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COMMUNISM IN CANADA.

Asking the question "shall we deport communists?" "Saturday Night" in its latest issue, informs its readers among other things that "Canada now has well established Communist Sunday schools, where children are taught to worship the red flag and scorn the Almighty". In the same paper appears an article by Mr. George Pearson entitled "Communism in Cape Breton", dealing with the red menace there and describing the activities of the communist J. B. McLaughlin, who labors untiringly to knock the props from beneath the pillar of peace in the coal mining industry, with a view to replacing the existing social order by the perverted system of Moscow. A meeting in Glace Bay, celebrating the eighth anniversary of the Russian revolution, is mentioned, in which Miss Buhay, a Russian Jewess from Montreal, ended an impassioned appeal to the workers with the blood-thirsty remark that "the only way to deal with a capitalist or a landlord is to kill him".

The news that Sunday schools exist in Canada "where children are taught to scorn the Almighty" is given in an editorial on the front page of "Saturday Night". While it may be well known to some, there are many to whom it will come with the jolt of an unpleasant surprise. For the most part people in this country consider themselves immune from the danger of Bolshevism. They read accounts of the red menace in Britain and on the continent of Europe, but pay little heed to the evil lurking in their midst. But the policy which emanates from Russia is one that deliberately seeks to lull the hated Bourgeoisie into a sense of false security, so that it may the more effectively carry on its insidious mole-work beneath the surface, creating havoc where least expected.

Candidly it is a little difficult to believe that Canada is seriously threatened from this source. The tree of communism dies at the roots in the soil of this northern land. Its branches wither before they start to grow. Nevertheless it is disquieting to learn of the existence of Sunday schools that scorn the Almighty. Mr. Pearson mentions the attempt to establish them in Cape Breton, but states that they are not there now. Where are they? Wherever they are they should be stamped out as Mussolini stamped them out in Italy. The great Italian leader, to whom his country owes its salvation, referring to the red brethren of Russia said: "There is no more room for a Communist in this new Kingdom of ours, than for a flea in a clean woman's home." Good words well spoken, with which every true Canadian will agree.

THE "RED" FOLLY.

This everlasting "red" menace is so much discussed that people are growing weary of hearing about it. It matters not what paper is picked up, daily or periodical, there is always a prominence given the Moscow fanatics, which is out of all proportion to what they deserve. After all communism has always been such a dismal failure wherever it has been tried, that there is no possibility of it ever replacing capitalism, in which man can safely continue to trust. Whatever progress this world has made is the result of the personal initiative arising from the right of the individual to acquire and hold private property by honest methods.

While there is a big scope for social reform and necessary alterations within the present system, its abolition would do nothing but destroy without offering any acceptable plan to rebuild. For that reason the essential folly of communism is readily apparent to all, who are endowed with even a minimum of common sense. What is possible in an illiterate country like Russia is unthinkable where educational facilities has taught the people to think for themselves. Even the dreamers of the Kremlin have acknowledged defeat by retracing their steps to the right of private trading, which, for some reason, they prefer to call the "new economy".

No better proof of the unreason that holds sway in Moscow is needed than the hatred of the Soviet for Christianity. The success of communism depends above all else on putting the teachings of Christ into practice to the fullest extent. Illogical as it is from an economic viewpoint its only hope lies in adopting the Golden Rule as the fundamental principle of its philosophy. A hardened individualist, more richly endowed than his neighbors in this world's goods, might have some motive, however selfish, in disclaiming the Christian faith, but there is no explanation why communists, who desire to share all things in common, should take such a course. All the evidence goes to show that the Russian revolution was the work of men, who blindly clutching at the impossible, lost all sense of direction until finally they became mad.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.

The appointment of Dr. O. E. Morehouse of Upper Keswick as district medical health officer under the Health Act has been well received on all sides. The doctor is a graduate of McGill University and has been practising his profession at Upper Keswick for over thirty years, and has not only built up a large and lucrative practice, but has won and retained the confidence and esteem of all classes of people. There are few men in the province today better posted on conditions in the rural districts than Dr. Morehouse, and while his appointment has given every satisfaction we feel sure that it will be regretted by the people among whom he has labored for so many years, in season and out of season, as it will mean to them the loss of one who has ever been a wise counsellor, a true friend and good neighbor as well as a skillful physician. The doctor's long political experience, first as a municipal councillor and afterwards as a member of the Legislature, will not in the least detract from his ability and eagerness to give good service to the people in the important office, which we understand has come to him entirely unsolicited. The Mail heartily congratulates him on his appointment, and trusts that in due time it will be able to extend a welcome to him as a citizen of Fredericton.

