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THE EXHIBITION GRANT.

The action of the City Council in holding up the \$1,000 grant towards the Provincial Exhibition at the regular Council meeting Monday night has occasioned considerable surprise and unfavorable comment.

The fact that the Provincial Exhibition has come under Class A, entitling it to the Live Stock Grant of \$5,000 from the Dominion Government, which if withdrawn, would be a serious matter to our live stock exhibitors, is an additional reason why the standard of our Exhibition should be maintained at the highest possible point.

The principal excuse given for holding up the appropriation by the city this year was that members of the Council appointed to the Board of Directors had not been invited to attend the meetings of the Association.

Another complaint raised at the City Council meeting was that it was the intention of the Exhibition Association to charge the Ladies' Auxiliary for the privilege of serving meals. This statement, The Guardian understands, is incorrect and misleading.

In view of the obvious benefits of the Provincial Exhibition to Charlottetown, the hesitancy of the City Council in making the grant this year should be explainable on more valid grounds than any that have so far been given.

Halifax gave a grant of \$200,000 towards the erection of exhibition buildings. Any deficits incurred are paid jointly by the Province and city.

At St. John, N. B., the buildings were erected jointly by the city and Province. The Province turned over to the city its interests, and the latter now owns the buildings and holds them in trust for exhibition purposes.

At Ottawa the city owns the exhibition grounds and buildings, the Association having a lease from the city for the annual consideration of one dollar. The city assumes any deficits.

The city of Edmonton, Alta., owns the entire plant and buildings except some personal assets amounting to \$20,000, which are the property of the Association.

In Regina, Sask. the agricultural and industrial exhibition grounds and buildings are owned by the city. The Association pays no rent but assumes responsibility for the upkeep of the plant.

In Saskatoon the city owns the exhibition property and buildings, and provides a grant should any deficit occur.

The Calgary exhibition grounds and buildings are also owned by the city. They were originally owned by a private company, but it was found that the buildings could not be provided for out of the revenue, and the exhibition was taken over by the municipal authorities, who paid the deficit incurred by the company.

TRIBUTE FROM THE WEST

The following handsome tribute to the merits of Prince Edward Island seed potatoes, from a recent leading editorial in the Winnipeg Free Press, should be of immense advertising value to this Province.

"The Maritime Provinces will be relieved to find that its market for potatoes in the United States has not been affected by an increase in the duty from 50 cents per hundredweight to 80 cents or one dollar which was strongly urged by Maine and Minnesota potato growers. The yearly United States importation of potatoes is five million bushels, nearly all from Canada, and there was complaint of this competition. Maine growers gave evidence that, in supplying seed potatoes to the growers in the Atlantic southern states, they could not compete with the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island product. This drive has failed, thus far at least, owing to the opposition of southern potato-growers, who were willing enough to have the duty on potatoes for eating purposes raised, but would not hear of difficulties being put in the way of their getting seed potatoes from Prince Edward Island.

EDITORIAL NOTE

In referring yesterday to the necessity for compulsory inspection of table stock potatoes, The Guardian inadvertently stated that there was no inspection of table stock in this Province. This statement should have read "no compulsory inspection."

Mr. C. E. Shaw, federal inspector under the Root Vegetables Act, informs us that his staff has inspected approximately 3,000 cars of table stock this season. The Dominion officials have the authority to inspect any car, but inspection is customarily made at the request of the shipper as a guarantee of quality and grade. Mr. Shaw agrees with The Guardian that compulsory inspection would be a good thing for the industry.

Notes By The Way

The "killer cat," which is now attracting the attention and becoming a pest in some parts of North America is simply the common house cat gone wild and reverting to the original wild life from which the domesticated cat emerged thousands of years ago.

Cats become wild under various conditions. Sometimes a cat is left behind at a summer camp when the family returns to town, or a family moving from a city leave a cat to forage for itself and it wanders forth as a killer and becomes especially destructive to bird life.

The killer cat hunts alone and finds an easy living as a hunter. He may be found, we are told, in the wild wet woods, and swamps walking by himself and in the region of game birds his number is legion. A game inspector in Connecticut tells that in his district they destroyed 366 killer cats last year, as against two dogs hunting deer and 118 hawks.

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President Hoover's home state is California and this adds to the interest in the situation. Grape juice unfermented may be legally transported and sold in the United States we are told. The Norfolk Pilot tells that "grape juice is bought by the keg by our most prominent citizens, who then pull out the stopper and let nature take its course."

