

Rural Beautification

The ninth annual competition of the Prince Edward Island Rural Beautification Society has been announced, and there is every reason to expect that the awards, which include \$2,700 in cash prizes, will be keenly contested.

Lawrence Defended

It is unusual, notes the Winnipeg Free Press, that a book should arouse a wide and heated controversy even in advance of publication. This has been the case however with Mr. Richard Aldington's biography of Colonel T. E. Lawrence, the enigmatic Englishman who has long been credited with a major role in the Arab revolt against Turkey in the First World War.

An Ecclesiastical Edict

Racial segregation continues to be a powerful institution in the Southern and South-Western areas of the United States. For many years reformers have been attacking the practice as being anti-social and undemocratic and, in some isolated instances, there has been a tendency to bring about gradual lessening of the restrictions which custom and State laws have placed on the Negro population; but, thus far, little noticeable change in the over-all picture has been brought about, chiefly, of course, because of inherited prejudices and fears.

Recently a powerful voice was raised in behalf of free and unfettered access to the public schools where segregation has been enforced with the utmost rigour of the law. The voice was that of the Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Antonio, Texas, which is in the heart of "Jim Crow" territory.

In an official ruling the Archbishop said: "Henceforth no Catholic child may be refused admittance to schools maintained by the Archdiocese, purely for reasons of colour, race, or poverty. Racial segregation is a sin."

Life Expectancy

Stories are often told of people who were "given six months to live" and remain hale and hearty for many years. Statistical proof of the small effect of many disabilities on life expectancy has been produced by the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association in consultation with the Association of Life Insurance Medical Doctors.

A study of mortality amongst policyholders who had physical impairments at the time the policy was issued indicates that since 1929 there has been material improvement in the life expectancy of this group. Certain types of heart murmurs, for instance, are quite harmless. Persons who recover from a nervous breakdown or from being classed as psycho-neurotic have only slightly higher than average mortality. Similarly full recovery from cerebral concussion means restoration of full life expectancy, and recovery from a skull fracture means only moderately higher mortality prospects.

A rapid pulse rate, however, from 90 to 100 per minute, is under certain circumstances associated with a somewhat higher than average mortality, especially when accompanied by a slight degree of overweight, hyper-tension, or other minor impairments.

As in other studies, heredity has been found an important factor. Policyholders who reported two or more deaths from heart and allied conditions under age 60 in their immediate families, experienced a higher than average mortality. It would seem that we can get over almost everything except an imprudent choice of parents.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the 1st Sunday after Easter; Low Sunday; St. Mark.

Tonight Daylight Time becomes effective in many communities in Canada and the United States.

Communist China's indignation at American aid to French Indo-China seems something in the nature of an admission that China has been active in affairs there rather than being an innocent bystander.

Tomorrow is Air Cadet Sunday and the commencement of Air Cadet Week. Parents and others will have opportunities for learning something of the instruction received by the youthful airmen and, it is to be hoped, persuaded to take an interest in their training.

It may seem like an early start to hold a citizens' meeting next Friday to plan for Charlottetown's centennial in 1935. Such an event, however, cannot be a success without elaborate preparation and it may well be found that the time is even now too short to do everything that might be considered desirable.

The canny Scots like to make use of what they have and their example might prove useful to others. The regular passenger ship between Aberdeen and the Shetlands will keep a lookout for herring shoals by means of its echo sounder. Fishermen will have the benefit of the search operation and the cost will be practically nothing.

Marcus Andrew Hislop Clarke, Australian writer, was born this date 1846, at Kensington, London. He emigrated to Victoria at the age of eighteen and entered upon a journalistic career, writing under the pseudonym Peripathetic Philosopher. His best work is a novel on the cruelties of life in a prison settlement, "For the Term of his Natural Life." Other works include, "Long Odds," "Holiday Peak" and "History of the Continent of Australia."

The Department of Transport has wound up its air patrol for another season, the Gulf area being now clear of ice. Directly, of course, it serves shipping, enabling plans to be made to take advantage of the earliest safe conditions. Many who are not directly concerned with ships, however, like to follow the progress of the ice, particularly when as this year the season is early.



Possible Unforeseen Developments

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

STAND REAFFIRMED BY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Sir,—As the Charlottetown Ministerial Association has been quoted in the Press, in connection with the Daylight Saving question, a meeting held today discussed this matter and went on record as reaffirming the stand taken in 1947 by our Association.

