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CHRISTMAS WEEK.

The last week before Christmas. How many are looking forward to the greatest day of the year and with how many hopes! Some are hoping selfishly for gifts of value and hoping their friends will be generous. These, for the most part, will be disappointed for, if the intrinsic value of the gift only is being considered, it will scarcely reach the anticipated maximum. Some are looking forward to being remembered by their friends and those whom they love and, if remembered at all, if only by a Christmas greeting the day will bring its joys. Some are wondering how much they can do for others, how much happiness they can bring to those who need it and in proportion to the amount of happiness they are able to bestow, they shall be happy. Of the Christmas season it is especially true that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Only a few days are left in which to make choice. Do it now!

PRETTY.

There is something suggestive, perhaps pathetic, in the wording of a Canadian Press despatch in yesterday's Guardian, which says, "Pretty Doris MacDonald and her husband were sentenced to be hanged on March 23." The word "pretty" in this connection gives us a glimpse into the mind of the reporter, probably a young and susceptible person. The death sentence shows us the inevitable course of justice, human and divine, which is not swayed or swerved by appearances. It measures out equal justice alike to pretty and ugly, to young and old, to rich and poor. Justice knows no sentiment, it knows only guilt or innocence, knows only that the reaping must follow the sowing and be true to type. There appears to have been little difficulty in this case to arrive at a decision. The jury were out only twenty-five minutes and we may assume that neither the prettiness nor the youth nor the tears of the accused entered into the minds of the jurors, as they considered the evidence. They may have pitied the young couple who had brought upon themselves such awful consequences but their duty was to find a true verdict in accordance with the evidence and the evidence was conclusive. Their pity revealed itself in their petition for mercy from the Court but, whatever may come of that, justice in the meantime has been done.

We so often hear such expressions as "so young and promising!" when what we call an untimely death occurs or when a promising young life has gone astray, but the inscrutable law goes on to its goal. "Whatever a man soweth that shall he also reap" is as inviolable as the laws which keep the planets and the suns of the universe in their unswerving orbits.

This is one of the lessons to be learned from the case of the "pretty" young murderer. Her punishment is not vengeance, it is justice meted out in order that others may take warning and in order also that all shall know that neither personal charm nor other considerations, not even mercy, shall turn the sword of justice aside under the British flag.

GRAIN SHIPMENTS AT HALIFAX

The new Halifax elevator, which served the purposes of two or three elevators before being used for grain storage, is at last being got into commission, says the Sydney Post. The Halifax Chronicle reports that it is now stored with grain to its utmost capacity, which is 1,000,000 bushels, that another million is on the road, and that four millions more are in sight. This may be accepted as the first warning!

concrete result of the determined fight of the Provincial Government for the routing of grain through Halifax for overseas export. The submissions made on behalf of the Maritime ports before the Board of Railway Commissioners at Moncton and Ottawa, and before the Royal Commission on Maritime claims at Halifax, were vigorously opposed by the Canadian National Railways, which claimed that any considerable grain movement through Halifax was impracticable, uneconomical and entirely out of the question. But the railway authorities, though they argued against the Maritime case, have evidently been impressed by the reasoning they endeavored to refute. It is highly probable, also, that another development in the railway situation has helped to change the policy of the C. N. R. The interest recently exhibited by the C. P. R. in the port of Halifax, as evidenced by its contribution of \$350,000 to the capital of the Lord Nelson Hotel, has apparently given the management of the C. N. R. new light on the importance and shipping possibilities of Halifax as an eastern railway terminus. "Competition," as Hon. J. L. Ralston reminded the public in a press interview some weeks ago, "is the life of trade."

The incident has a significant lesson for the people of Nova Scotia, and may be turned to the solid material advantage of this province, if the public are alive to their own interests. If the mere suggestion of C. P. R. competition has produced such wholesome results in Halifax what would be the logical effect on the transportation services, and the shipping interests of this province, if both the great railway systems were in a position to bid, on equal terms, for Nova Scotia traffic? Every influence the people of this province can bring to bear upon Parliament should be exercised with a view of procuring running rights for the Canadian Pacific over the lines of the C. N. R., so that the present paralyzing railway monopoly may be ended, and competitive services established, not only at Halifax, but at all other important points in Nova Scotia.

EDITORIAL NOTES

This is the week for mailing your Christmas cards.

The good sleighing this week is going to boost up the Christmas trade and make it easier for the reindeer to get around.

Enterprising boys, probably the industrialists of a few years hence, are now busily engaged in earning their extra Christmas money. Some are bringing Christmas trees to be ready when needed, others are working at any jobs they can get and in many ways are showing their enterprise and usefulness.

