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Fire Prevention

The best place for fire prevention to start is in the home. Charity should start there according to the ancient saying, and certainly safety should come first. In order to safeguard the home, inspection should be made, not only Fire Prevention Week but periodically throughout the year. All heating and lighting equipment examined chimney and pipes kept clean of soot. No smoke pipes permitted through combustible walls; disposition of ashes safeguarded. The fuse cabinet should be of metal or asbestos lined. Fuses in all fuse blocks, none of them bridged, and not over 15 ampere fuses used in branch circuits. All drops cords should be insulated, and not supported on any conductive material. Electric irons always be detached when not in use and kept on metal stands.

Matches should be kept out of the reach of children, and the children should be regularly taught the danger of fire and not to play with matches.

Closets should be kept clean and all rubbish removed from the entire premises. Cleanliness is next to Godliness. Perhaps that is the reason it always plays such an important part in fire prevention.

It is not the intention to give all the details of home inspection. You have already admitted to yourselves that you can safeguard your own homes. Put the impulse into action. Start this Fire Prevention Campaign in your home where fire ever lurks to destroy you and yours. And then by vigilance and regular re-inspection, you will be adding greatly to your store of safety and happiness for all time to come.

Prejudices and Politics

Much of Montreal's present financial difficulty arises out of electing the wrong men to office.

Montreal's divergencies in race, language and religion could be regarded as a great asset if all the groups of citizens could be led to regard each other with mutual respect and to hold in a common hatred all those who try to raise sectional cries or to appeal to localized jealousies. The essence of success in business or municipal or government life today is working together for common ends, and it follows as the night the day that the politicians who get in on race and language cries are, by the very constitution of their own minds, unable to administer affairs successfully.

Most business corporations today would be unsuccessful if boards of directors of large and small corporations acted like aldermen often do. What Sir Edward Beatty, president Canadian Pacific Railway Co., recently said with reference to the Dominion scene applies with equal force to the Montreal situation:

"Consider what would be the sort of directors which great corporations would have, did their election depend on their skill in appealing to class, race, religion and sectional prejudices which might exist among the shareholders, the employees and the customers."

In such a case one would see directors make treasury raids to distribute surplus liquid assets as dividends even though unearned in order to curry favor with shareholders, just as some aldermen make raids on taxing and borrowing powers of municipalities to solidify their position with large groups of voters.—Financial Post.

League Speeches

Two great speeches were made before the League of Nations recently. The first was by Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary. He declared for peace, Great Britain did not want war. Much rather would that nation turn its energies in the direction of peace and a peaceful prosperity. But while other nations armed, Great Britain would not neglect her preparedness. She too would arm and be found ready.

Eden courted peace and did not believe it was a hopeless picture to look forward to. Today the standard of living was of necessity being sacrificed for arms.

"Britain," he declared, "stands firmly by democracy. We believe in democracy and in its survival. Its ideals lie too near the spirit of the British race ever to be questioned. For us no other system, of whatever extreme, would ever be acceptable, if it brought in its train suppression of our liberties and destruction of our traditions."

"After centuries of experience, democracy appears to us, not the effect, but the enduring epitome of man's endeavor to create a civilization in which he can find freedom, individuality and peace."

The principal cause of the League's failure, he charged, was the lack of universality of the League and the failure to play a more effective part in the earlier stages of the crisis.

In closing he coolly announced: "We in the United Kingdom are engaged in fulfilling a very considerable programme for the re-equipment of our three services—Navy, Army and Air. We are making good progress with that programme. We entered upon the re-equipment of our defences because we thought it a national duty."

"Though I do not conceal from you there are other ways in which I believe the majority of our people would prefer, were it possible to spend their wealth, we shall persist in it unless and until the other nations reach an international agreement for the limitation and reduction of armaments."

The other outstanding speech before the League was that of Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, who expressed Canada's position in effect that any participation in war would not be undertaken except at the direction or with the consent of the Canadian Parliament. Mr. King said that there would be no shirking of duties or laying down in the matter of defence but before any commitments were made the situation would be carefully considered and the voice of the Canadian Parliament expressed.

SNAPSHOTS

How is this for an answer by a schoolboy at an exam—"The Royal Mint is what the King puts on his potatoes."

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The above is not as bad as the break made by the auctioneer, who said: "What am I offered for this beautiful bust of Robert Burns?" Man in Crowd—"That ain't Burns—that's Shakespeare." Auctioneer—"Well, folks, the joke's on me. That shows what I know about the Bible."

