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Can Pure Science Sin?

Stung by the charge frequently made that the engineer is equally willing to lend himself to the works of utility and to works of death and destruction, Prof. F. William Cramp, president of the engineering division of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, told that organization that science, lending aid to man both in war and peace, "recognizes no moral obligation."

By that he did not mean defiantly to defend science's contribution to destruction; rather he disavowed any purpose but a search for fact. Use of the fruits of science are up to man.

"The same explosive that releases coal underground can also kill men in battle," said Prof. Cramp. "The telephone is useful alike in the home and in the front line trenches."

The man talks sense. Science has no quarrel with the facts. There they are. God gave man free will. We have a thing called gravity, not concocted by science. There it is. Rightfully used, gravity aids man. But gravity should not be condemned because some people choose to leap from 60-story windows. However, erring man always likes to have somebody other than himself to blame for his shortcomings.

Men of science are by no means always right. But when they are right, they should not be blamed for man's misuse of the gifts of science.

The Campaign Warms Up

With the Maine "barometer" pointing Republican and Tuesday, Nov. 3, just six weeks off, the United States Presidential campaign is beginning to warm up and both parties are preparing the heavy artillery for the last assault on what remains of unsundered public opinion. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in spite of his critics, still insists he will not "enter" the fight on his own behalf until the first week in October or later, the European situation having added to the official worries of the drought problem. Governor Alfred M. Landon, having completed his get-acquainted tour of the East, is back in Kansas preparing his "most crucial speeches in major politics."

In the straw voting the Governor is still given the advantage, all of the several polls being conducted under non-partisan auspices showing him in the lead. As it is, all are too small and sectional as yet to offer any conclusive evidence of a turn in public opinion. The past few weeks, however, have given clearer definition of the issues to be called by the respective parties. In Topeka Governor Landon's address to the Young Republicans made it obvious that bureaucracy, extravagance and controlled production will remain major points in his attack. The trade treaties of the Roosevelt Administration, particularly as they involve agriculture, will be another Republican issue.

Until President Roosevelt himself takes the stump, there will be difficulty in gauging the order of merit of the issues from the Democratic view. The steady improvement in business—an increase of more than \$3,000,000,000 in insurance company assets and \$2,000,000,000 in savings deposits between 1933 and the present—suggests to some that he will stand on his record, and offer for popular appeal further curtailment of the privileges of "big business." Too much emphasis on the New Deal record would involve explanations of the tremendous cost of New Deal methods, the failure of New Deal remedies, the increase of New Deal taxes and the burdens of New Deal relief. All those are points on which the Republicans can ask, in fact have asked, some rather embarrassing questions.

As the battle shapes, however, the New Deal is to be the issue, and the results of Nov. 3, so far as President Roosevelt is concerned, depend entirely upon how well he can defend it, and, perhaps, to what extent he is willing to amend it. Governor Landon has the advantage of being able to ask questions and make the best promises. Unfortunately, all the good ones President Roosevelt could make—lower taxes, economy in administration, increased business, higher standards of living, employment—were made in 1932 and few of them have been redeemed.

Important Work Started

Mr. Justice Archambault's announcement that the penitentiary investigation will be an open one, with some sittings excepted, disposes effectively of a press report that the Department of Justice had clamped the lid down. Hon. Ernest Lapointe stated several months ago that the decision would rest with the commission to be named, and undoubtedly the public will receive the Chairman's assurance with satisfaction. That it may be necessary to receive certain evidence in camera is recognized. In the main, however, the organizations and public bodies which urged the inquiry will be able to have representatives present to follow the proceedings as closely as they wish.

In addition to this his Lordship has asked the co-operation of Attorneys-General, social welfare societies and all connected with penitentiaries and prisons. A number of interested organizations have made a close study of penal policies and administration methods since the riots and complaints directed attention to conditions, and these will now have an opportunity to make suggestions for improvements. At the end of the inquiry the public at large should have a fairly comprehensive view of the problem.

