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The Temporary Road

IN the opinion of a large number of citizens, especially those having business down-river and those residing in the east end of the city, the roads and streets committee of the City Council seem to be taking their time in regard to having temporary traffic opened on the street leading to Queen Street from Waterloo Row and running through the new subway area. Two months ago this street was closed to traffic in order that the subway made necessary in connection with the work on the new C.N.R. bridge might be constructed. When the roadway to and from down-river was closed traffic was diverted by a detour running out Church street and down George and Charlotte streets, Brunswick street, King street and Queen street all of which converge at University Avenue, was cut off by this detour.

Considerable adverse criticism is being expressed in regard to the fact that after two months this through highway connection has not been opened up. Alderman McCaughey states that the contractors for the subway are responsible for the opening up of this traffic. He is chairman of the Roads and Streets Committee and states while it is the duty of the city to keep the streets in condition after the subway has been completed, that it is up to the contractors of the railway bridge to replace the street in the condition in which it was originally when they started the erection of the subway. Alderman McCaughey states that the contractors for the subway had promised the City Engineer and himself that this matter would be attended to at once, but nothing has been done so far. More than a week ago workmen employed on this subway were taken away and today the work is idle. It would only take an hour or less with the present condition of the roadway at the subway to make a temporary highway through from Brunswick street and Queen street on to Waterloo Row. No one expects to have the road paved just now.

This main artery is not only of use to the citizens but it is also the outlet for tourists and other travellers in and out of the city. Tourists and others are put to considerable inconvenience finding their way in and out of this city after they strike the detour at the corner of Church street.

It is up to Alderman McCaughey and his Roads and Streets Committee and to the City Engineer, who is getting a good salary, to see that this unnecessary inconvenience at the new subway is remedied at once. There is no use in Alderman McCaughey trying to put the matter over onto the railway contractors. Alderman McCaughey represents the citizens and it is his duty as a representative of the citizens to get busy and see that the contractors put this road back in the condition in which they got it and now that they are delaying in the construction, to have a temporary highway constructed at once through the subway area. This is no hardship to the contractors as the work can be done at very little cost and in very little time. We can't build a bridge without inconvenience. But this condition is not necessary.

Speaking about another matter, yesterday a new resident in the city of Fredericton stated that the residents and ratepayers of this city put up with more inconvenience and nonsense than any other place that he has ever lived in. He gave the School Board matter as an instance. They are content, he said, to let things drift and "let George do it." As an instance of this it is doubtful whether Alexandria street has been scraped for three months. There is a foot and a half bump on this street caused by the installation of a water pipe into the house of a new resident of that place. Automobiles bump over this every day and nobody takes enough interest to care whether the public is inconvenienced or not. That's just our mentality. It would be a good idea for Alderman McCaughey and his road committee to get busy and remedy some of this.

Franco Content To Be 'Back-Stage'

THERE is nothing on record to indicate General Francisco Franco's feelings on Sino-Japanese developments in that direction, or that he is taking his cue from his elders in the business of dictatorship and being discreetly silent. Professional jealousy, one should imagine, would make him resentful of Japan's stealing the spotlight to the extent that the Shanghai clash has done. But from the reports of recent successes he must be secretly, at least, well pleased with the shift of eyes eastward.

Having renewed the Santander offensive on the Biscay coast the insurgents were credited with "sweeping through dozens of towns" in a grand fashion in one day's operations. On the second their forces extended their gains twelve miles and a half to the important defense town of Reinos, assuming control of heavy ammunition plants there. And on the third more towns fell easily before a rush that is reported to have grossed 15,000 prisoners, more or less, the less being a conservative 2,000 loyalist troops.

But the world's distraction does not seem to have been as complete as the General might have hoped. It appears that trouble in the East has served to remind Britain, along with the careless action of a few submarines, of trouble nearer home. In consequence the Mediterranean fleet has been given orders to "shoot to sink" any craft interfering with British merchant vessels. Almost simultaneously the Valencia and Madrid press, preoccupied with domestic affairs and between-times clashes among the parties to the loyalist United Front, has started bellowing for "offensives" to relieve the pressure on Santander.

To be sure these need not greatly interfere with the General's plans. After all, he can keep his submarines away from British shipping without imprilling his cause. The loyalist newspaper offensives are not credited with any great gains through his lines. What he has to hope for is that the distraction will not spread, that nothing like a cessation of Far Eastern fireworks will occur to release diplomatic minds for deferred business affairs, such as guaranteeing non-intervention in Spain's "civil war" and the withdrawal of "volunteers." Professional jealousy is probably at a discount in the present state of military exchanges. General Franco, we suspect, is willing to do without the spotlight.

