

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Now and then the nations unintentionally tell the truth when pumping the propaganda machine. They tell us the children of the world are always hungry. There is no crusade so gallant, no attainment so colorful, no achievement so mighty as that which is honestly won through personal effort and faith in self. To receive is fine. To deserve what we receive is finer. Too many men today sacrifice the ideal for the almighty dollar! There is a specialty store in Montreal whose wide-awake proprietor makes a study of original ways of doing everything. For example, all change is given in brand new money, direct from the banks. The shiny coins are especially attractive to children, and has sparked the trade.

Aside from the danger of handing old bills which has been God only knows where, it gives the customer a sense of pleasure to handle new, crisp bills. All too often, we miss our sympathy on the children of the poor when it should go to the children of the rich. The child that is born with a silver spoon in its mouth is not apt to make the start in life it should. The humble cabin where Abraham Lincoln first saw the light of day did not shelter the childhood of a king, but something finer than a king's noble man.

The boy who knows that his Mom or Dad has plenty of shekels to pass his way when he reaches manhood is not generally speaking, going to sleep with an alarm clock close to his ear. So if he happens to waken early, he turns over and takes another nap, while the youth who has nothing in the world but himself to depend on feels the need of the alarm clock to get him up and about his duties on time. He knows the only highway open to him is the highway of struggle. He knows he can't weep on the other fellow's shoulder, or get money from stones. So in order to be somebody and find for himself a place in the sun, he rises and shines.

For example, this Island produced John Jacob Schurman, son of a Bedeque farmer, who rose to an exalted position in the United States. Mr. B. Dockerty, M.D., the son of a Cardigan farmer earned his way through college from packing railroad ties and selling cod fish. Today Dr. Dockerty is consultant and head of a section on surgical pathology at the famous Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. L. W. Shaw, Deputy Minister and Director of Education for Prince Edward Island was also a farm boy and later a blacksmith, before attaining his present position; Hon. John Bowlen, a former Cardigan boy whose first job after he left the Island in 1892 was driving a team in the city of Boston for \$17 a month. Later he worked for the Stearns Lumber Co., at \$1.50 per day. Still later, in 1895, Bowlen was a street car conductor getting \$2.25 per day for 12 hours of work. Not satisfied with these small rewards Mr. Bowlen homesteaded in the Canadian west. He still owns and operates 4,000 acres of choice wheat land near Calgary. Mr. Bowlen was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta February 1st, 1950. All in all that's quite an achievement for a farm lad with only a country school education.

To this list of Island boys who slept the alarm clock close to their ear, and went places, I might add Hon. B. W. LePage, Mr. W. Chester S. McLure, Senator Thomas Grant, the late Hector MacDonald and Donald Nicholson (both born on farms at Rose Valley)—the former rose from a pick and shovel job in the mines of Leadville, Colorado, to become manager of the Premier Gold Mining Co., of Premier, B.C.; the latter, from the same

humble task, finally stepped into the senate to become Senator Donald Nicholson of Denver, Colorado. From a farm boy at Hunter River to the exalted position of the first English-speaking Cardinal in Canada is the amazing story of His Eminence James Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto. A score or so of other successful Islanders could be added to the above-mentioned names. The few I have given here will suffice to show that pluck and not luck turned the tide in their favor. They brought to their work the spirit of the artist, instead of the artisan. They never felt their humble tasks belittling or menial, and they gave to the welfare of the race the best that was in them.

What price will nature not pay for a man's man? She will make him climb the hills of adversity and train him for years in the great school of experience, in order to perfect her work. The money accumulated in the process is only incidental. Nature works to shape the man. She doesn't give a tinker's dam for the sheik's in comparison, but she will pay any price for a human giant. If you are a rich father with a son, I suggest keeping the money and the boy apart; it will be better for the lad. Remember that where most of the world's great men were born, did not shelter the childhood of kings or princes, but something better than kings and princes—MEN.

