

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1954

St. Dunstan's Centennial

St. Dunstan's College Centennial anniversary observances culminate this week in the big Alumni Reunion which opens this morning with Solemn Pontifical Mass, celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal MacGuigan. A summary of the impressive reunion programme has already appeared in the press. It includes a general meeting of the Alumni, a reception at Government House, the Chancellor's reception in the Alumni Auditorium of the College, and the Academic Assembly at which the official greetings of the various Colleges and Universities of Canada will be read, and at which the guest speakers will be Mr. George N. Shuster, President of Hunter College, New York, and the Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa. Thursday's events will include Requiem Mass, a beach party and golf tournament, and, finally, the Alumni Banquet, at which some 750 will be in attendance, and at which the chief speaker will be the Very Rev. Gavan Monaghan.

The observances will be followed with great interest throughout the Dominion. No educational institution in Canada stands higher in achievement and tradition than St. Dunstan's, and the graduates assembled here this week to do honor to their Alma Mater are living testimony to this fact. Many of them have won outstanding distinction in the Church and in the various professions, not only in this country but throughout the United States as well. The College has stood for the highest ideals of Christian culture, and the progress it has made, and the continued prestige it has enjoyed are a source of great pride and satisfaction to all our citizens. All will join, too, in welcoming to the city and Province the many distinguished visitors who are here for the reunion. They represent a much larger body of friends and well-wishers throughout the continent, who will be present in spirit on this great occasion.

Scion Of The Bruce

The visit of the Earl and Countess of Elgin and Kincardine to this country and to Prince Edward Island is an event that will stir Scottish blood and indeed all who value tradition and romance. He carries on the name and tradition of King Robert the Bruce, one of the great Scottish heroes. It is of further interest that a more recent Earl was one of those whose work and plans resulted in this nation being founded.

Scotsmen are practical businessmen and good citizens but they also have a sense of history. They realize the value of keeping up colourful customs and of remembering the deeds of past generations. The annual Gathering of the Clans, sponsored by the Caledonian Club of Prince Edward Island, keeps alive a custom begun by Highland chiefs, Glenaladale and Keppoch, who settled in the Island with their followers some 180 years ago.

The Highland Society continued the customs and then, changing its name to the one it now bears, admitted Scotsmen of Highland and Lowland descent to its ranks to help keep alive the traditions of their Scottish forebears. The Earl of Elgin is, of course, a Lowlander but none the less welcome for that.

The Gathering of the Clans is being held this year at Charlottetown through the generosity of the Provincial Exhibition Association. It is a long time since it was last held in the Provincial capital and Charlottetown extends a warm welcome to the clansmen and their friends.

Work By Island Author

A new book dealing with the Calvinist element in Protestantism has recently been issued by the Oxford University Press. The book was written by Dr. John T. McNeill of this Province. He is a son of the late Mr. William C. McNeill and Mrs. McNeill, the former Miss Emily McNeill, of Elmsdale. Mr. and Mrs. McNeill later resided in Harrington.

Dr. McNeill received his early education at Elmsdale School before attending Prince of Wales College. He subsequently attended McGill University where he acquired his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees. He also studied at Presbyterian College, Montreal, and Westminster Hall, Vancouver, before going to Edinburgh University and Halle University, Chicago. He was ordained in the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and held pastorates at Chipman, N. B., and other centres prior

to beginning his academic career as a lecturer in church history at Westminster Hall.

He then became associate professor of history at Queen's University and later professor of church history at Knox College, Toronto, before becoming professor of the history of European Christianity at the University of Chicago. During the years from 1944 to 1953 he was Auburn Professor of Church History at the Union Theological Seminary, New York, where he is the present professor emeritus.

Dr. McNeill's book, it is felt, fills a long-time need for information which would make Calvinism comprehensible to the reader who wishes his desired knowledge to be found in one volume. The book, which is titled The History and Character of Calvinism, maintains that the Calvinist element in Protestantism plays a prominent part in the twentieth-century ecumenical advance.

A Prolate Stays Home

That British law is no respecter of persons will be demonstrated in a rather striking way this month when the Anglican Congress meets in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from the 4th to the 13th, and the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois, the following week.

