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THE PUBLIC DEBT.

THE Monetary Times, of Toronto, gives good advice to the Government and people of Canada. It points out that "We cannot always have prosperity and buoyant revenues. And very little reduction has as yet been effected in the Dominion debt. We did not pay our war costs as we went along—that would have been scarcely possible—but instead, we borrowed money and levied new taxes to carry the debt."

Additional interest is lent to the occasion from the fact that Dr. Fulton Coffin trained Mr. Eugene Chen, Cantonese Foreign Minister, who has just signed with Mr. Owen O'Malley, the British Charge d'Affaires, the treaty concerning the future of foreign concessions in that huge land of unrest, China.

THE COURSE OF TRADE

ANOTHER fact pointed out by Mr. Bennett in the course of his reply to the Budget Speech was that the prices paid by the people for the commodities they have to buy have not been reduced, as they would be if there had been the great reduction of taxation of which the Minister of Finance boasts. Indeed the prices of many articles are rather higher than they were a year ago.

But Mr. Bennett's exposition of the course of trade was, perhaps, the most striking feature of his speech. He pointed out that we imported from Germany last year fifty-five per cent. more goods than we did in the previous year, "while we decreased the amount of goods we sold them by nearly one per cent."

That is to say, Germany bought one per cent. less from Canada and sold to Canada fifty-five per cent. more. From China Canadians bought nearly eighty per cent. more goods last year than in the preceding year and sold to China only eleven per cent. more. From the United States Canadians purchased last year fifteen per cent. more goods than in the previous year, but sold the people of the United States three per cent. less goods than during the preceding twelve months.

There was a like discrepancy in Canada's dealings with other foreign countries. But fortunately for Canada the British Empire bought from Canadians much more than it sold to them. From the countries comprising the British Empire Canadians purchased last year goods to the value of \$213,940,249 and sold them goods to the value of \$54,936,999—leaving a balance favorable to Canada of \$340,996,750.

"The truth is," said Mr. Bennett, "that the United Kingdom and the Free States purchased from us very large quantities of our natural products, such as meat, butter and grain, and the money which we obtained from the sale of those goods went to the United States to purchase goods made by American artisans for consumption by Canadian families!"

This is a great undeniable fact about which Canadians ought to think.

EDITORIAL NOTES

That rulers and princes have their private and family troubles, as ordinary mortals have, was shown by the fact that the late Emperor Frederick of Germany, obtained permission of his mother-in-law Queen Victoria, to hide in a secret fire-proof vault in Windsor Castle three strong boxes for fear that, while he was abroad somewhere, Bismarck might raid his home and steal the papers in them. The following was lately copied from his diary: "Windsor Castle, 18th July, 1887—With the consent of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, I have here today handed over to the safe keeping of Dr. Muther (Librarian of Windsor Castle), three wooden boxes, bound with iron, my own personal property. The said boxes were in my presence placed in a secret fire-proof chamber under the state staircase of Windsor Castle, on which occasion only Dr. Muther and the keeper of the said castle, tonight on "A Voyage to the West Indies, and Life in the Tropics," present."

As to the reduction of the income tax proposed in the Robb budget, it has been pointed out that in Canada this tax accounts for only 18 to 20 per cent of the total federal taxation, while in the United States it stands for 50 per cent and in England more than that. It also seems strange that when our income tax rate was the same as that in the States they raised 300 times as much from this tax as we did in Canada. Prof. J. C. Hemmon of McGill University's credited with the above statements.

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Notes by the Way

When Hon. Vincent Massey presented his credentials to President Coolidge on Friday last the interview lasted just ten minutes. And there was one feature of the meeting and the credentials as well that is worthy of note. It was the presentation to the President by Mr. Massey of a letter of credence from King George. His Majesty, in his letter, after the usual formal words went on as follows:

"Our Good Friend: We have judged it expedient to confer the rank of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary upon our trusty and well beloved the Hon. Charles Vincent Massey, Member of our Privy Council of Canada, with the especial object of representing in the United States of America the interests of our Dominion of Canada.

"We request that you will give entire credence to all that Mr. Massey may represent to you in our name, especially when he shall assure you of our esteem and regard, and of our hearty wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the United States of America. And so we commend you to the protection of the Almighty. Given at Our Court of St. James's, Dec. 7, 1926, in the seventeenth year of our reign. Your good friend, (Signed) George Rex Imperator.

