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## Plight of the Young Men

The Halifax Herald in a front page editorial a short time ago, made the following observations for the benefit of the politicians and the young men:

"Political orators and public speakers generally, are finding it somewhat embarrassing these days to introduce into their speeches certain phrases which, though well-worn, have always been pleasing to Canadian ears. Such old favorites, for instance, as 'Our land of golden opportunities,' 'Our vast mineral wealth, and unrivalled natural resources,' 'Our rich treasures of sea, and mine and forest.'"

"They are true. Undoubtedly, and emphatically so. Why, then, the embarrassment at using them?"

"Because tens of thousands of Canada's young men are unable to find employment."

"They are looking in vain for the 'golden opportunities'—and are perplexed as to why this country of 'vast resources' can find no place for them."

"And just what is the matter? With a population of about eleven millions in a land where fifty millions could find ample space, is it a thing impossible for Canada to absorb in useful occupation one-half-million of her youth?"

"Should it not be possible for the Dominion to begin a new development of all these unrivalled natural resources?"

"Can't we give our youth a chance to share these rich treasures of sea, and mine and forest?"

"Is it, as some would say, the 'present economic system' which has bogged the country in hopeless trouble?"

"In that case would it not be better to change the system—and get out of the bog?"

"Something obviously is wrong when the nation's youth is left to deteriorate in enforced idleness. Whatever it is that is wrong, must be righted—even if it is our much-hugged present 'economic system'."

## Smiling

There is a great deal of talk on the part of ready orators and wall-card writers to the effect that it is a fine thing to smile. Smiling is all very well, but some of the energy that goes into smiling might well be employed by most of us in trying to modulate our voices in such a manner that they will fall pleasantly upon the ear and not in the nerve-wracking combination of jar and scrape. A pleasant voice may well be chalked up among the spiritual assets that make life a tolerable affair. If you haven't naturally an agreeably modulated voice you can do much for it by conscious effort and practice. The habit of speaking pleasantly can be acquired just as easily as a bad habit. And every body knows how easily that is.

## About Advice

There are two sides to the matter of advice. It's a wise policy to get all the information and all the judgment of others and all the advice you can on any matter of importance. But it is a weak policy to adopt a course just because a majority of your advisers urge you to do it. Among those you ought to listen to most carefully is yourself at your best. Remember that you probably know more about your problem than anybody. Respect your own knowledge. Don't be afraid to take your own advice.

## Being Here

"Although evolutionists tell us where we came from," said Elbert Hubbard, "and theologians inform us where we are going to, yet the only thing we are really sure of is that we are here."

That is a good thing to remember when we are obsessed with doubts as to what is and what isn't worth while. We can at least be sure that we are here. That idea presents problems enough for most of us most of the time.

## Good is Not Good Enough

Stories come to us daily of careful drivers who figure in collisions with cars driven by careless operators.

Which brings up the question:

"How careful is careful enough?"

There is a further question:

"How careful is too careful?"

Somewhere between the two lies good driving. It might be well to talk about good driving and lay emphasis on careful driving. Many a driver is so cautious that he causes accidents for which he gets no blame. He drives on serenely and never responsibly figures in an accident, then or thereafter.

If everybody were a good driver our accident problem would be simple. However, a good driver, operating reasonably at all times, can get into serious accidents caused by the careless drivers.

We have never seen the point discussed that good drivers, if only for their own safety, should be better than good. Only thus can they be reasonably safe. Instead of assuming that drivers of nearby cars know how to drive, the good driver should take the attitude that he hasn't the slightest idea what the other fellow is going to do.

## SNAPSHOTS

The Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia is handing official messages from His Majesty the King to a portion of the press and having them marked "Copyright" so that no one else may use them.

So the city council is now arranging pre-meeting matters behind closed doors according to what an alderman told several citizens last night, much to the surprise of these citizens.

The press has never been requested to attend these pre public meetings. In fact we have been prevented from attending these private meetings. There should be no room for any private meetings of the city council to transact public business. What do the new aldermen who came in this year think about this?

All in all, the best teacher of modern history can hope for is to keep an hour ahead of the class.

As it has been completely destroyed by bombers, Italy seems to have the last laugh at Harar.

Mexico may quit the League of Nations because it is "nothing more than an expense of \$90,000 annually in dues." Such luxuries do "come high."

It is expected 5,000 candidates will appeal to the French electors for the April 26 balloting. Unfortunately for the national treasury, no pre-election deposits are required.

Strikes by school children are spreading. When a few years older these precocious youths will be eligible for membership in that other queer company, organizations of soldiers for future wars.

In England a woman cyclist who saw a man and his dog drowning leaped from her wheel and saved them both; then remounted and rode away. It should have been recorded that she rescued the man first.

