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Curiosity to Know

H. G. Wells says that there is in all children a curiosity, a drive to know, an impulse to learn that is available for educational ends. He says that mothers know that by instinct. It would be a good thing if fathers and all school teachers knew it too. In most cases the boy or girl who does not do well in school is the boy or girl we have failed to understand, failed to interest and failed to draw out. Teachers, on the whole, are doing a better work than parents. For parents know, or should know, their children better than teachers do. That "curiosity to know" is a tremendous impulse. What a wonderful generation we should produce if it were always guided aright!

Quebec's Relief Reforms

Complete and revolutionary reorganization of relief administration is planned for Quebec. According to the scheme outlined to the Montreal City Council by Hon. T. D. Bouchard, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Trade and Commerce, direct relief for the unemployed of that Province is a thing of the past, and the whole system is to be operated on a work-for-relief basis.

Some points in the general scheme outlined entail what may best be described as a Provincial subsidy to employers of new labor. For example, the Government will "part wages" of the domestics employed by householders who did not have such help during 1935. The jobless urbanite who goes to the farm to work will receive \$10 a month in addition to his board. Further, 40 per cent of the labor costs on buildings or repairs undertaken by individuals or companies will be contributed as Government grants. Municipal assistance will be continued, but will be confined to two-thirds of the labor costs of the work undertaken.

Under the scheme those on municipal rolls will be forced to work out the amounts they receive on relief; and where a certain number of days of work are now being allocated the municipalities will arrange to have the recipients work consecutive days in order that they will be free for the remainder of the month to find other labor.

It was also announced by Mr. Bouchard, without going into the details of the actual plan, that old-age pensions will be established in that Province. In this respect Quebec has lagged far behind the other Provinces, and it is to be presumed that any plan will follow the general outline in operation elsewhere in the Dominion. But in its reorganization of relief administration the Taschereau Government appears to be taken a definite and commendable step forward.

Ever since unemployment relief was forced on this country the general consensus has been that the unemployed should work for the assistance given. How to provide this work on an economically sound basis is a question that has never been solved. From the beginning it has been financially impossible for Governments, singly or together, to create work projects sufficient to give all employment. Quebec is not attempting any such programme. It remains to be seen how many of the schemes in the general programme will work out and at what cost. But the whole design represents a concerted effort to put idle hands and minds to work, which, from the social view alone, is the desirable objective.

Russia in the Background

Since few people expected that Germany would accept the proposals of the four other Locarno powers, their rejection by Hitler has produced no change in the situation except to emphasize the stalemate. There seems to be no likelihood of important developments before the middle of next week. When Hitler, having won all but a unanimous victory in next Sunday's Reichstag elections, will present his further views to the British Government.

From the standpoint of the several nations concerned, the situation now is:

Germany's troops are in the Rhineland, and will not be removed; nor will Germany permit the troops of any other power or group of powers to occupy German soil, even as a safety police. The next obvious step is re-fortification of the strip demilitarized by the Versailles treaty.

France and Belgium would like to take measures against Germany as a treaty violator, but not alone. They would like the co-operation of Great Britain, who is unwilling to move at this time; of Italy, who wants other matters settled first; of the League of Nations, which has ducked for a time, to await developments. France feels she can make no concessions, because she has an election on April 26. She must maintain a solid front against Germany to avoid internal dissension.

Great Britain believes there is more to be gained by discussion than by force. She is inclined to take Hitler at his face value, but is not at all sure he is what he thinks he is—the spokesman of the German of, say, 1940. But a peace gained now may possibly be prolonged; a satisfied Germany is apt to be less dangerous than one suffering from the stigma of defeat and inequality. So the British prefer to negotiate, though they will remain on their guard.

As for Italy, Mussolini wants to make all the capital he can out of the situation. He wants sanctions removed, and he wants his way in Ethiopia. Who could expect him to be otherwise?

But in the background is Russia. The Soviet state, rather than France, is now the important factor in the working-out of any comprehensive peace arrangement. We shall have more to say on that subject soon.

SNAPSHOTS

J. A. Doucette, M.P.P. government whip will likely represent Gloucester at Ottawa. They will send a good man. He has made a success of it here.

The door keeper still wears his hat in the House whilst sitting in the ladies' gallery during the session. The Sergeant-at-Arms must mistake him for a soldier on guard duty instead of an everyday door keeper. We have never seen this stunt pulled off in the Legislature before.

