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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It is not always well to rush into print in reply to newspaper criticism especially when that criticism is constructive and friendly. The Daily Mail a few days ago took occasion to discuss matters in connection with the York and Sunbury Historical Society. This Society is receiving favours from the public and is subject to public criticism. The Daily Mail is in close touch with those who founded the society and with some of those who have done the most in the past couple of years to make it go. This being the case The Daily Mail wants to see the Society go ahead instead of back-wards.

The Daily Mail does not intend to reply to a letter published in a local paper yesterday by The "Historian" of the York and Sunbury Historical Society other than to say that the matters in connection with the Society which were criticised by this paper were all published after they had been discussed with the very lady who wrote the letter. It was suggested by this lady and other members of the executive of the York and Sunbury Historical Society that the matters spoken of in The Daily Mail be taken up and an effort made to remedy them. The lady who rushed into print yesterday was particularly anxious that an effort should be made to offset the proposal which she said had been made by one of the executive to take our museum to Saint John. In fact it was the writer of the letter in question who informed the other members of the executive regarding the matter and it was she who made all the fuss.

It is pleasing to note that an improvement is being made towards keeping the rooms in a better condition. For a time they were used as a smoking and a loafing place. It is unfortunate that no move is to be made at present towards cataloguing the library in an intelligent manner.

In view of the fact that the matters criticised by The Daily Mail have been suggested to us more than once by members of the York and Sunbury Historical Society executive and particularly by the writer of the letter in question and not privately by any means it would seem that the interests of the society would have been served by refraining from rushing into print with the letter in question.

This ends the matter so far as The Daily Mail is concerned although this paper reserves to itself the right to discuss the affairs of the York and Sunbury Society or any other organization which receives public support.

ANYWAY, MOTHER LOVE CONTINUES.

Mother love—phooey, says Dr. K. G. Hoskins, of Harvard Medical School. It's just a lot of pituitary gland.

They have taken ferocious male rats at Harvard, it seems, and by injecting extract of the pituitary gland, have made them so maternally loving that they will adopt baby rabbits. On the other hand, take away her pituitary gland and Mother Machree will neglect her toil for her children, desert them, and spend her evenings in beer gardens. She just can't help it.

So if I am hanged on the highest hill, mother o' mine, just run to the hospital and have your pituitary extracted, and it won't make any difference to you.

But even though mother love has been traced to the action of a gland, still, as Mr. Kipling also remarked, the everlasting miracle's the same.

TRUST

We are sure to be disillusioned from time to time by finding that men in whom we believed are not to be trusted. Our idols whose heads seemed to tower above the clouds are found to have feet of clay. Despair not—and keep on believing in your fellowman. Cavour, great Italian statesman, was right. He said: "The man who trusts men will make fewer mistakes than he who distrusts them."

As Others See Us

In a recent United States publication there is a sketch by a prominent American Educationalist who visited our Provincial Normal School at one of the closing exercises a couple of years ago and who was amused at the line up on that occasion. On the platform he says in full view of the large audience present were different instructors of the school and a few professors from the University, the Chief Superintendent of Education, and a few other citizens whom the people were in the habit of seeing every day on the street. They were all, he says, good looking and all were trying to look as important and as dignified as possible.

The young lady Normal student, who was on hand with her little class from the Model School had a blackboard on which to demonstrate her lesson before the audience, but she was crowded away down in the pit in the front of the hall. Only those of the audience who occupied the front seats could see the lesson which was being demonstrated. All, however, were able to see the stately line-up of pedagogues, who occupied the centre of the stage. The little student-teacher's parents who had come to the city to see their daughter teach the class were only able to see the gentlemen sitting on the platform. In reply to a question as to why the teachers were paraded on the platform instead of the young teacher, and her class the writer was informed—"This is custom. It has been the custom for years. They think it adds to the dignity of the closing exercises."

This custom which is also carried out to some extent at U. N. B. was partly done away with last year at the Provincial Normal School, where the young lady and her blackboard were allowed a space on the platform amongst the pedagogues.

SNAPSHOTS

The deal in regard to the Superior school by which a well known young man was double crossed was a funny one. Family compact stunt.

The Sussex military man picked the wrong fellow to sing in his church choir. Singing in his choir was a necessary qualification for teaching music.

Funny stunts can be pulled off educationally as well as otherwise.

The Fredericton boy did not get the Normal School job after all the fine promises up to the last minute.

The man who dreamed yesterday about Premier Bennett handing medals to the Fredericton School Board has called up and explained that they were long service medals.

A citizen writes us a letter regarding the Historical Society. As Mrs. J. B. Maxwell signed her letter and as the one we received is not accompanied by the owner's signature it would not be fair to publish the letter.

In answer to the correspondent however, we might say that the Historical Society is not a Loyalist Society although one would imagine that it was by the way some of the officers mixed things up.

Do prisoners still drink the water out of the back of the flush in their toilets in the county jail.

LATE FLASHES

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 23—Firemen continued today to pour streams of water on the smoking ruins of the head house of the Kansas City Southern grain elevator which was destroyed by fire last night with a loss estimated at \$250,000. Two firemen were injured. The loss included between 30,000 and 40,000 bushels of grain.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Jan. 23—A severe storm struck the city today, destroying telegraph lines, putting the light and power system out of commission and threatening shipping. Many small buildings were damaged.

OUR MAIL BAG

DISCUSSES MERCHANTS

269 Woodstock Road,
 Fredericton, N. B.
 January 22nd, 1935.

The Editor,

The Daily Mail,
 Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir:—

I note with a great deal of interest that you are printing full details of the information concerning the T. Eaton Co. being brought out by the Mass Buying Commission. The present certainly is an opportune time to rouse public opinion so that the strangle-hold that large concerns like Eatons have on every man, woman and child in Canada may be broken. If the companies and all others as well cannot be made to pay a living wage I for one see hard times for the people of Canada many moons ahead. Your purpose in the direction is commendable and I am sure that publicity is all that is needed to bring even a powerful concern like Eatons to heel.

