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The Fire Prevention Doctor

Should a physician say to you that you could probably lengthen your life by following a few simple suggestions, you would doubtless be willing to comply with them. This is natural for in following such advice one carries out the instinct of self-preservation. Today we have another kind of doctor whose mission it is to inform us how we may protect our lives and property against ruthless destruction by fire. He is the Fire Prevention Doctor. As the physician informs us of disease symptoms which may lead to an early grave, so this man points out conditions which may cause serious fires. As the doctor prescribes medicines to cure our ills, so does this man suggest remedies which will do much to safeguard the lives of our families and the homes in which we live.

One never knows where fire will strike. Every minute of the day, every day in the year, over \$100,000 worth of property is destroyed in Canada. You can do your part in minimizing this terrific drain upon our human and physical resources by observing the following ten rules of the Fire Prevention Doctor:

1. Keep matches in a closed metal container, inaccessible to children. Handle them carefully and dispose of them properly, making certain they are extinguished before you let them leave your hand.
2. Keep all gas lights and open flames away from woodwork or other combustible material. Do not allow curtains to hang near these flames for the wind may blow them into contact with the fire.
3. Always disconnect electric irons, toasters, heaters and similar appliances from the sockets when through using them. Never use any substitutes for approved fuses.
4. Inspect, clean and repair your chimneys and flues before winter arrives.
5. Place hot ashes in metal cans and dump them in places free from combustible material.
6. Promptly collect and remove all refuse and rubbish. Keep basements and spaces under stairways clean.
7. Do not start fires in stoves with benzine, gasoline or kerosene.
8. If gasoline or benzine is ever used for cleaning purposes, do the work out of doors.
9. Learn the location of the nearest fire alarm box and be sure you know how to turn in an alarm.
10. Inspect your property frequently.

**Business Men in Parliament**

Hon. R. C. Matthews, President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, in an address before the Truro, N.S. Board of Trade recently, said he would like to see in the Dominion and Provincial Parliaments "a larger representative group of the ablest business minds of the country."

This brings up the question: Why do so few, relatively, outstanding business men seek a place in Parliament? It seems reasonable that capable business men should have a great deal to do with conducting the public business of the country. After all, the affairs of the Dominion or of a Province are only larger and perhaps more involved than the affairs of any great enterprise of any kind.

With many of the activities trained business men are more familiar than any other class of people. And yet, as Mr. Matthews puts it, while "professional men, farmers and other make a large and fine contribution to Parliamentary life, Business has too frequently taken the path which does not lead to Ottawa or the Provincial Capitals."

The explanation may be that business men, immersed in their own undertakings, have not the time to devote to Parliamentary work. Being practical, hard-headed business men, they may regard as distasteful the business of campaigning for votes.

Still, it is a pity the country has not in its legislative chambers more of the men who have revealed in their own affairs business ability of a high order, and there will be agreement with Mr. Matthews' conclusion: "I should like to see in Parliament, as in the Mother of Parliaments in Great Britain, where there are more than a hundred competent men of affairs, a larger representative group of the ablest business minds of the country."

**Stabilization Obstacles**

Antagonism in the French Senate to the Blum devaluation bill did not come from opposition to devaluation, but to those numerous supplementary clauses by which the Government planned control of internal conditions.

True, part of the Senate's opposition can be traced to politics, but for much of it there is reasonable concern over developments in France should an unstable Government be given the control the measures provide. As it was, some of the power sought was denied it in the Chamber of Deputies before the bill went to the Senate, when the price-fixing clause was substituted for a "sliding wage scale" provision. According to the New York Times' Paris correspondent, the Communist element supporting the Government forced the wage clause on Premier Blum. In the Chamber his Radical-Socialist, or moderate, supporters threw their weight behind the amendment, claiming the wage clause would have led "to all kinds of abuses." It was the same political group in the Senate, however, which led the opposition to the amendment, claiming it, likewise, was open to abuses in the hands of the Cabinet.

The sliding wage scale designed to keep incomes on a level with anticipated increases in the standard of living and could easily mean complete nullification of the advantages of devaluation by preventing a reduction in costs in relation to prices. For that matter the price-fixing measure, if used to excess, will prevent prices from finding normal levels and thereby block one of the major benefits of devaluation. There is also a recognized prospect of the social legislation and the several expenditure programmes to which the Government is committed interfering with an early approach to a balanced Budget.

While none of these factors immediately threatens the success of the three-party agreement of Britain, the United States and France, there are in them the makings of very definite barriers to continued progress toward full and permanent stabilization. There are, however, other more universal factors which completely overshadow these, or will do so once attention has shifted from the French scene, and the stabilization movement begins to gather momentum.

