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THE EAR FOR SPEECH

With an ear sensitively receptive to every nuance of sound, whether from the strings of a Stradivarius or the human vocal chords, many a lover of the euphonious suffers when radio speakers maltreat the English language and also from the mispronunciation and slovenly usage of broadcasters.

There was a time when the common utterance was largely molded by the educated man in the pulpit and on the platform. The old-fashioned public speaker had a respect for words. He treated them with care, gave them full value, coaxed the music from them or made sharp syllables cut. He was not pedantic in oratory, but used language with the skill of an artist or a craftsman. In him children and adults had a model which, by its excellence, maintained a higher standard in ordinary speech.

Mass education, the multiplying of subjects in the school curriculum, developed an influence that leveled up and leveled down, attaining thus a plane of general mediocrity. And, in the matter of speech, the playground was more potent than the classroom. Children who had admirable adult exemplars at home mingled in the democracy of our public schools with playmates from a less advantageous environment and learned the lingo of the casual child world.

Thus language went off the gold standard of pure English. The childhood habit carried over into mature years, and the exemplars of excellence became fewer. Authorities believe radio should help to restore the standard. Certainly there is no agency that could be more helpful, if broadcasters—the term includes preachers, publicists, politicians and all users of the air for communication—would heed his injunction to speak only good English, not stilted or “high-brow,” but correctly pronounced, clearly enunciated. If these broadcasters were as careful to avoid false notes in speech as is in music, we might hope in a generation for a general lifting of the level of utterance.

YOUTH MOVEMENTS

To youth belongs the future, it is said. So Stalin, so Hitler, so Mussolini concentrate their propaganda upon the newer generations and America—itself the land of youth—abounds with youth movements.

But when that future comes those who are young today will be young no longer. It is difficult to imagine the impatient, impulsive, idealistic youth of 1934 as the slow, narrow-minded, calculating old man of 1934, yet nothing is more certain than that the one will become the other.

Youth and age are the extremities of life. And they have, as Aristotle pointed out twenty-four centuries ago, opposite traits. Youth lives in hopes, old age in memories. Youth is naively credulous, but the skepticism of old age is excessive. Youth is too scornful of practical considerations, but age is too indifferent to idealism. The courage of youth is impulsive, but age lacks courage altogether. Youth is too sure of itself, while age is too unsure. Youth acts too quickly; age not quickly enough.

“Make way,” cries youth. “Patience,” answers age. “You have made a mess of things,” cries youth. “Are you sure you will do better?” asks age. “Let all this be changed immediately,” cries youth. But age makes answer: “It is you yourself who will change.”

And while youth and age thus conduct their ancient debate people of middle age go steadily on their way. Some youths, certainly, have been wise beyond their years, just as some old men have remained energetic and resourceful despite their years. Some youths, and some old men, have done great deeds. But it is people of middle age—self-confident without being overconfident, active but not impulsive, practical in their idealism, courageous without temerity, doubting much but not yet all—in the main it

is people of middle age who run the world.

A CROWDED JAIL

(Pictou Advocate)

Crowded conditions in the Pictou jails have caused further thought as to what should be done with the prisoners, especially those in for trivial offences such as drinking the odd bottle of beer not in the exact place prescribed by law. It is utterly ridiculous to place these men in jails where they are of no benefit to themselves and a great expense to the community. Their stay in jail has no effect in reforming them. To many it is not a punishment; it is simply an added burden on a community already saddled with too many expenses. Again and again it has been pointed out that some work should be found for these men or some form of punishment than imprisonment in jail. All authorities having to do with this matter should grapple with the problem to the end that a solution may be found.

SNAPSHOTS

A downtown merchant says that he awakened in the middle of the night with the terrible thought of what would happen to the city if Alderman Mitchell were not here to pick out its aldermanic candidates.

Are the Home Merchants willing to help themselves by getting behind the Fredericton Board of Trade and making it go, or do they wish to drag along by themselves in the rut.

The Board of Trade will meet on January 16. Why not line-up and push that body along. Do not expect the older men to bear all the burden. Do some yourself.

Is it true that some people on the relief list are selling certain of the provisions which are distributed to them? Let us give to the needy but do not let any abuses creep in.

These solar heaters may be all right, but what we want is something that will warm up our feet at three o'clock of a cold winter's morning.

Aliens learn our language quicker than the baby does. You see, they aren't asked: “Does um wanta dinky waw-waw?”

