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would. And what a medley that would be! With due respect to the distinguished Rabbi, and without for one moment doubting his good intentions, one is forced to the opinion that summit talks will have to be left to the statesmen.

More About A Mystic

Reference was made in these columns some time ago to an Indian mystic, Vinoba Bhava, who in the last three or four years, merely by walking around the country—he already has covered more than 10,000 miles—and preaching brotherly love and charity, has persuaded the big landowners to give nearly five million acres to hungry and landless peasants.

It seems that what started out as a simple crusade of a pious man has now turned into a movement of great political and economic importance to India's future, and, it may be, to the future of all Asia.

The "loot of love", as Bhava himself calls his campaign, is continuing with ever increasing momentum; but apparently the emphasis is being shifted from the mystic's strange power over the traditional centres of wealth to the calm way in which the peasants themselves are entering into their new and strangely won status.

These facts are of just as much importance to Canadians as to Americans; for, of course, any wave of fear and doubt that might arise in the United States would be bound to flow over into this country.

All this has been brought about, in the opinions of those who have seen the new movement at work, by Vinoba Bhava. It is one more proof that true strength is of the spirit.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The importance of the Suez Canal as a waterway is growing steadily according to a recent report which says that 13,200 ships used it last year.

According to Canadian Press, there are twenty-three new Canadian \$1 bills in circulation which may be worth more than their face value as collectors' items.

We are so much used to the newer ways of heating that it seems incredible that there are places in the world where even coal and wood are unobtainable luxuries.

People in Canada and the United States, seeing so many tractors and other machines on the farms, are apt to think that agriculture has been pretty much mechanized.

A film in colour of the Boy Scouts Jamboree, to be held at Niagara-on-the-Lake this summer, will be made by a group of Scouts from West Yorkshire so that those unable to travel to Canada will be able to share in the adventure of this major event.



Ship Ahoy!

PUBLIC FORUM

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

EASTERN FERRY SERVICE

Sir,—I have been following the letters recently published regarding Eastern ferry service. I have also read a letter written some time ago published by Mr. John H. Myers. Also, I took great interest in the item, "Guardianscope" in your 25th issue—all support the ferry service between Georgetown and Pictou.

I must make reference to the four letters published under Captain C. M. Fitzgerald's name. What an example to the citizens of Kings County—a man, 91 years of age, trying to promote and get the public interested in a much needed public service.

Let us all follow Captain C. M. Fitzgerald, his service to his community has been great. Let us all get behind him, and help him put through this much needed ferry service.

I am, Sir, etc., J. F. JOHNSON, Georgetown

BLOOD DONOR CLINICS

Sir,—May I have space in your valuable paper to call to the attention of our people the personal responsibility they have to support the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics which are to be held in this Province next week?

Although Prince Edward Islanders in our hospitals have continued to draw on the Maritime Bank at Halifax at the rate of about 250 bottles of blood per month, we have not contributed one bottle during the past nine months.

If the numbers required are not forthcoming then we cannot expect to continue to draw on the Maritime Bank, and may conceivably have to revert to the antiquated and most inconvenient method of calling many donors for individual cases in order to get even one bottle of matching blood.

I would like to point out again how easy it is to be a blood donor. You feel nothing at the time, and there are no after effects—except that you will feel better than ever.

We feel sure that Prince Edward Islanders can be counted on to oversubscribe the quota for next week's Clinics and repay as much as possible of our indebtedness.

I am, Sir, etc., J. K. L. IRWIN, M.D., President, P. E. I. Medical Society

The Poets Corner

THE IDEAL CAPTAIN A long-legged straddling giant is not my choice for a chief—Curled and haughty and shaven, a proper sort of a beau; Give me a bow-legged bantam, stout if his body is brief, Firm of feet, quick witted, full of spirit and go. —Archilochus.

The Age Old Story

Elihu also proceeded, and said: Behold, God exalteth his power: who teacheth like him?

OTTAWA LETTER

Postage Stamp Artist

By Patrick Nicholson

A new artistic star arising in Canada is lifting the cloud which has in recent years descended over our once world-famous postage stamps. He is Laurence Hyde, a 40-year-old artist on the staff of the National Film Board.

A year ago, Mr. Hyde's first stamp design was issued by the Post Office. It was the present 15 cent stamp, showing a Gannet with white wings outspread against a stylized grey and star-spangled sky.

His second stamp will honour the 50th birthday of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Its theme is tribute to the thousands of pioneers whose achievements made possible the progress shown by our two Prairie provinces.

The pioneers, like Mr. Hyde's Gannet, seem likely to win praise from the critics who have justifiably been so vocal about some recent philatelic monstrosities produced by our Post Office.

The creator of this well-deserved tribute to the men in sheepskin coats — and their fellow-homesteaders — is a soft-spoken artist who immigrated from England 30 years ago. Although not blessed at birth by the chance of being a Canadian baby, he seems to have succeeded in achieving an inner contentment through the discovery of a happy compromise between his hobby and bread-winning.

Art is his great interest. He works as art director of the information and promotion division of the National Film Board in Ottawa. His hobby is oil-painting, and he is establishing this as a money-earning spare time occupation.

The Post Office has paid him a fee of \$300 for his design paying tribute to the Prairies. And he set him off on the path of writing children's story books which he illustrates profusely himself.

The first of a series of five books, commissioned from him by Harper's, will be published this Fall. It is about a baby. Conceived by the Hydes and their two sons, 9-year-old Anthony and 6-year-old Christopher, had perhaps kept a raccoon as a pet? I asked him.