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If the widow on the back street is not going to adopt the youth who is running out there every night, she had better save her reputation by asking him to stay away.

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The married man who used to cart all the beer to the other man's wife seems to be letting up in recent months.

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"We will not be remembered by our pictures hanging on the walls," said Public School Trustee Dr. Minerva Reid in opposing expenditure of \$115 on a group photograph of the Board of Education at Toronto. There is a lot of common sense about this view; and it indicates also how many ways there are of saving a little of the people's money. We remember one large picture that cost this province nearly one thousand dollars a few years ago, and it was all frills at that.

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You can tell that a man has reached years of discretion when he frankly admits that he can't win an argument with a woman—and won't stop reading his newspaper long enough to try.

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A man who would "kiss and tell" used to be regarded as a cad; but nowadays a girl would sometimes feel flattered if a man remembered her kisses long enough to brag about them.

Financial

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on a cloth untrue, with a twisted cue, and elliptical billiard balls."

Not only will stable currencies affect trade directly, but they are altogether likely to exert a most favorable influence on import quotas, licensing, exchange restrictions and other measures which have been designed to offset fluctuating exchanges. A possibility exists that the effect may filter through to tariff barriers themselves.

It is true that exchanges have been relatively stable over the past two years. However, there has lurked in the minds of businessmen the belief that sooner or later the gold bloc would have to devalue, and the uncertainty as to when, and how, and with what effects devaluation would take place, made them wary of committing themselves too deeply.

The immediate, short-lived effect of devaluation will be to hamper trade. Merchants admit cabling instructions to agents abroad to delay trading operations until currencies have been placed on a more definite basis. It is indicated, however, that business will then be resumed with improved volume.

Exports from the devaluing countries will likely be the first to feel the effects of the currency change. It will be cheaper to purchase in those countries. Imports will have to confront the additional protection afforded by devaluation, at least until revision of existing restrictions has been made.

Within conservative limits, stabilization should also lead to a resumption of international long-term trading, and restore a more normal relationship between debtor and creditor nations.

Secondly, the economists recommended that the gold bloc devalue on a basis which would provide some equilibrium with other currencies. Most are agreed that the extent of devaluation in France and Switzerland will be sufficient to bring their currencies into line. Holland has gone further in permitting the guilder to seek its "natural" level on the exchanges, although a stabilization fund will be employed to offset sharp fluctuations.

Thirdly, it was proposed that an international agreement be arrived at between the financially most important countries providing for monetary stabilization. This agreement would do no more than give a guarantee that arbitrary fluctuations would be

Our Mail Bag

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September 28, 1936

Mr. J. L. Neville,
Editor, Daily Mail,
Fredericton.

Dear Mr. Neville:
I think that the last thing I ever expected to be doing is conversing with the editor of a paper but during the last year and a half, I have been allowing God to run my life for me instead of trying to helplessly and hopelessly run it myself and during that time, I have been trying to live and act under the daily guidance of God. In this way, I have found life most interesting as I never know just what I am going to do next and I find myself doing things which I never could do before, things I realize that, of myself, would be absolutely impossible for me to do. So it is under guidance that I am writing this letter, prompted, of course, by the article "Hitler and Dr. Buchman," which you published in your paper a few days ago. Already I am able to "thank God" that you published this article and that "Observer" took the trouble to write it, otherwise, I would not have the opportunity to write you at this time.

It is not my purpose in writing this letter in order to defend the Oxford Group or Dr. Buchman because I feel that any Movement which is of God or any person who is living a God-controlled life and who is acting under the daily guidance of God does not need defending and does not call for argument by any individual, God-controlled or otherwise. Neither am I going to criticize you or the one who wrote the article but I will say that I regret the fact that so much valuable space and paper is wasted when it could be used to help usher in God's Kingdom to a sin-sick world on the brink of chaos, a world in which so many of God's people are in such dire distress. I have the vision of the vast amount of good which could come from any paper published by a God-controlled editor and I hope that, in the very near future some one in this city will have the courage to come forth and do his part in the reconstruction of a world which will be fully controlled in the future by God instead of man.

I feel that it is no time for anyone to stand back and criticize but that each one must face the facts and know that God is holding each individual responsible for making conditions either better or worse.

To prove to you, Mr. Neville, the power that God has released to me since I have found this new life, through the medium of the Oxford

avoided. Provision would be made that exchanges would be allowed to fluctuate more than they did under the old pre-war gold standard. And even these limits of fluctuation would be provisional and subject to alteration.

