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A Common Blunder

An exchange calls attention to the fact that the British Premier in his graceful New Year's Day message made an error so usual, natural and common as almost always to escape notice. "We are entering a new decade as well as a new year," said Mr. MacDonald. In much the same manner Premier King referred in a recent speech to "the approaching end of a decade." An even more classic example of the same slip, occurred when the head of one of the world's greatest religious organizations referred to Jan. 1, 1900, as "the beginning of a new century."

The complete new decade, of course, does not begin till Jan. 1, 1931. The decade ends upon the completion of the tenth full year, just as the century ends with the completion of the full one hundred years. The twentieth century began on Jan. 1, 1900, just as the first year (in theory) commenced with Jan. 1 of the year 1. The present decade ends on Dec. 31, 1930.

The mistake is more easily recognized if the units used are those of money rather than of the calendar. A dime, like a decade, contains ten units; a dollar, like a century, is comprised of a hundred. No bank manager will exchange a dollar for ninety-nine cents. The boy accumulating a fortune by saving coppers in a tin bank does not start his second dollar till 100, not 99, coins are safe inside.

Yet, as the New York Times points out, only pedants will cavil at the error. The "thirties" are here, regardless of when the decade starts.

The Meaning of Temperance

A curious post-plebiscite controversy has arisen in Nova Scotia over the meaning of the word Temperance. A leading prohibition campaigner wrote to Mr. J. H. Winfield, president of the Temperance Reform Association, asking, among other things, if the Association approved of the teaching of total abstinence. Mr. Winfield replied in part:

"The Temperance Reform Association stands for Temperance not only in the use of alcoholic liquors, but in everything else. We advocate Temperance in speech, but that does not indicate that we wish people to refrain from talking and become dumb. We advocate Temperance in eating, but it does not follow that people should refuse to take food. We advocate Temperance in the use of alcoholic liquors, but that does not mean that alcoholic liquors should be absolutely prohibited."

President Winfield's statement has been criticized on the ground that it is not in accord with the present teaching of temperance in the schools or with the meaning attached to the word by various "temperance" organizations. Yet a glance at any authoritative dictionary shows that Mr. Winfield has correctly defined the scope of temperance teaching and that any misconception that has arisen is due, not to the organizers of the Temperance Reform Association, but to the persistent misuse of the word by prohibition advocates. The respective merits of temperance and abstinence are not here in dispute. The point is that the words have a totally different meaning and should not be confused, even for the alleged purpose of moral reform. The following definition from the Century Dictionary and Cyclopedia makes this plain:

Temperance: Habitual moderation in regard to the indulgence of the natural appetites and passions; restrained or moderate indulgence; abstinence from all violence or excess, from inordinate or unseasonable indulgence, or from the use or pursuit of anything injurious to moral, physical, or mental well-being; sobriety; frugality; as, temperance in eating and drinking; temperance in the indulgence of joy or grief; in a narrower sense, moderation in the use of alcoholic liquors, as beverages; or, in a still narrower sense as used by its advocates, entire abstinence from such liquors; in this sense also used attributively, as, a "temperance" society.

The same authority defines "Temperance movement" as "a social or political movement having for its object the restriction or abolition of the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage;" "Temperance society" as "an association formed for the purpose of suppressing drunkenness." It then proceeds to show clearly how the misuse of the word originated:

The basis on which these associations have been formed has been that of an engagement on the part of each member to abstain from the excessive or habitual use of intoxicating liquors. But, since the most strictly limited use of intoxicants as beverages is condemned by many social reformers, this name has been very generally applied to, or assumed by, associations which are more correctly designated "total abstinence associations."

An example of the correct use of the word is given in Boswell's Life of Johnson:

"Many a day did he fast, many a day did he refrain from wine; but when he did eat, it was voraciously; when he did drink wine, it was copiously. He could practise abstinence, but not temperance."

But there is a higher authority than Boswell or the Century Dictionary. Milton, the Puritan poet of England, master of languages and author of the greatest epic in any literature, thus defines true temperance in the 11th book of his sublime "Paradise Lost":

"If thou wilt observe The rule of—Not too much; by Temperance taught, In what thou eat'st and drink'st; seeking from thence Due nourishment, not gluttonous delight; So may'st thou live; till, like ripe fruit, thou drop Into thy mother's lap."