How do you get a five-year-old child into an overcoat while it is walking across a room?

It's a consolation to learn that the backbone of the Argentine heat wave has been broken.

Prof. Einstein has now simplified his theory so that several additional people can understand it.

An analyst for a magazine says Germany is ruled by buffoons. And yet no ruler who prescribes gray-colored shirts is entirely a chump.

Y. M. C. A. WORK
HAILED FOR A
REVIVAL HERE

George W. Brown, president of the local board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. announced yesterday the program of this association for the new year and he declared that a revival of interest is shown in the work in this city. Among the current things being carried out by the branch here is the organizing and giving of leadership to a hockey league for the grade schools of the city, supervision to free skating periods for the school children on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Arctic Rink; on Saturdays a one-day recreational school is being held under Y. M. C. A. leadership for leaders in young people's work in the various churches in Devon, Marysville and Fredericton; a gymnasium class is being held on Wednesday afternoon at the Armoury for boys in the city between 11 and 15 years of age.

The Board of Directors consists of Mr. Brown, the president; I. B. Rouse, treasurer; W. E. McMullen, secretary; Mayor W. G. Clark, Police Magistrate Walter Limerick; J. D. McKay, H. G. Kitchen, R. B. VanDine, and Karl Walker. This committee is supporting the program, which is being put on under the direction of Murray G. Ross, of Toronto and who is doing excellent work.

Councillors Hear
Need of Jail Farm

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lifting to the morals of those confined there. He described to the councillors a prison farm that he had visited in Ontario and suggested a provincial farm of this nature for New Brunswick. He stated that the councillors of this county have a great opportunity to go ahead and work on the idea. Adjt Kimmins stated that the County Council would be the “main spring” in the bringing about of this change, and that the cost would be more than returned in results upon the prisoners. It would make good citizens of them and improve and correct them rather than punish them. In closing he stated that a prisoner sentenced to over thirty days should not be sentenced to the county jail, but to a jail farm where he could be of some use to himself and mankind.

C. N. Goodspeed

C. N. Goodspeed, member of the Social Service Council Committee spoke about the jail farm and stated that it is not a new suggestion,—that several years ago it was before the County representatives. The city, he thought, would co-operate in any way with them to improve jail conditions.

Warden Gaynor thanked the speakers and promised them the consideration of the County Council.

Committee Named.

The Assessment Committee was named by Warden W. J. Gaynor and is composed of Councillors Howard Cameron, E. Gould, B. O. Waugh, M. Briggs, McKnight, Wetmore, Robert Graham, Whitehead, C. L. Grass, W. T. Griffin, Barry, Dobie, Manzer, G. W. Estey, Manuel.

The County Solicitor J. B. McNair read the by-law pertaining to the legalization of this year's session and it was adopted as read.

Committees Report

Coun. Hiram Manuel, chairman of Sheep Claims Committee read that Committee's report and it was moved by the chairman of the committee and seconded by Coun. Morrison that it be adopted as read.

Coun. Coburn, chairman of the Public Accounts committee read that committee's report and they were adopted as read.

Other Committees

The Finance and Building Committee was named today by Warden Gaynor as follows: Councillors Morrison, Ebbett and Saunders.

The Bonding Committee composed of Councillors E. Gould, Malone and Stannix was also named by Warden Gaynor this morning.

The printing committee named included Councillors Fisher, Manuel, Nason and Doherty.

Tax Discussion

Coun. Robt. Graham mentioned a resolution pertaining to interest on taxes in arrears which he will bring up tomorrow.

Coun. Frank Coburn, Harvey, spoke briefly on the same question of taxes and stated that there were people in his parish who could afford to pay taxes but would not until after July of the year after their taxes are due. He claimed that the Act should be changed to give the tax collectors a chance to make these collections before the July meeting of the Councillors and assessors.

J. B. McNair, County Solicitor explained the act showing that the collector can, if the taxes are not paid after six days elapse from the time of issuance of the statement, go to a magistrate and have an execution served on the forfeiter.

Coun. Grant, Southampton, spoke briefly on the question and stated that he has the same trouble in his parish with the collection of taxes.

Coun. A. C. Wetmore, North Lake, and Coun. Malone of Stanley spoke on the question and the latter was of the opinion that there is no provision for bonding the collecting justice, thus causing the delay in collecting.