Much parliamentary time has been occupied during the current session by the discussion of divorce and all relates thereto including the question of whether a divorce court shall be established in Ontario. This is a question in which women are quite as much interested as men in view of the large number of women voters in the Dominion.

There are no women Senators and only a single member of the House of Commons is a woman. There is also the fact that women cannot be appointed to the Senate until the Privy Council decided whether under the B. N. A. Act a woman is a "person" eligible to be so appointed.

Happily in our own Province men and women once married so remain until separated by the demise of one or the other of the contracting parties. In that respect our Province seems a worthy example to all North America.

There is another matter which is engaging some attention in the lobbies of the House of Commons, but which is so far subjective. That does not prevent private members asking questions of each other like these: When a member of the House is convicted of a serious crime and has been sentenced to the penitentiary may he still continue to draw his indemnity of \$4,000 for a session which he cannot attend?



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Ours

CHRONIC APPENDICITIS

A news item a couple of years ago told of a couple of mining engineers who were going many miles into the interior, far from any doctor or hospital.

In order to take no chances with appendicitis they went into the hospital in their home city and both of them had the appendix removed.

As both men were in excellent condition they made a rapid recovery and went on their prospecting trip.

This seems almost like being too cautious but an acute appendix, a couple of hundred miles from anywhere, would likely result fatally.

And yet you perhaps meet folks who tell you that they have chronic appendicitis, and can't make up their mind to undergo an operation.

Now is an operation always necessary in chronic appendicitis, that is where the patient has pains from time to time in the region of the appendix?

Dr. Frank H. Lacey, Boston, tells us that if a patient that never before has had pain in the lower right side of the abdomen—the appendix region—then has a definite attack of acute appendicitis from which he recovers, and then has pain from time to time in that region it may be assumed that he possibly has chronic appendicitis and operation may be advised with a clean conscience.

Although the X ray evidence is of value in diagnosing chronic appendicitis, the pain and discomfort, and the tenderness over the appendix, are more important factors.

As you know, by the use of the fluoroscope the appendix may be seen and the physician is able to apply pressure directly over the appendix. If this gives pain the appendix is at fault.

The point then is that because you have occasional pains in the region of the appendix it does not mean that an operation is necessary.

If however you've had a definite acute attack, and then have a pain in appendix region from time to time, and your doctor recommends an operation, you would be well to take his advice.



THE THINGS THAT ARE MORE EXCELLENT

As we wax older on this earth, Till many a toy that charmed us seems Emptied of beauty, stripped of worth, And mean as dust and dead as dreams— For gauds that perished, shows that passed, Some recompense the Fates have sent; Thrice lovelier shine the things that last; The things that are more excellent.

The grace of friendship—mind and heart Linked with their fellow heart and mind; The gains of science, gifts of art; The sense of oneness with our kind; The thirst to know and understand— A large and liberal discontent: These are the goods in life's rich hand, The things that are more excellent.

—William Watson.

THE LAND WE LOVE BY FRANK YEIGB

CANADA'S FOREST ASSETS

Q. What are Canada's Forest Assets?

A. Chief among Canada's assets are its forests. It is estimated that the total annual value of Canadian forest products industries—such as lumber, lath, shingles, cooperage stock, pulpwood and paper—amounts approximately to \$625,000,000. The forest area of the Dominion covers nearly a million square miles or nearly nine times the area of the British Isles. 93% of all forest lands belong to the Crown, insuring steadily increasing revenues.

The promised plebiscite is to be taken between the 15th and 20th of July, it is said. That will be during the ordinary haying time, which is usually a busy season. As to how busy the day to be selected shall be will depend upon the weather. Will it be a "dry" day or a "wet" one? It may be hoped that the elements will warm up a bit by that time so that voters can mark their ballots without mitts or gloves.

The Bridge Epidemic

Condensed from The North American Review—Mary Day Winn.

The time of this drama is any Tuesday from November 13 to March 26. The place is North America. The actors are over 3,000,000 people of both sexes and of all social degrees. The stars of the act are Mr. Work (not the former Secretary of the Interior, but the Mr. Work), Mr. Whitehead, and whichever two of their disciples have been tapped to play a stellar role.

