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OUR VITAL CLAIM

The local Liberal organ, in its endeavor to shield its party, has adopted the role of devil's advocate with respect to our claim upon the Federal Government for the Dalton Sanatorium. Ignoring the fact that there was a contractual agreement to hand over the Sanatorium in the same condition as it had been received, which the Federal Government failed to do, it now attempts to belittle the tentative offers that were actually made to the provincial Government representative and is now belligerently hostile to any suggestion that this Province, having lost \$100,000 through the bungling of the Bell Administration, has any right to re-negotiation.

Premier Saunders is a lawyer, and as such he is aware of the first duty of a counsel, which is to present every piece of evidence in favor of his client. If he fails to do so, he is derelict in his duty.

The Guardian's contention that the claim is still valid can never be answered satisfactorily until it is answered by the Federal Government.

FEDERAL FORECAST

Hon. Robert Forke, in a recent pronouncement to the Winnipeg Liberal Association, predicted that the King Government would make some gains in the Maritimes at the next election, but that the verdict of Manitoba, which he described as the "key-stone" province, would probably be the decisive factor. This statement, says the Sydney Post, is interesting not because of its reference to the Maritimes, of which Mr. Forke knows nothing, but because of its manifest admission of impending Government losses in the West, of which, if anywhere, he should be in a position to speak.

In the 1928 election, the provinces divided their favors between the several political groups as set forth in the following table:

Table with 4 columns: Prov., Con., Lib., Prog., Lab., Ind., Prog. Rows include Alberta, B.C., Man., N.B., N.S., Ont., P.E.I., Sask., Yukon, and Totals.

This shows that while the Liberals won more seats than any other single group, they were nevertheless short of a clear majority in a House of 245 members. But the 9 so-called Liberal Progressives returned from Manitoba and Ontario were in close alliance with the King Government, and have, consistently or otherwise, stood by it in all crucial divisions in Parliament. Through this alliance the Government commands a total of 125 votes, or a majority of 8 in the House of Commons. There are in addition some 6 or 8 of the unhyphenated Progressives who vote regularly with the Govern-

ment and give it a more or less dependable majority of approximately 20 on most Parliamentary divisions. Both the Independents, Mr. Bourassa of Quebec and Mr. Nell of British Columbia, are also, to all intents, straight Government supporters. This analysis shows both the strength and the weakness of the King Ministry. Its strength comes chiefly from Quebec and Saskatchewan, which give it the support of 76 Liberals and 4 Independents. Outside of these two Provinces, the Liberals carried only 40 seats out of a total of 159—approximately one out of four. The Government's weakness is the obvious instability of the two chief sources of its support in the country. To win another election it must hold all its present support in Quebec and Saskatchewan, and, at the same time, make additional gains from the other provinces where it now relies upon independent groups which are virtually certain to disappear from the picture when the next appeal to the country takes place. Manifestly both these things are impossible, and either of them seems entirely improbable. The recent political upheaval in the provincial field of Saskatchewan has deprived the King Ministry of its strongest party buttress in the West. In the defeat of the Gardiner Government one of the two great fortresses of Liberalism has fallen, and the entire political aspect of Western Canada has been radically changed.

INTER-IMPERIAL TRADE

When Liberal apologists have no other argument to support the Australian and New Zealand treaty they declare with patriotic fervor that these are sister Dominions and we must trade with them. Inter-Imperial trade is very properly being advocated, but it is not the intention of such advocacy that any one of the Dominions should profit at the expense of another. It has taken Canada over sixty years to learn that inter-provincial trading must be mutually beneficial, and that the purpose of Confederation can never otherwise be achieved.