The Most Rev. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England, will attend both meetings; but, because of a civil law which goes back to the time of the Establishment, the Most Rev. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York and Primate of England, will not attend either meeting. The statute which will keep Dr. Garbett at home provides that at least one of England's two Anglican Archbishops must be on hand at all times. The reason for this is that in the event of the death of the Sovereign it is the duty of the Archbishop of Canterbury and, in his absence, of the Archbishop of York, to proclaim the lawful successor to the throne. The law is observed strictly at all times and no exceptions are permitted for any cause whatsoever.

Like almost every law, this one has an inconvenient side to it; clearly, there are times when, from the standpoint of the Church's interests, the presence of both leaders at important meetings abroad would be desirable. No matter; the law's the law and it must be obeyed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A few years ago the Duke of Edinburgh surprised and impressed the learned members of the Royal Society of Arts and Sciences by presenting a paper on modern applied science. A Canadian expert of the National Research Council who was telling the Duke about British Columbia's fog alarm system was given in return a description of the Royal Navy's fog detection equipment.

Seconds count in fighting a fire and fire equipment necessarily takes considerable risk in getting there quickly. On the return journey, however, different values apply and highway safety assumes greater importance. The collision of two New York fire trucks, both with sirens sounding although heading back to their stations, is a sober warning against running such unnecessary risks.

Between the McGill Fence in the far north and the Pine Tree radar chain which runs generally along the 54th parallel, Canada is to construct a third radar chain known as the Mid-Canada Line, according to a report in Washington which has been confirmed in Ottawa. It will be, presumably, somewhere about the 60th parallel which is the principal boundary of the Northwest Territories.

The Labrador-Quebec boundary is still unsurveyed, although the legal description of the line has been laid down in a Privy Council decision. Premier Smallwood raised the point at the official opening of the Sept-Iles iron ore development and proposed a meeting with Premier Duplessis to arrange for actual line to be run. As property becomes fantastically more valuable in that area, delay in determining which Province it lies in becomes a more serious disadvantage.

Joseph Conrad, novelist, died this date 1924. He was born in a part of Poland then under Russian rule. His people suffered banishment and he was early left an orphan. At 17 he astonished an uncle by insisting upon going to sea. Some of his seagoing experiences are told in "The Mirror of the Sea" and "The Arrow of Gold."

His longer voyages are more or less recorded in such works as "Almayer's Folly" and "The Nigger of the Narcissus." He became a British subject and a master mariner in 1886. Again and again he depicts man alone against the forces of nature, fate and evil.

The Neighbors By George Clark



"We saw the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone Park and a restaurant where Gregory Peck eats."

The People Of The Sea

Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs, Ireland

Ever since he was a boy, David Thomson has been fascinated by seals. In his childhood home, Tigh na Rosan, near Cromarty Firth on the north-east coast of Scotland, his first acquaintance was with the stories which the people who live by the sea have about seals. There he heard of Mrs. Carnoustie—a strange woman with legs and arms, concealed under a voluminous black dress, which seemed to have flippers for feet, and eyes as big as seals'—as well they might, for it was generally held that Mrs. Carnoustie was a seal. Mr. Carnoustie had once been married to a proper wife but after she died he went away for a long time and when he came back he married this strange woman.

Mr. Thomson has travelled in Northern Scotland and in the Orkneys and also on the West and South-West coasts of Ireland in search of lore about seals. In a recently published book, The People of the Sea, he recounts his quest and gives a vivid picture of life among the people whose stories he relates.

There are many stories about the origins of the seal-people. In the Shetlands some say they are the children of a travelling man, Peadar Macnamara (a surname which itself means Son of the Sea-hound).

"The seals are a class of fairy", he said "that is all I know about them. They came out of the north of Ireland, from some place by the County Donegal, and the man that begot them all in the beginning was by the name of Kane."

