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Will India's Women Vote?

Under provisions of the Government of India Act, enacted in 1935, 30,000,000 enfranchised Indians will, on various dates before the end of February, elect Legislative Assemblies and Councils for eleven Provinces of British India. Of these new voters 5,000,000 are women, and this provides perhaps the most interesting feature of the new condition.

What will the women of India do with the franchise? One of the great aims of Western philanthropy and social service has been improvement of the condition of Indian women. An extensive literature has grown around this subject. If the franchise is granted unconditionally to women there arises at once the caste issue. If the "untouchables"—the lowest class—are enfranchised it may be taken for granted that purdah women, accustomed to centuries of seclusion, will scorn the new privilege. In fact, the likelihood is that they will scorn it under any conditions. Higher-caste men of India are keen politicians, but, so far as the women folk are concerned, the ancient ways of the East, though weakening, still are strongly entrenched.

Even in Occidental countries, where women are familiar with the franchise, they have not, except on rare occasions, shown great enthusiasm for the hard-won right to mark ballots on election day. Throughout the world there will be keen interest in observing what these 5,000,000 Indian women do with the right to vote.

In fact, this whole experiment in autonomous government provides a great deal of scope for speculation. Five thousand candidates are nominated for the 1,845 seats to be filled in Assemblies and Councils. There are Communist parties and extreme conservative parties, the Congress Party with candidates in every Province, urging political independence of Britain. If the men go to the polls, there will be revealed by secret ballot more clearly than ever before what is in the mind of these sections of the "silent East" regarding national status, and especially association with the British Empire.

Futility of Conference

Admitting, in relation to the proposal that President Roosevelt be asked to invite a world conference on peace, that he was not sure such a discussion would achieve any good, and might make matters a great deal worse than they are, Right Hon. Mackenzie King added this comment:

"Our generation is gone a little mad on the question of conferences, it seems to me. A conference is a very convenient way of appearing to do something, while in reality very little is being achieved. The more I see of conferences, the less patience I am coming to have with them."

Concurrence in Mr. King's opinion doubtless will be fairly general, for the public has grown skeptical regarding such meetings, wherever and for whatever ostensible purpose they are held.

Yet the idea behind the international conference is an excellent one. It was put into effect first as an attempt to find a more efficient substitute for pre-war diplomacy, whose machinations were held largely responsible for the disaster of 1914-18.

Experience has shown, however, that, valuable as such talks may be held in theory, they are productive of little tangible benefit in practice. One has only to recall the abortive peace parleys, arms limitation debates, naval reduction discussions and trade and tariff conferences to realize this.

And the reasons for failure are by no means obscure. The principle underlying the international conference is, of course, that of internationalism, while the spirit actuating most leading nations during recent years has been that of increasing nationalism. Obviously the two can reach no agreement.

International talks can be of practical use only when those participating have a common end in view; but it has been apparent in the past that many of the delegates to international conferences have had in mind, not the greatest possible good for all, but of gaining some advantage, at whatever cost to others, for the individual nations they represent.

And if the time should come in the near future when all countries alike are sincerely interested in making concessions for the sake of universal peace and prosperity, a conference would not be necessary to make the idea fruitful.

In the Good Old Winter Time

Nowhere are Canadians seen to better advantage than when enjoying their winter sports. Given seasonable weather, with an adequate snowfall, skiers, tobogganers and skaters are in happy mood. And for the curlers, social engagements must yield to an evening at the roarin' game. For those in ordinarily good health winter is the building-up season, when "putting on weight" is regarded as an accompaniment to outdoor air and outdoor sports. The time has passed when the appellation "Our Lady of the Snows" is resented by Canadians. The complaint is that some winters see a scarcity of snow.

The real thrill of skating is found on the great stretches of river when the ice is smooth and clear, and with the occasional bonfire along the banks marking resting places. The journey up may be against the wind, but coming back—ah, then comes the joy of speed with little effort. Unfortunately, this river condition is only occasional, but the skater who has enjoyed it knows the real meaning of outdoor exercise in Canada.