The Chairman summarized the chief points to be covered as follows: The treatment of convicts in general and by classes, construction of penal institutions, appointment of staffs, employment and remuneration of prisoners, administration, management and discipline, prevention of crime, juvenile delinquency, and parole. This list indicates the broad scope of the problem to be studied. It is to be hoped that nothing will stand in the way of a complete job, and that, if necessary, the Commission will be able to make some investigation into conditions, policies and methods in other countries, where studies have been somewhat continuous and progress has been made.

Canada has handled this problem by neglecting it. The Commission, accordingly, has to make up for many years of lost opportunity. The importance of its task must not be underestimated.

SNAPSHOTS

Some bonehead nailed a board on the back ground at the Amusement Hall in the exhibition and spoiled a nice piece of work which it took some trouble to make.

There are two little sisters in Fredericton who were born in Callander and can thank Dr. Daffoe for helping them to arrive on this planet. They are not quints, either.

So Frances Bannister is cleared of the kidnapping. It's a good thing that the public has heard the last of the dirty mess. There is a great work for social service workers amongst people like the Bannister tribe. Some of this work could be done right here in York County.

Rumor insists that Hitler is about to resign, but Hitler declares he is not. Well, Hitler's word is as good as rumors.

Various forecasters predict both a mild and a severe winter. So that should make it about average.

Modern story of parental discipline. Parent: "No, you can't go out tonight." Child: "Bang! Bang!"

No matter which side you choose in politics, you find yourself siding with people you hate to agree with.

Japanese are being taught not to ask foreign visitors, "How old are you?" But is doesn't matter; the foreign visitors wouldn't tell them, anyway.

Some 2,500 scientists at Harvard are trying to find out "why we behave as we do." Especially when we go to war with each other.

PASSED AT DURHAM BRIDGE

Thomas McNeill of Durham Bridge passed away this morning at his home. Deceased who was 74 years of age has been in failing health for the past 10 years. Born in Nashwaak Village, he moved to Durham Bridge, where he resided for the past 45 years and was a popular and valued member of that community. Surviving are his wife, son, Harry J., at home and two daughters, Mrs. Fred Lynch, Boiestown and Mrs. J. M. Stobie, Toronto. Two brothers are left to mourn, Frederick McNeill, and Woodford of Nashwaak Village; also three sisters Mrs. Harry Campbell, Stanley; Mrs. Wesley Hickey, Boiestown and Mrs. Harold Gregory of Boston, Mass.

DIED

HARRISON—At Devon, Sept. 25, 1936 Edward Harrison, aged 77.

The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon from the late home, McKeen street, with prayers at 1.45 o'clock and service at St. Mary's church at two o'clock, to be conducted by Rev. C. LeRoi Mooers. Interment will be made in the Sunnybank cemetery.

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J. S. SCOTT,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Municipality of York.
Fredericton, N. B.,
Sept. 15th, 1936.

OUR MAIL BAG

Does Fredericton Lack Community Spirit? — Visitor Discusses The Daily Mail Campaign For Improvement in City Affairs

Editor Daily Mail,
City.

Sir:

I read with interest your various articles on community affairs. I do not agree with everything that you say but you are right in my opinion in regard to the Police Commission, the schools, the jail and many other things.

As one who spends much time in Fredericton and as a former resident I cannot help being interested in the little city.

You are doing a good service in bringing conditions before the public but you will not get very far, I am afraid because of the spirit of the people. As near as I am able to judge the leading people in the town have ceased to take an interest in town questions, perhaps they have become disgusted. You leave the government of your town in the hands of a number of Aldermen, many of whom appear to be afraid to do things.

They are afraid to say anything at the council room for fear of offending some one. They are afraid, or the most of them seem to be afraid to discuss public affairs in public. In your paper last night Alderman Ross was the only one who had the courage to come out and say where he stood on the police question. It is unfortunate in my opinion when a town gets into this state. The people are too slow to take issue with the school board or the police commission although if you talk to them at the Queen Hotel or in their homes they will agree that there should be a change. Maybe it is because Fredericton is conservative in its ways. When I say "Conservative" I do not mean politically. They go so far

that they seem to lack community spirit and they let things drift.