Peadar Macnamara's story, in fact, is a very old Irish folk-tale which relates that the seals are really the children of the daughter of Balor Beinnann (Balor of the Evil Eye) by an adventurous member of the Kane family. It is generally held that in the strange half-human aspect of the seal lies the origin of the many legends and stories about mermaids and mermen. Mr. Thomson recounts a great many stories of how seals were metamorphosed into men and men into seals. Thus, there is this one which he also heard in Co. Mayo:

"Well now, it was known long ago," Peadar said. "There was a boy from Erris stabbed a seal. He turned to me. 'He was from Inishowen in the County Donegal, not from the place in Mayo. I nodded. 'And this boy went down to the strand to gather seaweed for the fields. He had a grail on his shoulder, for he had the seaweed. He saw a big seal lying asleep in a hole, and went towards him. He stabbed the seal in the side with the grail, and as he did, up jumped a red-haired man! He called on the boy to stand but the boy would not do that. He ran for home and told his people what he had seen on the strand. Well, they were scolding him for what he did, but he said 'twas just a notion he got to stab the seal. That was all there was about it. With a glance at Sean, Peadar stopped and repeated himself in Irish. 'Yes, yes,' said Sean, absorbed. 'A year after that,' said Peadar, 'they went out fishing. When they were outside of Tory Island, a storm came on and they had to go into the bay. The Tory men came down to meet them and they hauled up the boat for them. An old red-haired man came down here, he was looking hard at this Erris boy. He walked up to him and stretched out his hand, and the

NOTES BY THE WAY

Another Stampede is over and another record attendance in the crowd. The stampede record should mean reaching the 500,000 mark. Half a million people in six days is quite an impressive figure for a community of this size. —Calgary Herald.

Distilled from a recent speech: People are paid wages for doing the things they are told to do. People are paid salaries for doing whatever is up to them to do without being told. The difference in words may be small, but the difference in dollars is amazing. —From Niagara Falls Review.

The Foots Corner

Here scent and color blend. The very air is life with piquant flavors, and the rest Of pear and onion hovers everywhere. Large carrots, orange as moons, fresh week by week; Delicious folds of cabbage; lettuce heads; New apples, tinged with rust; jade-tinted beans. Comprise a sense of odoriferous golds and reds. Against a rich display of mottled greens. What shall it be, crisp celery stalks for lunch? Plump beefs for dinner, with browned lamb and spice; A golden ball of grapefruit, or a bunch Of luscious grapes for breakfast would be nice? Thus Vesta's mind composes harmonies Of garnished vegetables and lemon tea.

—Fred Claus in Regina Leader-Post.

Old Charlottetown

—P. E. I.

ONE-MAN MUTINY

"On the night of Tuesday, the 20th ult., the brig 'Sir Walter Scott', T. G. Sutton, master, from Gloucester, bound to Quebec, went on shore on the coast of this Island, a little to the eastward of the harbour of Three Rivers, with the wind at N. E. blowing violently. Next day she got off without damage, and put into Three Rivers. She has since arrived at Charlottetown, where she is discharging her cargo, consisting of salt, previous to taking in a cargo of timber, the master conceiving it too late to proceed to Quebec this season. "While the vessel was on shore, one of the crew mutined, and positively refused to work; and, on the second mate going down to the fore-castle to compel him to go upon deck, the fellow pulled a razor out of his pocket and cut the mate dreadfully in several places. Surgical aid was soon afterwards obtained, and we are happy to say, the poor man is now considered out of danger. "Complaint was made before a magistrate at Three Rivers, but the magistrate doubted whether his jurisdiction extended to offences committed on board of a ship, and refused to grant a warrant against the perpetrator of the deed, who had absconded. The fellow was, however, apprehended after the vessel left that place, through the exertions of James Young, a constable there, and a warrant having been, at length, obtained, he has been safely lodged in jail. —P. E. I. Register, Nov. 3, 1829.

The Age Old Story

Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quietly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. drinking championships. In the United Kingdom—where the teapot is the crown of the kitchen—half the world's tea production is used each year. This works out to about six and a half pounds a year person. It is, however, fair that the nation which produced Dr. Samuel Johnson, who drank 40 cups at a sitting, should reign supreme in this field. —Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Let's hear less about "maladjustment" and "abnormality." Both are supremely normal in this queer world. Both have given us the great scientists, healers, discoverers, musicians, painters and actors. Men who refused to bow down to the customs and beliefs of their times are the beacon lights of human history. And if those who talk so glibly of this age of the "common man" were to investigate the so-called common man they would find him a decidedly uncommon fellow. —Vancouver Province.

