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IDEAL APPOINTMENT

As announced in today's Guardian, Sir Thomas White, Canada's wartime Minister of Finance, has been chosen to act on the important Commission which the Bennett Government is appointing to inquire into the question of unimproved claims of the Maritime Provinces.

This completes the personnel of the Commission, the other members being Hon. J. A. Matheson, Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island, representing the Maritime Provinces, and Mr. Edward W. Nesbitt, of Woodstock, Ontario, representing the Dominion Government.

There will be general satisfaction over the choice of a statesman of the outstanding calibre of Sir Thomas White. A past president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and a director of many important commercial and industrial institutions, Sir Thomas is chiefly distinguished for the splendid service he performed as Minister of Finance in the Borden and National governments, October, 1911, to August, 1919, throughout the whole period of the Great War and the crisis which Canada faced at that time.

It is also reported that the Commission will get under way as soon as possible, and will hold its first meeting on October 16.

Further news in this connection will be awaited with the keenest interest and expectancy throughout the Maritimes.

THE HEALING ART.

A physician, writing in the London New Statesman and Nation on the limitations of medicine, says that the popular conception of disease is fallacious. All the manifestations of illness, he says, are not to be looked upon as hostile, however unpleasant. Many symptoms are consequent on defensive or protective measures taken by the automatic forces within us—measures aimed at the maintenance or restoration of balanced stability.

"Our wounds heal, as the saying is of themselves." Of course this does not mean that we can do without the surgeon. The surgeon can facilitate Nature's work by lessening the difficulties to be overcome. The physician can remove some of the obstacles to the restoration of bodily harmony.

"If we look back, and see how slow was the growth of physiological knowledge—from the days of Hippocrates to the later years of the last century, and then contemplate the additions to that knowledge which have been made in the last fifty years, optimism as to the future outlook may well grow. The lamentable thing is that although diligent doctors have long recognized the limitations of their present-day art, they have not taken the public into their confidence. If they would but lay their cards on the table, where they would be visible to all—not least important, to themselves—we should soon find among the public a clearer understanding of the problems with which the doctor is faced, and of his progressive success in mastering them. The popularity of fallacious heterodoxies is mainly due to the lack of candor which still characterizes the orthodox practitioner of medicine."

CANADA'S SUCCESS

Canada's success in halving unemployment is accepted as sound proof of the Dominion's trend toward recovery under the guidance

and authority of Premier Bennett according to the London Financial Times in commenting on the Prime Minister's statement that at the present rate of increase revenue will be sufficient to wipe out the deficit on ordinary expenditure.

This comparison reveals a remarkable state inasmuch as the total Dominion, provincial and municipal debt per capita in Canada is only 99.4 pounds.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Premier Bennett had to go all the way to Geneva to lie up for a few days—owing to a bad cold.

A free trip to Australia is in the offing for some enterprising High School essayist.

Music hath charm to soothe the savage breast besides educating and refining the rising generation.

Already the necessity for marketing boards is evident from the discussions at the Board of Trade on Maritime imports and exports of carcasses.

Mr. Kenneth Leslie is perfectly delighted with his visit to the Province. He has made many friends and had abundant opportunity to cultivate his taste for Gaelic conversation and singing.

When electoral enumerators are on the round give the names of all qualified voters, male and female, of from twenty-one years and over. Names will then appear on the original list for scrutiny.

Enumerators must visit dwelling houses at least twice, once between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., and once between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. This is to insure nobody will be missed.

A musical competition in Charlottetown for choruses, solos, violin and piano playing would keep our musicians busy all winter practising, and provide a novel and delightful series of entertainments in Charlottetown, during, say, March.

Moncton is mourning the sudden passing of its City Clerk, Col. S. Boyd Anderson, C.M.G., D.S.O., who had a most distinguished career overseas, and since in local militia and legion activities. He was keenly interested in the Boy Scouts, and served as President of the Moncton Boy Scouts Association.

The Prince of Wales was recently in the limelight through bravely saving a boy at Biarritz from drowning. Again he is on the front page through saving a yachtsman wrecked near Palma, Mallorca. Its becoming as much a habit with the Prince as formerly being thrown while hunting.

