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Automatic Laymen, Too

One thing which this country evidently does need is a Commission for the Discouragement of Jargon. It could begin with the jargon of social uplift. It would perform useful service if it did no more than discover what strange fatality it is that draw your true sociologists into habitual dependence upon tortured phraseology. Perhaps when we learn the secret of this infatuation we shall have acquired a key that will unlock many mysteries.

For illustrative purposes a report of proceedings at the annual convention of the American Psychiatric Association at Pittsburgh may fairly be taken. Reading it over, a layman marvels not so much at the profundity of the doctors as at their odd preference for pretentious words. Thus one learned speaker informs a breathless world that "criminal or delinquent manifestations are understood to be symptomatic expressions of an action tendency that extends throughout the behavior structure of the community." Another finds that "decreasing social security" is a main factor in crime "aided by mass production methods which regiment individuals who desire to express their acquisitiveness" in rugged frontier style.

A third holds that criminals are produced by "the same egocentric philosophy" which is common to the rest of the population. He is even so bold as to assert—obviously without fear of successful contradiction—that a repetition of crime proceeds from a certain "automatic behavior pattern or set-up in the individual," that "the present highly organized, mechanized society which makes it impossible to practice these ideals of individual initiative, self-reliance and courage" is one of the most potent cases of crime.

It may be so; our quarrel is not with such conclusions so much as with the reluctance of their framers to state them in plain English. If they mean that criminals often behave as human beings because they are human beings, they should say so. If they mean that when men are hard up and cannot or will not get jobs they sometimes go collecting money with a sash weight wrapped in paper, there seems no valid reason why the meaning cannot be bluntly put. If they mean something else, they should say so in language the sociologically illiterate among us can understand.

One thing is at least certain; it doesn't ease the pain or swelling in the bump a man gets from an ex-convict's blackjack to learn that the hub of such recondite phrases the average layman's behavior pattern is also automatic. It is likely to manifest itself in that queer combination of oral dissonances sometimes referred to as the Bronx cheer.

Shun Politics, Editor Warns

Some time in the future the Royal Society of Canada might have cause for regret if it established the precedent of admitting Canadians to fellowships for political service. B. K. Sandwell warned that body last evening.

"Of course, we welcome and are proud of the membership of such men as Chief Justice N. W. Rowell, Sir Robert Borden and others, but if a political upheaval comes and one of the newer parties gets control and the Premier of that Government demands representation, what then?" he asked.

The danger, he suggested at a banquet in Hart House, attended by more than 200 members and guests of the society, would be in the quite probable undermining of one of the society's most cherished traditions—the preservation of respect for knowledge for knowledge's sake.

Greetings from the parent Royal Society in England were brought by Sir Henry Dale, director of the National Institute of Medical Research. Principal H. J. Cody extended the University of Toronto's welcome, which was replied to by Lawrence J. Burpee, President of the Society.

Five Million Have Leprosy

There are 5,000,000 people afflicted with leprosy in the world today, according to Rev. Dr. G. Gushue-Taylor, who arrived in Toronto recently from Formosa, where he is head of the Happy Mount leper colony. Although the disease appeared to be on the increase, this impression might be due to the efforts now being made to go out and find victims of leprosy.

Formosa had 5,000 of the world's total of lepers, he said. Fifty-nine of this number were in the Happy Mount colony. He explained that it was not an official church colony, although it was assisted by gifts from Churches of several denominations and the Formosa Government.

"The best way to attack leprosy is to segregate it," said he. "Canada has the right plan. The first thing we try to do in Formosa is to put the afflicted ones in the best sanitary conditions. Then we use hydnocarpus oil injections, with creosote or iodine."

P. O. Shy of Girl Clerks

Shortage of girl applicants has caused the use of men clerks, contrary to custom, in various branch postoffices throughout London. When women clerks were first used by the British Postoffice—their hiring was described as a daring experiment. Now they are far in the majority. Some time ago the men employees petitioned the management to give their sex 50-50 representation in the postoffices. This was refused. Postoffice employment in Britain is not only a stamp and money order selling job, since the post-office runs both the telegraphs and the telephones.