Is the above message from the King to the President an unmeaning formality, or has it a meaning? A year or two ago Canada was making treaties off her own hat, so to speak, and more recently the entire equality between the Dominion and the United Kingdom has been proclaimed officially, and "the final step toward the independence of Canada has been boldly asserted to have been taken at the last Imperial Conference. We shall probably hear more before long from leaders of both sides of the controversy about Canada's "new status" and Mr. Massey's appointment by the King, and why the formalities above referred to were "deemed expedient."

Hon. R. B. Bennett, ex-Minister of Finance, and admittedly one of the ablest financiers in Parliament, has suggested a new plan for meeting Canada's debt obligations, which is attracting attention in leading Canadian journals and will no doubt be further discussed in Parliament. The Toronto Globe says "it should have serious consideration if for no other reason than that any plan of possible merit having such object in view should be considered." Again: "From the public point of view, one important factor in his suggestion is the fact that he picked it up and thrown hocus-bolus into the discard, but he still will be entitled to credit for offering it." Mr. Bennett who represents Calgary West in the Conservative interest, had his birth in Albert County, N. B., and his career is being watched with deep interest by many Maritimers.

The rural mail carriers in Canada are petitioning the Federal Government, their chief grievance being the present contract system under which they are employed. They ask for salaries, permanency of occupation and holidays, such as are now accorded to employees of the postal service in cities. They allege that "there is no other part of the Government service in Canada where men are employed under contract, where the positions are publicly tendered for, and at such scandalously low income." It is claimed that the average income of the carriers is only \$732, while the yearly expenses in some cases are over \$1,000. Their case seems well entitled to a hearing.

That "the dictatorship of Mussolini is detrimental to the best interests of Italy" was the subject of debate by college students in Toronto, Kingston, London, Ottawa, Lennoxville and other centres in Ontario and Quebec simultaneously last Friday night. This shows the wide interest taken in the doings of the Italian Dictator. On the merits of the arguments adduced the judges at the different debates in a large majority of cases gave their decisions in favor of the speakers who supported the negative side.

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That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

INFECTION WITHOUT MARKED SYMPTOMS.

Perhaps you find yourself somewhat lazy, not much interest in your work nor in things in general. It is possible that you have been working hard mentally, or on the other hand your good sense tells you that as a matter of fact you really haven't been doing any hard work.

Your appetite is only fair, and you find yourself drowsy even during the day, which is unusual for you. What is likely the matter? Some infection somewhere in your body.

Now while our first thought is naturally the teeth, you know that you have not had an aching tooth for years, and visit the dentist regularly once or twice a year. It can hardly be your throat because you seldom have a sore throat.

It isn't your sinuses because you rarely have a pain about the face or head. It isn't gall bladder because you have no pain in that region, although you have slight gas attacks occasionally. And yet your physician will tell you that your condition points to infection and he's going to try and locate it for you.

Because an examination by your doctor will show a very low temperature in the morning, low blood pressure, a thinning of the blood as shown by a decrease in the number and redness of your red corpuscles, an increase in your white corpuscles showing that they are fighting some infection in you.

Your whole resistance is lowered in fact. If then after examination he advises the removal of teeth, or tonsils, drainage of sinuses or gall bladder, remember as above, that you can have infections in any of these places without being actually aware of them.

The real proof that he is right may take some months to demonstrate, but you will find yourself able and willing to work, with all your old joy in life.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

THE CREATOR'S WORKS:—The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto nights sheweth knowledge. Psalm 19: 1, 2.

PRAVER:—Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear.

FRIENDSHIP

(By Carl P. Wetmore.) "When our tolls are o'er at the close of the day And we turn aside to rest, We'll tarry a while beside the best. With the friends we love the best. Our days have their share of care and woe, Full of joys and sorrows, too; But the greatest gifts that our lives can know Are the friends that are kind and true. Oh, a friendship kept is a wondrous gift, Like sunshine after the rain, For a friend can love and a friend can lift A load from a world of pain.