The schools close on Thursday of this week for the Christmas holidays and will re-open on Wednesday after New Year's Day. Naturally the students are looking forward to this opportunity for a worth-while visit to their homes.

The City stores are now in the midst of the Christmas shopping and rarely, if ever, have they been more attractively stocked with goods that make shopping pleasant. But doubtless there will be the last minute shoppers as usual, but those who want the pick of the goods will do their shopping early.

Even the staid, sedate and decorous British House of Lords became hot under the collar when discussing a question of church procedure. Strange that the religion of the Prince of Peace should so often be marred by unseemly disputes and warring!

Notes by the Way

FOURTEEN millions of women now have votes in Parliamentary elections in Great Britain, outnumbering the masculine voters by two millions. This comes of the extension of the voting franchise for women, which had before been limited to those of thirty years, and which now includes all of them who are above twenty-one years of age. The extension gives the vote to five millions of young women whose names had not been placed on the voters' lists. Fifty years hence the "nation" will be able to judge from experience, better than is yet possible, as to the wisdom of the rapid and enormous extension of the franchise, but the gift of voting power once bestowed can never be recalled.

One effect of the Great War is seen in the disparity of numbers between men and women, not only in the Mother Country but throughout the British Dominions because so many men and so few women were killed in that great struggle. Many more men than women had also migrated from the British Isles to the Dominions overseas and to other countries both before and since the war. But there has been a gradual process of equalization going on in the Dominions from other causes. The excess of men over women in numbers fell from 437,347 in 1911 to 271,407 in 1921 in Canada according to the census of those years. In the Union of South Africa there has been a like change, the excess of 94,086 in the white masculine population having fallen in ten years to less than half that number.

Canada has still a 3 per cent. majority of the male sex, we are told. South Africa 2.92 per cent., Australia 1.58 per cent., and New Zealand 2.26 per cent. From this it would seem that the capacity of the Dominions just named to absorb more women immigrants from the British Isles is somewhat more limited than has been generally supposed. The four Western Provinces still need more women, but among the five provinces east of the Lakes the disparity between the male and female population is nowhere great and Quebec shows a practical equality.

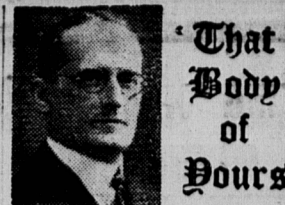
The old age pension plan has only been accepted by one province officially as yet so far as the passing of the necessary legislation is concerned. This has been done by British Columbia. It seems to be taken for granted that the Prairie Provinces will follow the example of the Pacific province. They have full treasuries, and also a smaller proportion of elderly people than the older Provinces have. Just what action may be yet taken by Ontario seems to be doubtful. A Toronto Liberal paper says that Premier Ferguson when asked about it, said he was awaiting word from Ottawa before making any pronouncement on the subject. Possibly he may be hoping that the Federal Government may yet recede from the "fifty-fifty" basis laid down in the Federal law.

As Quebec sends 60 members to the support of the King Government it may be assumed that they, or a large majority of them, are prepared to carry out the federal plan as laid down. The question as to what the Maritimes will do seems to be yet undecided. To pay the pension demands would greatly increase their yearly expenditure, a burden they cannot afford to assume if it can be avoided. But if the pensions were made wholly chargeable upon the federal treasury the pension scheme would be fairly acceptable and desirable.

Apparently the intention of Parliament at its last session was to restore the former order of things in regard to "open gates" at Saint John and St. Rosalie and as the effect of the Act passed has been only to open one of the gates, it is up to Parliament at the coming session to make it clear that both gates shall be open. The C. N. R. management will still be opposed to this, and the question will not be set at rest until the Government shows its hand.

What next? With the Temperance Bulletin speculating upon the chances of Prohibition being condemned at the coming plebiscite and "the Saunders Government being compelled to enact Government Control," it appears that the Alliance are anticipating the early repeal of the present law. The doom of Prohibition may be sounded by the plebiscite as many believe it will be, but that will not give the Saunders Government any authority to enact a new law to replace the present one. A plebiscite decision against Prohibition would also be a mandate from the people dismissing it from power. When Prohibition goes out the Saunders Government must make its exit.

Often bric-a-brac is sold for junk, but more often junk is sold for bric-a-brac. No wonder a young man looks all broken up when his best girl throws him down.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

ECZEMA AND DIET

I have spoken before of the skin specialist who jocularly stated that his reasons for being a skin specialist were three fold; his patients never aroused him at night, never dried from their skin ailment, and never really recovered from the ailment, thus requiring his prolonged attendance.

While this is a little overdrawn, nevertheless a chronic skin ailment like eczema, can make life a terrible burden to the victim. As you know eczema is an inflammation of the skin in which there are reddened or scaly patches, little elevations like small pimples which break down, and from which flows a colorless or yellowish sticky fluid, which dries into brownish crusts, accompanied by intense itching.