The Postoffice administration has authorized employment of feminine workers on a temporary basis, without examination and with the understanding that employment under such circumstances gives no claim to a permanent job, to pension, or to any of the other rights secured by law to the holders of civil service posts. But girls who make good in the temporary jobs will be considered for permanent employment if they can qualify under civil service rules. The association of women government employees looks askance on this temporary employment, scenting the possibility of the old spoils system, long banned from the British civil service, making its reappearance.—London Ex.

SNAPSHOTS

There is a man in Nova Scotia who built a large motor boat in his cellar. After he had finished his motor boat he had to take away the cellar wall to get it out into the lake.

A similar thing happened at the corner of Brunswick and St. John Streets. A man built a garage behind one of the large shade elms on the corner. Now the city has had to cut down a beautiful elm tree which has stood on the corner for a century in order to get the car into the man's garage.

Nature has done much for this city in the way of giving us trees. Our early settlers deserve credit for planting trees along the streets. Our present authorities should not try to butcher the trees or allow anyone else to butcher them. What do these chaps know about trees anyway.

Some of these foreign element who run about the country in cars and trucks doing business on Sunday should be checked up. They should be glad to be allowed to live in this country, without violating our laws.

It is nothing less than a scandal that the Trustees of Schools have to send out of Fredericton to fill vacancies on our school staff. We must have a mighty poor system of teaching or else those who go through High School and Normal School must all be the dumbbells when the School Board has to send out for qualified teachers. Personally we believe our home product can compare favourably as teachers with any importations however well qualified the latter may be.

R.C.M.P. Men

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cision of these experts. These men in the background at the Imperial Conference who have supplied all the data, experience and advice that forms most of the stories that have come out of this London gathering are individuals who have no open political ideas, but who work for the Canadian public for financial returns far below their actual worth. The four Civil Servants at the Imperial gathering are O. D. Skelton, Loring Christie, John Read and Norman Robertson, and it is no secret that Canada is envied by the other delegates because the Dominion possesses such brilliant experts to assist the Canadian Ministers.

O. D. Skelton, who is deputy Minister of External Affairs, is unquestionably one of the most eminent economists in the world. He held the position as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in a Canadian university, acted as an editor, and otherwise engaged in work which paid him far more than he gets from the public treasury for much harder work. It was not politics that gave him his present position which he has occupied since 1921, but actual ability which has been recognized officially by Prime Minister King and Hon. R. B. Bennett. Loring Christie sacrificed an important position in the State Department at Washington to accept a call from his native country. His experiences date back to the Versailles Treaty when he acted as right-hand man to Sir Robert Borden. John Read, who is recognized as one of the ablest counsellors who ever entered the Civil Service, has often been offered positions that would have paid him far greater returns, yet he has remained in the service of the Department of External Affairs for many years.

Finally, Norman Robertson, who gave up a position in the Economics Department at Harvard University, to enter the Civil Service of the Canadian Government, is actually receiving a salary exactly half of that which he was paid by Harvard University.

Of course, this column can mention other examples which illustrate that it is a fallacy or misconception to assume that Civil Service of Canada is an overpaid body, yet year after year experienced observers in Ottawa come face to face with the same erroneous impression on the part of Canadians in all ranks.

It is a long time since Ottawa's official circles have shown such open display of optimism about matters of trade or industry, and this spirit of business recovery has caused considerable action in every endeavour in the commercial life of the country.

The latest activity has centred for some months in the cattle-raising situation of Canada, and officials have revealed some startling results to this column.