The proposals of the Antwerp economists, however, implied only a temporary monetary system. Out of the experience gained in its manipulation might be formulated some more permanent, satisfactory scheme.

The obstacles in the way of effective maintenance of exchange control must not be underestimated. As yet, only a beginning has been made, and too little has been disclosed to justify any very definite conclusions.

The major problem which must be faced lies in the internal situation in France. If French industry can be revived, if prices can be controlled, there is a good chance of success. French business, drugged by the influence of a currency for the past three years far out of line with those of other leading nations, is likely to show but hesitant recovery pending the effects on production costs of social legislation and labor unrest. Moreover, France has still to deal with an acute national finance situation.

The nightmare conjured in the minds of Frenchmen by the word devaluation has featured a skyrocketing cost of living. Such was the experience in 1928 when the franc was cut to about 1-5 of its former parity. The example of controlled devaluation in other countries, notably England, has allayed the fears aroused at that time only in small measure. The effect of measures proposed by the French Government to control the price level cannot as yet be estimated.

Human Fly

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The 28-year-old French-Canadian acrobat worked his way cautiously up the side of the building to the roof, where a five-foot projection prevented further ascent. Here a rope hung, by which he was to guide himself through the open window. As he reached for the rope he lost his footing and dropped to the cement pavement below. His skull was fractured in the fall and he died a few hours later in a local hospital.

A native of Pont Rouge, a small town twenty miles west of Quebec City, Ricardo's real name was Alphonse Richard.

Ricardo, "The Human Fly" visited Fredericton about four years ago and gave the demonstration when he climbed the side of the Edgecombe brick building on York street. At that time a large number of citizens gathered on York street to see him perform.

Tweedsmuir

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Church in Canada; Rev. F. H. Cosgrave of Toronto, Provost of Trinity University; and Rev. H. P. Whidden of Hamilton, Chancellor of McMaster University.

Group, I am enclosing two articles which were written by me under guidance, one of which, as you can see, has already been published. Under ordinary circumstances, this would have been impossible for me to do and they relate some of my experiences and my vision for all people who are willing to go all the way. I would like you to read these articles and if at any time, you would like to publish them in your paper, my only wish will be that, by your doing so, some other life will be influenced.

I do hope, Mr. Neville, that this letter will be accepted in good faith and I assure you that it is not my intention to start an argument or to provoke criticism but I only speak of what I know, believe and have experienced, not from what I hear. When I listen, God speaks, and when God speaks, I must obey, no matter what the cost.

Yours sincerely,
Gertrude M. Parsons.

TRADE AT HOME

Editor, The Daily Mail,

Dear Sir:

I have been an interested reader of your daily paper, especially the front page where you have been advocating "Home Buying" and keep your money in your own home town.

Now while in Fredericton at the exhibition, I was told the band they had for the occasion was an American Band. What was the matter with the Fredericton Band, or Saint John or Moncton Band? If the money paid to an American Band had been even kept in the province it would have been a benefit to some one.

I have never heard that the Americans at any time have sent to Canada for a band.

Now, Mr. Editor, if you can explain why this is done some of us will be glad to know.

An Interested Reader.

Stanley, N. B.

October 1, 1936.

(Answer—It is up to the Band Committee of the Exhibition to make an explanation to the public, which supported the exhibition.—Editor.)

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

Editor, Daily Mail,

Dear Sir:

The thanks of the City of Fredericton are due to Major E. C. P. Salt in particular, for the improvement in the appearance of the grounds of the Old Government House property, which has been effected through his efforts.

I am sure that citizens generally will regret his departure from Fredericton and will wish him every success in his new field.

J. F. F. Winslow.

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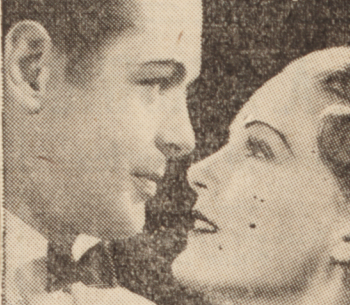
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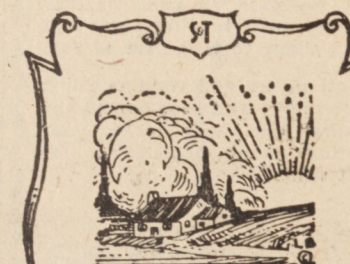
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