

Premier Dysart Opens Big Campaign For Safe Driving

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safety which will carry throughout the year.

A government may pass laws to preserve agreeable and happy human relations but the people must feel a sense of righteousness in the law in order to respect its authority. The Criminal Code provides that it is unlawful to steal. That will not prevent people from stealing but it provides punishment for those convicted of stealing.

The Province of New Brunswick provides a code of regulations which will, if respected, provide safety and security on the highways in all reasonable circumstances, but unless you, as individuals, respect their authority there is no assurance of safety and security.

In this instance we may also impose penalties for infractions but unfortunately lives may be lost, bodies cruelly maimed and property wantonly destroyed before punishment is due.

In this Province last year there were nearly 600 motor vehicle accidents reported. Forty people lost their lives and hundreds were maimed. Many of the victims were children, eight of whom met death. But figures exclude the pain and horror of savage mutilation—which means that they leave out the point. The thing must be brought nearer home. A passing look at a bad smash or the news that a friend you lunched with only yesterday is in the hospital with a broken back should cause any driver to be cautious at least for a while. But what is needed is a vivid and sustained realization that every time you step on the throttle. Death gets in beside you. The single horrible accident you may have witnessed is no isolated horror. That sort of thing has been happening every day. If you really felt that, perhaps the cold lines of type in Monday's paper recording that citizens whom you knew, were killed or injured in weed-end crashes, would bring something more than a perfunctory remark as you turn back to the sports or financial page. You do not appreciate the poignancy of death until it strikes at your very threshold. You cannot grasp fully the agony suffered by relatives and friends when a body is racked and torn, until the victim is one of your own blood.

Last year there were nearly 600 motor car accidents in the Province and 40 deaths. On the same average we would have two accidents today and two every day throughout the year and one death every nine days. If this slaughter must go on, who is to be the next victim? Left to the god of Chance it may be your son, your daughter, your father, your mother, your sister or your brother. Can you contemplate just for a minute the utter agony and despair you would feel were the next victim brought to your home dead or probably maimed for life? Fix that thought in your mind and you will appreciate what was felt in 600 homes in the Province of New Brunswick last year and what will be experienced in 600 more homes this year if you and you and you will not do your share to lift this curse and blight from the community.

I have taken occasion to study the records of motor car accidents in this Province in recent years and while it is impossible without fuller details to make the statement as applied to all, I can say safely that the vast proportion of them could have been prevented. Now the question arises, is it your wish that they should be prevented, or do you prefer to gamble with Fate and trust to the whims of Chance that the victims will be somebody else, and somebody's else's brother and sister, and father and mother?

It is distressing to me that in

using such forceful language and in painting this dramatic picture, I must of necessity bring back to many, recollections that are far from pleasant, but if I have succeeded in instilling a sense of safety consciousness I feel satisfied that I shall be forgiven.

We ask you, we plead with you, to think of yourselves and to think of others. As drivers of motor vehicles, please respect the rules of the game. You may persistently evade and violate what is written into the code and escape the penalties. That is not to your credit, because while you may escape the penalties of the law, your carelessness may lead to disaster that will bring untold anguish and distress to others and inflict mental distress on yourself that may dog you through the rest of your life. And to those of you who are not drivers of motor vehicles, we admonish you to use every precaution. While as pedestrians you have certain well-defined rights, please bear in mind that it is easier for you to stop than it is for a motor vehicle travelling at 35 miles an hour. Under given circumstances you may have the right of way, but should you run foul of an automobile you will be hurt just as badly as though you had been wrong.

We ask you particularly to stress to your children certain cardinal rules—that they must cross streets only at intersections; that they should stop and look for a clear space before crossing; that they should not play on the roads, nor hitch on to passing vehicles. Explain to them that they are playing a vital part in a big game and that their thoughtfulness and precautions will contribute to the general peace and contentment of all people. We recognize that there is a certain temptation to a person sitting behind the wheel of a car to get out in front. The competitive spirit is instinctive, but surely we have in this Province the sober intelligence to resist temptation. Surely the experience of recent years has demonstrated with no uncertainty that Fate cannot be tempted with impunity.

Drive carefully, walk carefully, and be at peace with the world.

