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Ingratitude

"Blow, blow, thou winter wind Thou art not so unkind As man's ingratitude..."

These excerpts from Amiens' song must have come to the mind of the Prime Minister of Canada when he heard of the unkind things which were said about him in the Egyptian press...

Was Colonel Nasser grateful? O yes, indeed. For a few weeks nothing was too good for his representatives at the U.N. to say about Mr. St. Laurent and Mr. Pearson...

The sorry episode will not be without its bright side, however, if our Federal leaders are led to ponder anew the truth of a simple social law—that, as with individuals, so with nations, it seldom pays to desert one's friends merely to appease the malice of trouble-makers.

A Listless Meeting

News of the third annual meeting of the Council of Ministers of the South East Asia Organization, now under way in Canberra, Australia, has been given little publicity, probably because no one believes it will accomplish much...

This latter fact is making the Pakistanis wonder whether their membership in the organization is of any value to their security. They point out that economic aid to India and other non-participating states is permitting them to devote a large part of their own resources to building up military strength...

There are rumours that British and French Government officials are wondering whether the organization is the power it was intended to be and are not quite sure that it is worth the expenditure of a great deal of money...

Educational Aims

The teaching profession was well represented in the current debate in the Legislature by Mr. Prosper Arsenault, Liberal member for the First District of Prince. His address was a valuable contribution to the discussion on educational problems...

Mr. Arsenault was careful to distinguish between two different aspects of the problem. "One deals with the 'how' of education (the pedagogical problem of method), whereas the other is the underlying question of the aim of education..."

These words deserve much more attention than they have sometimes received at the hands of educational reformers. There is nothing new in the truths that Mr. Arsenault enunciated in such able manner...

EDITORIAL NOTES

It seems that even the squirrels in West Germany are going ahead of their competitors. Lumberjacks who cut down a tree in a Bavarian town found a nest lined with two pairs of women's stockings and a silk scarf which had been taken from a clothesline...

A Special committee of the United States Senate has reported that Senators are over-burdened with work, so much so that some of their responsibilities are neglected. News of the easy going ways of the Senate of Canada does not help to lighten their burdens...

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced that a new "all-purpose" insect repellent will be on the market this spring. Before accepting the claim at its face value we'll wait and see how the mosquitos react to it. They have fooled the scientists many times in the past...

Commenting on Secretary Dulles' statement to the press to the effect that the Suez Canal could be opened to traffic "in another ten days or so," General Wheeler, the American expert in charge of operations, said: "I have no idea where Mr. Dulles got that figure..."

The U.S. Ambassador to Egypt is reported to have told Colonel Nasser that "all the United States wants of Egypt is that she be a little less suspicious of the Eisenhower policy for the Middle East..."



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.

FROZEN POTATOES

Sir.—Please publish the following in the columns of The Guardian, regarding Prince Edward Island potatoes, as the writer finds them to be of a quality far below the correct information concerning the potato market in Ontario...

As to the quality of P.E.I. potatoes received here the grade is good, but a little larger potatoes in the Sebago variety wouldn't hurt a bit...

However at our store we received 250 bags which were badly frozen. Unless there is more care taken about frost, you are killing your own markets...

We are thinking seriously of going Southern potatoes ourselves unless the frozen potatoes soon come to a stop.

I am, Sir, etc., W. R. Vineland Station Ontario.

THE TEACHER PROBLEM

Sir.—Education week as always has brought to the fore the problems relative to education, this year the emphasis being on "The Causes and Remedies of Teacher Shortage..."

Whereas it is the cause for the shortage of teachers, and as some of the bigwigs seem to think, qualified teachers. They seem to stress the fact that the rural areas are where the most of the unqualified teachers are engaged...

The chief reason for the scarcity of qualified teachers lies with the people themselves. They are not willing to pay ample supplements to entice the best teacher to their school. There will be more discussion at the annual meeting to fix the supplement at low as they think it is reasonable to procure a teacher, so long as the school is not closed...

Then again, in a great number of cases, the environment is not conducive to the best work that could be done in the schools. The teacher sometimes has a dingy classroom to work in, together with lack of equipment, textbooks, maps, etc., which should be furnished by school boards...

The teacher in some areas must do and act as the school board, and sometimes parents, dictate. They must not punish any child who needs correction. Teachers have to contend with children nowadays whose home training, in so far as behavior in public is concerned, is nil. They have no respect for the teacher, their elders, their schoolmates, and some even want their say-so in school as they do at home...

They are allowed to attend every change of movie, every hockey game, watch television, listen to the radio, when they should be at their studies or in bed; anything else first and let the important thing slide. After all the schools are the most important institutions in the land, excepting the Church...

The salary schedule as drawn up by the government is not allowing enough to draw the best young people into the profession. Why? Too much expense is involved in getting the necessary training for a qualified teacher, and then being offered the meagre salary the government provides...

