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Agricultural Conference

Ministers of Agriculture from all the provinces are to meet in conference with the Federal Minister of Agriculture on the 17th and 18th of the present month. Matters affecting the welfare of Canada's farm industry will be discussed.

The wheat-growers of western Canada have had an experience during the last two years that has been profoundly trying to them and that has adversely affected the economic affairs of the country as a whole.

The farmers of eastern and central Canada have also their problems, which a round table discussion should go some way to solve.

Altogether, the proposed conference furnishes an admirable opportunity for a mutual understanding between the agricultural interests of all the Provinces and for the adoption, with the co-operation of the federal Department of Agriculture, of policies that will be mutually beneficial.

Aid for Fishermen

The campaign undertaken by the Dominion Government to assist the fishing industry is of especial interest to the Maritime Provinces. The fishermen have not been doing so well as they and their fellow citizens would like, and it has been suggested that if the chief need of the industry, namely, larger and more dependable markets, were provided, other problems might take care of themselves.

Notes By The Way

If Mr. Philip Snowden succeeds in temporarily blocking Mr. Bennett's Empire trade proposals there will be marked rejoicing throughout the continent of Europe, a C. I. no doubt, in the United States, Germany and other grain and food exporting nations are represented as breathing a sigh of relief over the announcement that the Mother Country "cannot" impose a tax on wheat.

Canting Hypocrisy

Our contemporary, on Armistice Day, devoted half a column of abuse to this newspaper for publishing a Canadian Press despatch, the substance of which appeared in practically every newspaper on the continent, about the prohibition issue in the recent United States elections.

Obviously it is easier for our contemporary to chimpion prohibition in the United States than consistently to support the enforcement of the prohibition law under its own Government in this Province.

If it was as secretly "dry" as it is rabidly partisan, our contemporary would insist upon a thorough investigation, not only of the evidence which was admitted by the Prohibition Magistrate last week, but of all the facts and circumstances which the Magistrate ruled out as irrelevant to the case at issue, but which are surely pertinent to the interests of temperance in this Province.

Skeena and Saguenay

Skeena was the name given to a torpedo-destroyer built for the Royal Canadian Navy when she was launched recently at Southampton by Miss Mildred Bennett, sister of the Prime Minister. Together with the Saguenay, launched last July, the Skeena was ordered by the Canadian Government in 1928. They are to be used for training purposes at Halifax and Esquimaux.

Editorial Notes

The Canadian Magazine prints a full-page editorial in eulogy of the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett's original and courageous effort to rehabilitate Canadian and Empire trade. Though the editor takes care to preserve his political independence, he buttresses the Canadian premier's argument that a strong Canada is essential to a strong Empire.

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I hurried home, got the money from their parents, and went down to the jail and had them set free. We were all about ten years of age.

I always felt thereafter that ten year old boys should not be bundled off with adults in this manner. As you know we now have juvenile courts where boys are tried for their misdemeanors, by a judge familiar with boys and their actions.

Now these boys were normal mentally and physically, and if their parents had been unable to pay the fine they would have spent some days in jail with adult prisoners.

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For even the weak with surprise spread wings, utter song: They can launch—in this blue they can rise. In this kindness are strong.



By James W. Barton, M.D. GIVING BACKWARD YOUNGSTERS A CHANCE

That Body of Yours

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Appeal To Caesar

Appropos of the appointment of the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett to membership in the Privy Council, the following account of a sitting of the "Supreme Court of the Empire" will be of interest.

"In a high room overlooking Downing Street sit six solemn men at a table piled up with books. "I recognize Lord X, Lord Y, and Lord Z, diligently reading, saying "Ha!" or "Hum!" or looking grave or reflectively wiping the lenses of their spectacles.

"Yes; but what is happening? I would think if I did not know, that a millionaire's will was being read in a country house library. A few barristers in wigs and gowns sit quietly reading as if they were in chambers. Facing the peers is a barrister standing at a little reading desk, and in the comfortable hush his crisp voice goes on and on.