During the coming week particularly each and every one may play a part in this essential educational movement. Be careful yourself and if you see others who are not taking precautions, do not hesitate to draw their attention to it. In that way you will spread the gospel with good effect. Do not be misled that this campaign is for somebody else. It is for you, and we again plead with you to make some concrete contribution that will enable you a week hence to say conscientiously to yourself that you have added your mite.

Most people are familiar with the rules of the road. They are common sense rules. Through various agencies which I have enumerated earlier, these will be discussed. My primary purpose now is to seek your co-operation. Realizing the penalty that we have paid in the past and the trials and sufferings we may be spared in the future, I feel sure that you will take my message to heart.

I thank you.

LOST SEALS RETURNED

Four seals belonging to the Corporation of the Liberty of Romney Marsh, Kent, and missing since 1930, have been returned anonymously.

The seals, two of which are nearly 300 years old, were in a brown paper parcel, which was delivered by a stranger at the Corporation's offices in Dymchurch.

A note accompanying them stated, "the person who retrieved these for you wishes to remain anonymous."

CELEBRATES 111th BIRTHDAY



Instead of offering a formula for longevity, JOHN H. DAVIS celebrated his 111th birthday at his home near Washington Court House, Ohio, by playing cards for three hours, greeting relatives and friends and telling pioneer stories to several of his 100 grand-children. Davis is pictured here with JOE FRANCIS HANSFORD, of Wilmington, his one hundredth grand-child. He reads without glasses and has voted in every Presidential election since the year 1846.

St. Andrews' Kirk Celebrates Anniversary Of Founding

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American Presbyterian Church who, at the close of the Revolutionary War, chose rather to embrace the hardships of poverty and exile than abandon their British citizenship. And so on the first anniversary of the landing of the Loyalists they commenced the task of laying the foundations of what is now St. Andrew's Church.

Two years ago the young men of the Kirk, organized in the 1934 Club and desirous of perpetuating the memory of this historic meeting, erected the present Stone of Remembrance. At the same time the Presbytery of Saint John of the United Church of Canada saw to the preparation of a bronze shield, bearing a suitable inscription, which was placed upon the Stone. The resulting memorial, which has since taken its place among Saint John's historic monuments, was unveiled by the then Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, Major-General Hugh Havelock MacLean, in the presence of the congregation, the members of Presbytery, and a great concourse of people.

The history of St. Andrew's subsequent to 1784 is much too full of incident for one to give a detailed account of it here. Taking each quarter century of its history as a unit of record, however, one may in this fashion briefly summarize the story of the past one hundred and fifty-two years. The first twenty-five year period was perhaps the hardest. In these early days the infant congregation received its charter and an initial grant of lands, but "chili penury" prevented its members from accomplishing anything very definite or constructive. The Kirk folk seem to have wandered from place to place in holding their service, and it is really a wonder that in their discouraged and disorganized condition they even managed to retain control over their lands.

The second quarter century (1809-1834) tells a brighter story. It witnessed the erection of the first St. Andrew's on Germain Street—a plain unpretentious structure built in the classic, colonial style—and also the never to be forgotten ministry of Dr. George Burns, establisher and preacher, liturgical scholar and crusader for religious equality, who, in his ministry of fifteen years and with the staunch support of George, Fourth Earl of

Dalhousie, the Governor General, left an indelible imprint on the Christian Church Life of our Province.

The third quarter century (1834-1859) was that which witnessed the disastrous disruption of the Church of Scotland and consequent division among her daughter Kirks overseas. St. Andrew's in Saint John suffered greatly in these troublous times, and two secessions in turn, "St. John's" in 1843 and "St. David's" in 1847—took toll of her strength in financial resources and Church members. It was at this time that the Kirk folk were visited and encouraged by the famous Dr. Norman MacLeod, Queen Victoria's favorite preacher, and the greatest man in the Celtic world of his day.

The period from 1859 to 1884 was a crowded one. It saw the Kirk recover from the shocks of the disruption, and grow from strength to strength under the able leadership of Dr. William Donald, to whose ministry of twenty-two years all succeeding generations have looked back as to a kind of golden age. It also witnessed the destruction of the old church in the Great Fire of 1877, and the building of the present structure in the years which immediately followed. Rev. William Mitchell, tall, bearded, stately and popular, was minister at the time of the Great Fire.