On the road of life we may lose our way, And the trail grow rough and 'Tis then when our careworn feet would stray To the friends our hearts hold dear.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

"WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "it is inside of the box." Omit "of."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: launch. The au as in "calm" is preferred to as in "all."

OFTEN MISPELLED: athlete; etc.

SYNONYMS: circulation, revolution, gyration, vortex, rotation, whirlpool.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: LEGEND; a romantic or non-historical story. "It was a legend of pioneer days."

the arrest of all Senators who were absent from their posts in the Senate at Washington at an all-night session of that House. What would happen in Canada if like drastic measures were adopted at Ottawa to compel the attendance of our own Senators under like circumstances?

Personal Sketches

FINE LECTURE AND ELOQUENT SPEECHES.

Brief Tale of Island Seamen.

(Historical)

MR. JAMES SMITH

In reference to the list of names given recently in connection with the "Northern Light" service, we inadvertently omitted the name of two worthy citizens of Charlottetown, that is to say: Mr. James Smith, then steward of the ship, and we are glad to state is still enjoying health and activity. He has also been for several years steward of the Charlottetown Club and has a record for faithful service in all his career that is not surpassed.

TWO McDONALD BOYS.

The second name is that of Hugh L. McDonald, born at Little Pond, P. E. I., now caretaker of the Provincial Building, this City, and still robust in health after many years of A. B. Service on the N. Light and Stanley and privately owned ships. He is a first cousin of the late Capt. Dominic McDonald—they were sons of two brothers, Capt. Dominic, the first to go to sea, became a Master Mariner of the highest standing, who sailed successfully for many years over tempest tossed seas, several of the ships he sailed having been owned in this port. He was a conspicuous figure wherever he went owing to his splendid physique, attractive manners and friendly disposition, and weighed 365 lbs., while Hugh L. turned the scale at 230 lbs.

A rare incident is related of the meeting at sea of those two stalwart Islanders, after Hugh L. became a seaman "before the mast" and Dominic had risen to the command of a full rigged ship, which was then in port at New Orleans, and was making ready to sail. Among the large crew who boarded the ship was a short, stout, young seaman who made the impression on onlookers that it were better not to attempt to trifle with him. Capt. Dominic was one of the onlookers. He was not aware, however, that Hugh L. had been caught by the "lure of the sea," much less that he had joined his ship for the voyage. They were like many others of the brave boys of King's County—when they saw the big ships and the rolling waves, they flew to the seas just like birds of the air, and had not met each other for many years. On board they went about their duties as usual without recognizing each other. But there was a personal magnetism growing up between them, though no approach was made. Finally the Captain broke the ice by asking Hugh L. what McDonald he was and where he came from. Imagine the surprise and delight they felt when they shook hands over the news, and felt it hard to restrain a cheer for Little Pond-by-the-Sea.

The last part of the story is that Captain Dominic passed to the Great Haven of Rest and Peace in Souris about ten years ago, and Hugh L. is safe on board the Provincial Biding as caretaker of the Ship at State in P. E. I. where all will be glad to see him for many happy years.

The finale of the story is that the Northern Light was sold to the Government of Newfoundland for an ice-breaker in Harbor Grace and was broken up some years ago. The Stanley is reported as being re-commissioned by the Dominion Government, and the late Earl Grey were sold to Russia and if still afloat are under Soviet control, while the Car Ferry "proudly flies the flag" of Britannia in their place.

HIS HONOR JUDGE STEWART.

The lecture delivered on Thursday night last by Mr. James Paton, this city, was one of the most attractive and instructive heard at the Caledonian Club, he merited all the praise received from the large audience and the mover and seconder of the vote of thanks. It was brimful of notable facts that will cling to the memory of the audience.

On this occasion the vote of thanks was supported by His Honor Judge Stewart in a brief speech which elicited warm applause. Judge Stewart needs no commendation as a speaker from us, as he is a master of the art of public speaking and can marshal his words and thoughts with rare harmony. The late Wm. E. Gladstone was credited with the gift of being always able to find the right words at the right moment and clothe them in elegant, expressive and felicitous style. All those gifts were well featured when Judge Stewart spoke at the Club. A figurative example will suffice. Speaking of a famous Abbey he said "every stone in it was a memory," and left the audience to think of some masterpiece of art. Indeed, the whole of his remarks were of a like high order.