After an evening of skating, on river or indoors, there will be no dread of insomnia and vitamins will seem as something vague and theoretical. Young Canada especially is in its finest flower during the winter months; but Young Canada requires more snow and ice than there have been hereabouts this season. Still, there remain February and March, and the greatest of these should be February.

SNAPSHOTS

There are two ways of giving out information regarding the history of our country. One way is giving the facts. The other way is giving it out as we would wish it had taken place putting the soft pedal on what we don't like.

Chief Jones did some good detective work in the Maston case. He scratched his own arm with a pin to find out how such a scratch would look.

Perhaps it was the power of the press that saved Edward Radek from a Russian firing squad.

What with two resignations, the Aberhart Government in Alberta seems to be disintegrating.

By dining on prison fare, Judge Madden and his counsel show their determination to get at the facts regarding complaint about the food served at the Guelph Reformatory.

Sometimes the job turned out by the self-made man isn't so hot. Occasionally, one makes a fool of himself.

Jane Withers, says New York, is "stupendous but a little bit of a madhouse." Yes, Jane, especially a little bit of a madhouse.

Gov't Seeks

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the purpose of determining the responsibility of employers and to enable appropriate action to be taken. The minister had said, with regard to the interests of the public, the employees and the industry itself," Mr. McRuer declared.

The government, therefore, required to be fully advised on these points:

What protection has been afforded the textile industry by the customs tariff?

Has the textile industry recognized its obligations to the public and its employees?

Has it arbitrarily shut down its plants?

What is the responsibility of employers in protected industries regarding the interest of all three?

Mr. McRuer recalled the circumstances under which the trade conflict between Canada and Japan was terminated in December, 1935, and the agreement which became effective Jan. 1, 1936. This synchronized with the inception of the Canada-United States trade agreement, in consequence of which "most favored nation treatment" was accorded to Japan. Since this feature required the removal of valuations fixed for duty purposes, such valuations on Japanese artificial silk were automatically abolished.

The currency situation as between Canada and Japan was also stabilized in that the yen became valued at its five-year average rate.

This condition caused concern in the textile industry and a deputation approached a committee of the government representing that "the whole trade of the country was upset; deliveries were being cancelled; new orders were not being placed; production was being stopped."

R. G. Talmie of Canadian Cottons had said, Mr. McRuer declared, that Japanese goods had forced the shutting down of the Milltown, N. B. mill. Mr. Talmie had also declared he had produced cancellation of orders which had been received.

Of Mr. Talmie's statement that the Milltown mill had been closed, Mr. McRuer said that A. O. Dawson, president of Canadian Cottons, had "admitted at page 7,162 (of the evidence) that the Milltown mill was never closed. He was pressed to produce evidence of any cancellation of orders attributable to Japanese competition and was unable to do so."

At the time Canadian Cottons were represented to the minister of finance that the company's situation was as indicated, the company was increasing its purchases of rayon yarn from Courtauld's (Canada) Ltd., said Mr. McRuer.

Further Trouble Northern China

NANKING, Feb. 3.—Further trouble has arisen in northern China. A band of rebels headed by extremists have captured the capital of one of the provinces in northern China. They have built a barricade around the city and have set up machine guns. Their chief demand is for the return for the Chinese general.

DIED

BARRY—At Edmundston, Feb. 1, 1937, Mrs. Rose Barry, wife of John Barry.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning from the home of Mrs. Wilfred Hawkes, South Devon. The cortege will leave the house at 9:40 o'clock and proceed to St. Anthony's Church where a High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated by Rev. Father W. M. Donahue. Interment will be made in Sunny Bank cemetery.

Myriad of

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that the success of the rearmament programme is jeopardized; the population of these islands seem obstinately unwilling to put their noses on the grindstone of war.

The sudden realization of the completely exposed position of Britain followed the collapse of the League of Nations and the policy of collective security. The jungle law is again to prevail and Britain, having based her actions these many years on the opposite belief, is in no position to face modern jungle life.

The great problem is not so much in the financing and construction of a war machine (although the time element is regarded as a desperately important factor) but in arousing the British people, who so plainly detest war and actively dislike military training.

The reaction of the British public (excepting a few fire and brimstone imperialists) to a war-crazy world—to a Europe described by Lord Lothian as "twenty-six States armed to the teeth"—is one of nausea.

