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INTERESTING AWARDS

The Pulitzer Prize awards recently made in the United States are interesting. The literary awards are made not for literary merit but for social and educational reasons. The winning play, "The Old Maid", for example, caused little dancing in the streets by the critics, but it possesses a certain interest from the viewpoint of social history. As an example of dramatic art, it can hardly rank with "The Children's Hour", which was passed over presumably because of its theme.

Among the journalism awards two features are of particular interest. One is the choice of a series of sports articles as a "distinguished example" of reporting. It is difficult to see how exception can be successfully taken to this, since sports constitute a major interest of the great American public, and since it is a bromidiom of journalism that the best newspaper writing is done in the sports field.

The other outstanding feature is the omission of any award to an editorial writer. It seems that no editorial writing during the year was good enough. But what is to become of the Republican if its editorial writing is as bad as that?

In awarding the much talked of Canadian medals only one member of the whole Canadian Press was deemed worthy to receive any award although there are several outstanding Canadians who are journalists of high repute.

EDUCATION IN ENGLAND

In England, as in the United States it is not easy for any question of social reform to get a good hearing unless it has an economic bearing, touches unemployment, or concerns the national defense. At the annual meeting of the British National Union of Teachers the president appealed for politicians and other men to give education as much attention as industrial problems.

One hears much about the raising of the age at which children should leave the elementary schools; but that is generally urged with a view to relieving unemployment in the child-labor market rather than as an educational improvement. Those who are thinking first in terms of the teaching of boys and girls, and equipping them in the best possible way, know that there are many constructive tasks waiting to be done.

More of the best-educated men and women ought to be attracted to the service of teaching in the elementary schools. The classes are too big. Hundreds of buildings ought to be pulled down and modern buildings erected. More space is needed for physical exercise; more playing fields; more books. When politicians are free to turn their energies to the vital issues of education, they will find plenty of opportunities of spending, in Britain, millions of pounds in the most profitable possible way—the profits being paid in currency of character and mental equipment.

Yet far more progress is being made than might be supposed. Not much additional money is available; but in the last ten years there has been a great improvement in teaching standards. And behind the teachers, at the centre is a splendid body of by no means inhuman experts at the Board of Education. Never was there a time when such good results could be derived from a constructive Five-Year Plan for education as now.

CANADA SUPPLIES BRITAIN

The list of commodities which Canada sends to the United Kingdom market contains some surprises. For instance, in the matter of macaroni, one would naturally suppose Italy would be much to the fore but Canada is well up in the supply of this commodity, ranking third after Italy and France and is within measureable distance of both countries. Then there is the case of rolled oats; notwithstanding Scotland's reputation as re-

gards oats. Canada is the leading source of supply of rolled oats for the United Kingdom. Canada is the main source of supply for honey; also for frozen salmon. Now who would think of Canadian hops in a hop country like England but, none-the-less, the United Kingdom is importing hops from Canada.

SNAPSHOTS

The five out of town people who woke up this morning and found their cars gone got a surprise. Whether it was supposed to be a joke on the out of towners or whether the traffic laws are going to be enforced for everybody is not known.

A good joke is on a couple of Boy Scouts who were out gathering eggs on "Egg Day." The two little chaps carried a potato bag. One placed the bag on the sidewalk and held it open while the other fellow dropped in the eggs. Result—scrambled eggs.

The rubble brigade have not appeared on the river bank this year. It is said that a new company has been organized with headquarters along King Street. Pass word for month is: "Say! lend us ten."

Fullerton of the C.N.R. seems kind of "sassy."

We are going to have another monument to war heroes. Why not one to Fisher, Wilnot or others who performed acts of peace?

It's time we got away from the war complex, in school, church, home and in public.

The boy and girl lovers who walk hand by hand along the river bank will soon be separated. She will go to the North Shore. He will go to the turnip fields of Charlotte County.

Dr. G. W. Bailey has been unable to attend to his duties as medical inspector of schools. He has been ill at his home. Some one says the pupils must have been eating "an apple a day to keep the doctor away."

