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THE RECORD

It was on August 7, 1890—two years ago this week—that the Bennett Government assumed the burden of office. It did so, notes the Mail and Empire, in the midst of an unprecedented depression.

There was a sympathetic decline in the value of the Canadian dollar which brought with it a heavy increase in the amount of the country's financial obligations in the United States in respect to both capital and interest payments.

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ting up stiff customs duties to check the dumping of foreign goods and to balance the country's foreign trade. In thus adopting protection after nearly three generations of free trade the British ministry refrained from using these duties against Canada and the other parts of the Empire.

The Mother Country having thus placed itself in a position to talk with the outlying parts of the Empire, arrangements for the present Imperial Conference, naturally, followed. A fresh invitation was issued from Ottawa and was duly accepted in every Empire capital.

No more ridiculous contention could be advanced by partisan critics than that Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett is a tool of the "big interests." On the contrary, it can truthfully be said that no Prime Minister in recent history has maintained so independent an attitude in his relations to the large financial and commercial forces of the country.

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Canadian medical colleges have been contemplating with some anxiety the increasing number seeking admittance to their classes. It is interesting to note that this problem is not confined to Canada.

NOTES BY THE WAY

These observers of the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa, says the New York Sun, who detect in it a purpose or desire on the part of the British Commonwealth of Nations to injure other nations, get the cart before the horse.

France has sought, by resistance to arms reduction, the creation of alliances and strong-arm financial tactics, to keep Germany in an inferior position. She has played a long with disarmament conferences to soothe the feelings of other countries but she has never shown any disposition to reduce her establishment in any way that would weaken her stranglehold on the Germans.

The Canadian farmer at one time sold to the United States in one year, nearly 200 millions of dollars worth of agricultural products. But that is more than ten years ago.

The drifter is a problem added to the local embarrassments of the willing or unwilling workers. More-over this problem cannot, with safety, be allowed to drift as most unemployment measures usually do.

A free exchange of commodities would bring relief, and to that end the tariffs must come down and trade agreements must be negotiated. The Imperial Conference should do for the Empire what wider co-operation may do for the world. It can set an example, and it must not ignore the need of other than Empire markets.

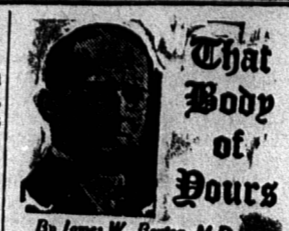
The circumstance that they have never served in that capacity keeps alive the fiction that certain big business men would be the ideal sort for public office if they could only be induced to accept. The conduct of government, as in every other case, requires experience which even the conduct of a big business does not gain.

The Ottawa Conference knows what is facing it and the British world should know what is facing it. It is one of the biggest tasks that Empire statesmen have ever undertaken. Initial clashes and disappointments are inevitable. But these collisions should not be regarded as setbacks. They are a necessary part of the business of getting ahead.

Lessened the need. Another factor is the hospitals which have increased greatly in numbers. All this means that fewer physicians can cover the ground.

What the argument does not take into consideration, says the Winnipeg Free Press, is the vast increase in medical knowledge. So far as this phase is concerned it is true that one man cannot cover adequately every new field. Hence the specialists. Mankind could use properly trained and gifted specialists—but could they afford them?

The American Bar Association is also troubled about what it terms the "flood tide" of law students. In the last decade, according to the Association statement 78,500 new lawyers were admitted to practice across the line. Each year withdrawals by death and retirement number 4,600. Last year 9,700 were admitted to the Bar. The Association Committee estimates that more than twice as many lawyers are being produced as are needed. Something must be done about it, but the Committee doesn't say what.



SPINAL FUNCTURE

You may read from time to time about puncturing or inserting a needle into the spine to remove some of the spinal fluid. This fluid bathes the brain and nerve tissues.

When an anaesthetic is to be given by this method instead of gas, ether, or chloroform, some of this spinal fluid is withdrawn, and the anaesthetic is put back in its place. Just a little less anaesthetic than is taken out. Thus no extra pressure occurs.