What is the personnel problem of the British army? The establishment of the territorial army (militia) is 191,500 men but actual strength is short by 46,000 men, and recruiting proceeds so slowly that there is little prospect of the gap being filled.

Conscription (Hinted)

Many hints at conscription have been given both in and out of Parliament. Lord Strabolgi asked in the Lords: "Does the Government intend to grasp the nettle and impose conscription?" The reply was evasive and probably so because public opinion has stiffened every time there has been the suggestion of compulsory service. Right now no Government would dare to make such a proposal. Britons may be shocked into conscription by a sudden war scare, but they will never accept it in the ordinary course.

All manner of things are being proposed to bring the present army establishment up to strength. Cuts in pay of the regulars have been restored, bringing the rate for privates up to \$3.50 per week. Marriage allowances, up to \$3.75 per week, have been made available at age 21 instead of 26.

A special branch has been created to see that all soldiers (regular or territorial) who leave the service get jobs. Leave restrictions have been relaxed. Sergeants no longer require passes to leave barracks after the day's duties are done. Other ranks may stay out every night until 1 a.m. They may, also, wear civilian clothes when off duty.

The time devoted to sports has been increased. Vocational training has been adopted. Other ranks have been given a special "walking out" uniform of blue serge and "kit" allowances have been increased. Efforts have been made, and successfully, to get two weeks holidays with pay (plus \$5 from the Government) for volunteers in the territorials. This covers the annual training in camp.

But the most important step yet taken was the decision, effective Oct. 31, last, to lower the physical standards hitherto enforced. Men who cannot be classed as A1 are no longer turned down. Non-combatant services are now to be filled by those who could not have qualified for service in the Great War. This will not only give wider entry into the army but will enable thousands of fit men now serving in non-combatant units to be transferred to the front line fighting divisions.

Transport Bill

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be issued in the name of the owner or licensee. The license might apply to one or more ships.

The minister would have authority in the license to state the ports between which the ship or ships may operate and the schedule of service which must be maintained. Licenses would only be issued when the minister was satisfied by a certificate issued by the board that the proposed service is or will be required.

10-Year Limit

An important provision is that no ship imported into Canada which was constructed more than 10 years before importation will be licensed.

In determining whether a tariff of tolls is reasonable the board will consider the capacity and speed of the licensed ship, the loading and unloading facilities at all ports and whether a regular schedule of service is maintained by the ship.

None of the restrictions on ship, plying apply at present to international trade, but provision is made to extend them to such shipping proclamation on the recommendation of the board.

To Be Delayed

The portions of the bill dealing with air, water and highway transportation will not come into effect until proclaimed by the governor-in-council.

PSYCHOANALYSIS
METER REVEALS
HEART EMOTIONS

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Psycho analysis was given a mechanical Freud today in an "ego" meter announced at the General Electric Company's engineering laboratory.

The device was developed for a psychiatrist. By a new electrical method it counts heart beats to pick up clues to emotions, repressed impulses, and hidden libidos.

It was made for a physician who wishes to see instantly as he talks with his visitor a record of the skipped heart beat, the momentarily speeded beating or the crafty slowing down of a heart under emotions that fit through conversation.

The usual heart record instrument, the electro-cardiograph, shows all these variations, but only by study of long drawn out records whose complete analysis may require hours. The new instrument draws a quick straight line, recording the time between each heart beat. The lines are side by side, like a picket fence. Length of line shows the length of time between beats.

The result is a fence whose top ranges from a straight line, showing regular beating, to peaks and troughs representing emotion.

A fence only a half inch wide may record a whole minute of "heart thoughts."

The psycho analysis meter is based on scientific findings that in unrestricted conversation the heart reveals emotions not always appearing under ordinary, formal tests. Two electrodes, attached to the body, with flexible wires to the meter, leave the patient free to gesture and move.

Under these conditions, lines averaging two inches long flash onto the recording paper, drawn by electrical impulses amplified as they come from the heart. They show that while by the clock a heart is ticking off a uniformed 70 beats a minute, it may be too fast at one instant, too slow at another all within the same minute.

