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Art At Evanston

In one speech after another delegates to the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston have been trying to stress the common beliefs and aims which have survived the many divisions among Christian people.

It is a good thought. Art, in some form or other, has been associated with religious life and forms since the very earliest times.

Adventure Playgrounds

An adult's idea of a beautiful playground and a child's choice of surroundings for play are apt to be poles apart.

Denmark met the need by equipping stretches of open ground with old bricks, piles of lumber, earth, drainpipes, corrugated iron, spades, hammers and wheelbarrows.

There are, of course, many other good ways of making a successful playground, but they all have this in common, that they bear little resemblance to a neat and ordered public square.

An American city showed additional imagination by placing an obsolete fire engine in a playground rather than sell it for scrap.

Aiding The Blind

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind's campaign in Canada to secure economic assistance for the blind so that they may approach more closely economic and social parity with sighted fellows is being launched on a world scale in Paris this month.

The CNIB leader points out that although Canadian blind people get allowances the same as Canadian pensioners, the blind

require something in addition because of the lifetime expenses caused by their handicap. The allowances advocated would be to offset such expenses as a blind person being required to hire someone to drive him to work or to perform other services which a sighted person can perform for himself.

Captain Robinson spent 10 days in London prior to attending the UNESCO meeting, discussing with British officials the solution to problems of the blind and studying recent developments in the United Kingdom.

A major advancement in braille printing is the new "vacuum-pulled" braille, in which the embossing is done on plastic paper, and the "plastic drop" braille, specially suitable for mass-producing blind printing.

Captain Robinson reports that in the matter of employment of blind persons, Canada "compares favorably" with the United Kingdom; that Canada enjoys worldwide prestige in its treatment of the blind, but that allowances to compensate for the increased living expenses of blind persons is a goal which should be attained as speedily as possible.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In the course of time the North or York River will change from salt water to fresh after the newly commenced causeway is completed. Interesting biological changes will naturally take place as the salinity decreases and should afford valuable information to anyone or any organization interested.

The adoption of permanent license plates is advocated by the Ontario Retail Gasoline and Automotive Service Association. The automobile servicemen presumably have an interest in being able to check that the driver of the car they supply is entitled to be behind the wheel.

Farming is not highly regarded by the economist looking for signs of progress and productivity. At any rate the Bank of Montreal business review points out that although the years 1900 to 1920 were years of rapid growth and prosperity for this country, there was a more moderate increase in national productivity on a man-hour basis.

Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, German philosopher, died this date 1900. He had a brilliant university career and was appointed professor of Greek at Basle at the age of 24. His life was one long struggle against sickness, neuralgia and insomnia.

Town planners from all over the world will meet at the 22nd Congress of the International Federation for Housing and Town Planning which opens in Edinburgh on September 19. This will be the first time the Federation has met in Scotland, and about 1,200 delegates representing more than 30 countries, including Russia, are to attend the Congress, which will be opened by the Earl of Home, Minister of State for Scotland.



Newfoundland Beckons

PUBLIC FORUM

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

SIDE ROAD CONDITIONS

Sir, — I am from Millvale and The Guardian helps me to keep abreast of the times on the Island. I was home last summer and saw a lot of changes, most of them for the better. But one thing that has not changed is the side roads; they are awful. I think the one from Keir's corner to Millvale is worse than it was forty years ago.

Here in Toronto this evening I was twenty minutes going one and a half miles over a road built twenty years ago. They said it would carry all the cars that Toronto would ever have. So let us not make the same mistake.

I am, Sir, etc., WILLIAM FRASER, Toronto, Ont.

A CANADIAN FLAG

Sir, — Nearly everyone agrees that Canada should have an officially-adopted flag, but on the question of design, agreement ceases. A flag is worthless, even dangerous, if it increases internal racism or sectionalism. It fails its purpose, too, if it fails to inspire loyalty. A flag that would be truly Canada's own must be respected and loved from Cape Race to the Pacific and up to the Arctic rim.

In the opinion of this writer, the flag should retain a basic design resembling the red ensign, which would mean a fleur-de-lis. No flag which omits either the Union Jack or the fleur-de-lis would be accepted by Canadians and Canadians alike, and so it would appear to be wise to include both. There also is nationwide demand for maple leaves on the national banner.

The Canadian flag should NOT bear stripes, stars or bars. These are the symbols of the United States. On the field where now appears the coat of arms might be a simple shield enclosing ten maple leaves. They might be gold leaves on a white shield. It's imperative they be of identical size, shape and color representing ten equal partners in the Confederation. The fleur-de-lis would not represent Quebec, but Canada's people of French ancestry, regardless of province.

The Canadian flag should have a familiar, endearing name. The U.S. flag has three — Stars and Stripes, Star-Spangled Banner and Old Glory. Canada's might be called "The Maple Emblem." In any case, Canadians who have built a nation on bilingualism should be capable of choosing a flag for all. I am, Sir, etc., LESTER HALPIN, Kelowna, B.C.

