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OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

IN THE COURSE of an excellent editorial on our school system, the Sackville Tribune says:

All over this province there seems to be an educational awakening. There is a realization that in some respects at least our school system has fallen down; it has not kept pace with changing conditions. The system was probably all right in the ox-cart age but it is far from being adequate in this age of motor cars, paved roads and flying machines.

At one time the idea was that education was for the few, not for the many. The prevailing opinion was that the ruling classes should be educated, while the governed, the rank and file, should not be enlightened but should always be hewers of wood and drawers of water. The trend of some of our universities seems to be towards educational isolation and exclusiveness. They are too much wrapped up in themselves and in the so-called higher education.

But the outlook is changing. Educational leaders are realizing that we have been all wrong. We have been building up a system which produced doctors, lawyers and ministers, while the educational needs of the rank and file have been given scant attention. We need professional men, of course, but we need an enlightened and educated people far more. The governing principle should always be the greatest good to the greatest number. If we adopt this principle we will be standing on firm and solid ground. We will be getting away from educational bigotry and pharisaism, with the result that within a decade the New Brunswick outlook will be changed; we'll be looking forward rather than marking time or going backward.

Once and for all our people must be taught the dignity of labor. This false idea that a professional man is any better than a farmer, a mechanic or a laborer should be knocked in the head. A surgeon cuts off a man's leg and probably gets a fifty dollar fee. A carpenter saws through a wooden beam and receives a quarter of a dollar. Both are mechanical operations, both have to be done carefully. The fame of the surgeon may go far and wide, while only a small circle of friends know that the carpenter exists. In my judgment it takes as much ability to be a good mechanic as it does to be a good surgeon, doctor, lawyer or journalist, but the tendency is to look down upon the man who works with his hands, while the professional man is unduly exalted. We carry around too many false notions, too many foolish ideas about aristocracy and caste. Handsome is that handsome does.

It has been suggested that a non-political board should be appointed to control the schools of each county in the province. These boards would hire the teachers with a view to securing the highest efficiency. Each school district would have to have trustees, but these would not have the power to chisel down salaries, to close schools in order to cut down expenses or to reduce the efficiency of the school by employing third grade teachers.

The proposal is to continue the country schools, but only up to the sixth grade. When a pupil is eligible to enter Grade Seven, he will go to the Regional School in his parish.

Of course a cry will go up that the new system will be more expensive, that the already down-trodden taxpayer will be crushed to earth. I sympathize with the feelings of the man, who is now asked to pay, pay, pay, but there is another side to the matter. If boys and girls receive a more practical education, there will be fewer people in after years who will become parish charges. Surely it is better business to spend money to teach boys and girls how to earn a living than it is to provide Municipal Homes for the derelicts of society. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Properly train the rising generation today and the people of tomorrow will take care of themselves.

As a matter of fact the new system will not add materially to our taxes so we needn't become unduly alarmed. But even if the expense was a little more the results would be worth it. If our children are to be educated by the province then let us do the job well, not half do it.

OUR JAMAICA MARKET

IMPORTS INTO JAMAICA from Canada of canned fruits during the first half of 1937 were equal to almost 80 per cent. of imports from the Dominion of these commodities in the entire year 1936, writes Mr. F. L. Caserly, Office of the Canadian Trade Commissioner at Kingston, Jamaica, in the forthcoming issue of the Commercial Intelligence Journal. Canned fruits are not separately shown in the import statistics, but are included in the category "jams, jellies, and preserved fruits", of which total imports during the six months ending June 30, 1937, totalled 272,623 pounds (£6,516), of which the United States supplied 120,050 pounds (£3,069); the United Kingdom, 101,867 pounds (£2,492); Canada 22,865 pounds (£483); Japan, 10,161 pounds (£142); and Hongkong, 8,525 pounds (£141). Only small supplies were brought in from other countries. Imports from the United Kingdom were principally jams; from the United States and Canada, canned fruits; and from Hongkong and China, specialties used by the local Chinese community. Japan supplied canned fruits and some jams.

Canned vegetables are included in the customs classification "vegetables, dried, canned, or preserved", imports of which in the six months ending June 30, 1937, were 66,840 pounds (£750), the United States supplying 36,246 pounds (£287); Canada, 24,631 pounds (£297); the United Kingdom, 4,109 pounds (£101); and Belgium, 1,174 pounds (£41).

