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I. O. O. F. CONVENTION

In the current issue of "The Maritime Odd Fellow" it is noted appreciatively, in connection with this week's I. O. O. F. Convention at Charlottetown, "the vigour shown by the Odd Fellows of The Island and particularly of the City of Charlottetown, which indicates a display of most commendable energy."

It may be added that our citizens generally are also appreciative of the work which the committee is doing to make this week's Convention one of the most successful ever held in the Maritimes. His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, Premier MacMillan, His Worship Mayor Kennedy, all are taking part in welcoming the delegates on behalf of the Province and City.

His Worship requests that our merchants decorate their places of business in honour of the visitation. This is already being done in the vicinity of the Oddfellows' building, and others will doubtless follow suit today.

The programme provides for a busy convention, but there will be time for the social amenities and for seeing something, at least, of the summer attractions of the Island Province. That the visitation will prove a success in every way is the hope of all concerned.

LIBERAL FAILURE

In one of his radio addresses Mr. King spoke with pride of the Liberal Summer School or Conference held at Port Hope in 1933. Rev. Charles H. Heustis is not proud of it. In discussing it in the Liberal Toronto Star he comments rather bitterly. In part he says:—

"The school was a mirror of the mind of Liberalism which is given to adolescent yearnings which it seems unable to make concrete. Certainly the Liberals of Canada are not today thinking constructively but are satisfied to repeat the old formulas about liberty by which they mean liberty to acquire property and do what you like with it. Karl Dreher has hardly exaggerated the picture when he speaks of Liberals as those "who in time of peace stand for peace, in time of war for war, who ply the poor and hope that they will all get rich if possible, who disapprove strongly of oppression, would do something about it if they could, and who live always in the hope of reforming the Government after the next election."

Doctor Heustis feels that had the Liberal opposition at Ottawa adhered to its principles, it would have been searching for a key that would unlock the door to a new social era of prosperity, leisure and security. The writer of this notable article in a Liberal newspaper leaves it at that. All the reforming and all the efforts at reform and of making things better for man, woman and child have been left to the Bennett Government party. The Liberal party has long been impotent in Great Britain. What is to become of it here?

FACING BOTH WAYS

Mr. Mackenzie King's avowed intentions regarding the British preference, established at the Imperial Conference at Ottawa in 1932 is fittingly described by a mainland paper as constituting a Chinese puzzle. In his first address Mr. King stated that the Government which he hopes to form after the general election (1) will continue the Liberal policy of British preference by a percentage reduction in existing tariffs rather than by a percentage increase against foreign countries in existing tariffs, and (2) it will grant British imports a real preference. If he were to "continue the Liberal policy of British preference" he would be harking back to the old policy of granting a preference on goods imported from the United Kingdom without obtaining any preference in the British market for Canadian goods. If he were to carry out that programme he would be implementing his pledge of two or three years ago to cancel the Empire trade treaties as soon as he achieved office.

The Opposition leader, if he ever attained power, would be up against a still more serious difficulty. He is on record as saying that he would extend to British imports a 50 per cent preference all around. This 50 per cent preference would have to be calculated upon the lower duties which he says he will impose on foreign imports to this

Notes By The Way

Testimony was given in French, to the total exclusion of English, in a murder trial held in St. Martinville, Louisiana. That may surprise residents of other sections of the country, as would the appearance of legal notices still required to appear in French, or in both French and English. Nor is all the French spoken, even in some of the most remote regions of Louisiana, the "Cajon" patois for which much of the State is noted. Today there are said to be many Louisiana communities, still unreached by either railroad or highway, in which is spoken a French as pure and free from corruption as is that of the intelligent Parisian today. They are not all like that, but quite a few of them are.—New Orleans Times Picayune.

One of the worst faults in life is to blind ourselves to, or fall to acknowledge, whatever may be good in creeds or things we dislike. We are thinking of Russia. No one of British tradition with a love of public liberty and dignity can other than hate the Bolshevik idea. Only folly could make us deny that behind the Moscow creed there are men of deep sincerity, of almost fanatical sincerity, and that out of their sincerity is being born some things of good for Russia.—Ex.

The strikers, or some of them, have been persuaded by their leaders to attempt to stage the trek to Ottawa. That will do the men no good, and may do them harm through loss of public sympathy. The attempt to make the trek will, however, serve the purposes of the leaders. The diversion of the tag day fund from the purpose for which it was contributed by the public also shows that the leaders care nothing about the favourable light which they place on the men before the public. All they are thinking about is the serving of their own ends. The men who are sincere and who value the support of the public in their demands for something better than the relief camps would do well to pull away from that sort of leadership.—Winnipeg Free Press.