Inter-imperial trade between Dominions which cover all the zones is practicable, but to argue that Canada should sacrifice its own dairy industry to advance the interests of Australia and New Zealand is a fallacy of the most dangerous kind. That this is precisely what has occurred as a result of the trade treaty negotiated by the King Government was clearly shown by the Conservative speakers at Tuesday's night's meeting. The decrease in milk production in Canada in 1927, expressed in pounds of butter, equalled approximately the amount of butter imported during the same period. Although the figures for 1928 are not yet available, it is already known that the 1928 importation greatly exceeded that of the previous year, and a corresponding decrease in production in this country may be predicted.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Observers at Washington predict that no definite action on the tariff will be taken at the present session of Congress. The interests are so conflicting that it may result in a stalemate.

The prophets at Ottawa are predicting a federal election in 1931. It seems a pretty safe guess. The programme laid down for that year has all the earmarks of an election platform. Instance the promised completion of the new car ferry for this Province, the standardization of the Murray Harbor Railway, the construction of railway workshops and yard improvements at Charlottetown. All for 1931! In other Provinces similar rosy assurances are being held out.

Notes By The Way

The perils of the air, like those of the highways, are still formidable. Hitherto aviation in Canada had been far more safe than in the United States and about as free from serious accident as any other country. But on Saturday afternoon at St. Catharines, the most serious airplane disaster occurred. A giant plane with a skilful pilot and five passengers on board took off to ascend, and two minutes later crashed down into a swamp, overturned and its gasoline tanks exploded. By shock from the fall, or the flame that followed, all on board perished.

Only three of the bodies of the victims were recovered by the rescuers who rushed to the scene of the tragedy, the fierce flames in a few moments having made the wreck unapproachable. No one knows the immediate cause of the disaster. An inquest and a further official investigation by the flying authorities in Ottawa have been ordered.

On October 30 the election in Ontario will take place, which will be only three years since the last provincial election was held. Premier King has also spoken about the next federal election, which he says need not take place until November, 1931, but may be brought on in 1930 if the Government finds such a course desirable.

High credit is given to Rt. Hon. Philip Snowden, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, for his good work at The Hague in obtaining for Great Britain a larger share in the reparations to be paid by Germany. Mr. Snowden would not be denied. He took a bulldog grip on the situation and held on. And Canada gains 435 per cent. of the extra reparations secured for the Mother Country by him.

His Excellency, Lord Willington, returning from Toronto with the Vice-regal party to Ottawa, was seized with a fainting spell on Saturday last. His physicians have advised that rest is imperative, and several engagements have been postponed in consequence.

All quiet in Jerusalem is the word under date September 15. Conditions have become so far normal that the curfew hour has been advanced to 10.30 p. m. "Allenby Road today was choked with the usual week-end promenade. Many baby carriages were seen, and bathers swarmed on the beach. Only in conversation were the bloody riots between Arabs and Jews recalled."

For the Banquet to Premier Ferguson several announcements are made in The Mail and Empire. Among them are the following: It will be the largest banquet ever held in Toronto, more than 4,000 people from all over the province will attend. The high record so far has stood at 2,500. More than 1,500 roast chickens and nearly a ton of lake trout will be consumed at the Royal York, where the banquet takes place Thursday evening.

The Premier's speech will be broadcast by the biggest hook-up ever attempted in Canada. Tickets for the banquet had been snapped up at such a rate that on Saturday it was decided to stop the sale. After the dinner as many of the guests as possible will be moved into the main convention hall, where Mr. Ferguson will speak and the others will hear through amplifiers in other rooms of the hotel.

The British Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald, will be the guest of the Government of Canada at an official dinner in Ottawa when he visits the Dominion after his conversations with President Hoover. This was stated by Hon. MacKenzie King the other day. Mr. King further stated he felt quite satisfied the British Premier would make only one speech during the three or four days of his stay in Canada. That speech will be made at the Government dinner in Ottawa, and if Mr. MacDonald has anything to tell the Canadian people about his discussions with President Hoover, he will probably tell it on that occasion.