Painters Hold Debate with Pastor

TORONTO, May 14—Toronto painters' unions are having a dispute with the pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church here, but Divine service comes before business. Yesterday union leaders attended the church service and then conferred with the minister, Rev. John Inkster.

They protested against the church's action in giving decorating work to a contractor employing non-union men. It was not Christian-like they contended, to encourage the payment of lower wages.

Dr. Inkster said the church had entered into a contract and that it was neither legal nor Christian-like to break it. John Andrew, union executive, answered to that statement. He said Judas would have done better to break his contract to sell his master for 30 pieces of silver.

No argument was reached at the conference and union officials announced their intention of continuing to picket.

Publisher Dies

ATLANTA, Ga., May 14—Major J. S. Cohen, 65, president and editor of the Atlanta Journal, vice-chairman of the Democratic national committee and former United States senator, died at his home here tonight after an extended illness.

SAN JOSE, Calif., May 14—Deadlocked and tired, the jury trying David A. Lamson on a wife murder charge retired at 9 o'clock P.M. last night with no verdict after more than 75 hours had passed since it received the case.

RIVER LEVEL DROPPING

The level of the St. John river is still falling quite steadily. A drop of several feet has been recorded during the past three weeks. Snows and ice in the northern portions of the province have been slow in melting due to the cold backward weather. The city chilled in a raw temperature today, and rain threatened.

W. W. V. Foster Is Re-Elected Head 20th Century Liberals

Walter W. V. Foster, of Rothesay, was re-elected president of the 20th Century Liberal Association of this province, at the organization meeting which got underway here yesterday. The meeting continues here today. The executive of the N. B. Liberal Association was also in session here yesterday, and made preparatory plans for the annual convention of the senior association which is being held here on Wednesday.

The 20th Century Liberal Association drew up a constitution yesterday and heard reports from the various officers. Officers were elected as follows: Honorary presidents, Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, federal Liberal leader, and Hon. A. A. Dysart, K.C., provincial opposition leader; president, Walter W. V. Foster, Rothesay; first vice presidents, Miss Mabel Scully, West Saint John, and H. W. Sutherland, Fredericton; 10 second vice-presidents, representative of the ten federal electoral districts, to be appointed by the elected officers; recording secretary, W. W. McLellan, Fredericton; corresponding secretary, Ralph J. Broderick, Saint John; press secretary, Donald C. Duffie, Fredericton; treasurer, Ronald Burke, Fredericton.

This Morning

The organization meeting of the New Brunswick 20th Century Liberal Association continued this morning with the chairman, W. W. V. Foster, of Rothesay, presiding. Time was spent for the most part in electing officers and passing resolutions in accordance with the Liberal platform for the approaching election. The following officers were elected: Regional vice-presidents: Frank Osborne, Fredericton, York-Sunbury; Edmund George, Sackville, Westmorland; Fred Bridge, St. John, St. John-Albert; Frank Bridges, of Campbellton, Restigouche-Madawaska; Ray Hall, of Woodstock, Carleton-Victoria; Thos. Troy, of Newcastle, Northumberland; Gloucester yet to be named; Miss Grace McIntyre, of Sussex, Royal; Miss Mary Dysart, of Buctouche, Kent; William O'Neill, of St. Andrews Charlotte.

The committee chairmen were appointed as follows: Organization, Reginald Kierstead, of Saint John; Policy, Donald Harper, of Sackville; Finance, Frank Stackhouse, of Saint John; Resolutions, Miss D. Johnston, of Port Elgin; Publicity, Ralph Broderick, of Saint John; Education, J. Harold Chohan, of Saint John.

The business of the convention has been completed and the delegates will remain here for the provincial Liberal convention tomorrow. Next year's 20th Century Liberal Association convention will be held in Saint John.