It appears that eighteen months ago cattle-raising in Canada had reached a very low position, even to the point of complete stagnation. However, action was instituted by the officials, and through their efforts in the now famous Ottawa Agreements and the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States, which had permitted the dropping of the tariff from three to two cents a pound, the live cattle export trade had jumped up in an almost unbelievable manner. In 1934, only 6,341 head of cattle and 226 calves crossed the bor-

OUR MAIL BAG

TAG DAYS, ETC.

Fredericton,
May 29th, 1937.
City.

The Editor, Daily Mail,
City.

Dear Sir:

Last Saturday was tag day for the Protestant Orphans in this city. This Saturday Salvation Army, also a worthy object. The writer is of the opinion there should be given permission for all these tag days, perhaps there is, but there is no indication in the press. Is this just another instance of the sloppy way this village is carrying on.

You might make a few well chosen remarks on this. Also street signs are few and far between. This was not always so.

Of course in a village of two or three streets, every one knows where each one lives, and street names are not required, but the Celestial City with 10,000 inhabitants should progress more in some respects.

Yours truly,
TAXPAYER.

AN "OUTRAGE"

Fredericton, N. B.,
May 31st, 1937

Editor, The Daily Mail:

Dear Sir,—An "outrage" has been committed—the U. N. B. graduates' pet cannon has been removed from its sacred resting place in the field back of the Forestry Building. Foul play is suspected. In the mud are the tell-tale marks of the dastardly deed, where some slippery Shylock of the scrap-iron trade has hitched his despicable nag and dragged it ignominiously forth, as one would twitch a log for the woods.

Our beloved cannon has been unceremoniously spirited away to some foul junkyard to be shipped heaven only knows where to make a more up-to-date engine of destruction to slaughter our youth in the next war. All this for a few paltry cents, and what are a few cents compared with the noble purpose the cannon serves?—to herald the beginning of a new life for the graduating class.

As a student of U. N. B., I feel that I am voicing the opinion of students and graduates alike in asking that the arm of the law be extended to punish the perpetrators of this foul felony.

Yours truly,
—W. H.

Gov't Liner

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vessel 332 feet in length with a gross tonnage of 3,946. She was built in 1929 and formerly was called the Infante Don Jaime.)

The Statement

The ministry's statement said: "A submarine of unknown nationality in the proximity of Barcelona launched two torpedoes against the Spanish merchant ship Zorroza this morning. At 1:30 p.m., the same submarine, waiting in readiness, torpedoed the merchant ship Ciudad de Barcelona. This ship was struck by one of the torpedoes which caused it to sink. Two hydroplanes which were protecting the Ciudad de Barcelona fired against the submarine, which had not appeared above the surface."

Officials said no information was available concerning possible loss of life in the sinking.

der to the United States, while for the first few months of his year over 50,000 animals have already been shipped to the American markets, and experts predict that it will reach the figure of 200,000 before the year is finished.

This revival of trade for the Canadian cattlemen by the expert handling of the situation by governmental agencies which brought about the lowering of the American tariff and the easing of the British slaughtering rules shows the value and necessity of such action in modern commerce.

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The Editor, Daily Mail,
City.

Dear Sir:

In almost every paper you pick up these days, you read something about Communism. Last week I read where the Anglican Synod held a session in London, Ont. The article stated that Judge S. W. Morley of Owen Sound, called for vigorous action on the part of the Anglican Church, and united effort of all Protestants against what he called this menace of Communism, but if Communism is such a terrible thing, and is so strongly opposed to every kind of religion, I am told they don't even believe in a God! why is it that now like in a place like Fredericton here, we never hear a word about it nor against it in any of the churches? I read the notices of the Sunday services, and what the subject of the sermon is to be, but I don't remember of ever seeing anything about Communism.