In a little soundproof room in New York City, Mr. Work, designated as "North," majestically leads a two of diamonds. This momentous fact is immediately communicated through 116 broadcasting stations, from Ketchikan in Alaska to Balboa in the Canal Zone, to over 3,000,000 radio listeners. One-fourth of this number, the "Norths," promptly lead two of diamonds also.

"Mr. Work's opening lead of the two of diamonds indicates that this is the fourth best card of that suit in his hand" explains the high priest at the microphone; at which announcement the eager worshippers hitch their chairs a little closer to the loud speaker.

"Mr. Whitehead, 'East,' follows with the three of diamonds," is the next world-shattering fact which rings over the ether. Whereupon every listening "East" plays the three of diamonds.

This mass movement, the radio bridge game, represents the largest number of human beings who have ever done the same thing at the same time in the history of the race. For the broadcasting is done over a greater number of stations than were hooked up at any one time for either of our leading Presidential candidates.

Influenza and bridge are the two greatest epidemics that have swept this country since the Great Glacier receded and left it habitable. Of the two visitations, bridge is undoubtedly taken the most seriously by those infected. It is the only game, its followers tell us, that is played in all civilized countries. Enthusiasm for it has circled the globe, though the craze is perhaps most virulent in the United States. One-third of the world's players, it is estimated, are Americans; we never do anything half-heartedly.

Anyone who doubts that it is now the great national pastime needs only to cast an eye at the activities of Milton C. Work, Wilbur C. Whitehead, Sydney S. Lenz and other idols of the card room. Mr. Lenz is reported to have turned down an offer of \$1000 for a single bridge lesson, because he did not have the time. Contemplation of the activities of Mr. Work leaves one in a state of collapse.

Mr. Work had practised law successfully for 30 years before he settled down to a really serious profession. A speaking tour of the country in 1917 for the benefit of the Red Cross, in which he earned \$100,000 telling a war-torn country under what circumstances it was permissible to make an original no-trump bid, convinced him that he had mistaken his vocation for his avocation. So after the war he turned his back on Blackstone and, somewhat tentatively, offered to give lessons in bridge to some of his friends.

The offer did not remain tentative for long. Before the season was out he was teaching eight hours a day for six days a week and had all his time booked up for a year ahead.

Mr. Work no longer gives bridge lessons; that task is relegated to his hundreds of professional teacher-pupils scattered all over the country. He does, once a year, give a short course of seminar talks to a selected group of these teachers, who come, wide-eyed, from as far as California, to sit at the Master's feet.

But this is only a first faint beginning of his activities. He has written fifteen books on bridge, of which several million copies have been sold. Sharpen your pencil, Gentle Reader, and figure the royalties. One can only conclude that these books were written in his sleep, because he also dictates, daily, an article on bridge which is syndicated to over 200 newspapers, dashes off a weekly piece for one of the weekly magazines, and four monthly ones for monthly periodicals, helps to edit The Auction Bridge Magazine, and finds time, in between, to collect his share of the profits on the sale of five or six thousand bridge pads a month. This of course, is all in addition to giving an average of over 200 bridge lectures a year and answering 2,000 to 12,000 letters a month.

Recently asked what he did for rest and recreation, if any, Mr. Work was mildly surprised. "Why, play bridge, of course!" he said.

The above statistics indicate clearly that bridge has advanced to the status of a Menace to the American Home. At the Tri-State Con-

vention of the W. C. T. U. last July, the embattled matrons hurled a lance or two at the Demon Bridge. One cannot escape the conviction that these ladies had at some time or other been scolded for trumping their husband's aces. Bridge circles were full of gossip last fall about an unfortunate wife who committed this sin and was promptly slapped by her enraged spouse. Mr. Whitehead, asked his opinion on the matter, remarked that it just went to show how really patient men had become; in the good old frontier days the husband would have shot her. The Chicago judge before whom the sloop subsequently sued for divorce was saddened but not surprised.

It is one of the characteristics of bridge that it can hold the interest of its devotees for a longer time than any other card game ever invented. And those who have become its slaves hug their shackles. The story is told of a commuter who, on his daily trip to the city, used to play bridge with his cronies. At the age of 72 he retired from business, but he was not willing to retire from bridge. Every morning now he takes the 8:10 train rides into the city as usual, has his hour of bridge, and on reaching the city takes another train back home.

Several national bridge tournaments are held annually, notably those under the auspices of the American Whist League and the American Auction Bridge League, which have the distinction of being the final authorities in this country on bridge laws.