## Supreme Court Decides to Endorse Death Sentence

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1. We think that the photographs were properly admitted in evidence. Dr. Paul Melanson, who made a post mortem examination of the remains of Philip Lake, swore that exhibits Nos. 24 and 25 were true photographs of those remains, and his testimony is supported by that of Dr. A. R. Landry. When these gentlemen recognize the photographs as being accurate portrayals of the condition of the charred remains, it seems immaterial to inquire as to the person who had taken them or when they were taken or as to those engaged in their development.

"Appended to the first objection is the statement that the photographs were of an improper nature to be shown to the jury. There is nothing in this objection. We cannot see anything in these exhibits which would lead the jury to associate the accused with the crime.

2. "No tenable explanation of the circumstantial evidence other than that of the guilt of the accused was suggested. The evidence of the presence of the accused at the time and place of the tragedy was direct and not circumstantial. It was not shown that any other person was carrying a rifle or present in the house at the time of the murder.

3. "There were no circumstances implicating Frances Bannister as an accomplice in the crime of murder. The term 'accomplice' includes in its meaning all persons who have been concerned in the commission of a crime, all participants criminis whether they are considered in strict legal propriety as principals in the first or second degree or merely as accessories before or after the fact."

**Summary of Frances' Evidence**  
 "There were two occasions on which the accused, his brother Daniel and Frances were at or in the vicinity of the Lake house. The first was one the night of 2nd, January last Frances says that Daniel and she left home about eight p.m. and arrived at Lake's about midnight. They went into the house. . . . Daniel went out of the house to speak to Arthur. She does not remember what was said by him. She went home accompanied by Daniel.  
 "On the Sunday night following, January 5th, she went to Lake's home with Daniel who asked her to go up with him. She left the Bannister house about eight o'clock p.m. and as before arrived about midnight. Arthur had left his home about 2 or 3 p.m. He had his rifle and some rabbit snares, apparently just about the time that she and Daniel arrived at the Lake house or very shortly afterwards. She saw Arthur outside the house. He came out of the house. She and Daniel were both outside neither having entered the house. Arthur went into the house again. Then she heard a noise which sounded like a shot. Arthur came out with the Lake baby wrapped in a blanket. He said nothing. He gave it to Frances who left with it. She knew she was to go up for the Lake baby and she knew it from Arthur. She did not

## THE LIGHT MUST BURN

LONDON, England, April 23—Longstone Lighthouse, off the coast of Northumberland—scene of a heroic exploit almost a century ago—was in the news again yesterday.

Henry Fishburn, the present lighthouse-keeper, was taken ill with a poisoned hand. He suffered agonizing pain. Alone in the lighthouse, he flew a distress signal for two days.

Meanwhile he tended the light enabling vessels to keep a safe course amid raging seas, whipped by April winds sweeping the North Sea.

Eventually Fishburn's signal was answered. From near-by Holy Island came a lifeboat after people there had sighted the signal. The lighthouse-keeper was taken to the mainland for treatment of his hand. He is recovering from the poisoning.

The plight of Fishburn recalled the heroic exploit of 23-year-old Grace Darling in 1838. Her father kept the Longstone Lighthouse. On July 9 in that year the Fortarshire, bound from Hull to Dundee with sixty-three on board struck the Farne Islands, on which the lighthouse stands. Forty-three were drowned.

Darling and his daughter rowed out in the storm and brought off five persons from the wrecked ship. Then Darling and two of the survivors rowed out and brought in four more. The other survivors were able to swim to shore.

## City Council Business is Being Done in Private Room

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The other night after at least four Aldermen who were in favour of traffic changes on Queen Street and had expressed themselves so, had gathered at the mysterious private meeting they came out into the open meeting and all voted unanimously to leave Queen Street as it is, or practically so. Even if they were right about Queen Street the principle of hole and corner meetings at which matter is put and dried, is wrong. We admire several of our aldermen. They are here to make things right. We are surprised that they would lend themselves to this kind of underhand stuff. Moncton has had to fight this matter. Do we have to fight it, also?

expect to get the Lake baby when we went there. Daniel, she says, usually carried a knife around with him in his belt.

## Frances No Accomplice

"Our code having abolished the distinction between accessories before the fact and principals we have to inquire whether Frances Bannister was a principal in the crime of murder."

"We think it is impossible to read the testimony of Frances Bannister and avoid the conclusion that she was one of several persons who had formed a common intention to commit the offence of kidnapping the Lake baby, but it is impossible to assume that murder was or ought to have been known by her to be a probable consequence of the prosecution of that common purpose. Unless we are able to go to that length we could not consider Frances Bannister as an accomplice to the crime of murder. Hence her testimony requires no corroboration or warning as to the danger of believing it if not corroborated."

## Act Not Unintentional

"In the present case no evidence had been given nor were there any 'circumstances adduced by the Crown' indicating in even the slightest degree either that the act was unintentional or provoked."

"In the present case it was left fairly to the jury to say whether the accused was engaged in an attempt to kidnap the Lake baby."

## Murder or Nothing

"The learned trial judge told the jury it was murder or nothing. . . . We think he was entirely right."