The Good Roads Convention is throwing an amazing amount of light and information upon every aspect pertaining to the history, planning, financing, construction, extension and improvement of the highway system in Canada. Every feature and problem connected with our roads is being discussed very thoroughly by men of skill and experience in such matters. And as the roads are used by everybody, the subjects are of wide and increasing interest to every citizen of our wide Dominion.

Hungary has 168 textile factories. Denmark will have talkies next fall. Fans are again in vogue in London. The Chilean Government is active in promoting aviation.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

UNWISE STATEMENTS REGARDING EXERCISE

You are perhaps reading a considerable amount of comment on the reported utterances of the professor of physical education of Teachers' College, New York City. He is said to favor horseback riding, golf, tennis, handball, long walks, and other such easily carried out types of exercise. The morning setting up exercises or any set form of exercise is foolishness and gives no benefit, according to his reported statement.

Now the above forms of exercise are quite all right, but I wonder what percentage of my readers can get opportunity to indulge in these forms of exercise.

Certainly a very small percentage. Further, take any other half dozen forms of exercise, field athletics, field games, other group games, track athletics, boxing or wrestling.

Those engaging in these sports would certainly compare favorably from a physical standpoint with those using the forms of exercise suggested by the professor.

However it is often impossible for want of time, or opportunity, or money, of physique, to engage in any of the types of exercises of either of the above groups.

What does this mean? That there will be days often, and weeks frequently, when an exercise would be taken.

Now exercise is as necessary as food or sleep, and to be effective must be taken regularly.

And the great thing about it is that just a few minutes—five or six—twice daily, if taken regularly, will be all that is necessary.

Sandow the world's strongest man took just twelve to fifteen minutes exercise a day. That is just the length of time it took him to give his "strong man" vaudeville act.

If you will simply leave off your shoes, and jog or do a stationary run of 100 to 200 steps, will rock from side to side with knees straight, 20 times each side, lie on the floor and raise legs, knees straight, 10 times, and then jog another 100 to 200 steps, you have done the necessary amount of work for heart, lungs, liver, intestine, abdomen, back, and muscles of legs. Your arms and chest muscles will get enough exercise from the every day things you do. This should be done as soon as you get up and before you go to bed.

My point is that we would all like to take only the kind of exercise we like. This is possible for very few indeed, and then not at all times. Therefore the five or six minutes, twice a day, is the common sense way of looking after that essential one-third of life's needs.

The Poet's Corner

FRAGMENT

God, who lights the little stars, And overnight the white dew spills, Whose hand doth move the season's cars And clouds that mock our pointed hills, Whose bounty fills the cow-trod world, And fills with bread the warm brown sod, Who brings us sleep, where we grow old 'Til sleep and age together nod. —Francis Ledwidge

THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK LEIGS

CANADA'S ASBESTOS INDUSTRY

Q. What is Canada's Asbestos Industry? A. Asbestos production in Canada during 1928 was slightly less than in 1927, but higher prices raised the total valuation 5.8 per cent over the total figures for the preceding year. Shipments in 1928 of 275,033 tons were valued at \$11,238,360 as against 274,778 tons at \$10,821,013 shipped in 1927. Capital employed in the asbestos mining industry by the 7 operating firms was reported at \$38,705,212. Employees engaged 3,170. Ten plants in Canada manufactured asbestos products including asbestos paper and mill board. In 1928 production from these plants was valued at \$2,050,452.

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London Letter

By Temple Chambers.

(British United Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 19.—Yorkshire has always been proud of her native sons. The men of the county have swelled with pride when Herbert Sutcliffe, the cricketer, has scored another century in Test Match cricket with Australia, but there has not been anything in recent years to compare with the pride with which they regard Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Although he has set for Blackburn, in Lancashire, for many years, he is a son of Yorkshire and was born among the hills of Cowling, near Kettlewell. His father was a cobbler, or in other words a boot repairer, and young Philip had to secure his education by his own means.

