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WINSTON CHURCHILL SPEAKS

AMID the general sense of relief that has followed the Italian elections, Britain's first prime minister, Winston Churchill, has let fall a disturbing note.

That Italy's place within western Europe should be reaffirmed and that the limits of Russian expansion should be more solidly fixed, is not enough to satisfy Churchill. "There never will be a settled peace in Europe unless Asiatic imperialism and Communist domination rule over the whole of central and western Europe," Churchill said in a warning speech last week.

As far as the published versions of Churchill's speech reveal he made no suggestions as to how such a peace could be gained. Conceivably by a war, Russian armies could be driven from the continent and liberal governments established.

Conceivably, over a period of time, the eastern countries could throw off their yoke and join in a new European federation. But the first course will commend itself to few and the second is hardly to be expected overnight.

Meanwhile, war-weary peoples want to live in such peace as they can get and they won't see despite such warnings as Churchill's, reasons for gratification and even hope in the stopping of the Russian tide and the gradual strengthening of the free areas.

It is even possible that a prophet who has been right so frequently may be wrong in his assumption that the two worlds cannot live side by side, with their tensions being slowly lessened and their sharpest differences being worn away by time.

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THE GOOD OLD NAMES

A CHANGE seldom is an improvement when it concerns the traditional name of a community, a locality, a road or a body of water.

Call the defenders of the old names sentimentalists if you like, but generally they can make a good case. This country still is young enough that many of its place names are rooted in its earliest history. If those names are changed now, their historical associations will be lost forever.

True, many communities miss the opportunity to make the most of local place names. Too few towns and villages take the trouble to put up directional signs to point out interesting landmarks or historic sites or to remind them of the community's past. Both the towns and the tourists are the poorer for the neglect.

More lively interest in a locality's links with history might go far in checking the name-changing mania. In many cases names are changed because the present generation is unaware of the circumstances under which they were conferred.

Just now there is a controversy in southwestern Ontario about a move to re-christen as Sunset Drive a thoroughfare known for more than a century as The Old Gravel Road. The champions of the old name have put their case before a county judge who will be called on to decide the issue.

Away with this business of changing good, descriptive place names to such sick and meaningless commonplaces as Lakeview Crescent, Pleasant Drive, Carefree Downs or Blue Sky Valley! Too often they merely insult the intelligence.

Let's stick to names such as Grand Pre, Lachine, Lundy's Lane, Copper Cliff, Medicine Hat Kicking Horse Pass, and to the long list of Indian names scattered across the land. They are Canadian, they are part of the country's story and, unlike many modern substitutes, they have a sense of really belonging.

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HOUSING BLUES

BACK IN THE PLUSHY pre-war days when bricks were plentiful and "To Let" signs came a dime a dozen, tenants occupied the driver's seat and house-hunters took choice for granted. But housing shortages have made even Hobson's choice a race for the tape and spiralling living costs have exploded personal budgets into ribbons long since.

Give a thought to the city-dweller trying to get even a room within a salary buffeted on one side by higher food costs and slammed on another by just increases in clothing prices, with take-home pay reduced by deductions never heard of before the war. Picture him ferreting out a place to live when what he occupies has been sold over his head and the good old squeeze play for owner-occupancy begins.

Several techniques bring results if pursued long and hard enough. Beating the next home-hunter to the telephone after the first edition of the paper has come out will resurrect a house next the gas works, or a room on the third floor back on a street long past its years of Victorian gentility. Picking a district and running the gamut of dogs and no pedlars or agents' signs may produce the answer, but more than likely

sprouts the bitter reflection that people who have a decent place to live don't know how lucky they are and care less.

In the end one has to choose between the park bench and ostracism. The grapevine on the communications system that can smell out vacancies. Pester one's friends and relations, quizzing meal companions, stopping people on the street, waiting like a banshee may turn the trick for the sake of peace and quiet, but does nothing for one's popularity.

The city room-renter can't even go native and set up a teepee on the back forty. Short of winning a sweepstakes and buying a mansion for single occupancy, the old shoe-horn method puts a roof over his head until the next turn of fortune's wheel brings round the same old problem.

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RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

— By Lewis Milligan —

THE UNITED STATES Supreme Court has ruled that religious instruction cannot be given in public schools. The court upheld a protest by Mrs. McCollum, "atheist" wife of a University of Illinois professor, who contended that a system of religious teaching in Champaign, Ill. schools, "breaks down the wall between church and state." She complained that her eldest son, aged 12, was "embarrassed" because he was the only child in his class not taking religious instruction.

It seems that religious instruction has been given in school buildings, during or out of school hours, in many communities at the request of the local council on religious education, and it is claimed that no one church has benefited as against another. But the Supreme Court has ruled that the practice is unconstitutional. The court argued that "religion and government can best achieve their lofty aims if each is left free from the other within its respective sphere."

There is no doubt that the U.S. Constitution is emphatically opposed to any established relationship between Church and State. The Constitution of 1788 stated that "no religious Test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."

At that time there were thousands of people who had emigrated from England because of a law that provided that no one could hold public office unless he took an oath to support the established Church of England, and they wished to be free to worship God according to their own consciences.

