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Obfuscation Not Wanted

Announcement that the penitentiary inquiry will, with a few possible exceptions, be "wide open" has been well received by the public, and generally by the press. The Ottawa Journal continues to call for secrecy, and hopes that "the evidence of officials, convicts and ex-convicts will be taken at sessions closed to the public and the press." Against this is the opinion of the Ottawa Citizen that "secret hearings would encourage obfuscation." Obfuscation is a good word, meaning—it might be well to point out—darkness, confusion, bewilderment, obscurity, and so on. So the public does not want any obfuscation about the penitentiary probe.

Especially is this true in regard to the examination of officials. If they have nothing to conceal, they will not fear publicity for the evidence they give. If their evidence be self-condemnatory, officials should not be shielded by keeping it secret. The administration of Canadian penitentiaries is under investigation, and with this the officials are very intimately concerned. It has been their business, and the public wants to know how their duties have been discharged. There has been ample evidence, such as rioting in which inmates risked their lives, to indicate that something has been wrong in these penal institutions.

As the Windsor Star puts it: "By all means, the penitentiary investigation should be a wide-open affair. Let all the facts be brought out and laid on the table for public inspection. That is the only way by which an intelligent public opinion may be formed."

This open-door policy applies not only to the investigation mentioned above. It applies to all public matters in which the general public has an interest. The closed-door idea is an antiquated one and is not in keeping with present day democratic standards.

A Sociological Phenomenon

The census contains some revealing things, but none more so than the fact that there is more illiteracy amongst the married people of Canada and those who have been married than amongst the unmarried. There is no shadow of doubt about this statement for the percentage difference is quite marked. Over five per cent. of the married or widowed in Canada are illiterate, and over two per cent. of the unmarried in the same age range.

This is by no means wholly due to the fact that the married and widowed are on the average older than the single, because at the ages between fifteen and twenty the married and widowed show three and a half per cent. illiterate and the unmarried between these ages show only one and a half per cent. From twenty-one to twenty-four the married or widowed are over three per cent. illiterate and the single not quite two and a half per cent. And so on throughout the age groups.

We cannot explain away these differences between married and single by differences in rural and urban, or age distribution, nor by differences in age. On the whole it is fairly safe to say that the illiterate—at the present time especially—are marrying more than the literate.

This information is taken from a study of the census made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Farming Under Water

We have heard a lot about dry land farming and the crops raised where rain is scarce, but we know very little about farming under water. However, along comes an entrancing story from the Department of Fisheries, about farming under the waters of the sea that breaks upon the shores of Prince Edward Island. We are told that the people there have increased their production of oysters by ten times since 1933, which is a marvellous increase in any line of business. The Department calls the industry "oyster farming". The seed is planted and crops are being harvested in ten regions. Surveys were made and grounds leased. A start was made at Malpeque Bay.

Years ago the Malpeque oyster was the aristocrat of its kind and was much in demand, but for various reasons the supply gave out and it was thought the famous oyster had disappeared like the Great Auk and the Carrier Pigeon. But no, most of the oyster farming is in the Malpeque district, and it is coming back. There are over 10,000 barrels of oysters marketed in Prince Edward Island last year. We get oysters also from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia, but the domestic supply is not sufficient to meet the demand.

Canadian Horses Abroad

Everybody loves a horse, and in this respect the Canadian people show that liking unmistakably. At the fall fairs the exhibit of horses is always a treat. Canadian breeders of horses have been enterprising and they are constantly bringing in animals for the improvement of stocks. Last year about five hundred horses were imported. Many of them came from the United States, but many also came all the way from the United Kingdom, France and Belgium. About \$150,000 was spent on these horses.

As a result the quality of Canadian horses has become famous and has developed a surprisingly large trade abroad. Last year, for example, we sold to other countries no fewer than 11,300 horses and the aggregate value was \$1,312,000. Most of them went to the United States, but we sent 222 to the United Kingdom, the traditional home of some of the outstanding types of horses. We sent some to Bermuda, to Trinidad and other West Indian islands and even to Venezuela. All of which shows the value of building well.