I also note that you are taking the opportunity to shove the "Home-Owned" merchants very much to the fore. Now I believe in buying at home when possible but I certainly do not believe in some of the propaganda which you have printed in order to convince the people that they should buy at home. It savours too much of the taint of what has become known as economic nationalism. That doctrine has been one of the greatest contributing causes to the depression and the sooner the public is educated in the right direction, the better. We of the city of Fredericton are not independent of the rest of the world economically and when you tell us that if we send a dollar out of town it will never come back you are talking nonsense. Perhaps the one we send away won't come back for a while but another one will take its place and we won't worry about its identity. What I am really trying to bring out is that we are citizens of the world and as such must live with the rest of the world. Therefore I contend that the "Home-Owned Merchants" are making use of an economic fallacy when they preach so ardently that we are taking the bread and butter out of our own mouths by buying outside of town.

Furthermore, Mr. Editor I would like to suggest that the T. Eaton Co. is not the only company that needs investigating. Eatons is a large firm and as such makes a conspicuous mark for political attacks at the present time. If some of our own local merchants were investigated the result would make some choice reading in your paper. Did you know for instance that one of our local merchants was working a young man from eight o'clock in the morning until six or six-thirty every night with the inevitable Saturday night thrown in and all this for the magnificent sum of four dollars a week? Even Eaton can't beat that. That is only one instance of the generosity and fair dealings a "Home-Owned" merchant can display if given enough rope. I would suggest that it is time for the

Liberals Desire To See Reforms

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diately they come on with their proposals may be clarified during the day. The indication of an abrupt ending to the debate was unexpected, as it was thought it would be prolonged. Now, if it is carried on beyond today the Government side and the C. C. F. party will have to do the carrying.

Conservatives were in caucus today, evidently in elated spirits and reporting favorable reaction to Mr. Bennett's proposals throughout the country. The Prime Minister was given a rousing reception. Members all declare that the political horoscope has been decidedly changed by the new deal, and that party prospects are improving proportionately. The prospect of a trade treaty with the United States is also stimulating to many. They believe, however, that in its negotiation the Prime Minister will not depart to any injurious degree from cardinal fiscal policies of the Conservative party, nor consent to anything calculated to nullify the preferential advantages of the Ottawa agreements. Any arrangement with the United States will follow the same line of negotiation as occurred in the case of treaties with France and other countries.

REPORTS HEARD BY COMMITTEES

Quarterly Sessions Of Fredericton Diocesan Synod End Today

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 23—The quarterly sessions of the committees of the Fredericton diocesan synod were continued yesterday in the Church of England Institute, and will conclude this morning with the meeting of the executive at which it is expected the date of the meeting of the synod in Fredericton will be decided. His Grace the Archbishop was present at the various sessions.

In the absence of the chairman, Rev. Canon J. V. Young, the meeting of the Social Service Council was presided over by His Grace. The plea made by Ven. Archdeacon A. F. Bate at the meeting of the York County Council with reference to the need of a provincial jail farm was endorsed. Non-enforcement of the legislation requiring children under 12 years of age to be accompanied by parents or guardians when attending motion picture performances was regretted.

Routine meetings were held by the board of finance and the committee on beneficiary funds.

The diocesan Board of Religious Education heard progress reports from its committees on clerical conferences and boys' vocational conferences. It discussed at length the matter of Sunday school by post. Rev. C. J. Markham stated in his district there are 748 receiving Sunday school by post. The rest of the diocese is in the district of Rev. W. E. Fuller and it is believed the enrolment there is about the same. The gain of six new branches of the A. Y. P. A. was announced by Rev. W. P. Haigh. For the lantern slide department, Rev. W. C. V. Martin reported some new slides were being purchased and some others were being made available on loan from the G. B. R. E.

The missionary department report was presented. Mrs. R. D. Paterson told of the gratifying increase in the Little Helpers' membership, and Mrs. James F. Robertson, reporting for Mrs. B. R. Armstrong, told of the good record of the Junior W. A. Mrs. Robertson also spoke of the W. A. membership campaign, asking for co-operation of the clergy. In the absence of Rev. F. J. LeRoy, Mr. Haigh told of teacher training activity and the co-operation of the three Anglican churches on the West Side of the harbor for Sunday school teacher training classes.

The committee on spiritual uplift arranged for a retreat for the clergy to be held at Rothesay Collegiate School in September. The retreat will be conducted by the archbishop. Some preliminary announcements were heard regarding the Crusade of Witness to be conducted by the Church Army in the summer months in certain parishes in the diocese.

A deficit of \$3,737.52 in the year's operations for the Board of Missions was reported by the treasurer at the meeting of the board in the evening when the archbishop presided. There was a lengthy discussion of finances and ways and means and the archbishop was requested to appoint a special commission to consider the whole field with a view to presenting suggestions for remedial action. The commission is to present its report at the meeting of the synod.

young men and women of this town and every other town to show these depression waders where they fit and make them pay a decent living wage.

In closing let me point out that you were very critical of a Toronto paper that carried seven pages of an Eaton advertisement and one small column about the Mass Buying Commission. You are now in an analogous position. There are enough decent merchants in this town to keep up your advertisement quota so my heartfelt wish is that you would go after the rest of them and show the people of Fredericton that we have a paper that looks after the rights of the people.

Yours Very Truly,

D. J. BREWER.

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