These fluctuations appear strongest under emotions and do not come to any large extent from physical movements.

There are also scientific studies indicating that the new device is likely to be useful as an "insanity meter" in checking up on some of the common forms of neuroses.

Cocktail Drinking

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disabilities is that the church takes itself and its duty to safeguard the moral welfare of its people seriously.

That is a source of constant annoyance to the frivolous moderns who can never see the importance of being in earnest about anything, especially over a long period of time. Because the church is in earnest and because she can see a little farther than most engaged couples, she has always frowned on mixed marriages. When two people are divided on the most important thing in life—religion—the honeymoon spirit has a way of disappearing.

Fr. Stockman pointed out that the experience of the church in every country indicated a danger to the Catholic party in a mixed marriage. "But, of course, every Catholic planning such a union thinks that his marriage is going to prove the miraculous exception. Now miracles do occur," he concluded, "but they are very rare in matrimony. Roses have been known to bloom in barnyards, but it is not their ordinary habit."

"And exceptions do occur in happy mixed marriages but they shine like good deeds in a naughty world. Many a Catholic has discovered only after a disastrous experiment that the dangers from which the church tries to protect them are not the imaginary inventions of ecclesiastics who are over-cautious."

The final conference in the series on marriage, to which both the Catholic and non-Catholic public is invited, will be held next Sunday night.

Pullman Porters

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The current issue of Pullman News announced that the edge of the sheet covering the berth now hangs loosely on the aisle side.

"This change in bed-making style," the magazine goes on to report, "affords more comfort, especially for restless sleepers."

In addition, it makes it easier for a person going to bed to throw back the clothes and settle himself without disarranging the bedding.

And that isn't all. They've tracked the cause of that outmoded discomfort to its lair.

"This avoidance of all binding," Pullman News continues, "is made possible by what is termed an 'accordion' or 'bellows' pleat. Both sheets and blankets being of more than adequate size, a pleat of some four inches is left when tucking the bedding on the side by the windows, and also at the foot."

Here, George, buy yourself a cigar.

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his university was admitting only a set number each year.

"This is better than the system of the University of Toronto," he is quoted in the Sudbury despatch, "which allows a great number of first-year students to register and then purposely fail most of them, so that there will be fewer in the second year. This is a brutal method."

"I don't think Dr. Austin meant just that," Dr. Ryerson commented. "In his jovial way, however, he is quite liable to say things sometimes that should not be taken too seriously."

The University of Toronto certainly has no such method of 'cutting down' its student roll. All those who do not meet the required examination standard fail, of course. What we have done, however, is to increase the standard from 50 to 60 per cent. in the examinations at the end of the first year. This was because of the limited facilities for teaching at our hospitals. This rule becomes effective this year."

Brothers Laugh

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of the viscera," the young man's case is said to be an extremely rare one. His stomach, kidneys and appendix are on the left side; his heart, liver and spleen on the right.

"It is a mirror condition," said Dr. Rankin last night. "His organs are so placed that they are an exact reflection of a normal person's. Apart from this condition, he is absolutely normal in every way."

A search through available medical records, said Dr. Rankin, had failed to show any similar case. Partial transposition was not so rare, but total cases were few.

"When his parents called me in," Dr. Rankin related, "I found that the pain he described, which seemed to have all the symptoms of appendicitis, had its origin in the left side instead of the right. After a thorough examination, I was convinced that his organs were transposed. I made a small incision from the left, and found the appendix, as I had expected."

College Course

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life more pleasant, but it hardly falls within the province of a college course," Prof. Moore explained.

"It is concerned rather with the more intellectual forms of humor, the kind Mark Twain had in mind when he remarked, 'humor sets the thinking machinery in motion.'"

"Since, in order to possess a sense of humor, one must recognize that certain faults and foibles are common to all mankind, one is more likely to be tolerant with them in others," Prof. Moore said.

"By enabling one to look at himself from a detached point of view, it makes one's difficulties seem less imposing and aids in the development of personality."

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Feb. 3.—The Arab High Commission has decided to send a delegate to London. They will start to raise funds immediately for the delegation. They are also planning to open an Arab Propaganda bureau in London.

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