A Halifax woman acquired the morphine habit as the result of numerous surgical operations. A member of the Board of Health declared there should be a lethal chamber for her—that she should be killed outright to save her further misery. Think of it; science permitted to wreck a human life, and then to be called upon to end it.

Having failed as a last resort to get purchasers for their surplus underfed cattle in either the United States or Japan, the Prairie Provinces have joined hands with the Dominion Government on a slaughter policy. It is now definitely decided the animals will be processed into boneless meat and tankage. Drought conditions are no better in some parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick where farmers are seriously considering the idea of slaughtering their cattle.

Prof. A. F. Clouston, member of the Biological Board of Canada and special representative of Nova Scotia's marketing division reports that orderly marketing of live lobsters through group shipments is necessary to protect the fishermen. "With thousands of individual fishermen each sending their few crates to the Boston market," he said, "it will be recognized at once that any plan of marketing is next to

Notes By The Way

The present is no time for us either to bury our heads in the sand or keep them above the clouds. A constitution on the lines of the White Paper is coming to India. Our duty is to see that the British Government adhere to the main outlines of that proposed constitution, and modify its details in accordance with the joint memorandum of all the Indian delegates to the Select Committee. It is also the task of Indian political parties to assure the British Parliament that if a liberal constitution is forthcoming, it will be worked to the fullest capacity in the expectation of something better to follow. For any political group in this country to shout from the house tops that it will reject the White Paper and attempt to wrest the constitution is merely to damage India's best interests. Let us resolutely face reality. Unconstitutional methods have failed. Constitutional demands, backed by the united voice of the whole country, will have infinitely greater success in defeating the Conservative difficulties and in confirming His Majesty's Government in the wisdom of a liberal policy than threats of direct action.—Times of India, Bombay.

Alderman Allan Towe, of London, may have been joking when he brought the matter up, but we quite agree with him when he protests that circuses should be made to tear down or cover up their billboards after the show is over. The same thing should be done in the case of political candidates and banners who make use of this medium reaching the public. We can't think of anything more unsightly than tattered billboards telling of an event that is "dead and buried."—Border Cities Star.

It is unfortunate that co-operation among Great Britain, France and Italy should mean joint opposition to the course taken by the Nazi rulers of Germany, but at the moment it is inevitable. Economically and politically, at home and abroad, Nazi credit is shaken and the intentions of Germany are suspected. The Nuremberg trials and the claptrap speeches uttered are like the red fire and patter of a conjurer contriving to divert attention from what he is really doing. Millions of bewildered Germans are accepting illusion as magic, but nowadays the telegraph and radio carry the news of how many millions who are not hypnotized by Hitler and these see danger in the performance.

On the basis of judging others by oneself, the Indian refused to believe in the sincerity of Britain's professions that self-government was her goal in India. There, the Indians distrust the British because they know that they themselves would not part with power their abuse of Britain can have no moral conviction and their appeals to abstract rights and to principles of justice are insincere. Nevertheless it is a fact that the majority of the English people believe in letting people govern themselves if they, the English, can safely do so. They want security against malevolence and are indisposed to put cutting instruments into the hands of those who have no good word for them. For years the Congress has been doing everything possible to prevent the Englishman giving further measures of self-government to India.—Calcutta Statesman.

Perhaps not to the same extent as in bygone years, yet travellers to Canada still think their tour is complete unless they see Niagara Falls, which for grandeur and beauty have been regarded as one of the chief natural spectacles of Canada. Niagara Falls Park records show that the falls are viewed by more than 2,000,000 visitors each year. Taking the length of the gorge into account, and the annual erosion of the rock at the waterfall, geologists compute that the river was formed not more recently than twenty-five thousand years ago.

A Southern Pacific train halted a half mile from a highway crossing at Mountain View, San Jose, Cal., draped like a Christmas tree with bedding, dishes, pajamas, furniture and a cook stove. The astounded train crew raced back and found Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Joseph of Los Angeles, sitting uninjured near what remained of their "home on wheels." The engine had sliced the portable bungalow in half.