Collector's Commissions

Coun. Frank Saunders, Prince William, mentioned the fact that the collector is paid 5 per cent which he thought was too great a commission for collecting and that the county treasurer's office should take 2½ per cent of that commission to cover expenses of that office in collecting.

Councillors Manuel, Coburn, Wetmore and Morrison entered into the discussion of commissions of collectors. They spoke of taxes being paid at the county office after a collector has notified the taxpayer and suggested that in a case of this kind the com-

OUR MAIL BAG

Editor of The Daily Mail:

Dear Sir,—I notice that for several months past that your paper has been writing about different things that could be made better. You had a piece in one day about vaults in graveyards. You mentioned the Rural Cemetery and the Roman Catholic one. Now, I'm going to tell you that this winter the people who have to go to funerals at Forest Hill are having a bad time. There is no road plowed up to the cemetery at Forest Hill and a funeral which I was a mourner at the other day was obliged to take the coffin from the hearse and haul it on a sled through Mr. Barnes' cowardly to the graveyard. Why could not the city have plowed this road out. There were three or four funerals up here lately. When the city wanted to repair the road to the back part, where hardly any one lives, they had the money. They even destroyed the old Frog Rock. Now there is no road plowed up here when funerals come up so often. Then the people who live up here have to do their own plowing. We are in the city—but you would never think so.

Yours truly,

FOREST HILL.

Fredericton, N. B.,
January 10, 1935.

Kingsclear News

Kingsclear, York County, January 9—Miss Isabel Goodine who spent her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Goodine, returned to Grand Falls to resume her studies at the Sacred Heart Academy there.

Miss Estelle O'Brien who spent the holiday season with her mother, Mrs. L. E. O'Brien of Quarryville, has resumed her duties as teacher of the Indian School here.

Miss Genevieve Goodine spent the week-end in Fredericton, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Timmins.

Mr. Sanford Smith of Fredericton, spent the week-end in Kingsclear.

We are sorry to learn that the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Bamford, who is a patient in the Victoria Public Hospital is not improving very fast.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Goodine are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son on Tuesday last.

Our school has re-opened with our former teacher, Miss Irene Goodine, still in charge.

Chatham, N. B., Jan. 10—While attending a sitting of the local court Tuesday morning Chief of Police Coughlan suffered a heart attack. He was removed to his home and medical attention given. His condition is considered serious.

mission should be split.

Coun. Doherty Kingsclear, spoke at length on the situation in his own parish and stated that he and Coun. Cameron had evolved a system that had proved quite successful in collections and that he thought 5 per cent was little enough for a collector who had to travel perhaps many miles before he collected anything. Coun. Doherty stated that he would oppose any motion to cut down the commission of the collector, and further stated that other parishes should not try to tell Kingsclear what they should do.

County Solicitor McNair advocated a change in the act to make it clear as to whether or not the collector should be paid the commission when the taxpayer goes over the collectors head and pays at the county secretary's office.

Coun. S. G. Wright, Canterbury, gave an instance in his own parish of a large taxpayer asking for a discount of 2½ per cent on delinquent taxes and was of the opinion that a large taxpayer should pay his full taxes as well as the small taxpayer.

Coun. J. P. Barry, Durham Bridge, favored the bonding of collecting justices. Coun. Barry was the man who made the resolution calling for the bonding of a collecting justices last year.

Coun. W. T. Griffin, Cross Creek questioned the authority of the councillors at the July meeting of the councillors and collectors. It was found that the councillors attended that meeting only through a spirit of goodwill.

The meeting was adjourned to two o'clock this afternoon at which session some of the committees submitted their reports.

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BLACK, 1935 TAGS

New Brunswick's 1935 motor vehicle license plates will have a black background with aluminum letters and figures. The 1934 plates may be used until midnight, March 31, and some of the new plates have appeared already.

Last year the white plates with blue letters and numerals had the following inscription at the bottom: “34-New Brunswick.” The wording and position are reversed this year, with “New Brunswick-34” appearing at the top.

The district letters remains the same, with F, indicating that the license has been issued from the Fredericton office; J, from Saint John; M, from Moncton; S, from St. Stephen; W, from Woodstock; R, from Campbellton; and N, from Chatham.

As usual the numbers of commercial vehicles such as trucks are prefixed by the letter “C” while those of convertible vehicles, part time roadsters and part time trucks—have the letters “CC” prefixed.

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