

ANOTHER 'SHYNESS' TO BECOME NEXT BRITISH PRINCESS ROYAL THE DUTY AND PRIVILEGE

Following is the full text of the excellent address on "The Duty and Privilege of Citizenship," by Rev. Dr. E. L. Pidgeon of Montreal which was broadcast by radio last evening through the efforts of the Rotary Clubs of Canada.

The Duty and Privilege of Citizenship

We have the privilege at this moment of presenting to our farflung audience a few thoughts on citizenship under the direction of the Canadian Advisory Committee of Rotary International.

The core of our message will be an appeal to all worthy persons from other countries who are now making Canada their home, to assume the duties, benefits and responsibilities of full citizenship. Let me say for the benefit of my fellow Rotarians who may be listening in onshrdl etaoi aoi Republic, that our message will be sufficiently general to apply as naturally to their conditions as it will to ours. Formerly, when teachers advocated any belief of any cause of action they substantiated it by reference to an authority which was final and beyond dispute. Today the idea of development is the category of the age, and the only authority which men are likely to acknowledge is, that a doctrine or program is an expression of the ultimate nature of things. We must prove that the world and human nature and human society are such that they demand certain character or action on the part of rational beings. It is, therefore, my claim that the individual is so related by nature to his fellows that he cannot reject his social duties without doing violence to his individuality. I believe that the reason for the all too common neglect of society, is the inadequate conception which many citizens cherish of their debt to their ordinary environment. Naturally every individual looks out upon his objective world and assumes that he stands apart from it and sees it as it is. He is quite certain of this and is convinced that you are demented if you should question it. In fact he will point his finger at the objective world and tell you that it only requires common sense to see it. That is just the situation, yet it is this very common sense view which will not bear reflection. What the common sense advocate overlooks is that by the time he reaches the age in which he can distinguish the self from the Not-self he looks out with a mind which the social and physical environment has called into activity. He looks upon the world with the minds the world has developed and coloured character of their children. On the It is an old adage that "everything is yellow to the jaundiced eye." But we are liable to overlook that in a very real sense every eye is jaundiced by its reaction to what it sees. While this, at first sight, may appear to be mere impracticable speculation, I venture to say that it is the most practical and far-reaching of all doctrines for the social guidance of the individual.

Social Surroundings

In the first place, we are continually influenced by our social surroundings. You have no life nor quality of character which does not assume relationships with your fellows. If I could abstract from you all that you are in relationship to others, there would be nothing left which I could describe as a positive quality of individual character. You can prove this by trying the experiment of any member of your household or neighborhood. Unconsciously you are shaping your attitude each day in the effort to adjust yourself to the essence of the common life; and I have but little hope that you will rise far beyond its essence. This fact is still more emphatic in the case of your children. The old prophet Jeremiah gives us an excellent statement of this fact. He was writing to the captives who had been carried away to Babylon. Naturally they would not feel like favouring or helping the city which was their prison. But the prophet knew too fully the laws of human growth to allow such an attitude to remain unchallenged. His message was "Seek ye the peace of the City whither I have caused you to be carried away captives and pray unto the Lord for it, for in

the peace thereof ye shall find peace." The people had to live in Babylon whether they desired it or not; and their children had to be brought up in this foreign city and any injury which the City received from their ill-will would be personalized in the character of their children. On the other hand, all good which they could put into the common life of Babylon would furnish a similar good in the character of their children.

Adjust Habit

Strange as you may at first feel in this new land, the ordinary adaptability of human nature will lead you to adjust your habits, tastes and viewpoints to its standards. You will find also that your children will not long feel strange because their powers of adjustment are at their height. If, therefore, you and your children are to gradually tune your lives to the social key of our society, is there any subject more important to you than its quality and its pitch?

In view of this, can good men and women afford to deprive themselves of the maximum power to influence the social order which constitutes such a large item in the soul nourishment of themselves and their children?