The country needs a "great programme. It needs a parliamentary machine the efficiency of which cannot be made a talking point by enemies of democracy. It needs a machine which will maximize not the possibilities of obstruction but of construction.—London Daily Herald.

"I am not one who fears with those who are afraid that the New Deal in its regimenting is stifling American initiative. Our alleged impossibility because of the practical impossibility of communicating with thousands of different individuals and getting concerted action."

Canon B. H. Streeter, Provost of Queen's College, Oxford, one of the most distinguished scholars in the Church of England, has associated himself with the Group Movement. "I have come to the conclusion," he writes, "that in an age of growing world despair I feel it to be my duty to associate myself with a movement which seems to have got on to the secret of giving people new hope, new courage, and of increasing their number and their power. You see you cannot reform the world merely by machinery; you must first reform the men who work the machines."

Chat Body of Hours

By James W. Borden, M.D.

NOISE CAUSES DEAFNESS AND INJURES THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

"There is no organ in which public and professional hygiene takes more interest than the organ of hearing and one would say that our engineers had pledged themselves to overwhelm the ears not of factory workers only but of all town dwellers, by the most harmful and injurious acoustic (hearing) stimulation." For many years it has been known that subjecting the ear to continuous noises causes a breaking down of the hearing apparatus. Many experiments were first made on the effects of noise on various animals—found that animals subjected to these noise experiments lost appetite and weight, but quickly recovered when the noises stopped.

What about human beings? The organs of hearing were examined after death in a number of patients whose occupations—hammering, riveting and others—had caused deafness. It was found that not only was the central organ of hearing damaged but also the nerve endings in the nose or any sinus disease increases the liability to noise deafness; these cases can be helped by removing these conditions. The most damaging street noises are those of high pitch such as some kinds of motor horns, clattering machinery, street drills, building or pavement—and backfiring cars.

Indoor workers have been helped by "soundproof" buildings and partitions but much remains to be done by our legislators. The amount of noise on our streets. Noise is more than a nuisance; it is definitely harmful not only to the hearing but to the entire nervous system.

Cartier Celebration

(Saturday Night) It is difficult to feel much sympathy with the state of mind of those individuals, apparently to be found mostly in the neighborhood of Toronto, who object to the current celebrations of the Cartier discoveries of 1534, and particularly of the French participation therein on the ground that Cartier was anticipated by an English expedition under command of the Italian, Cabot, in 1497. No interest is to be taken in any but the first person to set foot on the soil of a new country, we shall have to abandon a considerable number of celebrations of achievements by British, French, Spanish and other explorers who have hitherto been credited with a large share in the long and laborious task of opening up half a world to the uses of civilization. It is eminently right that Cabot should be celebrated as well as Cartier, but the time to celebrate Cartier is the year ending in 97 and the fact that he is not then celebrated is no reason for not celebrating Cartier in a year ending 34.

Nor can we see any reason for ignoring the fact that the explorations of Cartier, and most of the adventures of the Mounted Police in Ellesmere Island. Mr. Douglas Robertson, in his excellent book "To the Arctic With the Mounties," states that since his return from the far north he has been asked many questions. The substance of these is: "Why does Canada go to the expense of policing an island like Ellesmere, which lies so close to the North Pole as to be uninhabited? What other nation would want to take it from us?"

50 Years Ago

And Since By FRED COOK

MR. SPEAKER, I DO NOT KNOW, ETC.

