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Save the Skaters From Drowning

Every skating season in New Brunswick brings its toll of loss of life. Proper supervision on the part of parents and the prevention of the taking of too many chances by the children would in many cases have prevented such drownings. There are always foolhardy boys who boast of having been the first to have crossed the river over the ice. Not infrequently these brave boys have fallen in. Many have been drowned. In certain cases the loss of the lives of others who went after them in an attempt to save them has resulted and men with families have died in an attempt to save such lives and have left their own families orphans. The Daily Mail would highly approve certain steps on the part of authorities to prevent drowning of skaters and others who try to cross the ice too early in the season and who are careless in travelling over the ice in places that are not perfectly safe.

Police Officer Bert Barker was well advised in chasing away from the river this morning a number of boys who were skating in the vicinity of air holes and might have fallen in.

Who Are Shortweighters?

The Sydney Post-Record, commenting editorially on the conviction and fining of four local merchants for selling short weight, says:

"It is a species of fraud that is certain to be detected ultimately and certain to react against the business man who is shortsighted enough to resort to it."

That is true enough so far as the storekeeper is concerned; but in virtually every walk of modern life a deliberate policy of shortweighting has developed, and in most cases there is no machinery for bringing retribution on the offenders.

Both the worker who endeavors to get by with as little work as possible and the employer who overworks and underpays his employees are engaged in "shortweighting." The student who refuses to study shortweights both himself and his teachers, and the teacher who "lies down on the job"—he is a rarity, by the way—is no less criminal.

The landlord who hopes to extract rent from his tenants while refusing to keep his property in decent repair is a shortweighter; but the tenant who neglects to treat his home as carefully as though it were his own property is no better.

Even art and literature are not free of the dealer in short weight, and it would be possible to name more than one artist or writer who, having achieved fame in the past, now is content to put out rubbish in the certainty that his name will sell it.

There is no need to elaborate further on the subject. Politics, business, the professions, manufacture and all the many branches of our civilization are hampered by shortweighters. It depends on the public whether eventually means will be found to convince all guilty of such dishonesty that:

Shortweighting is a species of fraud that is certain to be detected ultimately, and certain to react against the man who is shortsighted enough to resort to it.

Italy Admits the Truth

The memoirs of Marshal de Bono, Italian commander in Ethiopia at the beginning of the war with that country, reveal some disquieting facts concerning the way in which international disputes may be "engineered."

The Marshal tells how he and his chief, Mussolini, decided in 1933 on a campaign in Ethiopia, and how he endeavored to goad the latter into beginning hostilities. Eventually, however, he was forced to notify Rome that Haile Selassie would not take the offensive, and that Italy must assume the position of aggressor.

It is significant, too, that Mussolini sponsors this book, and has even gone to the length of writing a preface to it. The reason, it is said, is that Il Duce takes pride in the fact, emphasized by de Bono, that he alone was responsible for the war, and that he did not take the army into his confidence until all the details had been arranged.

Says the Italian dictator, as quoted in cabled despatches from Rome:

> The war which was fought from Oct. 3 to May 5 can rightfully be called Fascist, because it was conducted and won with the temperament of fascism; rapidity, decisiveness, spirit of sacrifice, courage and resistance surpassing human limitations.

That the head of a State thus can glory in being the instigator of a cruel and unjust war might be considered by those who imagine that fascism would be preferable to democracy as a British form of government.

Also Mussolini's admission of the importance of the time factor in the Ethiopian campaign emphasizes once more the necessity for thorough reform of the League of Nations if that body ever is to achieve the objects for which it was organized.

Italy had to win, says Il Duce, before sanctions imposed by the League could force her to her knees.

In other words, the long and wordy arguments, the hesitations and reservations which took the place of immediate and united action by League members when Ethiopia was invaded were Italy's strongest ally and the greatest aid to her eventual "victory."

Man Knows His Clothes

Sure there is human interest touch about the story of a Brockville man who, a month ago, lost his overcoat in Kingston and while attending a football match in the Limestone City last Saturday recognized it among many thousands of other overcoats in the crowd.

The incident shows that a man cannot be fooled about his clothing. There may for others be no identifying marks on a coat, for instance, but the owner would know it among dozens of similar make and like material. It may be a frayed cuff, or a string of the hanger sticking up behind, or that stain he meant to have the cleaner to take out some day—but there is something. He is a bold individual who wears another man's overcoat, even among thousands, no matter how he got it.

It is the same about hats. Unless a hat is brand new its wearer has little ways of identifying it at a glance. The moment the hat touches his head he knows—or should know—whether or not it is his own. The older hat fits snugly about the head bumps. It is remarkable that as a rule only new hats are taken in mistake, while old, comfortable headgear may be left hanging anywhere; but that is another story.