It is worth special mention that during the first four months of 1936 we sent 8,700 horses to the United States alone and the value of these horses was \$1,025,000.

Smaller Crop, Better Price

The ending of the harvesting sees the West with what is estimated to be the most valuable grain crop since 1929. The yield is the smallest since 1919, but quality and price help to make up for scarcity.

A survey of conditions made by the Winnipeg Free Press places the net value of this year's Western crops, including wheat, oats, barley, flax and rye, at \$272,682,474. The estimated figures are: Wheat, \$196,819,000; oats, \$45,415,125; barley, \$25,088,000; flax, \$3,093,800; rye, \$2,266,149. This total does not include farm revenue from other products, such as dairying, poultry, live stock, and so on. And, as noted by the Winnipeg paper's survey, "it must also be remembered that prices of live stock are more satisfactory, cattle prices are steadier than last year, and hog prices are definitely higher."

In 1930, with a wheat crop of 396,000,000 bushels, the monetary return from all grains was \$252,543,000.

The estimated wheat yield this year is 178,500,000 bushels less, and some of the other grains are down correspondingly. The difference in values of the two crops indicates the tremendous improvement in price per bushel.

SNAPSHOTS

"Obfuscation" means, obscurity, darkness, bewilderment and confusion, for instance we could refer to the obfuscation at the Fredericton School Board or the Police Commission.

One boy at the University says that no one is going to practice initiation of any form on him. In the old days no person would try. They would just let him "gang his ain gate" with himself for company.

Why talk so much about the C.N.R. bridge? If they really mean business why don't they go ahead and start the darn thing.

What about the road bed between Devon and McGiveney Junction? At present it is not of a sufficient high standard to handle heavy traffic even if we had the bridge.

Saint John, even if it is built on the hills, does not escape the high tides according to today's despatches.

A young lady has actually written to the Editor of this paper for his photograph. We do not know whether she wishes to place it in an art gallery or a museum.

Russia is opposed to the re-entry of Italy and Germany to the League. So all three seem to be in agreement on the subject.

Most localities will be willing to concede Denver, Col., a record for its seventeen-inch snowfall without the formality of competition.

True measure of a man in public office is the size he will seem when he goes back to private life.

Communitistic Liberty: a Russian woman bought a pair of shoes for \$16; sold them to a friend for \$20; got five years for making a profit.

After viewing films which purport to tell the true story of famous personages, one might well exclaim, "History, what crimes are committed in thy name."

Two Contestants

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Findlay and wireless operator A. H. Morgan were killed when the Waller-Findlay plane crashed in a takeoff from Abercorn. Northern Rhodesia, at the south end of Lake Tanganyika, a passenger, C. D. Peahy escaped unhurt, except for shock.

Scott and Guthrie were greeted by a crowd of 2,000 when they brought their plane down at 10.34 a.m. (6.34 a.m. AST). A high wind which blew up a dust storm had reduced the crowd considerably.

Their victory gave them the first prize of \$20,000 in the \$50,000 awards donated for the race by I. W. Schlesinger, South African millionaire.

Others Out

Accidents put the remaining starters of the original nine planes out of competition. Flying Officer David Llewellyn and C. F. Hughesdon crashed near Mpulungu, Lake Tanganyika. Their plane was wrecked but they escaped unhurt.

Captain S. S. Halse crashed near Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, only 680 miles from his goal.

The other four starters were forced out Tuesday, the first day.

MRS. HESTER ALLEN DIES

The death occurred last night of Mrs. Hester Allen, wife of Harry Allen of Burr's Corner, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harold Jones, of North Devon, after an illness of ten months. Deceased was born at Burr's Corner and had been a lifelong resident. She was a member of the United Baptist Church of that place, a member of the Women's Institute and the missionary society, and was well-known and respected by a large number. Surviving is her husband Harry Allen of Burr's Corner; three sons, Durwood of Bridgewater, N. S.; Fred of Burr's Corner; Flavis of St. Stephen; one daughter, Mrs. Harold Jones, of Devon; her mother, Mrs. Martha Burr of Burr's Corner; and three brothers, Howard Burr of Burr's Corner; Harley Burr of Burr's Corner and Hatfield Burr of Woodstock; also three sisters, Mrs. Dell Pugh of Burr's Corner; Mrs. Robert Forsythe, of Sioux Lookout Ont.; and Mrs. Aubrey Hetherington of Woodstock. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jones in Devon. Prayers will be said at 1.30 o'clock and service at the Baptist Church at Burr's Corner at 3 o'clock. Rev. D. S. Young will conduct the service, assisted by Rev. M. C. Burr. Interment will be made in the cemetery at Burr's Corner.