In my gallery days many years ago it was often a subject of comment on the part of the boys how prone members of parliament were to discount their speeches in their opening remarks, when addressing the House. A recent reference to the late Mr. Justice Lennox, of the Supreme Court of Ontario, reminds me of such an instance. Mr. Lennox first came into the House of Commons as member for South Simcoe in 1900. From the outset he was recognized as an outstanding authority on railway law. He put through an amendment to the Act one session which members on both sides considered a desirable one although some doubts were expressed as to whether it was intra vires of Parliament, and ultimately it was carried to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

When the appeal was about to be argued by the Hon. the Laurier government did Mr. Lennox, a Conservative member, the unusual honor of requesting him to represent the Parliament of Canada at the hearing, and so forcibly did he marshal the arguments in favor of the enactment that he won the case. When Mr. Lennox first entered Parliament eight or ten years ago, the press gallery boys used to dine together each evening at the Commons restaurant, of which Sam Cassidy was the presiding genius. In some way Mr. Lennox found himself placed at our table and thus became well known to the gallery men. I remember one night one of us complimented him on the excellence of his speech he had delivered that afternoon. Mr. Lennox expressed his acknowledgments and said his only desire was to make good in Parliament; and if any of the newspaper representatives had any suggestions to offer, as to the subject matters he discussed, or if they had any criticism to advance, he would appreciate such action. One of those present thereupon remarked, "Do you really mean that, Mr. Lennox?"

Canada's Sovereignty In The Arctic

(Mail and Empire) A Labor member of Parliament from the West recently inquired in the House of Commons why Canada maintains Mounted Police in Ellesmere Island. Mr. Douglas Robertson, in his excellent book "To the Arctic With the Mounties," states that since his return from the far north he has been asked many questions. The substance of these is: "Why does Canada go to the expense of policing an island like Ellesmere, which lies so close to the North Pole as to be uninhabited? What other nation would want to take it from us?"

Whether or not Ellesmere Island has the high potential value as an air base which General Mitchell accords it remains to be seen. But, in any case, as Mr. Robertson points out, the maintenance of one Mounted Police post there does not seem to have any price to pay for guarding a narrow strip of Greenland, it is equidistant from New York, San Francisco, China, Russia and Western Europe. Supplies for air forces on this island could be carried through the air in either airplanes or dirigibles, or under water in submarines.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

POTATO GROWERS

Sir,—I read in your issue of September 7th, with something like a feeling of disgust, a letter from J. J. Hughes on that much discussed institution known as the P. E. I. Potato Growers' Association.

To my mind, the P. E. I. Potato Growers' Association is a very useful institution for the framers of Prince Edward Island. If it should happen that there are any business men or Senators on Prince Edward Island that do not want it, kindly ask them to leave us alone. We have the right to market potatoes or any other commodity that we have to sell, in the same degree that we have the right to produce them. Some of us can still remember when there were price spreads on potatoes of as much as 20 cents a bushel between stations eight to ten miles apart. Can Mr. Hughes figure out how much this method lost the farmers of Prince Edward Island? But nevertheless, things are changing, and one of the most notable changes is the loss of influence that politicians of the "old school" have on the people of today.

Human nature evidently does not change, and today the same as years ago, the world crucifies its Saviour. If you have a personal quarrel to settle with Mr. J. W. Boulter, please fight it out among yourselves, but do not try to destroy the P. E. I. Potato Growers' Association, or the Government that should see fit to defend us farmers. Our organization is the only friend that the farmers of Prince Edward Island have, even though, as Mr. Hughes states, they have made some mistakes.

I am, Sir, etc. W. B. MacLELLAN. Alma, P. E. I.

The Poet's Corner

PRELUDE IN E MINOR (CHOPIN) Perhaps it is a silent garden where The ghosts of smiling childhood start up from the rank green grass and flowering weeds, or some Old image kneeling sadness mid the fair Of life; or when beside some grave a prayer Is sighed; or when, alone, the bleak vision Of wayfarer that chant the slow eternal song Heard all night through, the saddest theme to hear.

Was this the saddest music that he heard? I hear the waves within its harmony. In the recurring phrase, the minor third, The modulation and monology Of rhythm, chords and theme, the waves have surged Upon the shore. I hear the sea. —Irene Haugh.

from Denmark in 1917). Had an aim been consulted about this he would have shown that Grant Land (Ellesmere Island) may form one of the greatest air bases in the world. From its position, opposite the northern tip of Greenland, it is equidistant from New York, San Francisco, China, Russia and Western Europe. Supplies for air forces on this island could be carried through the air in either airplanes or dirigibles, or under water in submarines.

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