SNAPSHOTS

There is urgent need to have the dying cow fire whistle and the entire fire alarm system fixed so that when an alarm is rung in that people can get an idea of what it is and where the fire is. The last few alarms including that of this morning were so balled up that many people did not know where the fire was. This is not of much service to business men residing on the outskirts of the city and having property on Queen street nor is it much of a service to the firemen. There is absolutely no reason why our fire alarm like lots of other things should be allowed to drift.

But we let the School Board do as they wish. We let the Police Commission do the same. We let the Roads and Streets Committee fall down on their job. It may be that we have come to the conclusion that we do not care a darn whether there is a fire alarm or not. Let her burn!

In any city the people will get the amount of public service that they wish, and that with which they are willing to put up. Sometimes we need a good shaking.

At the present time we are the laughing stock of the country in regard to our standing for the School Board and Police Commission rot.

One otherwise level headed citizen says about the Closed Door School Board, "But we have always had it that way." What about that kind of a mentality. Will it ever get us anywhere? We are satisfied with the memories of the past. The placid river running by our door is a mirror of our mind, and we are content with our lot. That's why we allow smarter people to put it over us. We are liberal in thought but conservative in action. We are willing to drift, like a lot of pikers.

We do not care to hear all this stuff. But it is not true about all of us whether we like it or not.

NEWCASTLE

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Chatham, where strikers last night stoned men unloading salt from a freighter at the Chatham wharf of W. S. Loggie Co., Ltd.

The work continued under police protection today without further interruption. An official said the action was precipitated by "irresponsible" younger members of the New Brunswick Farmer-Labor Union. Union officers called upon the men to maintain peaceful picketing.

FRENCH POLITICS

It is essential to know the names of a few French politicians when you are in France, if only to hold your own in the repartee and invective of the street. For example, if you refuse money to a French beggar, he is sure to shout after you that you are undoubtedly a member of whatever political party he suspects is trying to deliver France into the hands of her enemies. (All the political parties are trying to do that, I find in reading the various Paris papers.)

In such a case all you have to do is shout back at your heckler the name of whatever politician spring to mind: "Laval! Daladier! Flandin! Cheron!" Since all French party leaders are unpopular, even with their own followers, the names of any of them will serve very handsily as epithets and are much stronger than pig, dog, cow, kind of sausage, name of a name, etc. If you are able to bandy the nicknames of the various politicians, so much the better. These nicknames from an important phase of public life in the French republic and deserve a paragraph of their own.

Almost every one of the 30 daily papers in Paris has an editorial writer or two famous for thinking up nicknames for French politicians. Ridicule has for centuries been the strongest weapon of political assault in France, leading violence by about half a head, and many a man has been ruined, I am told, by an adroitly bitter nickname, applied to him by some journalist or political opponent at the proper moment in his career.

Once in a while the people as a whole apply the nickname (France is a race of wags), in which case the malheureux (the poor sap) is likely to be laughed out of public life in no time. Even if he survives, his dignity and importance are forever lessened.

Take the case of M. Albert Lebrun now President of France. Shortly after he took office he posed for the sound reels with his family, which included a tiny grandchild, which began to cry as the cameras ground—and the sound apparatus recorded. M. Lebrun bounced the infant up and down on his knee, saying over and over again, for all France to hear, "Pooh, pooh—pooh, pooh" ("Pooh, in French is 'pouh,' but it's pronounced the same way).

It was pointed out that the provincial government had appointed the Fair Wage Board to handle just such matters as the labor questions complained about the strikers. In fact at the very moment that the strike was inaugurated the Fair Wage Board was making an endeavor to have matters adjusted and had passed an order aimed at relieving the difficulty and giving satisfaction to the men.

OUR MAIL BAG

HISTORY OF ST. ANTHONY'S

The Editor of The Daily Mail,
Dear Sir:

The parishioners of St. Anthony's Parish of Devon are truly grateful for the historical information of your editorial of yesterday. A meeting may be called to correct the many errors in the parish register as recorded by former pastors and give due credit to its benefactors.

I agree with the Editor in his complimentary remarks of the Hayes family; they are among the best of our parishioners. We are indebted to them in one way or another, probably the Editor is likewise. There are many branches of the Hayes family in Devon and they are that class of people who have always had the welfare of the church first and foremost in their view. Nevertheless there is not one of them that would wish to attribute to himself a credit not his due.