St. Louis And Vicinity

—Mr. and Mrs. Austin Callaghan of Framingham, Mass. spent Labor day week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Callaghan.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin O'Brien, Summerside, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allain.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gallant and family have returned to their home in New Brunswick, after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Doucette and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Gallant.

Miss Anne Wade and her brother Paul have returned to their home in Montreal after spending the summer vacation at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Chaisson of Lawrence, Mass. are visiting with friends and relatives in St. Edward, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Gaudet.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mearns have returned to their home in Toronto, Ont., after visiting at the home of Mrs. Bernard O'Brien in Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Mederick Poirer were informed by telegram recently stating the sad news that

their daughter-in-law Mrs. Leo Poirer had been killed in a car accident in New Hampshire. Dr. Poirer and two of his children were injured in the accident, and were also in hospital. Dr. Poirer is a native of Leoville, both he and Mrs. Poirer have many friends on the Island who deeply sympathize with him in his sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Mallett had recently as their guests Mrs. Mallett's father, Mr. Nicholas Kelley and her sister Miss Florence Kelley of Mexico, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Warren, Summerside, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Toole of Charlottetown, and Mr. Arnold Toole of Bonshaw spent the week-end of Sept. 7 at Mrs. Toole's home, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Myers.

Mr. Henry Chaisson of Lawrence, Mass. is visiting with friends and relatives in St. Louis.

Mr. Sam Myers and Mr. Thomas Allain recently motored to Summerside and Northam, they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moller.

Mrs. Raymond MacDonald has returned to her home in Providence, R.I. after spending several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Doucette in Harper Road.

Mrs. MacDonald's many friends are pleased that her son Craig was able to return home with his mother after being released from the Prince County Hospital Summerside where he had been a patient for some time. The little fellow suffered serious injury when he fell from a hayloft on the first day of his arrival on the Island.

Mr. Patrick Callaghan and members of his family motored to Charlottetown on Sept. 6 to visit Mrs. Callaghan who was under going treatment at the city hospital.

Mrs. Thomas Fletcher and son Tommy have returned to their home in Lawrence, Mass., after spending several weeks at Mrs. Fletcher's home, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bernard.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McNeil and daughter Florence of Wyandotte, Mich. were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Mallett.

Mrs. Mary Louise Arsenault of Summerside, recently visited with friends and relatives in St. Louis.

Mrs. Austin Murphy of Alberton recently visited at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Callaghan.

Mr. Bernard Plumadeo motored from Montreal to spend the week-end of Sept. 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alph Gallant. On his return he was accompanied by

his wife and two-year-old son Richard who had been spending some time at Mrs. Plumadeo's home in St. Louis.

Friends of Mr. Joseph Fitzgerald are sorry to know he is a patient at the Prince County Hospital in Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Myers were recent visitors to Summerside.

Mrs. Thomas Moller was a recent visitor to Summerside, guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Profit.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Arsenault on their recent marriage at St. Simon and St. Jude Church Tignish. The bride is Miss Mary Theresa Gallant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gallant, Tignish. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Arsenault of DeBlais.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Edmund Ahearn of Waterford whose death occurred suddenly on Monday morning Sept. 7. Mr. Ahearn was stricken with a heart attack while at sea, as he had gone out with his brother Timothy to fish their lobster traps, and passed away before reaching the shore. He was in his 47th year. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning at the Immaculate Conception Church, Palmer Road. Interment was in church cemetery.—B.G.