The supporters of religious instruction point out that school buildings are used for political meetings, that the names of Congressmen on the coinage—and they might have added that Congress and other U.S. legislative bodies are opened with prayer. They agree that no child should be compelled by public authority to attend classes for religious instruction, but beyond that the government should not interfere with the action of local school boards.

The chief argument against religious instruction is that it might be the thin end of the wedge of an Established Church, but there is little fear of that in the United States where there are so many denominations. Moreover, religious freedom is strongly guarded by the Bill of Rights, the first article of which precludes the establishment of any state religion.

One can well understand Mrs. McCollum's objection to religious instruction. Being a protestant atheist, she naturally desires her son to be brought up in her own belief that this is a Godless universe. On the other hand, professing Christians have a natural desire that their children should be brought up in their belief that this is NOT a Godless universe. It is unfortunate for Mrs. McCollum that there are so many professing Christians in Champaign, and that they do not want their children to be educated in Godless schools, as in Russia.

The fact that her boy is "embarrassed" (ashamed?) because he is the only child not taking religious instruction is no reason why the rest of the children should be deprived of that instruction. The poor boy is a minority of one, and he might well wonder whether his mother is the only wise person in the community.

For my part, I think that religious instruction in elementary schools can be overdone. The proper place for such instruction is in the home and the church. But in these days when so many professing Christians never go to church and neglect to send their children to Sunday School, it is the duty of the church to go to them, and at least to infuse the education of children with a spirit of reverence. That spirit is sadly lacking today in the rising generation, due to the indifference rather than the opposition of parents towards religion. Every child has within it the need of immortality which has been cultivated or it will die. Religion is the highest instinct of man; it was the first to distinguish him from the beast and it is the instinct that is suppressed or neglected, a process of devolution sets in and men become earth-bound and nothing more than intelligent animals.

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A little mind often sees the unbelieved, with-out seeing the belief of a large one. —Holmes

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IT SEEMS much better to read a man's own writing than to read what others say about him, especially when the man is first-rate and the "others" are third-rate. —George Eliot

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But any man that walks the mead,
In bud or blade, or bloom may find,
According as his humors lead,
A meaning suited to his mind.

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Happy the man, whose wish add care,
A few paternal acres bound,
Content to breathe his native air
On his own ground.

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—Tennyson

—Pope

Pen, Scissors and Pastepot

From reports we have heard this week, Jarvis needs a ball team. It seems that those who have been watching the Jarvis team this past week have reached the conclusion that the team is lacking in some particular — chiefly that of being able to field a winning team. But the real part about the Jarvis team as early as we can learn, is that the young fellows figure it would be easier to get a place on the team than to get an appointment to the Senate.

Consequently there has been little blood infused in the team in recent times and the strength of the team has shown that fact. Now the young fellows seem to have a wrong idea about what it takes to get on a ball team. All it takes is a desire to play ball to get it and that is by all means the easiest part of the job. By that we mean that regular attendance at practices and games is an essential to listen to the advice of the coach and figure that the manager's word is final.

If Jarvis is going to have a ball team in 1949 and 1950, etc., there is her one way to get it and that is by starting from scratch in 1948. There is a great opportunity to get the young fellows together this year for the basis of a championship team in the future. There has never before been such opportunity to play in a ball field in Jarvis this year, and if a team is not developed it will only be because the young fellows do not want to play ball, and we mean that in the broad sense.

This is the month of the big celebration. On May 24th the citizens of Jarvis play host to the public. The event is sponsored by the Jarvis Athletic Association but in order to make it a more complete affair, it should be everybody has got to dig in and help. Last year was a real start on the revival of the Holy Spirit in town and plans this year will promise to be bigger than ever. If everyone can become imbued with the spirit of the day we can give the public a show they will really like. It is up to everyone of us to do the job.

Jim Patterson has on display the first prize in the draw which will take place on the night of May 24th. Gordy Johnson is in charge of the sale and they are moving fast. These tickets are in the public ball game and fireworks show in the evening but are not valid in the afternoon when a general admission charge will be made. Get some books from Gordy Johnson and help with the sale and fireworks show. It will be plenty yours.

Baronage at work. Leslie Kirby, a Berkshire, England, citizen of good repute, working hard in the early years of his life and carefully set aside some savings to build a home of his own. Following the war he salvaged materials and with his own hands and savings built a comfortable four room cottage. But after it was completed, the authorities heard about it. So promptly wrecking crews were sent out to tear the dwelling down. The reason was he had not secured a permit to build.

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Ottawa — One of the strangest sights in a House of Commons committee working feverishly upon a bill, is the sight of a man in a suit and tie, sitting at a desk, looking at a document, and saying to the clerk, "I have a motion to amend."

The Committee is the one on Veterans Affairs. And it is in the history of any similar Parliamentary body as the result of a state of mind made to it by the Minister of Veterans Affairs. In an excess of Mr. Gregg told the Committee quite guardedly that the Government was not going to give a pension of \$75.00 per month to veterans of the First World War. But if the government doesn't propose to do anything about the new rates, even if they are found to be inadequate, then what is the use of the investigation? It is a waste of time in the end.

