. her mother's face, she realized for the first time what she had "He was gone two days. The done. But her mother didn't first night he slept in a field, scold her or reproach her. She the second in a garage. I'm kissed her. It was "an exquisite sorry for him too. He was fam- mercifulness" she had never

When a young runaway re- Farm Stock, Implements, House-There are no accurate statis- turns home, he or she needs to hold Furniture. Real Estate tics of the number of young be welcomed, to be forgiven, runaways. Only a small per- and to make a new start. The centage of the stories of these parents, too, desire to catch a missing boys and girls appears fresh insight into the reason or in the press or are heard over reasons why the child left home. the radio. The returning truant Perhaps if the boy or girl had may boast of his exploits among made known his unhappiness, his pals, but if his "holiday" has this episode of flight might

about his absence. But, with and faith - not anger and revery few exceptions, the parents sentment in treating the child of a runaway are upset, hurt, who runs away. Both the youngangry or puzzled. How could ster and the parents suffer durtheir child cause them such ing this time. It is comforting anxiety by his sudden disap- to know that many famous men and women, in adolescence, have The desire to run away some- also "taken French leave" from times is evident in the pre- home. Running away is not a school child, who, seeking ad- crime. It is a mistaken way of venture, disappears down the finding adventure or of refusblock and becomes lost. By giv- ing to face what is unpleasant ! (Copyright)

Sunshine After Rain

Be still and know that I am God. My child, cease to repine. The rain will cease and this dark cloud Will pass, when it is time.

This lesson mankind all must Nor murmur so - be still; The shocks now standing in the

Can still the granary fill. Unionville For lo! the sun shines through

the rain. A rainbow spans the sky, Rainbow of promise and good-Barristers, Solicitors & Notaries As evening draweth nigh.

No clouds obscured the light circus and then struck out on If all were pleasure, never pain, All day, and never night -

If all were sunshine, never rain,

Then people would forget their And lightly go their way; Forget the path that Jesus trod, The cross, the heavenly way. Lord Jesus, keep us near the

And keep us close to Thee. Then if we suffer earthly loss, The sun through clouds we'll see.

And when we see the rainbow bright

That spans the eastern sky, There's promise that there will be light When dark clouds have passed

-Mrs. A. Weber

Beneath the clear waters of the Orontes River in Turkey can be seen the ruins of houses and churches of the biblical city of Antioch, which was partially flooded about 1400 years ago.

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