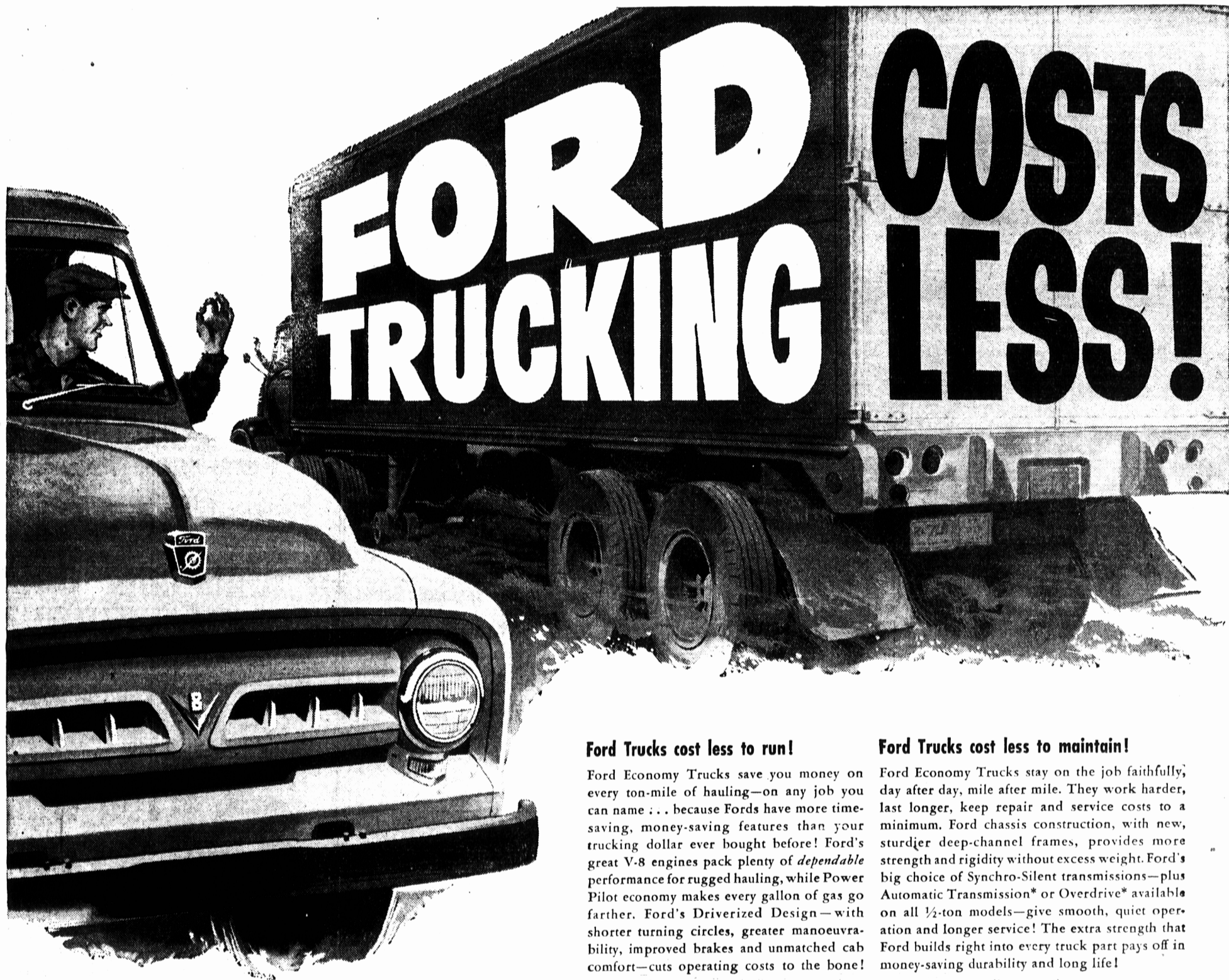
Educationalists Report At Halifax Meeting

HALIFAX, (CP)—Two Canadian educationalists who worked in foreign lands for the United Nations reported on their experiences to the annual meeting of the Canadian Education Association here Wednesday. Charles Bilodeau, research of-

ficer of the Quebec education department, told of his work in Cambodia. E. K. Ford, director of vocational education in Nova Scotia, related his experiences in Iraq. Mr. Bilodeau said that in Cambodia "the lack of an intellectual elite is distressing." "Out of the whole population," he said, "no more than 200 have completed their secondary studies and only about 25 hold degrees in law, medicine and engineering." Mr. Ford said schools are being built rapidly in Iraq but the literacy rate, ranging from 10 to 15 per cent, will probably remain low for some time.



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