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Better Than Olympia

Toronto Winter Fair is developing much along the lines of the national exhibition there, and is considered a first class national event.

Vo "Dumping" from Australia

Mr. L. R. McGregor, Trade Commissioner for Australia, has denied the report, so diligently circulated by a section of the press which is pessimistic and refuses to be comforted, that Canada was to be deluged by enormous shipments of Australian butter.

Liberal Wail in Ontario

The Newmarket Era, which boasts that it has been published as a Liberal newspaper in North York, Ontario, for over three-quarters of a century, is greatly concerned over the black prospects for the forthcoming provincial Liberal convention in that Province.

Going back in history to the middle of the last century, it recalls the triumphs of the party when it championed major issues. It revives the story of Sir Oliver Mowat's twenty-four-year premiership and proceeds: "That premiership was followed by nine years of weakening hold on the electorate, because of weakening hold on its principles, until, in 1905, the Tories came in."

"Mr. Sinclair and the Ontario Liberal Association are products far more than they are causes of a long decline. General Debility has been in chief command, partly because of ineffective organization and administration of Liberal affairs; but really because Liberals have been content to stumble instead of marching along the Liberal road."

"The Era may at least console itself with the reflection that Ontario is not the only province which has seen a decline in Liberalism. Its party leaders have lost prestige in every province — even in Quebec, as was evidenced in the last federal contest. As for Prince Edward Island, one need only point to the last Trafalgar Day episode, when the staunch Liberal constituency in the province turned its back upon Premier Leach's candidate and elected a Conservative for the first time since Confederation."

One of the causes of the defeat of the Liberal party in Ontario at the last election is attributed by the Echo to the fact that the Liberal campaign managers underrated the intelligence of the Ontario voter. We commend this diagnosis to the thoughtful consideration of our local contemporary.

Choose Canadian-Made Gifts

It is well, at this Christmas season, to bear in mind the patriotic suggestion of Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce. Computing the Christmas shopping bill at only \$5 per head, Mr. Stevens estimates the aggregate for that alone at \$50,000,000. In addition, there are the gifts purchased during the year for birthdays, weddings and other purposes. Altogether, Canadians probably spend over \$75,000,000 in purchasing presents, which would be sufficient to keep 10,000 producers busy the year around.

Editorial Notes

Though prices may not be so high as last year, plenty money is circulating for fox pelts. As the result of two days sales this week, Messrs McLure & MacKinnon paid out over \$45,000. And still they come.

The snow and frost are doing much to cover over the Lea Government's atrocious roads. It was characteristic that one of the first results of the paved stretch at St. Dunstan's was a car accident. Patch work highways are delusions and snares.

That there is plenty spare cash is evident from the large attendances at the new Forum which do not seem to affect appreciably other forms of entertainment. The customary Christmas Teas by the churches have been better and brighter than ever — which is saying a lot.

Gyros deserve congratulations on the success of their Ice Carnival. It is no easy undertaking for a lot of busy youths to put over a great undertaking of the kind, and Charlottetown ought to feel proud of possessing a bunch of such public spirited enthusiasts.

The activities of the Colonization Branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, working in conjunction with the Colonization Branches of the C. N. R. and the C. P. R., have not proved fruitless. No less than forty Danish families have purchased farms in Nova Scotia during the past two years. These families, comprising 165 persons, have brought approximately \$50,000 new capital to the Province.

Notes by the Way

The first day's operations of the Massachusetts deer season resulted in 20 deer and 14 men being killed or injured. The disparity is probably because there are more deer than hunters in the woods.

One of the worst difficulties which those who hope to see India firmly set on the road to progress must overcome is the caste system. At a recent dinner given by the Maharajah of Baroda in London, to members of the India Conference, was Dr. Ambedkar, who although one of the most learned and eminent men in India today, and a delegate to the Conference, is a member of the despised Mahar caste of scavengers, and therefore an "untouchable."

In the case of Dr. Ambedkar, says the Ottawa Journal, here is a man who is a doctor of science of the University of London and of philosophy from Columbia, the author of a dozen works on economics and finance. Yet he is forbidden even to walk on the same side of the street with any high caste Indian. Not only this, but when Dr. Ambedkar returns from London where he has been the guest of His Majesty the King, of great nobles and high dignitaries, he must return to a slum quarter of Bombay where the "untouchables" of that city are herded. His very presence in any other quarter would "contaminate" all those who came in contact with him, and from high caste Hindus he receives less consideration than a mangy dog. When it is remembered that there are more than 20,000,000 "untouchables" in India almost hopelessly bound to a caste system which is more than 5,000 years old, that there are over 75,000,000 illiterates, 143 languages, 78 distinct races, and that the two greatest religious bodies are hopelessly antagonistic, some faint conception is given of the task before those who are striving to draft some workable constitution for that country.