ANNUAL GOLF CLUB CLOSING

The Fredericton golf club will hold its annual closing on Saturday afternoon. A mixed foursome, beginning at 2.30 o'clock will be played, and there will be presentation of prizes. Tea will be served at the club house afterwards.

YANKS LEAD 9-1; LAZZERI HITS A HOMER WITH 3 ON

(Special to The Daily Mail)

POLO GROUNDS, New York, Oct. 2.—"Poosh-Em-Up!" Tony Lazzeri gave the Giants backers conniption fits here this afternoon when he plastered a homer over the right field with the bases loaded, swelling the Yankees' score to 9 to 1 with only three innings completed of the second game of the 1936 World Series between the Giants and the Yankees.

Hal Schumacher and Smith were sent to the showers by the Yankees' "murderers' row" and Coffman was sent in to quell the attack in the third. The Giants have earned only one run off "Lefty" Gomez, the eccentric Yank hurler.

More Women

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trians who didn't get out of the way. But wet St. Louis reports a decrease of 41 per cent in such accidents, and the general increase in dry states has been about the same as in wet states, while the banner accident day is always Sunday, when liquor sales are barred almost everywhere.

It is very hard to make a conclusive case from any figures available, though wets, drys, and moderates agree that there are all too many accidents due to drunken driving.

Alcoholism furnishes the same opportunity to take your choice of figures. The Methodist Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals reports that in 324 cities surveyed, police figures show an increase over 1920 of 195 per cent in the arrests for intoxication.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. reports a 13 per cent. decline in deaths from alcoholism among insured workers, two per 100,000 in 1935, lowest for any year since 1921.

But the Northwestern Life Insurance Co. rejected 8 per cent more applicants on account of excessive use of liquor, last year than the year before, and 32 per cent more than in 1932. Take your choice.

Around drinking by women rages one of the more formidable battles. That more women drink liquor than in the days before prohibition no one can reasonably doubt. The prohibition speakeasy put women on even terms with men, and there they stand today.

The dry attack is based on organized efforts to cultivate women's trade. The now famous "Open Letter to American Women on Whisky," which drew a rebuke from Federal Alcohol Director Choate, marked such a high point in this campaign that liquor companies have now leaned far backward in their advertising.

You'll see no pictures of women in liquor ads these days, and hear no liquor ads on the radio.

All efforts to publicize individual or general liquor products meet with dry disapproval. Bishop F. G. Richardson of Philadelphia (Methodist) distills this objection into "The liquor traffic is putting on a campaign to win women and young people. Knowing that it is constantly destroying its best customers, it sees the necessity of creating new appetites. Every effort is being made to induce drinking among housewives and young men."

Huge Signs Barred

This matter of "encourage or discourage" is the centre of many present-day dry attack on the liquor problem. California, for instance, provides by law that places selling beer and liquors may not announce the fact by signs more than 72 square inches. So you see in San Francisco large signs announcing "Beep" or "Bees," and it is up to you to guess what they mean.

Return of the problem to state supervision has provided a complexity of laws, rules, and regulations, a 48-room laboratory in liquor control.

Twenty-three states have elaborate licensing systems, regulating liquor. Fifteen have state monopolies, where in the state itself sells liquor exclusively, under its own regulation.

AUTUMN DAYS

He takes the sound of the dropping nuts  
And the scent of the wine-sweet air  
In the twilight time of the year's long day  
When the spent earth kneels in prayer.