In a normal individual the pressure at the upper end of the spine at back of the head, and the pressure at lower end of the spine is the same. If some fluid is removed from the lower part, then the pressure at the upper place where the needle is inserted will be a little less; and if a little fluid is removed by the upper needle, the pressure at the lower part will be lessened.

Another use for this puncture that helps in locating trouble is the injecting of a substance into the upper part of spine at the back of head, that will flow down the spinal canal. This substance will appear black when the X ray is used, and if this black shadow stops at any point in the canal instead of going all the way down it will show the exact point of the obstruction.

It is gratifying to learn how these discoveries are helping in the treatment of nerve conditions.

Vindicated

There has been sporadic discussion in many parts of this country over an alleged "snub" administered to the farmers of Canada by the Prime Minister on Saturday, July 16th. The offence consisted in Mr. Bennett's failure to give up an appointment with the famous English publisher, Lord Rothermere, and also a vital conference on the St. Lawrence treaty, to drive out to Ottawa Fair grounds and listen to speeches by a near-agriculturalist, Arthur Hawkes, and Miss Agnes MacPhail, M. P. Had he had the leisure Mr. Bennett would no doubt have been willing to drive scores of miles for the pleasure of hearing the oratory of Mr. Hawkes, though that of Miss MacPhail would not be so novel an experience.

Vindication of Mr. Bennett comes from a quarter least expected—the Farmer's Sun of Toronto. It points out in justice to him that Mr. Bennett had never promised to meet a large delegation, but had been willing to meet one of six representatives of agriculture in his office. The Sun adds that the thousand or so of farmers who took advantage of a cut-rate excursion to go to Ottawa did not go for the express purpose of meeting Mr. Bennett, but for the purpose of preparing a memorandum for submission to the Government and choosing a small delegation to present it.

Most of us are willing to take care of poor old aunt so long as she can do as much work as a servant.

The Egypt's Gold

(Vancouver Province) Plymouth, where Drake's men and Hawkins' once turned out to meet Spaniards of Don Phillip's Armada, has now turned out to meet the Genoese of Artiglio II. Captain Carl and Commodore Quaglia have come ashore to Plymouth Hoe, bringing much gold with them, and everybody praises them and their men, and nobody grudges them their share of it.

This salvage of the Egypt's gold after ten years in the caves of ocean, is truly an exploit which merits the praise it has won. She has been lying there, off Brest, under four hundred feet of water, in a dangerous seaway of winds and tides and currents. She was rammed and sunk in a Channel fog by a cargo tramp, and she carried down with her \$5,000,000 in gold. It has been lying there all that time—1089 bars of fine gold, 37 boxes holding 164,969 golden sovereigns and 120 loose bars of silver—and men in the marine salvage business have alternately smacked their lips at the thought of that treasure trove and groaned in despair at the impossible job of recovering it.

The owners and men of Artiglio II, have rather more than earned the 62 1-2 per cent they will get of the Egypt's gold, leaving the rest to the overjoyed underwriters, who had long since given up their gamble as a dead loss. Artiglio I, after a first try at the Egypt, was blown up in the interval of removing another sunken vessel, the Florence—a menace to navigation—and fourteen of her men went with her. The sister ship Ruffo was overturned by fouling a great block of concrete sent down to hold her by the Egypt. Artiglio II has been driven away by winter and spring gales, and has returned, to accomplish an heroic and memorable exploit.

Step in advance in the development of a Dominion service which, as far as carrying mail matter from European countries is concerned, was inaugurated at Father Point, the first point of call of transatlantic steamships in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, in 1927, and the progress now made will be a helpful factor particularly in bringing the countries closer together in their trading relations.

one might have imagined oneself on some Grecian island and the boats of a corsair's fleet."

Running Slave Falls

(Winnipeg Free Press) Slave Falls, notable Manitoba power site of today, was one of the myriad barriers which made arduous and exciting, but picturesque, the course of the Red river expedition to this province sixty-two years ago. The current issue of the Manitoba bulletin has an extract from an article, presumably by the leader of the expedition, Col. Garnet Wolesey himself, written for the December 1870, number of Blackwood's Magazine.

