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## BEATTY ON LEADERSHIP

IN THE COURSE OF AN IMPORTANT ADDRESS at Vancouver a few days ago, Sir Edward Beatty made a strong plea for real leadership in this country. Sir Edward's remarks contain food for thought and are worth consideration. In the course of his remarks, Sir Edward said:

"The real problem which faces us in considering whether our human assets are equal to the opportunities which face them, is purely one of leadership.

"Let me make myself clear on this point. I do not intend to indulge for a moment in those careless attacks on our public servants which are increasingly common today. I have argued before, and I argue again, that our political leaders are not the masters but the servants of the people, and that, under democratic institutions, we cannot expect that political leaders will go very far ahead of what the voters want.

"If leadership has been lacking in this country it is another sort of leadership. It is the leadership which business men, professional workers, educationalists and ordinary solid citizens can give. The real leadership which we need in this country is not that of outstanding national figures making resounding speeches which sweep the country. It is the leadership of ordinary men and women in their own small spheres. It is the competent leadership of business men seeking profit; planning their purchases and their production as wisely as they can. It is the leadership of journalists trying to place the news of the day fairly before the people, and to give them intelligent opinions on public questions. It is the leadership of lawyers and doctors, clergymen and merchants in their local communities—trying to set a wise example of tolerance and goodwill, and trying to use their influence at all times in favour of honesty, thrift and intelligence in public and private affairs alike. Not the least important, it is the leadership which the teachers in our universities and schools can give our youth—above all by avoiding attempts to pervert history to suit a theory, or to misrepresent facts in order to make a story.

"On the quality of this leadership will depend the skill with which we apply the toll of an intelligent and courageous people to great natural wealth. I am as confident that the leadership will be found as that the people are capable of following it, and that the wealth is there to be used.

"Let me sum up in a few words. We have here the resources suited to permit us to create a nation of unusual average wealth, and of a high standard of living. We are, I believe in all honesty, a people, by racial origin and by experience, well adapted to use these opportunities to the utmost. Why is it that we have not succeeded better than we have?

"Once again it seems clear that this must be due to failure of the better elements in our community to give the nation the leadership which it should have. We have frittered away too much of our national wealth in rash attempts to do things which our own common sense should teach us were impossible. When it has been suggested that the errors of the past cannot be corrected because people will not permit their correction, we are merely arguing that the people of Canada are not intelligent and not well led. The first charge is obviously untrue. Why cannot the second one be made untrue by a definite and planned attempt throughout the country to reach agreement on at least a few national problems and the policies which we must take to solve them?"

## A DUPLEX MAYORALTY PLAN

EVIDENTLY MAYOR RAYNAULT OF MONTREAL is a busy man. Any Mayor of a big city is; he has too much to do. Therefore, according to report, Mayor Raynault suggests that the Mayoralty should be a two-man job—one for the hard and exacting business of civic administration; the other to look after the social duties associated with the Chief Magistracy.

Rather facetiously the Montreal Herald divides thus the duties that would devolve upon two Mayors:

Mayor No. 1 would be a "smoothie." He would be an erudite baby-kisser; a fellow of culture and charm.

He would open fairs, present prizes and medals, receive distinguished visitors, take the salute at Boy Scout jamborees, and make himself generally useful along the lines of a scale-model Governor-General or an English Lord Mayor.

Mayor No. 2 would draw most of the money and most of the work. He would be hard-headed, hard-boiled, and not given to frills.

Neither social duties nor public engagements would distract him from his task.

His concern would not be with the piping on his waistcoat; the red filigree work on the city's balance sheet would require his full time.

Joking aside, the plan has merits. Citizens are exacting with their Mayor. They think he should be available for all kinds of entertainments; and the marvel is that so many Mayors appear able to respond to most demands on their presence. But the point arises: Could any one man undertake to attend all the functions at which citizens desire his presence? Consider the luncheons and the banquets. If a Mayor doesn't eat heartily at all of these his hosts think he is "sore" about something, when indigestion may be the explanation.

A better plan might be to have "interchangeable" Mayors: two men well versed in civic business and with some talent as "mixers." Then they could alternate between City Hall work and social activities; say, a month of one and a month of the other. It is doubtful that a Mayor who attended two or three luncheons and dinners each day—hastening from one to another—would seek re-election. Human nature has its limits of endurance; the digestive apparatus can be abused only so far. So, if there should be two Mayors, let it be understood that they divide the work; and observe for a year how they "stand the gaff."

## Snapshots

It would be interesting to the public to know what went on a few days ago between Dr. J. M. Cameron, district medical health officer and the finance committee of the county council in regard to the conditions at the York county jail.

What is the York County Council going to do towards remedying any unsatisfactory conditions that exist?

Do the medical health department authorities believe that when a man spends six months in jail on the menu provided by the York County Council that he is not liable, through undernourishment, to contract disease?