Some of the champions who take part in these tournaments have to be men of stamina. In the mere matter of physical endurance they could probably play the village blacksmith under the table. At this writing, the record for long playing seems to be held by Commander Winfield Liggett, U. S. N., retired, who once endured through a bridge session lasting approximately 83 hours.

His laurels, though, are in danger, for last fall four doughty warriors sat down in a hotel room, grimly determined to play until they had proved that certain tactical methods of bidding, which one of them had advocated in a book, and to which his adversary had taken exception were good or bad. They were men whose opinions were not to be lightly of distinction in the world of bridge, ly contradicted.

Three days later the four men rose from the card table, weary knights who had fought the good fight in defence of their principles. With a few hours out for sleep and work, they had played steadily for three days and three nights. The critic and his partner had won, and in their hearts was a great exaltation. In the words of the old proverb (if there isn't an old proverb to that effect there should be): "Happy is the sleep of him who has fought or the right."

THE PUBLIC FORUM

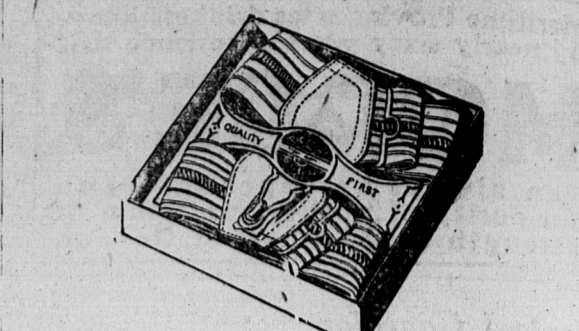
MARKET HOUSE SITE

Sir,—In view of the present undertaking for the erection of a Memorial Gallery on the Market Square, the following information may be of value. It is offered in no spirit of criticism, but merely to point out difficulties which may yet be avoided by proper legislative action. It is rather remarkable that no member of the Provincial Government seemed to be aware of this provision in the Statutes of the Province when the appropriation for the grant came up for discussion at the last session.

By virtue of 23 Vic. Cap. 26, 1880, it was made lawful for the Surveyor General of this Island to measure or mark out any part of the open area or ground originally intended for the site of public buildings immediately adjoining the western end of Queen Square as a site for a market house. It was further provided that the site so laid off should not exceed 32,000 square feet of ground and that it should be square or oblong in form, and be laid off as nearly as could be at right angles with the sides and ends of Queen Square.

Section 3 of the act provided that "Immediately upon the said site being so laid off, the piece of ground therein comprised shall be and it is hereby declared to be vested in the City of Charlottetown and shall be and may be held by the City of Charlottetown and its assigns for ever as and for a site for a public market house."

The act 35 and 38 Vic. Cap. 25 (1872) recites the above conveyance and that the remainder of the plot is in part vacant and in part occupied by the old Court House and that as it is no longer required, it is deemed expedient to vest in the City



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of Charlottetown the land whereon the old Court House stands and the remainder of the land originally reserved for public buildings and the land is accordingly so vested but the vesting clause contains the following proviso:

"Provided always that no part of the said ground hereby declared to be vested in the said city corporation, shall be enclosed to the exclusion of the public or be appropriated for the purpose of any edifice, building, shed or erection of any nature or kind whatsoever, of a permanent description."

There is a provision inserted by which the above proviso does not prohibit the erection of temporary tents or booths that have the authority of the city.

Then by 3 Edw. 7, The City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act was consolidated and the act has the following section: "Market Place." The land and premises vested in the City of Charlottetown by virtue of the acts of this province 23rd Victoria, Chapter 26, and 35 and 38 Victoria, Chapter 25, shall be and are hereby declared to be vested in the City of Charlottetown and shall and may be held by the said City of Charlottetown and its assigns forever as and for a site for a public market house for the sale and exhibition of butchers meat and such other articles and commodities as shall be permitted under such by-laws or rules and regulations as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Mayor and Council of the said City. Provided always that no part of the said ground hereby declared to be vested in the said City Corporation shall be enclosed to the exclusion of the public or be appropriated for the purpose of any edifice, building, shed or erection of any nature or kind whatsoever of a permanent description, other than the said market house and a building to be used as a scale house."

This proviso permits erection of tents and booths, for a period of thirty days with the authority of the city. I am, sir, etc. CITIZEN

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