That statement meant that the Committee might as well pack up its papers and close up its hearings. For the Minister had appointed specifically to men's proposed increase of \$12.00 monthly in the last 100 percent disability pension of \$75.00 per month. (New rate is \$87.00). But if the government doesn't propose to do anything about the new rates, even if they are found to be inadequate, then what is the use of the investigation? It is a waste of time in the end.

Nevertheless, the Committee is continuing doggedly with its task. It is intended that despite any notice of Minister may serve upon it, the inquiry which is authorized to make is going to be authorized to make. If the facts show that the pension increase is adequate, well and good. If they show otherwise, even although nothing may be done (continued on page ten)

The Story of Nanticoke Public School

The earliest record of Nanticoke Public School, S.S. No. 1, Walpole, that has come to light is found in an old Minute Book under date of March 22nd, 1851. At a meeting of the "Householders, freeholders and Settlers" it was decided that there should be a "Free School" for that year. Every year, at the annual school meeting the question of school support came up, and many and bitter were the controversies between the supporters of the old "Rate Bill", by which those sending to school paid in accordance with the number of children sent, and the advocates of the "Free School" who favoured maintenance by a tax levied upon all property in the section. The Trustees in 1851 were David McP. Fields, Esquire, John Banfield, and William McCleod. The list of those who had children to send contained the name of Peter Clinegarth better known as "White Peter" who was an interesting story has often been told. The child referred to was no doubt the little story girl who had been adopted by Peter and his Indian wife. In all there were seventy-four children to attend.

The school building stood on the east side of Nanticoke Creek, by the side of the road leading to Lake Erie and when a new site was chosen, the old playground was added to the school cemetery where so many of the pioneers and of the early pupils are buried.

The teacher at this time was Thomas Connell, who was succeeded the following year by William Tomblin. Another important matter of business was the approval of specifications for a new school building. This was erected during the year by James Banfield, at a cost of \$25, or \$100.00. In 1853, the Annual Meeting decided to build a new school building. If a Female Teacher, the salary to be \$12.00 per month, with the understanding that she be board here out of the school. This year each family sending children to school was required to "bring one cord of wood for the use of the school."

An interesting entry in 1855 is as follows: "Any scholar attending for any part of a month shall pay for the whole month, and if a child be sick the parents may send another in their place."

In 1860, the contract for sufficient fire wood and kindling cut to stove length was set for \$6.50. Two years later a Committee composed of Messrs. Cooper, Hasbrett and McCleod was appointed to select a new school site. The committee, however, was not decided until the following February when a site on the west side of the creek on Mr. Lowe's property, was chosen in preference to one on the east-side on property belonging to Mr. G. B. Hall. A proposal to build a school on the new site and leave the old building standing was defeated and a contract was made for moving the old building.

By 1867, a new brick building was erected, and continued in use for more than forty years. The contract was taken up by John Lowrie, and the old frame school was sold to Mr. James Frazer, and moved to his farm in 1870. It came from Troy, N.Y., and cost, including duty and carriage \$86.92.

In 1871, the attendance had increased until it became necessary to employ an assistant. Mr. Cornelius Evans was engaged, but as no additional accommodation was provided, he had to carry on his classes in the same room as the Principal. Mr. McDaniell, a year later, the over-crowding was such that a rather peremptory post card was required from the School Inspector, requiring more accommodation. The matter was brought before a special meeting of ratepayers, who indignantly refused to sanction such unnecessary expense. Their reply has a strangely familiar resemblance to complaints to-day regarding high cost of building.

In reply to your Post Card of the 10th inst. I have to state that we have not made any arrangement for a second room for an Assistant Master, it would cost nearly as much as the house has done, every description of Building Material and Labour having risen considerably in value lately, besides which the year is now

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HER HONOUR JUDGE HELEN KINNEAR will be the Revising Officer for the above mentioned municipality or municipalities, except Caledonia. HARRISON ARRELL, K.C., will be the Revising Officer for Caledonia.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the list to be so revised is Parts I and III of the Voters' List prepared for the municipality or municipalities hereinbefore mentioned and all persons entitled to vote are required to examine said Voters' Lists in order to ascertain that their names are correctly entered therein.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any voter who desires to complain that his name or the name of any person entitled to be entered on the said list has been omitted from the list, or that the names of any persons who are not entitled to be voters have been entered thereon, may do so before the last day of filing complaints set forth in the above schedule by, complain or appeal to have his name or the name of any other person entered on, or removed from the list.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that such appeals must be by notice in writing in the prescribed form, signed, by the complainant in duplicate and given to the Clerk or the Revising Officer or left for him at his address as stated above on or before the last day for filing complaints.

DATED this 29th day of April, A.D. 1948.

(Signed) HELEN KINNEAR,

CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTION BOARD FOR THE COUNTY OF HALDIMAND.

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CRY OF DESPAIR

I've given up any hope I had for spring and have begun to wonder if the Selkirk settlers really had the right idea. Why did the gentlemen on the Plains of Abraham go to such lengths to disturb the poor savages in their peaceful and solitary enjoyment of this execrable climate? —Carman (Man.) Dufferin Leader

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