In this country our militia battalions and our cadet corps and our Boy Scouts contribute towards building up young men into outstanding healthy fellows. Also, our volunteer regiments and our cadet corps and our Boy Scouts constitute a vigorous element in our community for the promotion of Canadian patriotism; and the volunteers constitute the ultimate safeguard for Canadian law. Nobody needs to be in the slightest degree partial to war to be a warm believer in our volunteers and cadets. He (or she) only needs to have common sense.

The New York Sun is authority for the statement that two facts of more than passing significance are disclosed in the annual report of the Federal Power Commission: (1) That cheaper methods of generating electricity by steam have resulted in increasingly serious competition between steam-produced electricity and hydro-electric power, and (2) that during the past year energy manufactured by fuel plants increased nearly 10,000,000,000 kilowatt hours, while for the first time in ten years plants producing electricity by water-power were falling to record a gain in output.

If wheat is to sell at sixty cents a bushel an entire readjustment will have to be made of the cost of the land on which it is produced and its value will have to be slashed if grain growing is to be profitable. More economical ways of threshing by co-operative effort and of purchasing in similar fashion may cut down the expense of production, but the old days on which a profitable living could be obtained by farming a single quarter-section and growing only one crop seem to have passed. The loss on the 1929-1930 crop, which is guaranteed by the Prairie Provinces, is expected will amount to approximately fifteen millions.

East Renfrew went Conservative in the last general election by the narrow margin of 1,563 votes in a poll of 34,000. In the by-election recently it returned Mr. Baldwin's candidate by a majority of over 7,000 against the Independent Labor candidate, Bailie Irwin, who represented the insurgent Left Wing section of the Ministerial party. The vote polled by the Marquis of Douglas and Clydesdale, Conservative, was 19,753, and that of Irwin, Laborite, 12,293, while the Nationalist candidate received 4,818 votes. The contest attracted wide interest because of the breach it disclosed between the MacDonald Ministry and the disaffected Labor group headed by Sir Oswald Mosley, who had resigned from the Cabinet in protest against the Government's failure to deal effectively with the unemployment problem. The election...

To undertake to supply people a thing you think they need, but which they do not want, is to have your head elevated on a pike, and your bones buried in the potter's field. — Elbert Hubbard. circumstances that the Government was unable to find a candidate to represent it officially in the constituency has cost it a heavy loss of prestige in the country at large. Its position has been further weakened by the fact that Bailie and his supporters assailed it even more bitterly than the Conservative campaigners. Should similar situations develop in any considerable number of the constituencies in the general election, the Labor Government will face, not merely inevitable defeat, but a fate similar to that which has overtaken British Liberalism under Mr. Lloyd George's destructive leadership.



That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE ELECTRIC KNIFE FOR CANCER

You have been hearing from time to time about the 'electric knife' or diathermy knife, which surgeons have been using for certain operations.

As this knife cuts it so heats or sears the tissue that there is no bleeding, and this is worth a great deal to patient and surgeon where even a slight loss of blood might endanger the patient's life.

Also in cases where there is or might be considerable infection this heated knife will kill all organisms with which it comes in contact.

One of the latest and most brilliant uses of this diathermy knife is in operations for removal of cancer. Dr. H. von Seemen shows that many cancers, that have undergone other forms of treatment without success, may be safely removed by this method. And the removal has been so effective that these cases have remained cured.

And the reasons for the success of this method in removing cancer are the same as for other operations, namely: the prevention of any loss of blood because the heated knife sears the ends of the blood vessels and the killing of all the harmful organisms in the area about the cancer.

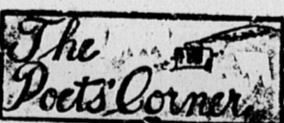
Another big point is that as all the vessels have their ends closed by this scarring or heating method, no part of the cancer can go to other parts of the body, as happens sometimes during the ordinary operation, or where no operation has been performed.

And finally, there is not the 'shock' to the system by this surgical diathermy method as by the usual surgical method.

Now this does not mean that other methods should not be used. In fact the use of the X ray, radium, and ordinary surgery will still be used for the majority of cases.

But where the individual has been given all the other methods of treatment, or where there is no hope of relief of pain, except by drugs, then this diathermy method, because of the advantages above mentioned, should be tried.

And every time I speak of cancer I like to remind my readers of what our leading cancer specialists tell us: that every case of cancer discovered early enough, can be cured by one or more of the methods now in use. And until the cause of cancer is discovered we must govern ourselves accordingly.



FROM "SNOW"

White are the far-off plains, and white The fading forests grow; The wind dies out along the height, And denser still the snow, A gathering weight on roof and tree, Falls down scarce audibly.

The meadows and far-sheathed streams Lie still, without a sound; Like some soft minister of dreams The snow-fall hoods me round; In wood and water, earth and air, A silence everywhere.

The evening deepens, and the gray Folds closer earth and sky; The world seems shrouded far away; Its noises sleep, and I, As secret as you buried stream, Plod dumbly on, and dream.