Of course we have always known that Mr. and Mrs. James Hayes, whose memories are justly enshrined in the memories of the congregation, from several hundred acres of land that they then owned gave Fr. Kiernan one or one and one half acres upon which to build his little church and rectory. It cost \$400 to drain it, and years of free labor to clear it. Mr. Hayes was the kind of man that did not think any more of giving that little piece of land from his vast estate, to Fr. Kiernan than one of us would think of giving a quarter to a poor man. He would smile if he thought it were to receive a half column editorial fifty years afterwards as the older inhabitants, knowing all the circumstance, must have smiled when reading it. Barney Breen gave 100 acres to the church, and no tablet is raised to his memory. Mrs. Bridget McDonald gave \$1,000 and every parishioner in Devon gave hard labor or hard cash for the upbuilding of the parish.

The records of the church say that Fr. Ryan paid \$600 for part of the present parish property and it is not very large. The parish historian says that in later years Rev. Joseph Hayes gave from his own share of the estate a piece of land to straighten out the road, but the historical editor says, "no his father gave everything."

Mr. Hughes made the same offer to Fr. Kiernan that Mr. Hayes did, but he could only accept one.

The church records tell us again that Fr. Kiernan resided in the home of Miss Theresa Hughes while the church and rectory were being built and that the Bishop and priests were entertained there on the day of the blessing of the church—but the editorial says this is not true. No mention is made in the records of two assistants that Fr. Kiernan had in later years. This is news.

Three weeks ago another member of the Hayes family donated a generous sum to the church but he would be chagrined if it were paraded publicly. Three months ago, a lady gave over \$500 to the church improvement fund. I won't say how much over on account of the income tax collector. How many of the congregation have given and are giving amounts that would purchase 25 acres of fifty years ago. They believe in the ancient mandate of God given to the Jews, "Give one-seventh of your time to God and one-tenth of your material earnings and you will have prosperity." Don't you? Little Mary Murphy gives \$1 a week and sometimes makes a mistake by putting a \$5 in her envelope. Many others do the same.

Why put a halo round the 2 acre lot that Mr. Hayes donated. He and his children would be the last to wish any more than a passing notation.

When my twenty page "Fifty Years a Parish" comes from the Press, I shall be glad to present a copy to the archives of the Daily Mail for future historical reference.

Yours truly,

W. M. DONAHOE.
Devon, N. B., August 24th, 1937.

(NOTE.—The above is amusing but it does not successfully contradict the facts contained in The Daily Mail of yesterday. There was nothing in The Daily Mail's editorial to call forth this outburst. It is hardly dignified on the part of a gentleman holding the position occupied by the present pastor of St. Anthony's church. The Editor of The Daily Mail does not need any historical lessons from the writer of the above letter.—Editor, Daily Mail.)

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Northern Ontario to a selected group of fifty designed to fit them for positions in the mining industry. Instruction will be give in mine surveying, drafting, assaying, mineralogy and other subjects for a period of about six months.

3. Rural training, providing practical courses in subjects related to agriculture for young men. These courses will be established in various parts of the Province under the direction of the Provincial Department of Agriculture. There will also be courses for rural young women in homecraft, household economics and other suitable subjects. Through the Provincial Agriculture Representatives provision is being made to give 500 young men training in farm work by placing them with carefully selected farmers throughout the Province who agree to furnish adequate training and instruction in farming. This is not only a farm placement plan but is designed to train young men to follow agricultural pursuits.

4. Industrial apprenticeship and learnership, to help train young men or women in skilled or semi-skilled employment by paying the cost of their instruction either in special classes in technical schools or in periods of instruction in the shop or factory. This cost may include (1) the actual cost of the tuition given; (2) travelling expenses for those who have to attend classes away from their home; (3) payment to the young people of an allowance in lieu of wages while attending classes or undergoing instruction on the job or in the shop or factory. In the case of learners at least 60 per cent. of the combined wage and instruction allowance must be paid by the employer. This project will be promoted by a staff of especially appointed and qualified officers to canvass employers of the Province, and is under the direction of the Provincial Department of Labor.

Will Assist Women
5. Women's specialized training. Schools for training household workers will be established in some of the larger cities of the Province with a qualified staff in charge and under the supervision of an honorary committee of women representing local organizations. The schools may be

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6. Urban technical occupational training. To provide courses of practical training in the technical schools and elsewhere to help young people fit themselves for employment opportunities in the area. Some of these courses will be used in connection with the apprenticeship and learnership project.

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