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LOOK TO GREAT BRITAIN

During the year 1924 the value of our exports to the United States was \$422,332,471. Of this amount \$221,119,334 is classified as "wool products and paper" and so far as any benefit accruing to Canada is concerned the country would have been much better off if the item were struck off the list.

In agricultural and vegetable products we imported from the United States \$78,469,569 all of which could have been supplied by our own farmers. They brought from us of this class of products \$42,360,312.

Our exports of agricultural and vegetable products to Great Britain amounted to \$262,626,842 and consisted chiefly of pork, butter and cheese the surplus left over after our home market was supplied and much of a sold at lower prices than were being paid at home.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The series of public meetings held last week by the farmers was an eye-opener in many ways and the benefits accruing therefrom will, we feel assured, be permanent. Perhaps the most thought-inspiring feature connected with these meetings was the amount of real, informative and intellectual talent that such assemblages can bring together in this province. It was in the full sense of the word a "farmers' parliament" with many essential differences from our political parliaments.

Although our province is fairly well off in the matter of assemblies of this kind, there is much room for more effort along this line. There is a general lack of public discussion of questions which are vitally interesting. While we frequently meet to discuss methods of farming, marketing &c., and reach conclusions as to how to raise better crops and secure better markets, all of which is necessary, we should not forget that back of our crop-production and marketing there are issues upon which the value of our crops and the profitability of our marketing very largely depend.

There are questions of fiscal policy, tariffs, revenues, taxation and kindred subjects which have very much to do with living conditions. These matters are of vital importance, so vital that they determine to a very large extent the value of the valuelessness of our hard work on the farm.

Notes By The Way

Advices from Quebec are that navigation will be opened through to Montreal by the beginning of April. Last year the river passage was not open until April 18, and it has frequently been later than that in other years.

The early opening of navigation on the St. Lawrence and the Lakes is also of the gravest urgency in order to relieve in some measure the unemployment at all the shipping points along the water route from the Atlantic to the distant headwaters of the Lakes and Rivers. Water carriage is always cheaper than carriage by rail and competition is on that ground most desirable.

The much regretted death of Hon. Dr. Murphy makes vacant a second seat in the Senate, which is one half of the full quota of Prince Edward Island's representation in that important House.

It is anticipated the Hon. J. A. Robb, Finance Minister, will bring down the budget before Easter.

London County Council elections have followed the example of the parliamentary and municipal elections and returned Conservatives to power by a large majority.

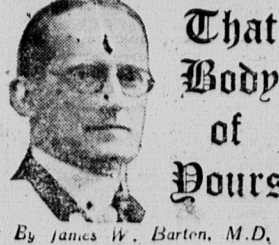
This from the Ottawa Journal shows how the King Government attempts to "do" things and the unsuspecting public as well.

It has now been discovered that the King Government contracted to give Sir William Peterson \$1,350,000 a year to use 10 ships to break an alleged Atlantic combine nine days before Mr. W. T. R. Preston reported to it that a combine existed.

In other words, the Government prescribed its medicine first, and then set out to find a disease that would suit it. Really, the more one examines this whole Peterson-Preston affair, the more suspicious it seems.

Mr. J. T. Shaw, the Islander who is Independent, M. P. for Calgary West, suggested that a general manager should be appointed to run the Government to prevent overlapping in departmental work. He cited several instances where different departments were the means of holding up important work by sending employees on the scene at one and the same time.

Bold bad bandits do not fare so well in England as in some places in Canada and the United States. A man entered a Liverpool, (Eng.) branch post office and ordered the clerks to hold "hands up" which they immediately did in face of a revolver pointed at their heads.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Hours

A patient described his symptoms to a physician, who informed him that his pain seemed very much like appendicitis.

The patient felt that it must be something else, because he had had his appendix removed some years previously.

The condition was caused by a general weakness of the muscle tone of the intestine, which did not seem to have sufficient power to contract, and thus empty itself properly.

Accordingly the treatment was directed toward strengthening up the entire body, and thus the muscles of the intestine.

One of the big factors in the treatment was massage which can be done by the patient himself.

Bread, potatoes, and vegetables in general should be cut down somewhat, because there is considerable residue and the starchy residue fermenting in the system.

That this general lowering of muscle tone in the body affected every part, and so the muscles of the abdomen shared in this weakness. This meant that the abdominal organs were not held up in position, and the organs drooping forward would not be able to do their work properly.

That which a correct diet is all right at first, these abdominal muscles should be so developed by breathing exercises that they would "righten" the whole front of the abdomen.