—Archibald Lampman.

A History Tabloid

(Toronto Globe)

With its customary modesty, the United States is to have its history epitomized and emblazoned on the side of a mountain in the Black Hills of South Dakota. This was to be a condensed story touching only the high spots, and of course, Calvin Coolidge, former sententious President of the Republic, was chosen to do the condensing, while an eminent sculptor undertook to give his country immortality on the eternal hills.

But sculptors and men of brief speech do not always agree, and some revisions were made in the 500-word summary of the nation's life story. The revisions pleased the sculptor, but not the author; so Mr. Coolidge has repudiated the revised text, and the country has left out of it is the mountain.

Now it will all have to be done over again. Mr. Coolidge probably will not choose to make another contribution, and there is no one else in sight in the Republic who can say anything in 500 words. It is all very unfortunate; but the people of the United States may extract from the situation the comforting thought that their country is blessed in that it is without a 500-word history.

The Court and the Press

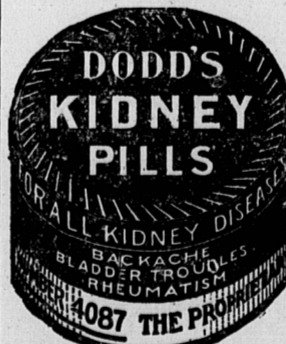
(Vancouver Province)

When a rather unsavory case came before him at the assizes, this week, the Chief Justice took the unusual course of clearing his court. The public, the press, even the members of the legal profession, save those actually engaged in the case, were excluded, and the accused was left alone with his counsel, the judge, the jury and the officers immediately attached to the court. So far as can be remembered, the action of the trial judge was unprecedented in British Columbia.

Under the common law, the presiding officer of a court has the power to exclude the general public from his courtroom when he deems such exclusion necessary or expedient, and the Criminal Code gives a judge specific powers of exclusion when presiding over such cases as the one in point. So, the trial judge was possibly within the letter of his rights in excluding the public and even the press. Just under what authority he excluded all the barristers, who are as such officers of the court as he himself is, we do not profess to know. That is a matter for the legal profession to deal with.

Regarding the press, however there is something more to be said. There was a time when the press was excluded from meetings of Parliament. Later it was tolerated. Then it established its right to be present, and today, in every legislative chamber there is accommodation for the press. Under the letter of the law, it is true, the press is still a stranger in Parliament, and any member is entitled to note the presence of strangers and to demand their exclusion. But no one ever does. The presence of the press is regarded as a guarantee that the proceedings will be open and above board—that nothing will be done subversive of public rights and liberties.

It is such the same in the courts of law. The press is there not out of mere curiosity, but as the representative and tribune of the people. It has not, as the old Roman tribunes had, the right of veto. But it has the right to report, to ventilate, to make



SHOP EARLY AND SAVE at the Metropolitan Store

Oho, Professor

(Vancouver Province)

Why does a man like William Lyon Phelps, Yale professor and author, say, as he is reported to have said the other day, that "slang, like profanity is the resource of those whose vocabulary is limited?" Somehow, we have a strong conviction that he is wrong, and we wish he hadn't said it. We deprecate his sweeping dictum because, as we should say, we think he is scholar and gentleman, or, as one of the long line of his own lively pupils would put it, "a regular guy." Yes, we think we shall leave him to them, for he is no pedant or "dim bulb," and when they greet his pronouncement as "boloney," we are pretty sure he will know what they mean.

We should like to say something, with whatever conditions and provisional clauses, on the side of slang. We can not persuade ourselves that it is essentially or even commonly "the resource of those whose vocabulary is limited." Why, when Professor Phelps' young people say "boloney," what do they intend and convey by that ineluctable word? They define something that is hardly credible to persons of education and intelligence; and when the professor implies that only the illiterate make use of slang, we feel that "boloney" is a retort more apt than almost any other available array of words. Unless, indeed, with all the skepticism and irony and irresistible rallery that our young friends know how to put into it, we should scatter Professor Phelps with the new and terrible "O yeah!"

fair comment. If, in its reports or its comment, it oversteps the boundaries of decency or fairness, action can be taken against it under the law. It can be disciplined as any citizen can. Under our democratic system of government, it can not be muzzled, and if our system is to continue it must not be muzzled.

The presence of the press in a court of law, as in a legislature, is a guarantee that all is open and above board, that the liberties and rights of the public are safe. Its presence is necessary for the protection of the public. It is equally necessary for the protection of the judge, the jury and the officers of the court. Publicity, free and open publicity is the best antiseptic we have against the disease to which the body politic is subject, and judges, politicians and others will make no mistake if they leave matters of publicity to the newspapermen who are accustomed to deal with them. They will not overstep the bounds. It is an affront to the press to have it suggested, as an exclusion from a courtroom suggests, that it doesn't know its own business.

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