Why should anyone teach for such a small salary, when, without any special training, or degrees and such, one can enter the banking business, contracting and construction work, railroading and other occupations with such benefits as hospital insurance, unemployment insurance benefits, bonuses, commissions, vacations with pay, and substantial increases with service and experience...

OTTAWA REPORT

Federal Civil Pensions

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: During the recent debate on civil service pensions, Finance Minister Walter Harris suggested that the Canadian pension plan is the most generous in the world. It offers our civil servants an advantage not available to their counterparts in either Great Britain or the United States...

In this, Mr. Harris was referring to that fact that as little as five years service qualify the worker on pension at the age of 60. A civil servant may elect to retire on pension at the age of 60. Many prefer to exercise their option to work for a further five years...

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to 2 per cent for each of 35 years of that average of \$10,000. This amounts to a pension of \$7,000 per year.

There are some unusually generous provisions included in the civil service superannuation plan. One of these provides that a person entering government service may transfer his or her accumulated rights under some other government or government-sponsored or recognized pension plan. This enables say a teacher or an industrialist to enter the civil service without forfeiting pension rights on previous service...

Thus a new entrant to the civil service may accumulate pension rights covering his previous years of other work, by paying into the pension fund a sum equal to the total of employer's contribution plus employee's contribution applicable to those years.

WIDOWS BENEFIT A male contributor six per cent of his annual income in the pension fund; a female only five per cent. The difference is due to the fact that benefits accrue to the widow and young children of a male pensioner which are not equally applicable to the widower and young children of a female pensioner...

The widow of a pensioner receives half his pension for herself; in addition she receives one-tenth of his pension for each child under 18 years of age, up to a maximum of four children. Thus the widow of a pensioner with four young children could draw nine-tenths of the pension drawn by her husband before his death.

There are maximum and minimum limits on wages applicable for pensions. A worker drawing \$200 per year annually qualifies for a pension. But no annual earnings in excess of \$15,000 are covered by pension rights, although many senior employees of the government now draw more than this. As the maximum pension is 70 per cent of the annual pay while actively employed, this restriction means that the maximum pension at present would be \$10,500.

A person who quits the government service before retirement age may nevertheless carry over his pension rights acquired to date, and draw that proportion from his 60th birthday, subject to the rule against drawing two incomes from the Crown.

Probing Antarctic Secrets

By Don Guy Associated Press, New York

Secrets of earthquakes, satellites and tomorrow's weather may be unlocked from huts buried in the ice-age that is the South Pole.

Antarctic scientist Paul A. Siple studied a spinning ball in his home for two years. Now he is testing his theories at the South Pole, the pivot of the spinning ball man calls earth.

Dr. Siple heads a United States outpost at the bottom of the world as a key link in the International Geophysical Year (1957-58) studies. The IGY is a co-operative program of simultaneous observations by scientists of nearly 30 nations.

The pole station will primarily study aurora, geomagnetism, the ionosphere and other phenomena of the mysterious electronic forces that bombard the earth from the sun.

But Dr. Siple is already looking ahead to the day when the South Pole will be a busy place. He is now finding another position. Imagine, teaching school the better part of a lifetime in such a noble profession and being paid increments to the first fifty years, two hundred and fifty dollars, and no recognition of service for the remainder of one's teaching years.

Pole may house vast research quarters for continuous observation at the rotating earth. FREE FROM SPIN A station at the pole will give man, for the first time in his millions of years on earth, a place to stand and look at the universe without spinning himself. Even this position because it centres on a shifting mass of ice afloat on the Arctic Ocean.

At the poles there is but one day and one night, a year and each is six months long. Antarctica, a continent still in the ice age, is the highest of all continents, averaging over a mile. Temperatures are 40 degrees below the Arctic because the North Pole centres on an ocean.

It has been known for years that the earth not only rotates like a top every 24 hours but wobbles like a tired top in a 14-month cycle. In addition there are other motions, some requiring thousands of years to complete a cycle.

To Dr. Siple the relation between the spin pole or true axis of the earth's 24-hour rotation and the balance pole or 14-month wobble reflects unbalance in the earth. When the two poles are nearest they may be only a half dozen feet apart. At the greatest distance the poles may be about 60 feet apart. This is a small amount compared with the 25,000-mile circumference of the earth but it can be detected by observations on stars.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Buesden, M.D.

WHOOPIING COUGH STILL HAS NOT BEEN LICKED

With vaccine capable of providing immunity even to whooping cough available for virtually every child, we shouldn't be troubled with this disease any more.

Unfortunately, though, we are. Too many parents fail to have their children inoculated or forget to have them given periodic booster shots.

PROTECTIVE INJECTIONS

And even mothers who think their youngsters may have had protective injections, frequently became worried when they begin to cough.

So I think a review of the symptoms of this extremely contagious disease is in order.