"Spontaneous combustion" is a favorite expression nowadays of fires of uncertain origin. In earlier days, a popular theory was "match-ignition." This should give rise to the conundrum whether there are fewer mice or fewer matches or are mice more intelligent than they used to be?—Ex.

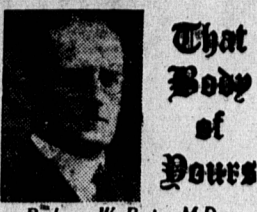
There are those who think and speak of Mr. Bennett as autocratic, cold, unsympathetic; some who write of him as a "rich bachelor," bereft of human kindness. From such judgments of misunderstanding, and sometimes of malice, it is pleasant to turn to words of "Red" Ryan, just freed from Kingston penitentiary: "He (Mr. Bennett) came to the prison to see me. I have heard people say he was autocratic, but I didn't get that impression. He talked to me as man to man. He also sent my brother a personal letter of deepest sympathy for our bereavement at the time of my sister's death. He promised that he would exert all his power to obtain my release and that it would be only a question of a short time before it came. He expressed his conviction that I would go straight. I can never hope to repay him for his amazing sympathy and I shall never let him down." This, says the Liberal Toronto Star, is "the sort of testimony that any man might covet"—Amherst News.

A despatch speaks of the King's "pay cuts" being restored. It is quite incorrect to consider the King as receiving a salary. Since 1760 the Crown land revenues have been paid to the public account. Few of these the civil list is drawn; but the King gives to the state much more than he and members of the Royal Family receive from it. However, when there was a general cut of salaries imposed on government servants the King expressed a wish that the civil list should also be reduced proportionately. However, the civil list must not be looked upon as the King's salary. Incidentally the Prince of Wales receives nothing from the civil list, his maintenance being derived from the revenues of the estates attaching to the title.

At first it was thought that the greater part of the proposed "pump priming" and governmental adjustment would have been accomplished within one or two years, so that business could go forward in a normal way on its own regained momentum. But the President—quietly shifting, shelving, and re-arranging his field-marshal's and the staff advisers of his planned-programme—has ceased to think of the affair as an improvised set of emergency experiments to hasten recovery. The New Deal as now viewed at Washington from the Administration's standpoint is a political and social revolution. All pretense of temporary emergency has vanished. Its aims are positive and progressive, rather than negative and conservative.—Dr. Albert Shaw in Review of Reviews.

Elizabeth, ex-Queen of Greece, seems to be a woman of sensible ideas. In a recent interview she said: "I should never smash windows for suffrage. We women have better tasks. I am against feminism when woman wants all her rights and neglects all her own special duties." This should, the Chatham News argues, put this woman back on the throne again.—Toronto Globe.

Possibly a fascist regime can be avoided in France. The French, on the surface may effervesce, but underneath they have tremendous poise. Then, too, a fascist dictatorship might seem more certain if it had not been prophesied so long and so loudly. After the orchestra has played the overture for the entrance of the "leader" about a dozen times, and still nobody appears, the audience is likely to advise the stage manager to skip that



By James W. Barton, M.D.

DEAFNESS — HEARING "AIDS"

It is rather difficult to understand but nevertheless it is true that the blind are much happier than the deaf. This is because those who are blind are a part of the family household and take part in the conversation anywhere they happen to be. The deaf, not being able to hear well, if at all, seem to "grow inwards," do not take part in a conversation to any extent, and often become suspicious of those about them under the impression that they are being talked about.

Now there are some cases of deafness that can be helped by various forms of treatment and there are others that must depend on various forms of hearing help or aids. In this connection it is interesting to learn that the Nottingham (England) Institute for the Deaf has issued a leaflet on the choice of hearing aids.

Hearing aids are divided into two groups: A. Some form of "Collector," which collects the sounds such as the well known Ear Trumpet. B. Electric Appliances—all based on the simple telephone, consisting of a microphone, telephone receiver, and a small dry battery. Amplifiers are sometimes a part of this type of apparatus, capable of producing a very great volume of sound, which may or may not be of assistance. The battery must be renewed from time to time.

Advice as to Selection: Collectors are more generally useful than the electric aids but of course are very noticeable whereas the electric aids are not.