In the fifth twenty-five-year period (1884-1909) we may note that the memorable ministry of Rev. L. G. MacNeill, one of the "pulpit stars of the '90's" comprised eighteen years of it. It also saw the Presbyterian General Assembly of 1904 come to the epoch-making decision within St. Andrew's walls to appoint the first Church Union Committee, a decision which resulted eventually in the production of the Constitution of the United Church of Canada.

The last quarter century has been in some respects the most noteworthy of all. It saw the people of St. Andrew's go through the terrific ordeal of the Great War, and then in 1925 it witnessed the congregation vote by a large majority to enter the wider fellowship of the United Church of Canada. Nor has the history of the past ten years provided the congregation with any reason to regret its decision in this matter. Dr. J. Sutherland Bonnell, now of Fifth Avenue

Presbyterian Church, New York, was minister at the time of the formation of the United Church of Canada.

In the course of its one hundred and fifty-two years' history, the St. Andrew's congregation has amassed many treasures in the way of churchly appointments and memorials. First in point of time as well in point of importance are the Dalhousie Chalices, two handsome Communion Cups of beaten silver, presented to the Kirk in 1818 by the Earl of Dalhousie, the friend and protector of Dr. George Burns. Some seventeen years later this noble gift was complemented by the presentation of two solid silver Communion patens, by the family of Mayor William Campbell, who in the early nineteenth century was Chief Magistrate of Saint John for twenty years by appointment of the Crown. Mayor Campbell was also an Elder of St. Andrew's, and his work in Church and city is commemorated by a marble tablet on the east wall.

And this leads one on quite naturally to think of the other memorials which look down from St. Andrew's walls. Exclusive of the brass inscription on the Minister's Chair, they are nine in number. They salute the memories and recite the virtues of the Hon. William Pagan, founder of the St. Andrew's Society of Saint John, of Mayor William Campbell, to whom reference has just been made, of the Hon. John Robertson, merchant prince, militiaman and senator, who became mayor of the city in 1836; of the well-known, well-beloved Dr. William Donald, minister of the Kirk from 1849 to 1871; of one of his successors, the equally popular, equally gifted Leander G. MacNeill, and of various others. The brass tablet on the north wall was set up in 1919 in honor of the men of St. Andrew's who gave their lives in the Great War. The two silk flags that hang from the Chancel Arch, a Union Jack and a blue and white St. Andrew's saltire, are a further memorial to the same fallen heroes and to several others whose names are not recorded below. They were solemnly set apart and blessed on the evening of Armistice Sunday, 1930.

During the past few years visitors to St. Andrew's Church have been driven increasingly to admire the lovely collection of memorial brass which now adorns the Holy Table. The first of these gifts of strength and beauty to be received were the Andrew S. Allan altar vases, which were dedicated in the autumn of 1933. They were followed a short while later by the Mayor Robertson Table Lectern, and in the spring of 1935 by the Ada S. Allan offertory plates. On Easter Day last, announcement was made of the further presentation of a handsome brass ewer for use in the Sacrament of Baptism. And yet complete as these furnishings are, it is felt in some quarters that there is one thing still needed, and that is a reading desk for occasional use, a lectern to be set up beside the Holy Table from which at times the Scripture Lessons could be read to the people.

It may also be of interest to observe that during the past year two oil paintings, one of Dr. George Burns, and the other of Dr. William Donald, from the brush of Mr. W. E. Richards, were presented by the artist to replace two similar portraits destroyed in the Great Fire of 1877. A large museum case was contributed about a year ago by Mr. Alexander Wilson and now houses an extremely valuable and rapidly growing historical collection, which is perhaps unique among the congregations of the United Church of Canada. Each of these gifts has had the effect of making the Church less of a meeting house or an auditorium and more of a shrine, and all of them have added appreciably to the pride which the congregation feels in its stately and storied sanctuary. Many years ago Rev. L. G. MacNeill declared that "it must always be a high privilege to be associated with St. Andrew's Kirk; its memorials continually call forth loyalty and devotion." After the passing of some forty years these words still ring with truth.