There is a very great uncertainty of what course some nations intend following. Latest reports from Germany say that country will continue present currency, financial and economic policies. Italy is unofficially reported to have abandoned ideas of devaluation and intends to offset external changes by creating a second lira, a foreign trade currency, while the present lira will remain in domestic use. It may be of some significance, or it may be overemphasis of past political relations, that Austria and Hungary also have declared against devaluation.

SNAPSHOTS

Alderman McCaughy made a wise contribution to the debate on the Administration of Justice at City Hall last evening. He advised the Aldermen to adjourn the meeting and read The Daily Mail. Thank you Dave!

Hard times are the times when you pay back the money you spent to make times good.

An institution which receives provincial, county and city grants and hand-outs from everybody sends its printing and office supply orders to Ontario concerns. How much help does this institution get from Ontario?

Was the chief waiting for his boss to come back from Europe to tell him what to say?

Premier Aberhart of Alberta, who was going to do things to the press says that he does not want to be Premier of Canada. "Nobody asked you, sir, she said."

New York is to have an all-glass office building, which seems a cruel temptation to put in the way of those who are good shots with a brick.

United States Communist candidate for President says night in jail was good advertisement. Even so, most folk would prefer to pay for their ads.

In a wagon the tongue is in front. In a car the tongue is in the back seat.

A man, supposedly rich, can get by with driving an old crate. Most everyone thinks he does so because he is eccentric.

Yes, you know more than your dad. And the top limb of a tree is highest but it didn't lift itself up there.

Those who have a scandal in the family are lucky in one way; they are the only ones who don't hear about it.

Remember, 'way back when it was thought the world could never go to the demnition bow-wows entirely, because women were so much better morally than men?

Canada Needs

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and popularity of the co-operative movement, which gets support from all citizens. The people of Sweden, she said, do not think of themselves as "Radicals," but like the Scottish folk regard themselves as "cautious."

"They are unbelievably sensible and have done all those things which we so much wish to do in Canada," said Miss Macphail.

In Sweden, she stated, the co-operative idea is supported by the nobility and had its origin in the cities, while in Denmark the development began with agriculture.

In Denmark farmers who own the hogs also own and control 85 per cent of the processing plants, and they buy 70 per cent of their provisions through the wholesale co-operatives.

The beauty and advanced public works development, as well as the social and educational services of Sweden and Denmark, were commented upon, together with the democratic methods which follow a middle course in the progress toward the ideal State.

"Although a democracy may be the slow way, it has a spiritual satisfaction about it that meets the needs of humanity much better than a dictatorship," was the interesting conclusion which Miss Macphail made after she had sketched in a realistic and colorful manner her impressions of Russia. While she found much that was good in Russia, the speaker left the impression that dictatorship of the communistic or any type was a trying business.

"One feels that the people of Russia know nothing about the world as it is," she said. "I cannot say they lack initiative, but life from the observer's point of view looks extremely monotonous. They are free from all economic fear and nobody needs worry about old age or lack of care in illness or misfortune, but there must be that fear among them of falling into disfavor with the powers. They have a strong sense of economic security which we do not have."

Police Commission

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tion of Justice Committee, arose impressively and all conversation ceased. "I requested Chief Jones to be present at the last meeting of the Administration of Justice Committee. He did not come to that meeting. The chief has taken a 'none of your business' attitude concerning the bills run up by his department," ran the gist of his words.

"Another thing. The Police Magistrate of Fredericton has been using members of the police force to collect bills, the collection of which has been entrusted to him as a private lawyer by various clients. The policemen are paid fees to collect these bills which ordinarily would be collected by constables in plain clothes. This method is undoubtedly more effective than the ordinary one, as the police are in uniform. Under what authority does the Magistrate as a lawyer use the municipal police force for this purpose? No other lawyer does it. I think it is unfair for the police to collect bills for Magistrate Limerick exclusively. It gives him an unfair advantage over other barristers. Magistrate Limerick has overstepped his mark."

Alderman Crewdson arose, "I think the police can collect for anyone after hours."

Alderman Doohan, "I failed to get any information from Chief Jones on this matter. I think we, as aldermen, should prohibit this. Why supply an office in City Hall for a man to carry on his private business?"

Then the debate shifted to a discussion concerning the usefulness of uselessness of the Police Commission. Alderman Murray Hagerman was in favor of continuing the Commission but he felt that the method of choosing the body should be changed. His suggestion was to let the Government appoint the chairman, but have the City Council appoint the other two members, instead of the Government appointing all three as now. "This," he said, "would give the City Council more authority over the Police Department."

Ald. Mundle: "Chief Jones is not co-operating with the Council in any way. He is taking a very high-handed attitude. He should be willing to come before the committee. Otherwise he must be hiding something—or at least it looks bad."

Ald. Doohan: "The reasons for having the Police Commission have disappeared."