Whooping cough can occur at any time of the year and can attack anybody, no matter what his age.

Children under the age of five are most susceptible. However, the disease is most serious when it strikes a child of one year or younger.

ORDINARY COLD

Generally, it develops within one to two weeks after the victim has been exposed to the disease. It begins like an ordinary cold and frequently is mistaken for nothing more serious.

The victim probably will develop a slight fever, a running nose and a cold that has a tight cough. The cough will continue to deepen until it develops the traditional whoop. The patient sobs as he breathes in. This is followed by an extended cough, sometimes lasting for a minute or more.

Usually these coughing spasms are so severe that the face becomes deep red or purple, the veins on the face and scalp swell and the eyes water.

CHILD WEAKENED

Repeated coughing will quickly weaken a child. It may be several months before his strength is fully regained.

The best advice I can give any parent is to prevent whooping cough from attacking your child by having him inoculated.

Your doctor can inject an aluminum-precipitated pertussis vaccine when your youngster is only two to three months old. For children over six months, there is a plain pertussis vaccine.

A diphtheria toxoid and pertussis vaccine combination also is available for children over the age of six months and for booster shots.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

S. H.: Is it possible to heal a rupture by injection treatment? Answer: Most cases need surgery. However, in certain cases, the injection treatment is helpful, especially when the person is old and unable to withstand surgery.

The Age Old Story

He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

THE TREES, HOW QUIETLY

We start in silence, from the earth West and in silence toward the sun. None but a wind to tend our birth. How quietly the work is done.

The new leaf starts to earth again. The wind among us moves a prayer. And all the while the work is done.

We stand, a stone in Winter's hour. Though tense with life when Winter's gone. We're alone and young, in Fall or flower.

And no one knows the work is done. We spring in silence from the earth. And spring in silence toward the sun. And now a wind attends our death. How quietly the work is done.

—Paul Zweig in the New York Times

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(March 13, 1933) The suggestion has been made to revive the tanning industry in this Province. Years ago almost every town and village on the Island had its tannery, but it has since died out completely. At the present time the price of leather is high while the price of hides is low, and it would therefore seem an ideal time to revive the tanning industry.

Mr. G. C. Holland returning home from Summerside on Thursday became caught in a severe north-easterly storm which was raging at the time and became lost on the harbour for over four hours. Only good fortune led him to a point where the race course had been cleared and from there he found his way to Summerside.

TEN YEARS AGO

(March 13, 1947) No decision was reached last night at a meeting regarding the compulsory closing at 6.30 a.m. of all City retail grocery stores. It was decided to adjourn the meeting for two weeks in order to give the question more publicity. Should it be to be a dissenting vote at the next meeting, legislation regarding the question would be sought from the Provincial Government.

Squadron Leader W. C. Langstaff, D.F.C. and Raf, had arrived to take over command of the R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside, from Squadron Leader W. F. Davy, who has been in command since last fall. S. L. Langstaff comes to Summerside from the R.C.A.F. Staff College after being stationed at R.C.A.F. Headquarters.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The arbitrary retirement age has its uses, and the chief of these we think, lies in sparing engineers extremely unpleasant decisions which would certainly be causes of angry dispute. This may be weak, but it has its roots of a humane instinct.—Peterborough Examiner

Table Mountain, Cape Town's 3,000-foot high awe-inspiring guardian, is being proclaimed a national monument. For more than 300 years it has been regarded as South Africa's most famous natural landmark and the first and most impressive sight to greet visitors arriving by sea.—South African News Letter

Up in Oshawa 24 couples are celebrating, and with good reason. They have completed their own homes, which otherwise they could not have afforded, as part of a co-operative housing project. Their pooled efforts are estimated to have effected a saving of \$5,000 on each of the houses to give them \$15,000 homes for \$10,000. No one can reasonably claim that's inflationary.—Windsor Star

"The Senate," says a Senator Pouliot, "was never intended as a rubber stamp to swallow up closed eyes everything that comes from the House of Commons." That's asking a good deal of a rubber stamp, but the Senator's meaning is sound.—Ottawa Journal

Senator Case, New Jersey Republican, reportedly is having his hair singed these days. The fire started when the conscientious young legislator undertook to answer a lady constituent's query about whether Elvis Presley, head of military service, "could forego the GI haircut required of the ordinary soldier." Mr. Case, asking "Just who is Elvis Presley," bucked the inquiry along to the Army.—Washington Post

Pearson's Peace Army

Whether the present U.N.E.F. now in Egypt be made into a permanent force ready for similar duties elsewhere in the world is now being discussed. In The Standard this week staff writer Frank Lowe recounts his interview with the Hon. Lester B. Pearson who sparked the formation of the force. Get The Standard—on sale now, complete with magazine, 12-page novel and 20 pages of comics. Only ten cents.

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