A Real Asset

I am not claiming that a citizen of another country living in our midst has no effect upon our common life. Personality is not confined to one type of instrument for its expression and influence. The man who lives well, maintains a happy virtuous home and performs his daily service with aptitude is a strength to the community by virtue of these very facts. He makes it easier for good people to be true to their ideals and more difficult for evil and dishonesty to succeed. But after acknowledging this with joy and frankness, we still feel that the whole story has not been told. No intention for good on the part of individuals is safe until it is embodied in laws and institutions. "The Word must be made Flesh." Every Moses who has Mount of Vision must afterwards descend to the plain and build his tabernacle which will visualize, embody and make practical for others what he has seen. To make one's life effective in this direction he must be a citizen with a citizen's powers. It seems to me that there is no direction in which democratic citizens are more liable to fall than in sacrificial and practical effort to embody the right in which they believe in, all that represents the life that we hold in common. The foundation of every sound social structure is a sense of responsibility on the part of the individual for the conditions which exist. When one does not possess the status and active rights of a citizen, it tends to lower his sense of responsibility for existing conditions. He is liable to take the view of the destructive or cynical critic who views the national life unsympathetically and from without. When the affairs of the public tend to go wrong, as unfortunately they frequently do, he has a ready excuse for withdrawing himself from what he considers the unseemly scramble. But when he assumes a citizen's status, he is more liable to view the national life as his own and to see its defects only to correct them.

Society's Need

You will notice that I have specially emphasized society's need for you rather than your need for society. Your benefit comes from the very fact that you have identified yourself with a large life. You can measure the greatness and happiness of any man by the breadth of the circle of human interest comprised in his own conscious purposes and purposeful actions. Nothing can prevent the shrivelling of the soul of him who retreats within the prison enclosure of his own interest. If a man will be true to himself he cannot be untrue to humanity's larger cause—

"This above all—to thine own self be true and it must follow as the night the day—thou canst not then be false to any man." This is but another statement of the truth—that the interests of the citizen and the state lie together and not apart. To be permanently true to the one can never imply disloyalty to the other. In labouring for the wel-

OF CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP AS SEEN BY REV. DR. G. L. PIDGEON

London, Feb. 14—Another "Royal Shyness" probably will be England's next Princess Royal.

Usually the title is given to the ruler's eldest daughter, in this case Princess Mary, Countess of Harewood. Since 1905 the title had been held by the King's sister, the late Princess Louise. Princess Mary is King George's only daughter, and it is assumed he will give her that title some time after the court completes its period of mourning for Princess Louise.

Like her aunt, who was known affectionately as "Her Royal Shyness" Princess Mary shuns the public eye. She has been known to think up ways to dodge the curious when making visits either in London or the country.

She is by far the least spectacular member of the royal family. She has none of that dash for which her brothers are famous, and she seems not greatly interested in London's smart world.

Her public appearances are few, brief and generally of minor importance, such as openings of charity bazaars, and usually she is accompanied by her mother. Even such appearances have been more infrequent since the Duke of York was married and the royal family had another representative for women's affairs.

Reared with a Victorian simplicity (Queen Victoria used to call her "my little jubilee baby") she was only 17 when the world war began but she took her full share of the royal family's duties during that troublous time. For a while she was a nurse in a London hospital, work-

fare of the state, it may be truly said "No effort is in vain—its rewards is in the doing."

One further suggestion is relevant to the cause we are presenting. We do not merely urge men and women from other lands to take upon themselves the duty of citizenship but we advocate reflection upon its qualifications and responsibilities. It has been well said that by his action he is laying down universal laws for all other men to follow. Every one facing citizenship should ask himself what kind of a society he would have if all his fellow-citizens adopted his principles and ideals and copied his practical treatment of them. If he cannot see society strengthened by such a process he has reason to ask if his citizenship will be permanent social good. Just as every boy who throws a stone into the lake changes the earth's centre of gravity so every individual who enters the social entity of a nation influences the character and quality of the whole.

I cannot imagine any thing less worthy of a man than to poison the streams of human life. On the other hand, I could scarcely imagine a greater work than to sweeten and enrich them for the purification and refreshment of the ages yet unborn. To this inspiring task we call you. We invite you to approach with kindled imagination and lofty enthusiasm the possibilities of our common heritage and to contribute to its development, the gifts and qualities which you value most and love best from your land of sacred memories.