The thieving gentry know the risk there is in stealing men's clothing. That's why the erstwhile ubiquitous 'pants burglar' 'carried away the pocket contents, but not the pants.

SNAPSHOTS

The School Board is going to make a big haul from the city next year.

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Did you ever read "The Land of the Afternoon?? It is worth the price.

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Mussolini has decided to abolish Italian law courts. Might be an idea in that for President Roosevelt.

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Sometimes they kill the goose that is laying the golden egg.

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Imported heads of business firms sometimes make mistakes when local people would know better.

1,200 Youthful

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Minister of Agriculture, and J. E. Northey, representing the Board of Directors of the Royal Winter Fair, also voiced greetings.

Stating that youth was to be the dominating note at the Royal Winter Fair, this year, Mr. Northey told of plans for the attendance of 1,200 boys and girls at the opening ceremonies.

A special guest of honor at last night's dinner was Fred Harmish, Indiana, who was the winner in a contest staged by the Indiana Ayrshire Breeders' Association. The young agriculturist from the United States was accompanied by Edgar E. Wright, Secretary of the Indiana Ayrshire Breeders' Association, who stated that one reason the Royal Winter Fair was selected as the trip for the winner, was because it was here one found the best Ayrshire cattle.

Attention was drawn to the six "farmerettes," whose number had trebled since the Royal Winter Fair of 1936. Of special interest were the twin sisters, Ethel and Lillias Ferguson, 18-year-old Alberta girls, who proudly represent the "Liberty Swine Club." Raising swine is a most interesting angle of farming, they both declare.

Features of the programme, which will keep these farmer boys and girls busy until Saturday night, include national contests, one outstanding being the public speaking contest.

All the young men and women will pay their own expenses to the Fair, but will be the guests of the Board of Directors at the opening performance. At noon T. A. Russell, President of the Massey-Harris Company, will play host to the army of young people at a luncheon at the Massey-Harris plant. The Department of Agriculture of the Provincial Government is providing a banquet at 6 p.m., in the Automotive Building.

Air Fight

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racks, was partially torn down by another bomb.

A third bomb crashed through several floors of the Central Bank.

(Insurgent leaders outside Madrid reported their forces had wheeled artillery within the city limits of Madrid to reply at closer range to government shelling.)

The horror of the two-week bombardment was plainly etched on the faces of wearied Madrilenos as they surveyed the ruins of much of their once beautiful city.

Much of the business district was nothing but a smouldering pile of wreckage.

There was no way of estimating even remotely the dead in the day's bombardments, but the morgue was stacked high with mutilated bodies of men, women and children.

The defence council announced:

"They may reduce the city to ruins, but we'll defend those ruins to our last man."

General Jose Miaja's defence council tonight claimed victories in the air and in University City, northwest of the capital.

While government fliers were bringing down six insurgent planes, Leftist artillery and infantry recaptured part of University City, an official communique said.

Reinforcements and new artillery recaptured the hospital attached to the new medical college, the French-owned Casa Velasquez, the new philosophy faculty headquarters and the agricultural school, according to the government announcement.

Authorities said the San Christiana asylum was surrounded and the insurgents inside it trapped.

Three enemy tri-motored bombers and three pursuit planes were brought down during the day by government squadrons, the war ministry claimed. Two government pursuit craft were lost, the announcement said.

James White of Amherst was a guest at the Queen Hotel today.

Miss Elsie St. Pierre of Grand Falls is registered at the Queen.

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British Shipping

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Responding to a query from Hon. Josiah Clement Wedgewood, whether British ships would still be protected on the high seas if carrying goods to Barcelona, which the Spanish rebel government has threatened to blockade, Mr. Eden asserted:

"The rules which normally govern international action on those matters will be pursued by His Majesty's government in defence of legitimate British interests."

Verbal Battle

The assertion was made after Eden engaged in a sharp verbal clash with William Gallacher, Communist, regarding the Italo-German policy toward the Spanish insurgents.

"As far as breaches in the non-intervention agreement are concerned, I wish to state categorically, that there are other governments more to blame than either Germany or Italy," Mr. Eden said.

In response to Laborite Clement Attlee's question whether the British Government would continue a policy of neutrality, Mr. Eden explained:

"It is quite possible to pursue a policy of non-intervention while recognizing as the government one side or the other."

Will Ask Assurances

The Foreign Secretary promised that he would seek specific assurances from Italy and Germany that their recognition of General Francisco Franco's Government did not mean that they regarded themselves free to supply the Nationalists arms, in contravention of the neutrality agreement.

"Our whole object," he said, "is to make non-intervention work. Hence we look forward to co-operation with the governments concerned, regardless of their ideologies."