When shall I find my willing heart All taken up with Thee? I'll think and faint and die to prove The greatness of redeeming love The love of Christ to me.

THE ASHES UPON THE HEARTH I went to the old time cottage Where I dwell in childhood days; I looked through the dear old window

That seemed to return my gaze; I sought for some sweet reminder To bear from my place of birth; But ah! there remained no token But the ashes upon the hearth.

The chambers were bare and empty, And the echoes seemed to say: "Oh! where is the busy household, Oh! why do the children stray?" A branch of the veteran oak tree, That now was a century old, Still retained my little window That mirrored the sunset's gold.

I wandered to "mother's chamber" To the room where father wrote; No sound broke the mournful stillness But the chimney swallow's note. Then again I sought the kitchen, Once the place of joy and mirth, And naught brought the past before me Like the ashes upon the hearth.

How often we merry youngsters, For our chestnuts sweet and brown Made a bed in the hot "wood ashes," With the live coals dropping down; While the girls pulled molasses candy, And tossed it with glee on high.

The Peterson contract, based on the report of Preston, was from the outset discredited by the political disrepute of its intermediary. The close relations between this pampered favorite and the Government of the day and the records of both quite naturally tended to arouse distrust in the public mind.

Seventy Years Ago

One of the Disasters That Marked Winter Communication With Prince Edward Island (W. L. Cotton)

Ten years before the notable adventure of the winter of 1855 recently referred to, a far more serious disaster occurred in the Cape Route. On Saturday the 10th of March 1855, at 8 o'clock in the morning a winter boat crew, consisting of Samuel McKee, (Master) William McKee, Benjamin Robinson and Donald Cameron, with an elderly gentleman named Joseph Veirs, and two medical students returning from Harvard University, Richard Johnson and James Henry Hazard, respectively, left the boat ice at Cape Tormentine.

The boat contained the mails and the passengers baggage. There was at the stern a light watertight breeze and the sun shone out. But within an hour the party was overtaken by a slower of snow. Then the pace of the boatmen was slackened, so that if the storm continued there would be the shorter distance to return to Cape Tormentine.

On Sunday morning it was discovered that they had drifted about a mile further from the island shore and further towards the east. The small stock of provisions the men had brought with them having been exhausted on the previous day, Mr. Johnson shared with all in the party a pound of fish seed which Mr. Hazard happened to have in his trunk. Each took his share and partook of it in the course of the day.

On Monday morning they found themselves opposite St. Peter's Island, near the middle of the Strait. They lightened the boat by leaving on the ice all the baggage except their clothing. They tried to reach the mainland, but the ice became greatly chilled. Afterwards, they felt better. The frost of the previous night had hardened the ice and improved the travelling.

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It was night, 50 below zero, and the wind blowing 80 miles an hour, when Gunnar nudged his team of thirteen dogs down Topkok Hill in the last leg of the 550-mile journey.

The Public Forum

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

THE CATHEDRAL WAR MEMORIAL

Sir, - You are probably aware of the fact that in 1921, a very handsome stained glass window was placed in All Saint's Cathedral, Halifax, in memory of all the men and women of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island who fell in the Great War.

The Diocesan Women's Cathedral League was instrumental in raising the money for this Memorial and it is now most anxious to have a complete list of the names of the men and women who made the supreme sacrifice in order that these may be put in an illuminated book which will be placed near the window.

bringing the remaining members of the party to the shelter of the house. There they received kindness and attention; and there under the direction of young Johnson the frost was drawn out of their limbs.

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dog relay of diphtheria serum from his hoof. His owner received a message from the no-thawed, Kason's right check was freezing. They went six miles over flat wastes of Struce Creek.

Impossible to Get Scent. To which Dr. Watson returns "bunk" or whatever is the learned equivalent to it. He says that in such conditions as Kason's, which it would be impossible for Balto or any other dog to get the scent of the trail, and with this they are inclined to agree.

Scientist Slams Balto Hero Of Nome Epic BALTO, the lead dog of the team that took the anti-toxin serum to Nome, is the latest among the animal heroes, whose exploits are likely to be long remembered. But so soon as Balto elevated to his throne that a cold-blooded psychologist, who for years has made a study of animal behavior, heaves a brickbat at him, declaring that he is by no means the wonder that is generally supposed.

The Thinking Horse. One experimenter found that dogs could distinguish between half-tones in music, as a result of training them to eat food at one tone and to refrain at another. Next to scent, dogs depend most upon their ears, not, according to this professor, because their sight is deficient, but because their noses and ears serve them so well.

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