Now our text books of previous years have stated that eczema was due to some outward cause affecting the skin, although Dr. Rohe, thirty five years ago stated "There can be little doubt that a peculiar disposition of the skin is necessary to produce eczema because some individuals can undergo the most violent scratching, irritation from chemicals, changes in temperature, and moisture and have no eczema, while in others, any of these influences, even in a mild degree, will produce an outbreak of the trouble."

And how this statement, thirty five years later, has been amply proven by Dr. Behnhauer of Pittsburgh, who says that everyone of the 114 cases of eczema studied, showed some definite constitutional trouble.

Think of that for a minute, every single case had some general trouble in the body, that so affected the skin that eczema resulted.

That other skin ailments are not due to some other ailment in the body was proven by the fact that a group of twenty seven other patients suffering from other forms of skin trouble, showed less than 25 per cent as having some other trouble in the body.

Now what were the other troubles in the body most commonly found in cases of eczema? Two things. First, some lack of power on the part of the body to take the food stuffs and build them into the body tissues properly.

Second, some lack of power on the part of the organs that get rid of the wastes, that is kidneys, lungs, skin and intestine.

Therefore eczema being due to the food eaten and food disposed of is really a matter of diet. Food easily handled by this type of body should prevent attacks of eczema.

This means cutting down on pie, cake, pastry, and raw fruits, veal, pork, oatmeal, pickles, tomatoes, tea, coffee, milk, beer, wine or other liquors.

You should eat meat, brown bread, cooked fruits, vegetables, especially leafy vegetables.

Eczema is a hard ailment to cure, but diet is the big factor in the case.

HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK

By ROBERTA LEE

Plaster Paris Plaques. Use Newark's plaster. Fill a bucket about two thirds full of water. Sprinkle the plaster into it slowly until the water disappears. Then stir thoroughly and let it stand for five minutes, or until it has the appearance of cream. It is then ready to pour into the mold.

A Cold Remedy. It is claimed that almost any cold can be cured quickly by a ten-minute leg and arm exercise, then a dose of quinine, followed by a hot lemonade.

Shoes. Rubbing the shoes with a little orange juice, or with the orange peel before it has dried, will freshen them wonderfully.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

December 20, 1927

GOD'S EMBRACE:—As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever. Psalm 125:2.

PRAYER:—May the Eternal God ever be our refuge.

WIN BACK THE WORLD. Shepherds and sheep and quiet night. And wise men from afar. The manger and the stable still. And the bright guiding star.

Ancient and ever, new they seem, Symbols and sounds of Him—The glory shining all around, And singing Seraphim. O, Holy Hope, O, Lonely Love, O, High and Humble Child, Win back the world from war and greed To Peace and Mercy mild. —John Beresford.

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

MR. TIDMARSH'S EVIDENCE

Sir,—In your paper of Dec. 17th, a report of Mr. W. F. Tidmarsh giving evidence before the Royal Commission in which he is quoted in part as saying:

"That the lobster fishery was being depleted, and that a Department of Fisheries should be established, and that of ten points brought out in the brief presented by W. F. Tidmarsh, of Charlottetown, a director of the Canned Fish Section of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

"He urges that measures for the enforcement of the regulations covering the lobster fishery be adopted and stated they were 'urgently necessary.' He suggested that educational propaganda should be instituted at once, and further that sheltered bays should be created as sanctuaries. He deemed that the present regulations should be made statutory, but that the size limit and the restriction of the free movement of the fishermen should not be adopted.

"Dealing with the canned lobster question, Mr. Tidmarsh requested the Government should extensively advertise Canadian lobsters both in the United States and the United Kingdom, with a view to increasing the market, and the demand, and that further the Department should assist in trying to raise the standard of the canned lobster."

"Finally Mr. Tidmarsh believed that a Department of Fisheries was a necessity."

Being interested in the lobster industry I read this with pleasure, knowing that Mr. Tidmarsh is well posted, especially in the shipping end of the game, but when I came to the clause, "He deemed that the present regulations should be made statutory, but that the size limit and the restriction of the free movement of the fishermen should not be adopted," I was not so well satisfied. At the outset Mr. Tidmarsh showed plainly that the output of lobsters (canned) has been decreasing for a number of years, which is perfectly true, and is in fact the crux of the whole question; in fact, it is around this condition and about this condition that should not be adopted. I was not so well satisfied. At the outset Mr. Tidmarsh showed plainly that the output of lobsters (canned) has been decreasing for a number of years, which is perfectly true, and is in fact the crux of the whole question; in fact, it is around this condition and about this condition that should not be adopted. 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