Early in life he suffered an accident when cycling which left him a cripple, and ever since he has always had to walk with the aid of a stick. Most men under these handicaps would have gone under, but the Yorkshire tenacity of the Chancellor could not be beaten, and what he lost in physical development he has more than compensated in mental equipment. His enemies say his voice is hard and brutal. They say he cannot speak to foreign diplomats in the manner that he denounces his opponents in the House of Commons, and succeed.

They have deplored his language and his bluntness, but every one of them has had to admit that not for a very long time has Britain been represented at an international conference by a man who fought so strongly for British interests. Old and cynical Conservatives have even compared him with Cromwell and Disraeli for his firmness at The Hague during the Reparations Conference.

Not since the war have the people of Britain and their politicians been so united as they were in endorsing his stand and giving him their support. To the representatives of foreign nations, however, his attitude is a matter of complete and overwhelming astonishment. They did not know that behind all the peaceful talk of the Labor Party there is a very definite instinct to fight for British interests.

The mentality of the Labor Party affords a most interesting study. We have men like H. N. Brailsford and Noel Buxton who are more internationalists than they are nationalists. They want peace and compromise throughout the world and want Britain to contribute what seems a disproportionate quota to this ideal. Foreigners meeting such men, listening to the speeches of Labor leaders, and reading their publications are inclined to think that the Labor Government in Britain means that Britain will have peace at any price. Happily for Britain, however, there is the Trade Union mind behind the Labor Government, and this mind has the greater power.

In the foremost ranks of the Labor Party are men who, born in the lowliest of circumstances, have not only risen by their own efforts, but have also fought for their fellow workers with the greatest tenacity, although not always with the greatest skill. They have been in battles with the employers for extra pennies an hour. They have fought for better working conditions and shorter working days. They are grim determined men, mostly from the North of England and Scotland, who, knowing that what they want, have risked everything to get it.

Now that the Labor Party has a big representation in Parliament they are going to be seen in the House of Commons, calling all their friends by their first names and knowing each other's lives and each other's battles with only the intimacy that comes of a life of strife. They are probably more representative of industrial Britain than any other collection of men, and when Philip Snowden at The Hague refused to yield one inch of British interests, he was only presenting the Trade Union mind behind the Labor Government.

Many Tories have asserted that the Labor Government, with its devotion to peace, is more dangerous than any other Government. They say that Labor would not fight in a monarchial row but would certainly fight if the workers of another country were underpaid and overworked and this imperilled the standard of living of the British worker.

Slow to make up their minds, but tenacious when they have arrived at a conviction, the Labor members of the House of Commons are the product of an industrial country passing through unhappy times. Nobody appreciated them more than the Tory members. The only people the Labor Party for their own personal advancement. Unfortunately the Labor party now attracts men of this type.

Advertisement for Confederation Life Association. Text: 'If he's your partner he's worth insuring'. Includes details about insurance policies and contact information for Toronto and Charlottetown offices.

London, in spite of its grimness and fog, is a city of regal splendor. We have our Royal processions, our changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, and a multitude of brightly colored uniforms. You will see grey-haired men in the seventies wearing a long red coat, blue trousers, and a small black hat on which appears the letters E. H. They are the inmates and pensioners of the Royal Hospital for old soldiers at Chelsea. They will tell you about campaigns of which few have heard anything. They will spin yarns that few believe, but which are nevertheless true. They will also drink with a will when you extend your generosity to them, and this appreciation of your generosity is not only hearty but organized.

It appears that certain districts are reserved for these pensioners to ply their calling of telling tales and absorbing drinks. There is one pensioner who has as his regular station, the Cheshire Chess in Fleet Street. I met another who had reserved for himself the cricket ground at the Oval. We betide any other pensioner who dare trespass upon their preserves.

The jealousy with which they regard their special rights was well illustrated a few days ago. One of the red-coated old soldiers daily fed a number of pigeons in Hyde Park. The moment the birds saw his uniform they fluttered to his shoulders and proudly he received the admiration of children. Unfortunately another pensioner came into Hyde Park where the pigeons live, and, not having any sense of distinction apart from color, the birds promptly perched upon his shoulders. He, too, began to feed them, much to the annoyance of his fellow-pensioner who believed he had exclusive rights.