Provincial

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lation. A month ago the outstanding scrip aggregated $51,000, but since then about $15,000 was issued through the Alberta Civil Service, increasing to $66,000 the total at the start of the November redemption period.

If the estimate of $15,000 accepted by the Civil Service was correct, it would mean the average employee took 7 1-2 per cent of his salary in scrip. Cabinet Ministers also were invited to take scrip in lieu of cash, but exact totals have not been published. There was nothing compulsory about the scheme, every employee taking as much or as little scrip as he chose.

Treasury officials have estimated that $10,000 in scrip has been taken out of circulation for souvenirs and by collectors. This would reduce to $26,000 the total in actual circulation which must be redeemed eventually by the Province.

E. Kierstead, G. H. Stevens, F. A. Duff, C. J. Marven, Charles M. Johnston, G. Grant Miller, G. H. McKinney, J. W. Ryan, G. T. London, W. E. Seeley of Saint John are guests at the Queen Hotel.

J. R. Haycock, Charles A. Noble, John W. Dobbin and D. M. Hope, of Saint John, are at the Queen.

Annual Dinner ....

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atmosphere. Besides Chief Justice Baxter, Mr. Justice Harrison, also of the Supreme Court, was present.

Dr. G. C. VanWart considered the club an asset to the city and suggested missionary work to increase the membership.

A. W. Barbour, Deputy Minister of Public Works, and vice president of the club, spoke briefly and thanked the various speakers.

Mr. Palmer in conclusion thanked the younger members who efficiently performed their duties in serving the dinner.

Mr. Palmer introduced Major Bruce a new member of the club, a new citizen of New Brunswick, but a product of the British Empire. Major Bruce comes to Fredericton in the position lately occupied by Major Salt an estimable officer. He is a man with a long experience, who has seen a lot of the world, and understands many problems of broad statesmanship. Mr. Palmer said it was a great asset to have the R.C.M.P. in the province to uphold law.

Major Bruce

Major Bruce said that he always refused to address clubs but accepted Mr. Palmer's invitation. In speaking of his experiences in the north he said that less than 20 years ago a great many inhabitants of Canada had never seen a white man. He was attached to a Canadian Arctic expedition in 1915-1917. The eastern Eskimos at that time existed by their own efforts, using copper knives, needles, and arrowheads, caribou skins and seal skins. They had no wood except a little drift wood. It was a very inhospitable country where anybody dressed like a white man would freeze to death. Their food consisted of fish, caribou or seal and was obtained by shooting caribou with bow and arrow or using dogs to find the breeding holes of seals under the snow.

In winter the Eskimos gather from hundreds of miles near seal feeding grounds. In spring they split up into groups for hunting caribou. In the summer they kill the caribou by driving them into narrow valleys where they kill them. They use the skins for clothes and the horns for hunting knives. The only vegetation the Eskimo gets is from the contents of the second stomach, mixed with seal oil. The food at least 50 per cent of the time is eaten raw. In the winter they use seal oil lamps made from soapstone, over which they melt snow and boil seal meat.

Major Bruce was the first white man most of the Eskimos had ever seen at the mouth of the Coppermine. The police dress like natives there, he said.

In winter the natives catch fish by 'jigging' through the ice. They have practically no religion, but have a system of 'taboos,' and the medicine men have the natives absolutely under their thumb.

In their family life they have no actual form of marriage, but just agree to live together. They have no troubles and no quarrels and Major Bruce considered them neither unmoral nor immoral, but observant of their own customs.

Their conception of 'after life' is very vague but they have a firm belief in fairies which they call 'little people.' The barren land grizzly is the most dangerous game, he said, sometimes taking away natives' feet, hands or ears. They doctor themselves with cabalistic rites. They also have trouble with polar bears.

In answer to a question as to burial services, the speaker said the family just covers the dead man with a pile of rock. He told of coming upon a bundle of furs, which upon investigation turned out to be a man who "had departed somewhat earlier than he did."

Br. Ambassador

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and possible joint action by Britain and France to maintain freedom of the seas.

N. B. Moose

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ered by several inches of snow. This condition will make track of the moose easier and also impede the flight of the forest monarch. Many were out today for a final shot at the big game animal.

Features of this season was the visit to the province of two big league baseball stars, George "Twinkletoes" Selkirk and Irving "Bump" Hadley, both members of the New York Yankees' world champions, who hunted in the Wirral district and were very successful. Joseph Meerchio of New York City was the first non-resident hunter to bring down a bull moose this year.

The deer hunting season extends to November 30. In addition to one bull moose, non-resident purchasers of the license to hunt this animal were also permitted to take two deer, four bears and legal bag limits of partridge and ducks in open season.

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