Old Charlottetown

From The Examiner, Aug. 10, 1882: The potato bugs which were brought to this city on Tuesday by Mr. John Blinn, of New Glasgow, are on exhibition at the Apothecaries Hall and are attracting a great deal of attention. Some of those who inspect them bring news of the ravages of the insect in other parts of the Province. One gentleman from Cardigan states that myriads of the pests lit in that district a few days ago, and are likely to do serious damage. Similar reports come from Tryon, Crapaud and other parts. Last week an eagle was captured in a barn at Lower Bedeque, in

Brass Bell From Cambridge

Bruce Hutchison in the Ottawa Citizen

In the English town of Cambridge about a year ago, the passing tourist might have observed an open-air market, hard by the stately university buildings. The colleges of Cambridge were offering the wisdom of the ages to their scholars. The market was offering what appeared to be a mass of worthless junk; and yet in its way the market was as much a part of England as the university and sold wares almost as old and important. Or so it appeared to a casual visitor from Canada.

So I bought the bell with its elaborate fluted setting and carried it, wrapped in a tattered copy of The London Times, to an antique dealer on the high street. For another pound he agreed to polish it and ship it to Canada. But no citizen of Cambridge is in a hurry and an affair of this sort takes time. It is only this week, therefore, that I have managed to install the bell in the most inappropriate place imaginable, on the outer wall of a woodland cabin. Naturally, I must pretend that it has some practical purpose there as a dinner gong, a fire alarm or an ornament. Actually it has no use whatever that any man of sense could comprehend; but so far as I know no man of sense has ever come this way and, God willing, none will.

The way in which our Islanders abroad press toward the front is well illustrated by the rapid advancement of Mr. Angus Gregor, late of New Glasgow. Three months ago he went to work in the car shops of the Canada Pacific Company, at Winnipeg, knowing nothing about the distinctive work of car building; and he is now foreman of all the carpenters employed there.

The four-oared shell boat, owned by the Davies-Robins crew, has been sold by Mr. Thomas Robins, of this city, to Mr. Thomas Ormand, of Halifax, who represented the Williams crew here at the regatta last fall. This boat was built for the aforesaid crew by Mr. Logan, boat builder of Saint John and is pronounced by competent judges to be one of the best ever built in the Maritimes. She was rowed in two professional races on the Hillsborough last fall, and secured second in the race in competition with the first-class crews from Halifax.

The Age Old Story

Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy one? we shall not die. . . Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Studiously planning for the future doesn't give one any time to regret the past. — Toronto Star. The most amazing thing to an old person is how he got old in a short time. — Kitchener-Waterloo Record. With women taking up pipe smoking hubby is going to have to hide his tobacco pouch along with his small change. — London Free Press.

And then there were the people who received postcard from their son at camp reporting the loss of either his tonsils or his turtles. — Hamilton Spectator. An Iowa motorist arrested on a drunk driving charge explained to the policeman that whenever he became too drunk to drive, he turned the wheel over to his dog. — Chatham Daily News. Roger Bannister, who ran the mile in less than four minutes, has received his licence to practice medicine. Patients who call him late at night will doubtless be asked: "Is it to drive over?" — Edmonton Journal.

There's no doubt about it, the English make good tea. On the other hand, the American make good coffee, and the reason is that both people work at it. They study the problem, and some day each will begin to study the problem of the other, and good tea and good coffee will spread over the face of the earth instead of being confined within national boundaries. — Montreal Daily Star. As close as can be estimated, there are 500,000,000 children in the world. And according to the director-general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organizations, fully one-half of this number receive no schooling whatsoever. The fact points up the long road which people must travel before conditions are such that nations can bring about intelligent and peaceful international relations. — Fort William Times-Journal. A friend has drawn our attention to a habit which has become so common — though dangerous — that we had almost ceased to notice it. We mean the habit of drivers keeping their left arms outside the car windows and some passengers doing the same thing on the other side. That is taking a long chance for we have known people who have had arms torn off because of arms hung out. It seems an awkward way of driving and, of course, is exceedingly dangerous. — Niagara Falls Review.

The Poet's Corner

THE LAKE

The blue serenity is vast, No ripple shakes the thought, nor tide Advances. Neither foam nor surge Flung loud on any side. Yet there is depth in which to find The blueness that we know as sky's Clear wondrous reach. With peaceful joy, Wide as the speck-like bird that flies Upon some journey heaven-floored, We see the deep tranquility. Sky's color, and the mirrored growth We look on this as if we see Vast oceans come at last to rest. We search for all the depth that lies Beneath the surface. Water-clear, The lake looks back with quiet eyes. — Joseph Joel Keith, in the Christian Science Monitor.

FUEL...

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The Only One Who Can Help You IS Your Doctor

if you notice any of the following symptoms. Last year approximately 10,000 Canadians were effectively treated for cancer because they went to the doctor in time. Please memorize the following symptoms and the first moment you notice any one of them, see your doctor.

- 1. Any sore that does not heal — particularly about the tongue, mouth or lips. Do not pass it off as "nothing at all". Go to the doctor.
2. A painless lump or thickening, especially in the breast, lip or tongue. Don't wait "to see what happens." Go to the doctor.
3. Irregular bleeding or discharge from any natural body opening. Do not wait for pain. Go to the doctor.
4. Progressive change in the color or size of a wart, mole or birthmark. Do not try salves or ointments. Go to the doctor.
5. Persistent indigestion. Do not wait for loss of weight. Go to the doctor.
6. Persistent hoarseness, unexplained cough, or difficulty in swallowing. Do not assume that it is due to smoking or some other form of irritation which will clear up. Go to the doctor.
7. Any change in normal bowel habits. Don't attempt to diagnose yourself. Go to the doctor.