I have been told that in a country where they get in to power, the first thing they do is to burn the churches, or turn them into warehouses or barns, and kill the ministers and priests. Of course, this may not be true, but I guess it is true that they teach there is no God, and you can live just about as you like. Now that's a terrible kind of a doctrine, and from what the papers say they're teaching that right here in this country and getting lots of people to believe it too, I guess. Now if these Communists ever get in to power here, I suppose they would do just about the same as they do in other places, regarding the churches and religion. I mean burn the churches or take them over for some other purpose, and kill the ministers and priests. Wouldn't that be an awful thing, to destroy our beautiful churches, murder our clergymen, maybe make factories out of our churches. Of course I suppose they wouldn't be needed any more, as they don't believe in God, and I guess don't let the people believe that either, but now what I can't understand is if things are apt to turn out that way, and the clergymen know that, just why is it that they seem so unconcerned about it, and don't ever say a word against it. It seems to me if I was in a business where the foundation of it was being undermined and weakened by some competitors who wanted to get the upper hand of me or perhaps put me out of business altogether, I'd put up a fight of some kind against him, not let him have it all his own way. It seems to me now in these days when young people are kind of easy-minded regarding religion and want to get along the smoothest way, it won't be such a hard job for these Communists to make people believe their way. Now that's another reason why the clergy should come out and fight them.

We've been listening for years to them preaching the Word of God, we know it now just about as well as they do, and it's a teaching you can't improve on either, when that old teaching is gone, what is there for us to live for? But right now give it a little different twist from the old fashioned way. Show these young people that these big scientists who teach there is no God, and such un-Christian doctrines, are only little fellows after all, and that they have allowed their thinking to be limited by what they see on a glass plate under a microscope. Show them that science does not explain everything, that it doesn't destroy religion and do away with God, that science and religion don't clash. Of course, to them there is no religion, but convince them to the opposite, because when they lose religion they're an easy victim for the Communists.

Maybe Communism is not so bad as we think but any kind of doctrine that destroys a belief in God is about the worst kind in my opinion, and it's up to His Ministers here on earth to defend God, and His laws. They should be the leaders against anything that teaches an opposite doctrine and it's no use in waiting until the Communists come to make the fight, it's now while they are still outside the church doors, for

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then it will be too late, they'll be on the inside, and the ministers and their flocks will be on the outside. I would say that it's worth while thinking about and the sooner the better.

We might be doing the right thing perhaps, if just now while the danger is the greatest, when the seed is being sown of this Communism, if we would let up a little on the mission work in China and India, and all the countries where we have been sending missionaries, and while I know the Gospel must be preached in every land and souls are of equal value everywhere, there is an old saying that charity begins at home, and another, that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, and then there is that old and determined slogan of our Empire—What we have we'll hold, and it seems to me for a while it would be better to try and hold on to the souls we have, than be doing a lot of uphill work trying to convert the heathen like the dog and the bone, dropping the substance for the shadow. The care of the flock lies with the shepherd; the clergymen are the shepherds upon whom their flock relies for that care spiritually. If their religion is in danger, if its enemy will rob them of their church and all connected with it, it is his duty to prevent this, if it is in his power to do so. That the Communists will do this we have every reason to believe. Flocks are in danger, the wolf is in sight. The shepherds are not hirelings, but the time has come to keep him at bay. United effort of all denominations is necessary if Communism is to be checked.

—A CHRISTIAN.

Canada Must

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world's knowledge of mass air movements.

Opportunity in Arctic

Canada has, in the Arctic regions, a very great opportunity, possibly the greatest in the world, to investigate the origin and the structure of the cold air masses, and the development of the radio meteorograph brings this investigation into the realms of possibility without undue expense, he pointed out.

Last year Canada co-operated with the United States in an attempt to study these masses built up in the

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Arctic regions, he said, and he paid high tribute to three pilots of the Royal Air Force who made daily airplane ascents from Fort Smith from the 10th of October to the 23rd of March to obtain data.

"To go up under winter conditions and the cold they had to contend with, 125 days without a single miss, sometimes being forced down to get the ice off their wings, and in all kinds of weather, is, I think, a record that it would be difficult to excel," he said.



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