Oh no, the Hydes have never kept a coon as a pet. It makes a friendly and amusing pet, but is apt to disappear suddenly off into the woods in a most unfriendly manner, and never be seen again in its foster-home, which is not at all amusing. But, added Mr. Hyde, this is good coon country here, and there is plenty of opportunity to study this lazy woolly creature here.

NINE MONTHS LABOUR And how does one start to design a postage stamp. I asked our newest philatelic artist.

Mr. Hyde sketches the design many times its final minute size. His Alberchewan couple were drawn about 18 inches by 9, and then were reduced to stamp-size for engraving.

He works entirely in pencil, which he finds not just an advantage but a necessity. The design must spend so long going the rounds, getting the approval of Cabinet Ministers, being altered slightly to meet suggestions by senior civil servants, and undergoing checks in this case by two provincial governments.

One alteration this design had to undergo, for example, during its nine months of being approved, concerned the headress worn by the girl. She was given a kerchief by the artist. But some critic objected that this was typical of only one of the many classes of prairie pioneer: the immigrant from central Europe.

Medically Speaking

Herman N. Sandesen, M.D.

MAKE IT EASY FOR BABY

Are you forcing your baby to work too hard?

Maybe you are, without even realizing it. Most of you probably believe your infant doesn't do any physical labor. Actually, he may be overworking just drinking his milk.

While most baby bottle nipples are manufactured with the correct sized opening, sometimes you may find one that will give your baby trouble. A simple test will tell you whether the openings are the right size. The holes should be neither too small nor too large.

One Drop at a Time

Hold the filled bottle upside down and allow the milk to drip through the nipple without shaking it. A single drop of milk should emerge at a time, spaced about two inches apart as they fall. The milk should never pour from the nipple in a steady stream.

If the hole is too small, it means your baby will have to work too hard to get the liquid. He may choke by swallowing air instead of milk.

There's an easy way to enlarge the holes. Heat the point of a fine needle over your gas range or some other flame, until it is red hot. Grasp the blunt end of the needle with a piece of gauze, or plunge it into cork and use the cork as a handle. Then thrust the heated point into the nipple hole. This should do the trick.

Be sure to wash the nipples thoroughly to remove any taste of burned rubber.

Of course, if the holes are too large, the nipples should be discarded.

QUESTION AND ANSWER N. G. Can putting vitamins in the icebox destroy their potency? Answer: No, freezing usually preserves rather than harms them. Excessive heat can be detrimental to vitamins.

short cuts or substitutes for reading. Of course, all these things can be used to serve a useful purpose, too, if they stimulate your curiosity and open the door to new interests. But for the door to new interests, you need to read.

Part of our present trouble is that many schools are not really teaching children how to read. Some 30 years ago, most schools abandoned the old "phonics", or alphabet, method of teaching reading in favor of the so-called "word recognition" or memory method.

Now, a generation later, educators are forced to admit that in a tragic number of cases the switch was a failure and so they have been forced to correct the error with so-called "remedial reading" courses.

But in the near future, I predict, there will be a complete revision in our methods of teaching reading, with much greater use of phonics principles. Ironically it is quite possible that television will be used extensively to teach reading in the future.

No problem in education is of greater importance than this one. By day, he could arrest only those committing a number of specified offences. But under the revised Code, he may at any time arrest without warrant any one whom he finds committing an indictable offence. In a Police State, the police are a ruling caste. In a democracy, every man is a policeman and the specialized officers of the law are servants of their fellow citizens.—Ottawa Citizen.

Facts and figures on Canada's road-building progress in the five years up to March 31 last year are impressive. During that time \$1,700,000,000 was spent on highways and bridges, while another \$321,000,000 went on roads, streets and

NOTES BY THE WAY

Child: a creature which can get almost as much fun out of a \$50 garden gymnasium as out of an old tin can and a small green caterpillar.—Hamilton Spectator.

Traffic accidents are killing and maiming as many people in Canada as a war. One Canadian dies in traffic accidents every three hours. Fifty-six die every week, some 225 every month, 3,000 every year, to the total must be added 5,700 injured.—Montreal Gazette.

Far too often a police records show that traffic mishap victims "had a couple of beers" before the crash. Far too often fellows brought in for speeding tell when questioned: "Well I had a beer, but..." They would likely be insulted at the mention of being drunk. But one doesn't need to be drunk to maim and kill. That "well, just a small one" will do it.—Sherbrooke Record.

It seems strange to middle-aged folks that the children growing up today never have a chance to peer excitedly into a blacksmith shop, or hear the clang of the hammer on the anvil as the blacksmith holds a horse's foot against his leather apron and nail on a steel shoe. There's not the same thrill about watching a motor mechanic change a tire or inspect the innards of a truck.—Ottawa Journal.

A New York private detective testifying before a House Judiciary committee in Washington, said that it is now possible to listen to a conversation a thousand feet away without need for wires. Walls are no protection against the little gadget which makes this possible. At what a price electronics is giving us more faithful music among other things! But it is not the gadget which is shocking. It is the eagerness of men to use it to make this an unprivate world.—Vancouver Herald.

The fact that policemen are appointed for full-time duty has never relieved the individual citizen of his responsibility for helping to maintain law and order. Under the old Criminal Code, a private individual could arrest any person whom he found committing a criminal offence at night. By day, he could arrest only those committing a number of specified offences. But under the revised Code, he may at any time arrest without warrant any one whom he finds committing an indictable offence. In a Police State, the police are a ruling caste. In a democracy, every man is a policeman and the specialized officers of the law are servants of their fellow citizens.—Ottawa Citizen.

LONDON (Reuters)—Nobody tipped off the janitor of a public building in north London about the general election Thursday. Officials found the polling station locked and barred. An official smashed a window and climbed in to open the poll on time at 7 a.m.

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