For him there was only one thing to do. He secured a number of paper bags, inflated them, and then, bursting them with his hand, frightened the pigeons away from his rival.

Thus does the fighting spirit of the British soldier live.

Captain Bruce Bairnsfather, whose drawings of "Old Bill" during the war, were appreciated throughout the world, learned to draw in the trenches. He began his art for the amusement of his fellow-officers.

Now Mr. Gerald C. Hudson also learned to be an artist while serving on the front in France with the Honorable Artillery Company. He has painted a portrait of the Prince of Wales which has been commissioned for presentation to the regiment with which he served.

Strange Diseases

"E.D." in the London Spectator "Lily rash is caused among flower farm workers in the Scilly Isles and Jersey, and the handling of tulip bulbs causes a special form of dermatitis, characterized by a splitting of the skin under the fingernail, with pain and general malaise. There is another sort of dermatitis due to washing up dishes and plates with too much soda in the water. "Maha Jong Itch" made its appearance during the abortive craze for that intricate Chinese game. It was due to frequent handling of boxes and trays finished with a lacquer in which was a highly poisonous extract of a plant called Rhus vernix. "Railway cleaning mop-holders' burn" is a painful swelling between the fingers that sometimes effects men who daily wash windows with mops, and "wireless corns" have appeared on the ears of Americans who spend evening after evening, month after month, year after year, with too tightly fitting radio earphones clamped on their heads.

"Radium necrosis" looks out with

Advertisement for Dodds' Kidney Pills. Text: 'DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS'. Includes a small illustration of a person and text about kidney health.

among the Maoris at Taneatua by a niece of the missing girl. She was impressed by the extraordinary family likeness and questioned the strange woman, who said she had lived with the Maoris all her life. A scar on the neck, however, definitely identified her as the long missing Caroline Perrett.

She dimly remembered the natives taking her in an open canoe to the gum fields near Whangarei. She married a native chief, by whom she had two children, and after his death married a prosperous Maori farmer, by him she had several more children. Recently her sisters visited her and confirmed the identification.

HEALTH IS NORMAL (Special to the Guardian) LONDON, September 18.—Prince George, youngest son of the King, who was recently forced to suspend his duties at the Foreign Office because of digestive trouble, has practically recovered his normal health. The Prince is spending a brief holiday in the country and will return to the Foreign Office in October.

Insidious Eye Strain

We use this adjective advisedly. Sufferers from Eye Strain may have perfect vision and therefore do not suspect the presence of any evil defect. The motive power of the entire human organism is Nerve Energy. Normal eyes, it is computed utilize about 20% of this Nerve Energy, but when Eye Strain is present, a much larger proportion is required. Hence defective eyes through their consumption of an excessive amount of Nerve Energy may seriously affect the functioning of other organs of the body and produce ill health. HAVE YOUR EYES EXAMINED G. F. Hatcheson OPTOMETRIST

Whooping Cough

Is dangerous and must be treated promptly if serious complications, such as bronchial pneumonia, hemorrhages and heart affections are to be avoided. The speedy control of coughing spells and spasms is most essential. At the same time the throat and bronchial tubes must be cleared of phlegm and mucous matter which cause distress in the day time and sleeplessness at night. MAC'S WHOOPING COUGH REMEDY is so compounded from pure drugs and chemicals with the end in view to check the racking cough, bring up the phlegm, control the infection and soothe the inflamed respiratory tubes. Protect Your Child. Get Mac's Whooping Cough Remedy. 50 Cents Per Bottle. A tonic is necessary to build up the child who has or has had Whooping Cough. Pure Cod Liver Oil has a wonderful effect as a builder. The 2 Macs DRUGSTORE