"Whenever that old "I appeal to Caesar!" goes up in any part of the Empire this room becomes busy. In this room is given the last word on legal differences throughout the Empire.

"This room is the final appeal for four hundred million British subjects, or nearly a third of the human race. Legal controversies over eleven million square miles—and strangely, throughout the Church in this country are settled here. Its decisions go to the uttermost ends of the earth.

"When I walked in the two attendants looked up curiously at me, for a strange face is a novelty. I sit down in a superior kind of pew. Behind me are shelled the legal records of Canada, a library in themselves. "Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia," "Laws of P.E. Island," and so on. Opposite are the laws of India, Australia; and so on throughout the Empire.

"What do litigants in distant parts of the earth think of this room? Surely they imagine the King's Privy Council sitting robed as peers in the neighborhood of a stained glass window, trailing ermine sleeves over richly carved chairs, light falling on coronets, with perhaps the King, in full Garter robes, dropping in to see how things are going on!

"Nothing of the kind! The highest court in the Empire sits in less state than a police court. It is more like a director's meeting. I half expect some one to rise and declare a dividend!

"What strange things go on here! One day they discuss an obscure passage in the Koran, the next they are debating the inner meaning of the Hedaya. When they deal with South Africa's Roman-Dutch law they bandy the names of Grotius and Vinnius, authorities the Law Courts never hear. Stronger things than that happen. Did you know that in parts of the British Empire the old French law, long expelled from France, lives on, regulating men's lives? Appeals from Mauritius and Seychelles Islands refer to the code-Napoleon. . . . Just think of that!

"As I creep away from the Privy Council feeling that it is one of the most wonderful places in London, that voice goes on and on, quiet conversational, and—the echo will be heard in Bombay."

37 Shopping Days To Christmas

In other words there are 37 days before that "Day of Giving"—the wise shoppers will start making the rounds of THE METROPOLITAN STORE NOW, in order to escape the customary crush of that busy season. Then, take into consideration another advantage, at this season, The Metropolitan Store has a stock on hand which has not been gone over by eager throngs, and that which is best, purchased by gift seekers.

The Public Forum

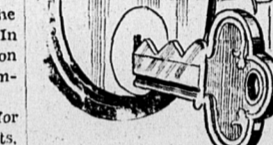
This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. This Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

IDLENESS

Sir,—The term idler cannot be applied to a person who is willing and eager to work but cannot get employment. The real idler is the person who will not work, the man or woman to whom honest work is distasteful. But, of course we cannot class as an idler, a person incapacitated by a physical or mental infirmity.

The idler gets, or tries to get the comforts and enjoyments of life at the expense of others. Industry is a road to virtue, but idleness leads to crime. That old saying, "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do," will stand for all time. Should you want a person to help you in anything wrong, go not to him, suggest it not to him when he is engaged in honest work, but wait till he is idle.

Wealth or the indulgence of others should be no excuse for idleness. We have idlers in this town, lots of them. They should be rounded up and subjected to examination by physical and mental experts and dealt with according to their deserts. I am, Sir, etc. CITIZEN.



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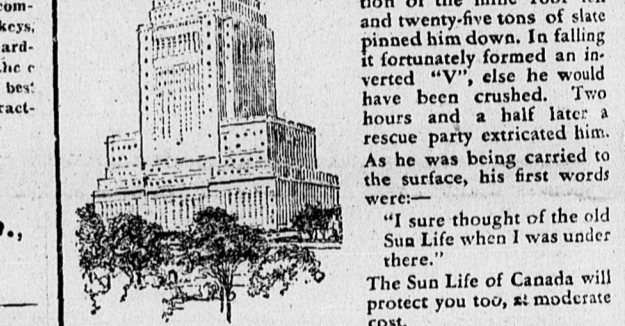
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