The Winnipeg Free Press thinks that it will be very surprising "if the Canadian manufacturer does not find himself good and busy next spring and summer. This despite the fact that his tariff isn't going up. The reason is that to date the farmers of the West have marketed in four months more wheat than was raised in the whole of the previous twelve. The price is climbing to within hailing distance of the figures of last year and it looks as though there will be quite an appreciable proportion remaining in the farmer's pocket after all expenses have been paid. The buying power of the West is distinctly on the up grade."

The Druze tribesmen who are fighting so obstinately against the French are liable to military service from the age of 13 to 75. Able-bodied women are also recruited as active warriors. Doubtless this form of conscription would be resolutely opposed in Quebec.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Lima Beane says the only man made truly eloquent by boils was Job.

It has been a long time since weather. Turn the problem over to the meteorologists.

Expression most frequently used by the very young at this time: "I want."

We don't care much for the fellow who informs us in advance that the story he is about to tell is going to be good.

Trouble never comes singly, they say, and it looks like it. The fuel problem and winter itch are twin brothers.

This is a progressive age and every year the automobile that was absolutely perfect the preceding year has been greatly improved.

Human nature in Kansas: "An Atchison man owns considerable corn and a herd of turkeys, says the Globe. He blames the government for the low price of corn, but not for the high price of turkeys."

DIED

ROWAN—At her home, Lincoln, on the 15th inst., Vera H. Rowan, daughter of John Rowan, aged twenty-nine years. Funeral Thursday leaving the house at 1.30 p. m. Service at St. Dunstan's Church, Fredericton, by Very Rev. Dean Carney at 2.30 p. m. Interment at the Hermitage.

PUBLIC OPINION

WANT FAIR TREATMENT.

To The Editor of the Daily Mail,
Dear Sir—It is all very well for a person who is never in our locality to oppose expenditure which would make Argyle and Victoria Streets, and connecting Streets, safe and fit for Humanity, but it shows what a selfish spirit and narrow vision such an individual possesses. He is content to have all modern improvements in his own district, but forgets that residents of the back streets also pay taxes and are equally entitled to proper street lighting, safe sidewalks, good roads and sufficient drainage.

It should not be necessary for us to repeatedly report a broken bridge at the foot of "Brick Hill", clogged sewers, flooded streets, the need of a light on Victoria Street, between Northumberland and westmorland, and so forth. Once should be enough. How can our City grow in population if not in habitable area?

The long-promised Northumberland Street Drain is a matter for the Board of Health, too, because the district will never be healthful until what the Chief City Engineer calls a "swamp" is properly drained. Draining the place would not be draining the Civic Treasury. Every EXPENDITURE is not an EXPENSE; this would be a wise INVESTMENT, by a Council pledged to Economy, no reasonable person will deny.

Whether or not five new Aldermen would exert themselves sufficiently to see that fair treatment is meted out to us who live on the back streets and which would be in the interests of the City as a whole, no one can foretell, but would it not be as well to give them the opportunity?

Yours respectfully
STERLING BRANNEN.
Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 14th, 1925.

THE CAUSE AND CURE.

Prosperity! O Prosperity!
Where hast thou gone?
From the loveliest little town
That ever sun shone on.

Extravagance! Yes, Extravagance!
It has travelled much too far.
For 'twill make you lots of trouble
That's what put us where we are.

But Vanity! fool Vanity!
You'll see it every where,
Your styles and gauds, your silly wiles
Would swamp a millionaire.

Insanity! yes, insanity!
That's what you say I've got.
Perhaps it is, perhaps it is,
I dare not say it's not.

But such squabbles over taxes
As I hear from all around
That I fear it won't be over
Till we're buried in the ground.

But we can stop this foolish waste,
We can live with less expense,
We can all be once more happy
If you use just common sense.

H. C. JEWETT.
Fredericton, Dec. 15th., 1925.

Successful Drive.

At the weekly luncheon of the Fredericton Rotary Club today the report on the drive in aid of the Children's Aid Society was presented by R. B. VanDine as chairman of committee. He reported total collections of \$2,948.25 which means practically that the objective of \$3,000 was reached. Collections were made over one week with the drive on for four days. W. D. Gunter also addressed the Club taking as his subject "Lumbering." He traced the progress of the log from the time it is felled in the woods until it is shipped as manufactured product. Mr. Hogan a commercial man from Ontario also spoke.

Mr. A. J. Doucet, M. P. elect for Kent is today a guest at the Queen. Mr. W. S. Sutton, ex-M. P. P., of Woodstock is a guest at the Queen.

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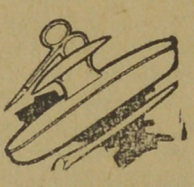
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