Ald. Forbes: "Then we are now faced with the problem of the abolition or the continuance of the Police Commission."

In answer to this veiled rebuke Ald. Doohan replied, "I feel, however that Chief Jones has slighted the Administration of Justice Committee."

Discussion cooled down during the next few minutes.

Ald. Ross took the floor: "The Police Commission is one of the seven wonders of the world, or at least of Canada."

Ald. McCaughy: "I suggest we adjourn and read tomorrow night's Daily Mail."

Loyalist

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avera-Madrid column.

Loyalists still control the highways from Madrid to Valencia and Murcia and it is problematical whether these will be attacked.

The big drive is being organized or a tremendous scale. It is indicated that, in addition to awaiting reinforcements of men and provisions for the Toledo force, the rebel command is awaiting advance of the rebels who, moving southwestward from Medinaceli, are now attacking Sigüenza.

All Attacking Forces Co-ordinated

Technically, the attack on Madrid has opened with the operation in the San Martin Val-de-Iglesias area. Actually, Gen. Francisco Franco is merely co-ordinating all attacking forces for the final drive.

Gen. Emilio Mola, insurgent commander in northern Spain, has sent 2,000 Moorish troops to relieve the besieged garrison at Oviedo, it was understood today.

The Moors are to join in an insurgent column which is held helpless at Trubia, 11 miles west of Oviedo. Asturias miners control the mountain pass through which the insurgents must advance, and have hurled back every rebel attack.

Too Much

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and tin, it was pointed out, there are no large quantities of raw materials from British colonies. Morrison mentioned Canada as a great supplier of nickel, the United States of oil and Russia of manganese. The colonies of France, Portugal and Holland also furnished raw materials.

The main obstacle in the way of trade in raw materials, Britain holds, lies not in the lack of supply but in the fact that a number of would-be purchasing countries lack foreign exchange with which to buy. The British feel, therefore, that exchange controls are definitely linked with supply of raw materials. Hence if exchange controls are removed, facilities for access to raw materials would be automatically improved.

Would Go Further

Bastid made it clear that France wished to go further. The final object of her action, he said, would not be realized so long as there remained innumerable obstacles to free circulation of goods, capital and labor erected by the ingenuity of governments.

Morrison emphasized that monetary realignment was not an end in itself, after he had referred to the three-power devaluation agreement. It was merely a means of freer exchange of real wealth in the shape of goods and services across frontiers. Before currency adjustment could bring lasting benefit there must be a relaxation of direct and indirect import restrictions in the shape of quotas and exchange control.

Maintenance of the old barriers in the new circumstances which the realignment of currencies created would run the risk of creating new disequilibria and new impediments to the restoration of international commercial and financial relations.

The British government in declaring willingness to avoid as far as possible disturbance of the basis of international exchanges therefore made two distinct types of contribution.

Britain was ready to help if and when approached but she felt that certain moves must be made by other countries before general recovery could begin.

Morrison spoke of the proposed inquiry into the access of raw materials. It might seem appropriate, he said, to include not only the raw materials of industry but also certain foodstuffs. It might also be difficult to limit the inquiry to materials produced entirely or mainly in colonial territories.

He suggested that the League Council might be requested to appoint a committee composed in suitable proportions of members of the economic and financial committees of the League and other qualified persons to undertake a study and report thereon. Britain further considered that it would be desirable to consult non-member states with a special interest in the question, either as producers or consumers, to obtain if possible their views and co-operation.

COUNTY COURT MEETS

The York County Court will meet this afternoon, with Judge Slipp presiding. Three cases under the New Brunswick Intoxicating Liquor Act will occupy its attention.

DIED

BIRD—Passed away at Fredericton, Oct. 5, 1936, Miss Elsie Margaret Bird, aged 17 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Bird of this city.

Funeral Wednesday afternoon. Service at the home at 1.30 o'clock. Funeral service at the Upper Keswick Church at 3.00 p.m. Interment at Upper Keswick. The service will be conducted by Rev. J. W. Bartlett, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hattie.

RYE—At New York City on Oct. 5, 1936, Madge, wife of L. L. Rye, formerly Miss Madge Kelly of Fredericton. Remains will arrive here by C.P.R. Wednesday at noon.

Funeral Wednesday afternoon at the home of Harry Atherton, Woodstock Road. Service at home at 3.30 o'clock by Rev. Dr. Ross. Interment at the Rural Cemetery.

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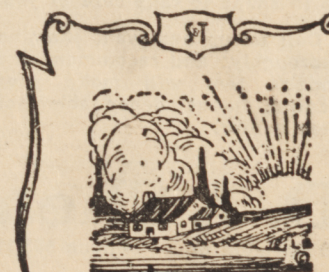
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