REGULAR MEETING

The Devon town council held its regular May meeting last evening with His Worship Mayor A. J. McEvoy in the chair. The other aldermen present were W. D. Boone, H. D. Dobie, Reuben Ladd, Charles Ashfield, R. Flowers, E. M. Young. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Adjustments in tax matters were referred to the proper committee. Bills and accounts were passed. The report of the Roads and Streets committee showed progress. The fire and water committee report was given by Ald. Boone and showed that there was a good head of water at the lake. The dam has been completed with the exception of filling in gravel, which will be done soon. Reports of the town officers were received and filed. A request for repairs on Highland Avenue was referred to the roads and streets committee. Also a request for light on Gill Street was referred to the roads and streets committee. L. A. Slipp was appointed revisor for the town of Devon.

CARD OF THANKS

The members of the Fredericton Fire Department extend to Colwell & Jennings, Ltd., their most hearty thanks and appreciation for the excellent supper served to the firemen after the fire on Friday night last.

FREDERICTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Fullerton Will Not Give Saint John Fair Play

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has made up his mind that he does not intend to discharge the duties, which parliament specifically appointed him to carry out, but in his person the Canadian National Railways will have an additional traffic officer.

Mr. Fullerton utterly disregards scandalous waste of monies which he is permitting in connection with the operation of the railway, and he makes this astonishing statement over his own signature when he says: "Export and import rates through the Ports of Halifax and Saint John have been established on the broad policy of keeping all competing Atlantic ports as nearly as possible on a parity, and without any reference to cost."

Mr. Fullerton, in assuming the position of chairman of the board of trustees of the Canadian National Railways, was empowered to remove unnecessary expenditures. The citizens of Saint John pointed out to him and his fellows that hundreds of thousands of dollars could be saved each year in operating expenses, if the Port of Saint John were more extensively used. This was done with a profound conviction that Mr. Fullerton intended to carry out to the letter his instructions from the government of this country to effect proper economies, because at the outset of his career, the chairman of the board of trustees announced that he intended to be ruthless in carrying out this program. Judging from his letter, Mr. Fullerton has become listless and spineless.

It would be interesting to know what brought about this change in the attitude of the chairman of the Canadian National. His decision is not only to refuse to restore to Saint John what she once had in regard to steamship service, but it is a proclamation to the taxpayers of Canada that Mr. Fullerton, either through incapacity or through desire, neglects to perform those duties which were entrusted to him. Never has there been a more flagrant disregard of parliamentary instruction in this country than that exhibited by Mr. Fullerton in his signed letter.

In his communication, Mr. Fullerton states that this answer is final. If there still remains in this city some of the spirit which resulted in the establishment of Saint John as a port through its own expenditure, Mr. Fullerton is quite mistaken as to finality. So far as this city is concerned the battle should be carried on to a finish. Saint John and its citizens should not lie down at the dictation of a man who refuses honestly to discharge the duties of a high office created by the parliament of Canada, in the hope that the people of this country would be relieved of the appalling burden of taxation for which the Canadian National is responsible. The chairman of the board of trustees of the Canadian National Railways has lost his sense of proportion, and instead of ruthlessly correcting a bad situation, he apparently has allowed himself to be influenced by some of the worst elements in the management of the Canadian National Railways. Instead of controlling, Mr. Fullerton is controlled.

Mayors' Meeting Set For Sept. 14

NORTH BAY, Ontario, May 14 — Dates for the annual meeting of the Dominion Mayors' Association here have been set at September 4, to 7. Mayor W. G. Bullbrook, president, announced yesterday. More than 250 delegates are expected to attend.

Work begun at the Montreal mayors' meeting will be taken up as well as results of the Ontario Mayors' Association convention at Kitchener, June 15.

A SERIOUS OPERATION

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Prince returned today to Fredericton from Montreal, where they had gone in order to be near Mrs. Prince's brother E. P. Dayton, of Saint John, who underwent a serious operation on Saturday in the Royal Victoria Hospital. Mr. Dayton's many friends are happy to know that his condition is favorable. Mrs. Dayton is remaining in Montreal to be with her husband. It is hoped that Mr. Dayton will be able to return to his home in about three weeks.

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