Do the medical authorities believe that when men are confined nine in a room, that there is no chance of some of them contracting disease?

The present jail menu, which is peculiar to York County, has for years been condemned by different County Court Judges.

The condition that exists is not the fault of the Sheriff. The control of affairs is entirely in the hands of the York County Council.

The menu at the jail could be changed without one cent extra expense to the ratepayers if proper system and management were introduced. All that the County Councilors would have to do would be to get in touch with the jail authorities at Woodstock, at Bathurst, or at any other place where civilized conditions prevail.

What are the different social service workers doing to promote better conditions at the jail? Singing hymns on Sunday afternoon is very commendable and the good people who hold service at the jail are doing their part. But there must be a more practical kind of Christianity.

You will never convert a man by singing hymns to him and then feeding him on bread and water.

Is it right for hardened offenders and mere youths to be locked up together?

## THREE THOUSAND

(Continued from Page One)

Co-operation of the Boards and superintendents of the Hospital for Sick Children and the Toronto Western Hospital was given in the taking over of the old Grace Hospital as a temporary Orthopedic Hospital for children.

## OBITUARY

WARD—Passed away in Belmont, Mass., Sept. 27, 1937. Chesley Ward. Body will arrive here, Sept. 29 and will rest at J. A. McAdam Funeral Home. Funeral will leave home at 8:50 Thursday morning. Requiem Mass at St. Dunstan's Church at 9 o'clock. Rev. Dr. J. H. Milligan, celebrant. Interment will be made at the Hermitage.

## DUMFRIES

DUMFRIES, N. B., Sept. 27—Rev. Mr. Carpenter held service in the United Baptist Church here on Sunday afternoon at 3 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mason and daughters, Virginia, Louise and Helen of Brown's Flats, spent the week-end with relatives in this place.

Miss Martha Smears of Jacquet River, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Harry Lutes. Mrs. Lutes will accompany her sister back to Jacquet River, where she will spend the winter.

Mrs. Charles Ellegood is spending a few days with friends in Watertown, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Leslie motored to Woodstock last Saturday evening.

Miss Vera G. Kelly has returned home again after spending the summer with her brother, Leonard Kelly of Southampton.

Mrs. Neil Fraser and Mrs. William Miller were calling on Mrs. Bedford Kelly on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Eliza Young of Taymouth who has been spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Harold Carson, returned to her home on Sunday last.

Mr. Duffie and Mr. John Lyons of Fredericton spent last Tuesday evening at the home of Bedford Kelly.

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## OUR BUNGLED SUBWAY

Editor Daily Mail, City.

Dear Sir:

I read with interest your article of yesterday regarding the subway menace as it exists at the corner of University Avenue and Brunswick Street. Apart from the fact that this obstruction sticks out like a sore thumb and mars the beauty of one of the prettiest sections in the city, there is a worse feature and that is the danger to automobile drivers which you explained about very clearly both in yesterday's Mail and in The Mails of some weeks ago. You told then how it would be, and so did others. The public could not expect very much of practical work from men such as Alderman McCaughey and others who are members of the Road Committee. I do not suppose that Alderman McCaughey has ever seen very many subways nor has ever been confronted with conditions such as exist at the lower end of the city, and he could not be expected to know anything about it and cannot be blamed if he does not know. His suggestion in your paper yesterday was funny. What we need is somebody connected with these affairs who knows his business. We pay more than two thousand dollars a year and the expense of a red car for a civil engineer who should be in a position to advise the City Council on matters such as this subway. The City Engineer should not have to take advice from citizens who are not engineers just because they happen to be appointed for the time being on the roads and streets committee whether they are qualified for these jobs or not. It seems that the engineer who made the plans bungled in sticking this subway twenty feet out on the street. It seems also that our city engineer made a mess of things when he allowed these plans to go by. If he was influenced by the roads and streets committee then they made the bungle. At any rate there is a bungle between the whole of them somehow. The most practical way at the present time would seem to be to tear the whole business down and rebuild it. It may cost several thousand dollars to do this, but these thousands of dollars are not so important as people's lives, and a law suit against the city as the result of a fatal or other accident at this point would soon run into money. The city will have to take some action and take it soon otherwise they are liable for trouble from the very start of traffic as everyone looks forward to a serious accident taking place at this point. It may be that a kind Providence will step in and have pity on the public who otherwise will be the victims of the bungling of our Roads and Streets Department.

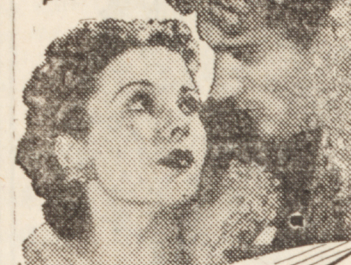
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CITIZEN.

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 28, 1937.

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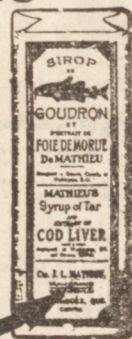
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