This sidelight, from a hitherto little explored source, gives a picture of the sensations of riding a birch-bark canoe in a cascade, and of the dizziness of the canoeist. Slave Falls creamed swiftly, the landing of the canoes was thrilling, but the aftermath was peaceful—one of the idyllic interludes of a famous journey. Col. Wolesey's description of the camp on Elk Island has the touch of poetry.

"Here is the description of the approach to the fall: 'Consoling ourselves at first with the reflection that the guide knew best what he was about, we sat motionless, but let me confess it, awe-stricken as we swept into the narrow gully at the end of which was the great noisy roar of falling waters. The columns of spray that curled up like clouds into the air announced the position of the fall. We were close to the brink. Quick as lightning the idea flashed that the Indians had made a mistake. The countenance of the bowsman rather confirmed this idea: his teeth set... an unusual look in his eye. But in another second the canoe's head swept in safely toward the rocks.' And this is the scene from Elk Island. 'The boats were drawn up in a long line, with their bows on the beach. The climate was that of the south of Europe; and as the sun set beyond a horizon of water,

The Poets' Corner

SONG

O blessed be the touch of thought, That marries memories from afar, That finds the thing it had not sought And smells a spice no treasure bought, And learns what never sages taught And sees this earth a dazzling star!

As in the sheen of a lamp unseen, The lamp of memory shrouded long, There sprang before me, sweet as song, The vision of a branch of bloom, A swaying branch of blossom scented; And in that bloom amid the gloom My heart was luminously tented.

Laurence Binyon.

Mail Developments

(Montreal Gazette)

One of the chief phenomena of the development of postal systems in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries was the great increase in speed through the use of the railroads and steamships. To what extent despatch is being further facilitated through airplane co-operation with the steamships and railroads has this week been revealed in a rather spectacular manner, first in Montreal and immediately afterwards in Ottawa, where the achievement created a very favorable impression upon the Imperial delegates to the Economic Conference. Mail matter which was posted in London on Saturday afternoon last was delivered in Montreal on Wednesday afternoon, and in Ottawa in the early evening of the same day. It is thus demonstrated that letters, mailed in London, can be delivered in Montreal well within four days—to be exact, three days and twenty-two hours after mailing. Likewise, the same service can be concluded at Ottawa in a shortly extended period of time.

The other day, however, Mr. Shaw spoke to a set of Oxford undergraduates who call themselves Communists, and what did he say to them? He warned them that they did not know what they were talking about or where they were headed. "Revolt," he said, "means the end of liberty." He went on to add: "No single breath of tyranny is missing in Russia. It is carried into effect on a gigantic scale."

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Shaw's Contradictions

(Ottawa Journal)

If, as Emerson said, consistency is the hobble of small minds, then Mr. George Bernard Shaw must have the biggest mind in creation. One almost suspects, however, that when G. B. S.'s words of a Monday bark at his words of a Saturday, it is not his consistency that is in question, but his sincerity.

Last year it will be recalled, Mr. Shaw went to Russia. With Nancy Astor he went to Moscow, saw everything that Stalin thought it wise to show him, was completely conquered. Mr. Shaw returned to England as completely infatuated with Bolshevism as he used to be with Ellen Terry in the long ago, wrote and talked about it constantly and copiously. Communism was the thing.

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over Irish railways, to overtake at one of the ports, north or south of Ireland, as the case might be, the transatlantic mail boats after they had sailed from Liverpool. Meanwhile, what has been achieved indicates once more to what extent the postal service between Great Britain and Canada has progressed in recent years.

HER POOR FATHER A servant girl asked leave of absence for an hour to consult a fortune teller. She returned walking dizzily. "Did she predict some great trouble?" asked her mistress sympathetically. "Oh, ma'am, some terrible news," moaned the girl, wringing her hands. "Tell me what she said," asked the mistress, wishing to comfort her. "She told me that my father works hard shovelling coal and tending fires for a living." "But that's no disgrace," said the mistress, a trifle vexed at such affection. "Oh, ma'am, my poor father," sobbed the girl. "What a hard time he must be having. He's been dead these nine years."

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