Thirty years ago when I lived in Fredericton the then city councils would take hold of these public civic questions and decide them at once. If they did not do so a live group of citizens would get together and put in some Aldermen who would do so. The city affairs were better conducted in those days because people took more interest in their own affairs than they do today. The people have affairs the way they are working to have them. When one or two families who are not leaders in the community are able to control most of the government jobs and city jobs and are able to get away with it there is something out of place. What you want in your town is a committee of live business men or some one who will take things up and have a shake up all around. Here is a good chance for your Alderman Ross and a few others to start something.

Your writer Observer has some interesting articles. I do not agree with everything that he says, however, and I do not agree with everything that you say. You would not expect me to agree with your provincial and Dominion political views. I think you are all wet there. But you are giving your town a good service in bringing up these matters which have also interested me. Keep it up. One thing they cannot accuse you of is being afraid of any one, but why should you be.

If you think this long letter is worth using stick it in your paper. Please withhold my name for the present as I probably have no right to interfere in your city affairs.

Yours truly,
INTERESTED.

Good Advice

(Continued from Page One)

This organization gives the retailer the opportunity of bringing prosperity and wealth to all classes within our borders.

Leading economists the world over have proved that the most economic way to market goods is through organized channels similar to M.M.A. The manufacturer makes and devotes his energy to improving his commodities; the wholesaler distributes and the retailer sells, advertises, places in the homes.

This organization will be equipped to render this service just so soon as our members get imbued with the true spirit of service. This can only be accomplished when our distributors are assured that they can place at least one case of goods in every one of the M.M.A. stores regardless of what it might be he wishes to detail. We must be all willing to buy anything at least once, particularly if it is a Maritime product.

The distributors must become imbued with the responsibility of making every one of their store units profitable regardless of whether they make money or not and that service to M.M.A. is their first duty. Why should not the distributors charge a higher mark up to stores outside of M.M.A. when you remember that the M.M.A. members are paying the complete cost of advertising of the articles sold to them. This advance price must be small, only sufficient to assist in advertising.

300 British

ence called war is conducted by one nation, by an alliance of nations or by a League of Nations.

"Modern warfare involves the use of aircraft and the bombing, gassing and massacre of helpless, innocent men, women and children, as well as the perversion and degradation of the human personality. We will never participate in acts of war nor prepare for them."

er and you retailers must advertise and sell for them.

If we lessened our imports at the rate of two millions per year, in five years instead of having idle men and women we would have to import labour or man power sufficient to almost double our present population. See what that would mean in new customers to you.

Again as I see it, the majority of retailers have been so driven to the wall with the giving of credits and the lack of money that they have developed a rather inferiority complex and feel they are not capable of undertaking greater responsibilities. The cure of this disease is one of our first undertakings, this can be accomplished by united efforts only.

In my mind our greatest concern today is not with the corporation chain but with the chain organization that is being organized here of independent retailers connecting themselves with an organization of manufacturers of Ontario, who are already here under a name you are all familiar with. Those Ontario manufacturers are determined that their products are to be sold in our Maritime Provinces. That chain, in my humble opinion is by far the most serious for our Maritime welfare that has ever stepped across our borders, and the M.M.A. member who in the least supports it is driving a nail not only in his own coffin but sealing the lid of that of our own manufacturers and their employees who are our greatest list of customers. I do not want to create fear, far from it, but I do feel that we are not listing this point with sufficient prominence in your liabilities. We need not fear this competition if we will all become 100 per cent M.M.A.; 100 per cent co-operation by wholesalers and retailers working together and a 100 per cent effort made to secure new members assures us of nothing to fear—we just must go forward, we must make up our minds that the whole organization of M.M.A. is our personal responsibility.

We might start study groups to assist advisory council representatives. Let us all start at once to accept the personal responsibility of the whole organization. See to it that every cog is straight in place knowing that if one cog slips we go back a notch.

We must become imbued with the idea of service and the vision of M.M.A. remembering that as we provincially build so shall we personally prosper.

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