The market in Jamaica for canned fruits and vegetables is essentially a luxury one because plentiful supplies of fresh tropical fruits and vegetables are available all the year round for consumption by the masses of the people. The demand, however, appears to be slowly increasing, the outlook for peaches, pears, peas, and tomatoes being exceptionally good.

Snapshots

There is a young man who has written for the address of the college girl who gave the would-be robber the upper cut and then tripped him up and got her purse back. They say that the young lady is engaged and we are not going to spoil any romances. So we won't give the name. But she is a nice girl.

The young man wants to know what a girl was doing in a graveyard at night. We might explain that in Fredericton one of our city streets runs through a cemetery and is frequented by all people, including the police at odd times.—We have seen police there.

We have not received any "sassy" from Devon for nearly three days.

If you remember the time when the railway trains ran out Westmorland street you look younger with your hat on.

If a dog bites a man it's not news. If a motorist sues a pedestrian for running into his car as was reported in the paper yesterday, it is news.

An old City blue book for 1868 which we have in front of us, gives the following salaries: City clerk, \$180; City treasurer, \$400; City policemen \$1.00 per day. How would you like to try and live on these amounts today?

It is to be hoped that the high water does not interfere with the bridge crib work. But the Richardson people should have been through and away from there long ago.

Stupid people with nothing but unlimited gall can make an awful bungle of things when they are placed in charge and yet these people manage to get by. We witnessed an exhibition of incompetency this week which reminded us of this truth.

Are the postal authorities at Ottawa going to continue to hold mail for Chipman and Minto, in the post office here over night, when this mail should go out on the express train at seven o'clock in the evening. This is about as reasonable as the C. N.R. hauling goods via McGivney Junction for Fredericton away around by Moncton and Saint John and up the Valley to this city, when they could land it at Devon and transport it across the highway bridge to this city by truck. These people do not seem to care a darn about the public interest.

JAPANESE

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Toronto interview in which he said Japanese fishing villages in British Columbia contained Nipponese naval officers.
Mayor George C. Miller of Vancouver said that everyone in British Columbia had heard of a "so-called espionage system by the Japanese for fully 20 years."

SECRET

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loyes, Robert De la Motte de St. Pierre, well-to-do young Parisian, and M. and Mme. Juchereau, operators of a quiet boarding house here.

In the Juchereau establishment officials said they found 100,000 cartridges, many of them specially designed for use against airplanes; a supply of latest-model automatic rifles; 500 sub-machine guns—the biggest contraband stock of such weapons ever discovered in one place in France—and a number of machine guns with anti-aircraft sights.

The house was little more than a cover for a system of secret passages. In the cellar, a jerk on a string which lay along a shelf full of dust-covered bottles caused a wall to swing noiselessly around.

Beyond lay what happened to be a central headquarters, equipped with telephones, microphones and megaphones.

What all this meant was not clear. When the existence of La Cagoule was first revealed following four arrests on Sept. 12, it was believed its chief objective was to smuggle arms to insurgent Spain. Subsequent disclosures, however, point to wider and more serious aims.

The society is known to be opposed to Leftism. Its members are thought to be mainly former adherents of the semi-military leagues dissolved by the Popular Front government.

DIED

MCCUTCHEON — Passed away at Victoria Public Hospital, Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 17, 1937. Joseph Albert McCutcheon, aged 80 years. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon, Nov. 19. Prayers at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Vida Wilby, 379 Saunders Street at 2.30 o'clock. Service at George Street Baptist Church at 3 o'clock. Rev. John Linton will conduct the service. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery.

MURRAY — Passed away at Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 17, 1937. Miss Sarah Murray, aged 90 years. Prayers at the J. A. McAdam Funeral Home at 6 o'clock this evening by Rev. Dr. George E. Ross. The remains will be taken to Newcastle at 7 o'clock. Service at the Presbyterian Church, Newcastle, Friday afternoon, Nov. 19. Rev. Mr. Purcell will officiate at the service. Interment will be made at Newcastle.

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JAPAN

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Seizure of Hainan Island would place Japan in a position to dominate the entire French Indo-China coast. The island, part of Kwangtung province, lies across the Gulf of Tongking from Haiphong, chief French port in the Orient.

It was understood that the French Government has ordered an immediate cessation of arms shipments into China until the situation can be clarified.

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