He takes a thousand varied hues  
Aglow in an opal haze,  
The joy of the harvests gathered in,  
And makes the autumn days.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

Local boys and girls who have been going places and NBing things: Helen Claire, Union Springs, Ala.; Rosemarie Brancato, Kansas City; Jerry Cooper, New Orleans; Sally Singer, Glen Falls, N. Y.; Fred Allen, Somerville, Mass.; Ray Johnson (Young Hickory), Kenosha, Wis.; Vaughn de Leath, Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; Jimmy Fidler, St. Louis, Mo.

Exhibition

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feel sure it will help to promote the trade and commerce of the Empire on which the well-being of its people largely depends."

A message of greeting from Prime Minister Mackenzie King of Canada, which had been specially recorded was broadcast from London. Similar messages by Prime Minister Baldwin of Great Britain, Premier Lyons of Australia and Premier Savage of New Zealand were also broadcast from London. General J. B. Hertzog, Premier of South Africa, and Premier G. M. Huggins of Southern Rhodesia spoke here in person.

After expressing a hope for the success of the exhibition, Mr. Mackenzie King's message said: "It is a source of pride to Canadians that our country is represented in this great enterprise. I rejoice to think that the exhibition may be a means or strengthening still further the many associations which have served to unite South Africa and Canada in bonds of a common loyalty and of mutual interest and affection."

Addressing the opening-day crowd the Earl of Clarendon said he hoped the visitors would gain a keener appreciation of the difficulties of the early settlers and "the indomitable courage of those who laid the foundation of this wonderful country."

To all fellow-members of the British Commonwealth he sent good wishes on behalf of the Union of South Africa. He said he felt sure their representatives would carry back happy accounts of their experiences in South Africa and fresh ideas for the furtherance of Empire trade.

Women Control

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In such a world, he viewed the powerfully economic position of women who have the real control of wealth and whose boycott and refusal to buy and trade with merchants of war could bring an end to such business. The woman's place in any war of aggression or defense is important because the war must be fought upon the dollar, the franc, the pound, or the lira.

"Women are the most solvent group in the world today," he declared, "for the men have cast away their economic heritage. Women control 40 per cent. of all real estate, they have 80 per cent. of the life insurance, and they control 90 per cent. of all money spent. When they declare thumbs down on a product it is out, and the economic power which women have today is the only power which is going to count in the event of war.

The second stage in the masculine ear of world control, the speaker named "the paradox of plenty."

"In a world of plenty, we have starvation."

The problem of plenty, he said, is to dispose of surpluses, and yet surpluses may set the spark for another war.

"These eternal cycles, men say, must go on. But what do women say about it?" he asked.

The speaker then instanced the concentrated effort of one woman in New York City whose civic pride and personal control of municipal and national moves upset entrenched evils in that city.

"I tell you the story of her life," concluded Mr. Philpott, "to show you what one woman can do and did for her city, implying what many women can do to solve the worries of this world."

Increased employment was noted in Quebec, mainly in manufacturing logging, mining, transportation and trade; within the first named, the textile, vegetable food, leather, lumber, rubber, and some other manufacturing groups showed improvement, while iron and steel, non-ferrous metal and tobacco and beverage factories released employees.

The working force of the 2,353 employers co-operating in Quebec stood at 285,430 persons, as against 280,865 at August 1.

In Ontario, 4,406 firms reported considerable increases in personnel enlarging their staffs from 414,477 at August 1, to 418,296 at September 1. Manufacturing recorded a substantial increase.

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FIRE YESTERDAY

The local firemen were called out to the residence of Leonard Searles yesterday afternoon for a still alarm. A fire occurred simultaneously in the chimney and in one of the pipes. The fire was put out before any damage was done.

DIED

ALLEN—At Devon, October 2, 1936 (Mrs. Hester Allen, after ten months' illness.

The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon from the home of Mrs. Harold Jones, North Devon with prayers at 1.30 o'clock and service at the Baptist Church at Burr's Corner at 3.00 o'clock. Rev. D. S. Young and Rev. M. C. Burr will officiate. Interment will be made in the cemetery at Burr's Corner.

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