The Speaker's coffee room at the Legislature which came in handy at night sessions and for which the Speaker received an extra handout has ceased to exist.

New Brunswick seems to be a little suburb of Saint John. Legislators have to wait while Saint John delegates hold up the work. These people should have their legislation thrashed out before they get here. The peoples' representatives have not come to listen to long-winded arguments.

After 20 minutes in a closed sedan we can get pretty tired of a topcoat that spent the night next to a cedar oil mop.

"A rum is distilled of maple sugar, and now we hear that a cordial is being made of bananas." Well—just so long as it isn't a song.

"Science," says Mr. Schwab, "will eventually cure unemployment," but a writer in Virginia Quarterly says science is its cause. Vote for any one.

Premier Aberhart of Alberta: "I hope in two months more we will have all our unemployed at work for wages." What next?

The girl whose ma and pa were always saying she was crazy to devote so much time to swimming lessons must have had a laugh on the old folks during those recent floods.

There will be a great flocking home of old boys and girls for Vancouver's jubilee celebrations this summer. "Caddy," the famous Western searper, is reported to have arrived already.

This is the time of year when the fellow who played golf down South all winter gets back North and finds it has nothing to do with climate.

In Germany industrial workers who did not vote at the recent election have lost their jobs. If Canadians guilty of similar neglect were treated the same way, the relief problem would assume new and alarming proportions.

Jamaica Has Become Popular Vacation Resort

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between Canada and Jamaica. Mr. Cree also stated that the banana production is rapidly getting back to normal after the storms last fall which affected so many of the crops and this year will see the usual quantity of fine bananas coming up to Canada, which is a large consumer of this product.

"Jamaica is becoming increasingly popular for summer and winter vacationists, many of whom have made the trip several times on the Lady cruise liners, stated Mr. Cree.

More and more people each year include Jamaica in their holiday plans, due to the recommendations passed around by satisfied passengers and the many enjoyable facilities found on the island. I believe if more Canadians knew the beauties of Jamaica and its wonderful climate, and realized the opportunity it offers for a complete vacation, more of them would make an annual trip there. Jamaica has about all the attractions the modern tourist can desire. There are dude ranches, horse back riding on beautiful trails, mineral baths, motoring on splendid roads among the mountains, fresh and seawater bathing, golfing, fishing and a variety of gorgeous scenery which is unequalled anywhere.

"As a result of these attractions, the past winter has been the best tourist season Jamaica has ever experienced, passenger traffic on Lady cruise liners during the first three months of this year showing an increase of 22 per cent over the similar period of last year, which in turn showed an increase over the previous year."

"Tourist authorities in Jamaica are now preparing for a bumper summer and fall season, many people are now realizing that with its varying altitudes and climates, Jamaica is an all year round vacation resort. With a variation in temperature of not more than eight degrees throughout the year, people are now spreading their vacation trips to cover the spring and fall months, when passenger traffic is not so heavy as during the summer and winter seasons, concluded Mr. Cree.

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Rescue Work is Speeded Up By Hugh Dynamite Blast

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pleted for another twenty-four hours engineers said.

Driving rain Wednesday night bogged many of the volunteers digging and blasting their way into the mine but there was no let-up in their efforts. Veteran miners wearing steel helmets to protect them from rock falls labored in the new shaft.

F. D. Henderson, 60-year-old manager of the mine, watched the work without a word. A hardened miner but visibly affected by the disaster he could do nothing more than direct the workers.

Earlier in the night he had talked with Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Magill, wives of two of the imprisoned men, endeavoring to cheer them. The women had urged him to "get some sleep" but he remained on the job.

Wives Still Wait
After watching the rescue workers all day, Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Magill retired last night to the company office which had been made comfortable for them with beds brought from Halifax.

There they conferred with Mine Manager Henderson and Mrs. Robertson's brother, C. H. Ivey, K.C., regarding the possibilities of getting the men out alive.

"I'd give my right arm to get those men up the mine tomorrow," Henderson told Mrs. Robertson.

"We know you and the rest of the men are doing everything possible," she replied, urging the weary manager to get some sleep.

Mr. Ivey said he was well pleased with progress made during the night and added that the women had been cheered by news that experienced rock miners from Ontario would be here today. Weather conditions caused abandonment of plans to fly the men here from Montreal and they are now en route by train.

The women expressed anxiety about the rescue workers and before the mine manager left their quarters they went over the list of food supplies available. Satisfied that the men were well provided for, they tried to rest.