## Appeal Dismissed

"The conviction must be affirmed and the appeal dismissed."

Mrs. Bannister, sentenced to three and one-half years in the penitentiary having been found guilty of being an accessory in the abduction of a child under 14 years of age—eight-month-old Betty Lake—has been transferred from the Westmorland County Jail where she has been confined since being sentenced, to Dorchester penitentiary, from which later she will be taken to Kingston penitentiary.

The transfer from jail to Dorchester penitentiary was made by Deputy Sheriff C. G. M. Chapman and Police Matron Mrs. J. M. Cooke. Her husband William Bannister, visited her at the jail, previous to her transfer to the penitentiary. He also visited his two sons, Arthur and Daniel both sentenced to hang on June 20th for the murder of Philip Lake.

Bannister was heard to remark that Arthur looked pale but was cheerful and that he had never seen Daniel look better.

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## Gambling is an Evil in Province

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Mr. Squires contended that the increase would reflect disadvantageously on the people of the province, while Mr. Richard submitted that in the case of insurance companies and banks there would be an inducement their premiums and deposits in the province and thus avoid the additional tax. In the case of chain stores, he said, if their prices were raised to consumers as a result of the tax, the people might turn to other stores for their goods.

The provincial secretary-treasurer proposed several amendments to the bill, most of which were stood over for further consideration and possible further amendments.

With prorogation in view for today, the bill in amendment to the Corporation Tax Act is the only one remaining to be dealt with by the committee of the whole. At three lengthy sittings of the committee yesterday, 17 bills were recommended, 14 of them government measures. Early this morning the House continued its prorogation drive and went into committee on supply.

When the House adjourned at 2.25 a.m., all the estimates had been passed. The House will sit again at 11 a.m., and prorogation is expected early this afternoon.

Bills read a third time and passed were:

Respecting an act to establish the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium and amending acts.

To amend an act respecting the purchase, sale and free distribution of school books.

To amend the Injurious Insect and Pest Act.

To amend an act respecting the protection of sheep and dogs.

To amend the Dairy Products Act.

Pass Committee Stage

Bills recommended by the committee of the whole were:

Respecting the levying and assessing of rates and taxes in the City of Saint John.

To fix the assessment valuation of Swift Canadian Company, Limited, within the school district of the city of Moncton.

To change the form of civic government in the city of Saint John.

For the suppression of slot machines and other gambling devices.

Respecting lines for taxes.

To amend the Intoxicating Liquor Act.

To amend the Corporation Tax Act and to impose special temporary tax on the banks and certain companies.

Respecting licensing of transient salesmen, photographers and others.

To amend the Game Act.

To amend the Fisheries Act.

To amend the Motor Vehicle Act.

Respecting the Provincial Hospital.

The Industrial Development Finance Bill.

To fund capital bridge expenditures and to provide for the construction of permanent bridges.

To fund capital highway expenditure and to provide for the construction of highways.

Respecting assistance to industry.

To provide for the alteration and construction of government offices in the Smith Foundry building.

Progress was reported on a bill to amend the Corporation Tax Act.

## Winter Roads

If the increased sale of gasoline from motor traffic resulting from keeping winter roads open was sufficient to carry that service as it was in February this year, the service should be extended wherever possible, Premier Dymally told the committee on supply today. Keeping the roads open in winter should not be a charge on the whole province, but only on those making use of them with motor traffic, he thought.

The net cost of snowploughing the roads during the last season was \$20,022, he said. In the month of February it was \$4,882, while the receipts from the gasoline tax for February were higher by \$6,196 than in February last year. The receipts for February, therefore, exceeded the total cost of snowploughing in the month by \$1,313.

He emphasized that it was still a responsibility of the municipalities to bear the cost of breaking roads in winter for ordinary traffic.

## Maugerville Sea Wall and Other Public Works

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was required was for the provincial government to lend aid in the way of furnishing road machines, supplying gas, and that much of the labor on this old Richibucto Road could be performed at a minimum rate and willingly so by the men on relief as the road passes right through the camp.

These are the matters which Major Lawson is endeavouring to have the provincial government take action on as early as possible. If Major Lawson can accomplish these two things the people of his section would be well repaid for helping to send him to the Legislature at the election.

## DIED

MILLS—The death occurred at her home on Smythe street extension on Thursday, April 23, of Mrs. Helen Mills, wife of Harry Mills.

The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon with service at the home at 2:30 o'clock and Rev. J. W. Bartlett will conduct the service. Interment will be made in the Rural cemetery.

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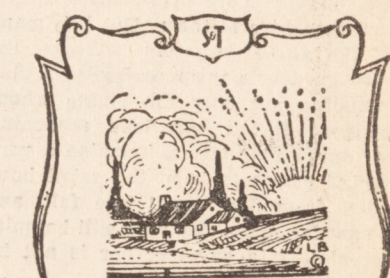
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