—After 32 years, it appears that Canada's major ornithological mystery—the location of the whooping crane's nesting grounds—has been solved. But paradoxically, as far as most people are concerned, the mystery will remain a mystery. No nesting area was definitely located until a few weeks ago. Then, a group of wildlife experts in helicopter, taking a census of the buffalo population in Wood Buffalo Park, on the Alberta-NWT boundary, spotted five adults and one young crane. Now, the Canadian wildlife service has admitted it knows exactly where in the 17,300-square-mile park the cranes nested. But the service isn't telling, because of fear that birds might be disturbed. —Regina Leader-Post.

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The Passing Scene

Just about the time the Geneva Conference was winding up, its work another and entirely different conference was getting under way at Bigwin Island, Ontario. This one had for its purpose the discussion of ways and means of building up intelligent democratic citizenship. It was less spectacular than the other but, in the long run, it may prove to be no less important. It started three years ago when the Ford Foundation's Fund for Adult Education allocated approximately \$300,000 for an educational experiment which has come to be known as the "Test Cities Project". Most adult education programs in the past have given emphasis to technical and vocational schools. Farmers, for example, have been interested chiefly in opportunities for discussing their particular problems and possible means of overcoming them; mechanics have been encouraged to become more proficient with machinery, tradesmen more alert to economics, and so on.

All this, of course, is right and good. Anything that helps the individual to be a better workman, whatever his occupation may be, is of much value to society and helps to make better citizens. There are other things, however, just as essential to social betterment, which have not been given these other things which the Test Cities Project was launched to develop.

Briefly, this is the way it worked: Ten cities, ranging geographically from Bridgeport, Conn., to Lubbock, Texas, and from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Sioux City, Iowa, were selected as test cities and each was given \$24,000 to start with. When that amount was spent, each city was expected to be responsible for its own financing. Each place was accorded complete freedom to create its own program, subject only to the general provision that "the overall approach is a concept of a liberal education as a force for freeing men's minds and spirits in the interest of nature and responsible citizenship". Within that framework the test cities had a wide range of possible progress, and reports indicate that in most instances they made good use of it. One place has concentrated on community leadership, a difficult enough problem anywhere. This subject, of course, would have many divisions—world affairs, local politics, economic trends, cultural institutions within the community, and schools, just to mention a few. These, in turn, would be subjected to many sub-divisions. Books would have to be brought in and discussed; historical perspectives would have to be sought out and education would require elucidation; the history and program of drama would demand attention; in fact, there would be no limit to the sections and sub-sections arising from such a comprehensive subject as "Communist leadership". In three years, even if discussions were carried on once a week for a two or three hour period, only the fringe could be dealt with; but at least enough could be done to stimulate popular thinking concerning issues which usually are left to the professionals and careerists with the result that popular opinion, which, under our democratic system, is mainly responsible for public policy, is often misinformed. Another test city built its program around local newspapers,

radio stations, and libraries. Still another went in for formal readings of classic dramas. Men and women, who hitherto had pressed inability to "understand" Shakespeare (for example), discovered after coming into close contact with well read passages from his plays that they had not tried very hard to cultivate a ready taste for that kind of literature.

In other areas youth organizations and service clubs, such as the Rotarians and Kiwanians, met together from time to time to consult on social matters and to exchange ideas on community problems and interests. From time to time the younger members of the community were encouraged to meet with the older citizens; this, on the assumption that young and old age do have some things in common and are not necessarily in a state of continued and relentless warfare. If this did nothing more than shatter the commonly held opinion (among older people) that all young persons are foolish and irresponsible and all old persons very wise and circumspect, it was well worth the time and effort.

One trouble with many adult education programs is that they tend to lose momentum as they go along. Enthusiasm usually high to begin with, gets less and less as time goes on. (How to halt the decline probably was one of the matters discussed at Bigwin.) Another trouble is the tendency to make discussions ridiculous while trying to make them democratic; in other words, the tendency to seek a least common denominator in which the most literate and the most illiterate members of a group would find a mutual sympathy. This must be a mistake. The whole purpose of adult education is to help adults to think; that cannot be done simply by providing them with silly little commonplaces which require no thought. "Better that one or two to begin with, gets less and less as time goes on. (How to halt the decline probably was one of the matters discussed at Bigwin.) 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