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On July first in the year 1888 there was born in the town of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fraser, a male child, and it was soon evident to observers that this new citizen was going to develop into a disagreeable, aggressive addition to the world's population. For as soon as the infant's eyes were open and he glanced up into the world, he frowned hideously and let out a howl evidently in protest against being born. Some days later when a rather romantic maiden aunt took him to church to be named, she chose the name of Oswald and it is on record that at this mistake the child howled even louder. Later, when it had returned to its modest home and the name Oswald was being discussed, the child babbled some baby talk, like, "Goo Goo Boola Camera Hascha." This interruption was ignored by all present except the child's uncle Archie Chisholm who was a "braw Scot" and something of a Gaelic scholar. This gentleman insisted that the wee laddie had spoken in the Gaelic tongue and what it uttered was, "Oswald, that's a hell of a name to tag on a wee helpless Scotchman." And it soon developed that few in that atmosphere could get their Scotch tongues around the word Oswald. The nearest most of them could come to it was Arse-well. However, with Christian patience the child bore the disgrace of not carrying one of the popular Scottish names of John, Duncan, Dougald, or Alex. Nearly all Scottish children were called after their father, mother or grandparents. As the boy developed to school age it was soon evident that he possessed an inquiring but not a submissive mind. If he had one virtue it was his great love of truth. This did not necessarily arise from any moral sense but it seemed that he had a terror of being deceived and in his opinion even his school teachers were trying to deceive him. An instance of this: there was a schoolbook called The Health Reader. On one page under question, "Ought a Boy to Use Tobacco?" We were assured that such a habit stunted the growth and if we wanted to develop big and strong we should avoid the poison weed. But the contradiction to Dawn Fraser's Autobiography this was right before our eyes. At the next desk sat big Ronald Chisholm. He was big and very well developed. He could beat any boy in the school, yet he smoked and chewed tobacco at every opportunity. And nearby sat Duncan McDonald whose father had a store where he could steal enough tobacco to keep him and his pals supplied at all times. Duncan was also big and strong and a terror on the football field. Now, here was falsehood flung right in our faces, and it made young Fraser lose confidence in his teachers and others who took the same attitude. Why were adults trying to fool us? There was a small book called A Brief History of England. It gave a review of the Chinese Opium War, which did not occur in the darker ages but in the reign of Queen Victoria, probably about the year 1860. This book revealed or confessed that British merchant ships had been smuggling opium into China from India. The boy emperor of China wished to stop this traffic which was making dope slaves of his people. He seized one British opium-laden ship. England at once declared war. Beat the Chinese in battle, stole the island of Hong Kong and forced the Chinese to open three more ports for them to peddle their drug. Now that is substantially what



we read in the school book. But a short time later we were singing some patriotic song about how "England's flag has always stood for justice." Now when a young person finds such deceptions in his youth and in the school room, is it remarkable if he is suspi- WELCOME TO THE FULLY LICENSED Harbour Restaurant A Good Selection of Seafood OPEN ALL YEAR 'ROUND Dining Room Overlooking Cheticamp Harbour Cheticamp, Cape Breton \* 224-2042 "'ZqX CO-OP Building Supplies Manufacturers of Quality HARBOUR HOMES STATION ST.. PORT HAWKESBURY - 625-2600 KING'S ROAD, SYDNEY - 539-6410 COOP PATIO DECKS MIH) Pointing the Way to Better Living We've been building quality into our homes for more than 32 years. Over 40 Home Plans to Choose from Paints and Stains I we OIMfill Feature Quality Paints & Stains for Every Need 76)\_ You've Got Experience on Your Side