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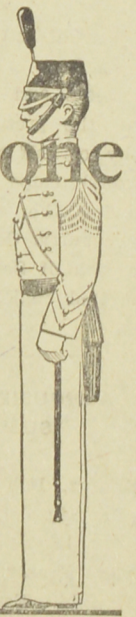
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ing in the operating room. She played an important part, too, in organizing women for war work, and with the Girl Guides, which correspond to the American Girl Scouts.

She is not afraid of the unconventional. When she was married it was not to a man of royal blood, but to the present Earl of Harewood. She was the first princess of the blood to marry an Englishman since the reign of Henry VIII, some four centuries ago.

She is like her aunt, Louise, in this respect, too, for Princess Louise who married a Scotsman, was the first princess since Henry VIII's time to wed outside the royal circle.

She and her husband (he is 16 years her senior) have interests much in common. Both like the country sports, for example, and Princess Mary is a good horsewoman. She learned to ride astride, but now rides side-saddle. Her father, it is reported, prefers women to ride in that fashion.

Part of the education the Queen mapped out for her included cooking and sewing. She still sews, contributes an occasional piece to exhibitions and bazaars, and can cook a dinner if necessary. Now her chief interest lies in her two sons, the young Viscount Lascelles, and his brother, the Hon. Gerald.

Princess Mary has brown hair, unbobbed, blue eyes and a generous mouth. She is not an English beauty but she is graceful and there are times when she is very pretty.

Here and There

(687) Approximately 29,000 people living in Canada are shareholders in the Canadian Pacific Railway, their number having been increased by over ten thousand during the past year. Many of these are employees of the company, while a large percentage of them are small investors who have bought a few shares with an idea of safety and profitably employing their surplus capital.

On January 15, 1931, the city of Lethbridge, Alberta, was made a point of call on the air mail route operating between Winnipeg and Calgary. Lethbridge is a point of considerable potential importance as the probable point from which the air line to the Pacific Coast will commence. Official surveys by technical officers of the Canadian Government Civil Aviation Branch have definitely indicated the route from Lethbridge as the most feasible passage of the Rocky Mountains.

Operating on an equal footing with the fastest system in the world, the Canadian Pacific Grain Quotation Service installed by the Canadian Pacific Telegraphs was officially opened with the New Year and places Winnipeg second to none among the world's brokerage centres. Practically perfect operation of upwards of 80 tape ticker machines, carrying their news with lightning speed, beating all previous records by two-thirds, is announced by W. M. Thompson, manager, western lines, Canadian Pacific Telegraphs.

An official report shows that at the end of November last, there were 446,676 licensed radios in Canada or about one for every 22 of the population. Ontario leads with 228,480 sets and Quebec next with 81,033. Toronto leads all Canadian cities with 71,143 sets and in western Canada Vancouver tops the list with 17,830 with Winnipeg next with 16,953. It is only ten years since the first programme was broadcast by radio.

Among foodstuffs taken from the sea, the Indians on the coast of British Columbia put seaweed as worth adding to the menu of an epicurean, and in earlier days it was used among them as money also. On the Atlantic Coast of Canada some use has been made of seaweed, in combination with fish offal, in producing fish meal which is a valuable stock food.

What is regarded as one of the principal unorganized industries of Canada is the work in connection with the cultivation, harvesting and sale of blueberries. No modern methods have been yet applied. It totals hundreds of thousands of pounds in volume of production and there are about 600,000 lbs. in cold storage at the present time. Blueberry pie is a dessert that even Epicurus himself would have smacked his lips over.

Fish caught in the fresh water lakes of Northern Saskatchewan are now shipped by aeroplane to markets in Eastern Canada and the United States. About 3,000 pounds of whitefish and trout are carried from the northern lakes to Prince Albert in two daily trips. It is planned to increase the service so that 6,000 pounds can be transported daily to the railroad.

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