This statement appeared under the signature of the then President, Canon J. T. Ibbot, as follows: "So long as Standard Time is the law of the Province, the Churches feel that they have no other recourse than to obey the law."

Thanking you for bringing this to the attention of your readers. We are, Sir, etc., FRED B. GAMBLE, Secretary, Ministerial Association, Charlottetown.

April 23rd.

The Poet's Corner

THE PRIMROSE Ask me why I send you here This sweet infant of the year? Ask me why I send to you This primrose, thus bepeard with dew? I will whisper to your ears:— The sweets of love are mix'd with tears. Ask me why this flower does show So yellow-green and sickly too Ask me why the stalk is weak And bending (yet it doth not break)? I will answer:— These discover What fainting hopes are in a lover. —Robert Herrick.

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I.

THE PICTOU SERVICE

"The Cape Breton steamer, with the mail and passengers, left this port for Pictou on Tuesday last, about midnight. At 5 p.m. on Wednesday morning, the wind blowing strong with a rough sea, which carried away one of her boats, the steamer came to an anchor under Caribou Point. In the course of the day she made another attempt to proceed, but was obliged to drop anchor again. At daybreak on Thursday, she once more got under weigh, but her coals being expended, all the spare coals on board, planks and bulk heading, were broken up for fuel to keep the engines going. This supply having also failed, they had to set sail, and put into Merigomish, where they remained until a supply of coal was sent round from Pictou. On Friday they got into Pictou, for Charlottetown, and daybreak on Tuesday last, anchored off the Gull Rock till daybreak. Arrived here on Sunday at 1 a.m., and after a stay of two hours, started for Miramichi, but remained at anchor in Indian Cove until daybreak yesterday." —Royal Gazette, Nov. 7, 1837.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Down in New York there is a new fad. What it does to humans is bad enough; what it does to dogs calls for language not suitable to a family newspaper. Socialites are doling up their dogs. They are fitting them out with coats, sweaters, level-studded collars and even hats. The outfits foisted on the hapless canines match those worn by miladies. —From Windsor Star.

The prediction has been made by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Hon. Walter Harris, that by 1960 Canada will have a culture and outlook on life that will be the envy of the world. It is suspected, however, that most Canadians would rather be respected or even admired than envied. An envied individual or country often is resented rather than liked, and suspected of smugness and unpleasant self-satisfaction. Let us be spared becoming an object of envy. —Moncton Transcript.

The Canadian post office department in Ottawa, by not posting a domestic air-mail rate for letters, is practically guaranteeing that all first-class mail will travel by air. In fact it says flatly that "between points in Canada, items up to and including eight ounces (will be) carried by air, if delivery can thereby be expedited." So if an important letter has to be forwarded, nothing extra can be done to make sure it will go by air. The post office department says it will go by air, and that's that. —Calgary Alberta.

What is the value of a kiss? That is a question which defies a mathematical answer. It depends on variable factors, including the time, place, person and mood. The kiss which contains all the attributes of affection and romance cannot be compared to that which is a perfunctory peck. This issue arose in an English court. A miner lost all sense of feeling in his lower lip, in an accident. He claimed damages, including some for loss of pleasure he formerly obtained from the kiss he gave his wife each morning. —Windsor Star.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer A LOOK BACK

Yes, there was widespread complaining about the public schools, especially in rural areas, in 1908. Chiefly as indicated in the old magazine I have been perusing this week, these complaints were directed at the alleged lack of "practical" training for farm life and work. However, one contributor to this magazine took a more optimistic view than the current one and it is interesting to note that the observations had led him to the conclusion that they needed reform if they were to be of any use to Canada's great agricultural economy. The kind of reform he had in mind would cost a good deal of money; he, therefore, set about to find a man of wealth, broad intelligence, and the most public spirit who might be expected to join him in this reform movement. He went long in finding this necessary paragon in the person of Sir William Macdonald of Montreal who already had given three million dollars to McGill University technological departments, thus making a name for himself in the world. As far back as 1899 a start had been made in grain growing by Canadian schoolchildren from Prince Edward Island to British Columbia. Prize winners (\$10,000) had been awarded from a fund created by the same Sir William Macdonald had formed seed associations to raise and supply selected seed of prime quality. Now, this was going to be done on a really large scale thanks to Dr. Robertson's initiative and Sir William's financial backing. The full scale program was to get under way in 1904 and the first step would be consolidation of the country schools into larger and more efficient units. The old Provinces, including

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