- Three No's— 1. No person can decide as to the value of an "Aid" except the patient. 2. No "Aid" should ever be bought without the previous opportunity of two weeks' trial. 3. No instrument maker should be trusted unless he will lend, on approval for two weeks, any Aid which the patient selects as possible of use; with some reasonable arrangement for hire to cover wear and tear or risk from loss.

The Poet's Corner

FROM "WIND"

Wind from the stars, wind from the infinite, You reach us from the shoreless And vanish in illimitable years; One golden moment's grace Your voice is sweet with far, strange happiness, Your breath is quickening with unknown life. . . . From pole to pole you pass Tossing our childish griefs on wings of laughter, Breathing dream-fancies on our tear-dimmed glass; Sighing and listening, smiling and whispering, Even as you chant of death and dust and strife, Gusts of unbidden hope leap echoing after. Wind from the silence, wind from the sunless sleep, What have you seen within the rayless deep? What have you heard beyond the forms of time? Had we the heart of the wild, Had we the crystal vision of the lake, The clearer hearing of the wave-washed shell; Were it but ours to take Truth from the constant hill, and purity From the soul-blossom of the hearth-bell, We, too, should know the meaning of the voice. Wind of our world, wind from the worlds unseen, Voice of what shall be, and of what hath been, The meaning of your laughter and our weep, We know, we know. —Geoffrey Winthrop Young.

Too Much Bother

(V.V.M. in Winnipeg Tribune) I see we golfers on the Westward Ho course, near Chicago, have started to use rickshaws. Instead of having to walk between shots, they loll at their ease while an energetic youth draws them within a step or two of the ball. All they need now is some one to make their shots for them, and act and put on something else. One thing, however, is certain, and that is the instability of the present political order. As one die-hard conservative put it, when queried as to his statement that the Farin Government would prove permanent: "Of course, when I say 'permanent,' I mean a few months."—Current History.

Mr. King And Inflation

(Financial Post)

Whenever Mr. King has spoken of money he has taken a stand against monetary inflation. But this cannot be said of some of his associates, including the Hon. Ian Mackenzie, M.P. for Vancouver Centre.

It so happens that Mr. Mackenzie has been suggested in various quarters as a likely candidate for the Ministry of Finance. This suggestion would not have been taken seriously some time ago. But now that both Mr. Dunning and Mr. Ralston are out of active political life, the possibility of Mr. Mackenzie becoming Minister of Finance, in the event of Mr. King being elected to office, is something to consider. Mr. Mackenzie's views on money are also worthy of attention.

Mr. Mackenzie wants the government of Canada to issue half a billion dollars of money on the basis of the gold now held in the Bank of Canada and to use it to reduce the public debt. The implications of such a plan are well put by the Calgary Herald which points out: "There is no question about where the money would come from in Mr. Mackenzie's scheme. It would come from the printing presses. It would be direct and explosive inflation with all the possibilities for evil that such a move has always involved. The public should not be misled into the argument that printing new money creates new wealth. Actually it results in the depreciation of all money and it is particularly hard on the poor and the employees with small wages. Every recipient with a fixed income, everyone with a savings bank deposit or an insurance policy, every veteran with a pension and every individual who draws an old age pension would be injured by monetary inflation."

Contrary to popular belief the wealthy do not have their riches in bank deposits. Most of these people have their wealth in real estate, factories, forests, mines and so forth. So inflation benefits them. But the ordinary class of citizens suffer heavily under inflation. Daniel Webster said: "Of all the contrivances for cheating the laboring classes of mankind, none has been more effective than that which deludes with paper money."

Those who know Mr. King's views are convinced that he would not approve such a plan. Mr. King either expects to go around the country denying responsibility for all the schemes and promises offered by his numerous followers. But he cannot avoid being associated with statements made by the more important of his colleagues, among whom is Mr. Mackenzie. Either Mr. Mackenzie should get off his inflation tack, or Mr. King should repudiate it as part of his policy. Otherwise, the country will rest uneasily under the prospect, even if only a distant one, of having a Minister of Finance with inflation as his chief policy.

Respectable Movies

(Father Donnelly, in America) If after a year of unprecedented cleanliness in their product they are still to be cursed and boycotted by Catholic organizations and speakers, why should they continue at all in the difficult pursuit of virtue? If they are damned when they are clean as roundly as they were damned when they were dirty, what, they might reasonably ask themselves, is the use of reformation? Catholics should be warned that if ever the producers, nagged by the extreme and irrelevant demands of legion enthusiasts, should reach this state of mind, decency will be dead for a decade.

they will have eliminated any need for them to visit the course at all—unless they wish to linger at the 19th hole.

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