REV. W. B. MUIR.

Another supporter of the vote of thanks is a comparative stranger here who nevertheless has won an enviable position as a pulpit and platform speaker. We refer to the Rev. W. B. Muir, of St. James' Presbyterian Church, this city. In very complimentary terms he first spoke of the excellence of the lecture enumerating several of the scenes described therein. These included scenes in England and Scotland with much of which he was yet.

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The Public Forum

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PREVENT SMUGGLING, ENCOURAGE EDUCATION

Sir,—Some of the resolutions passed at the meeting of the P. E. I. Branch of the Temperance Alliance were more worthy than the occasion required. But they made evident that there is a strong feeling that the Prohibitory liquor law should be maintained—at least until it has been demonstrated that an improvement more conducive to the regulation of the liquor evils is practicable.

The resolutions of the alliances which will meet with the most general approvals are those dealing with the laxity of the Federal Government in permitting smuggling and illicit stills; and urging the adoption of "more modern and complete text books upon the subject of alcohol and its action on the human body," in which it is suggested that the teachers of the province "be required to procure and read and teach from such text books." Prevention is better than cure, to prevent importation and punishment for sales. To instill into the minds of the youth a proper appreciation of the incursions which result from the abuse of intoxicants is a duty which parents should not forget or avoid, and which teachers should be required to perform. As for the clergy and all ministers of the gospel of Righteousness denunciation of the deadly sin of drunkenness and admonition to refrain from the abuse of intoxicants which tend to drunkenness is clearly in the line of their high calling.

In the insular and to some extent isolated position of this Province, experience and prudence alike, dictate that hasty legislation changing the Prohibitory Liquor law to a law in which liquor manufacture should not be permitted. Some improvement of the existing law suggested by the experience of those who have been active in its prosecution, may well be made. But in view of the marked reduction of the Liquor Evil since the common sale of liquor was legalized any radical change in the law would not be advisable.

FOR THE SCRAP BOOK

A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS. Friday, Feb. 25th.

It is curious to note the old sea-margins of human thought! Each subsiding century reveals some new mystery; we build where monsters used to hide themselves. —Longfellow.

THE TRANSITION FROM MEDIAEVALISM.

For indeed a change was coming upon the world, the meaning and direction of which even still is hidden from us, a change from era to era. The paths trodden by the footsteps of ages were broken up; old things were passing away, and the faith and the life of ten centuries were dissolving like a dream. Chivalry was dying; the abbey and the castle were soon together to crumble into ruins; and all the forms, desires, beliefs, convictions of the old world were passing away, never to return. A new continent had risen up beyond the western sea. The floor of heaven, unaid with stars, had sunk back to an infinite abyss of immeasurable space; and the firm earth itself, unfixed from its foundations, was seen to be but a small atom in the awful vastness of the universe. In the fabric of habit which they had so laboriously built for themselves, mankind was to remain no longer. . . .

And now all is gone—like an unsubstantial pageant faded; and between us and the old English there lies a gulf of mystery which the prose of the historian will never adequately bridge. They cannot come to us, and our imagination can but feebly penetrate to them. Only among the aisles of the cathedral, only as we gaze upon their silent figures sleeping on their tombs, some faint conceptions float before us of what these men were when they were alive; and perhaps in the sound of church bells, that peculiar creation of the mediaeval age, which falls upon the ear like the echo of a vanished world. —James Anthony Froude.

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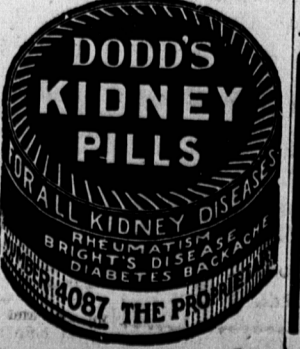
"The hills our father's trod." In closing he quoted— "When shall their glory fade." He will always be heard with pleasure by Charlottetown audiences.

HE DESERVED IT.

The young man was puffing away at his cigar, despite the pained expression on the old lady's face. "Young man," she said, when her fit of coughing was over, "do you know it's wrong to smoke?" "Well," replied the young man, as he blew a wreath of smoke, "I use tobacco for my health."

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