Mrs. Magill, who had explored the mine with her husband in January said she had not given up hope.

"They will still be alive if the men reach them by Saturday," she declared.

Another Near Death
MILTON, Ont., April 17—While every effort is being made to rescue Dr. D. E. Robertson and two Toronto companions, trapped in a gold mine at Moose River, N. S., death threatens another member of the Robertson family.

Mrs. D. S. Robertson, sister-in-law of the trapped man, left here Wednesday night for Calgary where her son Duncan is seriously ill. The son is employed at the Gem Coal Mine in which the family has an interest. Milton is west to Toronto in Halton County.

Ready For Fight
TORONTO, April 17—The Ontario Air Service plane from Sault Ste. Marie landed at the waterfront here at 5.51 o'clock last evening. It was piloted by G. H. R. Phillips and will stand by to rush any equipment that is necessary at Moose River, N. S., where three Toronto men are entombed.

Ethiopia Asks Sanctions and Armed Aid

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versations with Ethiopia although willing that the League should be kept informed of their progress;

(2) Italy is very reluctant even to say what the peace terms are, except direct to the Ethiopians;

(3) Italy will only conclude an armistice with the Ethiopians on the field. She will not consent to peace conversations being held at Geneva, but suggests Ouchy or Lausanne;

(4) Italy will not agree to conclude an armistice now.

Whether there is to be conciliation or not must be settled absolutely and finally tomorrow. British circles commented as member of the committee turned towards their hotels.

France will demand that Italy be given additional time to "consider" fresh proposals for peace in East Africa after the Ethiopian refusal to accept the preliminary Italian plan, official sources said.

The French stand, the officials said called for the same treatment toward Italy as Great Britain accorded Germany after Reichsfuehrer Hitler rejected the London Locarno suggestions. They declared that inasmuch as Britain had then given Germany "plenty of time" the League of Nations should give Italy the same treatment. Any efforts to call a hasty meeting on the League sanctions committee will be resisted by the French representatives at Geneva, these sources said.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray L. Saunders of South Devon are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a young son, Charles Joseph Murray, born on Saturday, April 11th.

Annex to Provincial Parliament Building May Be Erected

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vides that any municipality may, by resolution, appoint a collector for the county or for any number of parishes or parts of parishes thereof, to be sole collector of all taxes imposed under the act within the territory for which he is appointed.

The House did not meet until five minutes before 6 p.m. in order to give the corporations committee an opportunity to sit all afternoon. The Assembly was in session for only a few minutes and then adjourned until today at 3 p.m., for which time granting of supply was made the order of the day. Last night the corporations and municipalities committees were in session.

When the House met, Acting Clerk John M. Keefe announced the absence of Mr. Speaker Bridges by reason of illness and asked J. G. Boucher (Liberal, Madawaska), chairman of the committee on supply, to take the chair.

Passage, third reading and an order for third reading of a government bill to amend the Municipalities Act were rescinded and the bill was referred again to the committee of the whole in order that it might be amalgamated with a second bill in amendment to the same act which was sponsored by E. R. McDonald (Liberal, Westmorland).

William Anderson Died at Burnt Church Today

Members of the provincial legislature and other friends extended sympathy to Hon. W. S. Anderson, chairman of the N. B. Hydro Commission today when they learned that the cabinet member's father, William Anderson, had passed away at his home at Burnt Church, Northumberland county at six o'clock this morning.

The late Mr. Anderson, who would have celebrated his 83rd birthday today, died at the breakfast table.

Deceased was one of the founders of J. W. and J. Anderson & Company, a firm carrying on a general merchandise, lumber and fishing business at Burnt Church. The company of which Mr. Anderson was a member, was founded about sixty years ago. The late Mr. Anderson earned a wide popularity in Northumberland county and for forty years continuously was a member of the Northumberland county council. He had lived all his eighty-three years at Burnt Church.

Surviving besides Hon. Mr. Anderson are four other sons, W. Stafford Anderson, J. Gordon Anderson, M. Murray Anderson, Walter D. Anderson and two daughters Mrs. Louis King and Mrs. Raymond Morrison. The funeral will take place on Sunday with service at the home at Burnt Church at 2.30 o'clock.

ILL WITH TONSILITIS
Hon. H. F. G. Bridges, speaker in the New Brunswick Legislature is ill today with tonsillitis.

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