The above quotation, which is really a paraphrase of a noble passage from Marcus Aurelius, could be supported by a multitude of others from the literature of every civilized country. Temperance has never meant abstinence, much less enforced abstinence, except to latter-day prohibitionists who have persistently camouflaged their activities under its name. If, as these reformers contend, the practice of temperance in the use of alcoholic liquors is impossible to the present generation, then the teaching of temperance should be banished from our schools and churches, and the principle of enforced abstinence exalted in its stead. Moral victories are not achieved by fighting under false colors. Let Temperance, which Plato placed among the four cardinal virtues, which the founder of Christianity inculcated by precept and example, be proscribed and a new moral code drafted for the guidance of humanity. We shall then, at least, be facing the issue honestly and squarely, and there will be no further excuse for such a misunderstanding as has arisen in Nova Scotia.

Hon. Mr. Crearer recently appointed a minister in the King Government, is seeking election in Brandon Manitoba. It is the seat formerly occupied by Hon. Robert Forke and became vacant on his elevation to the Senate. It is reported that Mr. Crearer is likely to be opposed by a Conservative with slim chances of success. Both Mr. Forke and Mr. Crearer were formerly members of the Progressive party.

Two weeks hence a critical by-election will be closely contested in Halifax County. The death of Hon. Mr. Mahoney, a member of the Rhodes Government, caused a vacancy and reduced the narrow majority of the Cabinet to practical extinction. The fate of the Government seems to depend upon the election of its candidate Mr. Murphy, over Mr. Finn, Liberal, who is opposing him. It is nothing to say that both parties profess to be confident of victory, but it has been very seldom in a provincial by-election that so much depended upon which will win.

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Sun spots continue to somewhat diminish the light and heat coming this way, and a small new comet, which was not seen as it came, is receding back into space.

The Maritimes, says a Halifax exchange, have been getting little from the King Government. What they have secured has been wrung from unwilling hands. And this attitude runs to Cabinet positions as well. Nova Scotia must be content with a minor portfolio of Defense; New Brunswick, Post Office (and report says it is likely to lose even that), while Prince Edward Island has no portfolio at all.

Editorial Notes

The Publicity Association got away to a good New Year's start last evening. The annual reports show that much has been done during the past year, and that the future prospects are bright.

Notes By The Way

In the railway world there has been put forward recently a scheme for what has been called a great merger, or consolidation of the principal railways of North America. American newspapers that have discussed it have done so largely from the view point of freight rates. Press opinions have been divided on the question whether the scheme would be likely to raise or lower the rates if it were put in operation.

It is as yet doubtful whether the vast project will be adopted by all the big interests that are involved, but it is put forward officially by the Interstate Commerce Commission of the United States. Twenty-one systems are listed by the Commission grouped around principal railways that are named. Of the 21 systems 19 are in the United States and two have their head offices and the principal part of their mileage in Canada. These are (20) The Canadian National; and (21) the Canadian Pacific.

Just what power or right the Interstate Commerce Commission has to "merge" or "consolidate" Canadian railways with those of the States does not appear, nor are we told what Parliamentary, Congressional or Governmental action may be required if the big scheme is put in operation. All that we are yet permitted to know is that a vast amalgamation of transportation interests is being considered across the border, which must have a deep and lasting effect on Canadian affairs. Neither the Ottawa Government nor the National or C. P. R. Chiefs appear to have yet publicly referred to what is going on behind the scenes.

The miscreant who raises a false alarm of fire, as was done in a crowded theatre at Ottawa recently is guilty of murderous malice. No effort should be spared to bring such a culprit to swift and condign punishment. Common humanity revolts in horror at such a crime and is led to wonder that such a thought should enter the mind of any creature in human shape. At the same time such an incident should operate as a warning to all who have the charge of places of public assembly, whether they be theatres, halls or churches, to see that there are abundant and safe means of quick escape in time of real danger.

The danger is by no means confined to our theatres. They are as a rule much better provided than are the halls, schools and churches throughout the city and country, not a few of which have but a single door for entrance or exit and with the door opening inwards. In several cases here in Charlottetown the street door of entrance and exit is at the foot of a long stairway leading upward two storeys, the foot of the stairs being very close to the door, which opens inward.

These sources of danger have been mentioned before in The Guardian along with the fact that the danger has been recognized abroad, and countries as well as cities have laws and ordinances requiring that the street doors of all places of public meeting shall open outward. Little attention has been paid until some alarming or perhaps fatal casualty forces it upon public notice.

The oversupply of food, food that is not used up by the tissues, for heat or energy, or used up by muscular work, may be the forerunner of headaches, constipation, high blood pressure, and kidney ailments.

If you really want to eat a lot of good things at the table, all you have to do is to take a little vigorous exercise daily. The exercise will burn it up for you. Further it will give you strength, instead of putting on fat, or clogging your system with poisons.

The Poet's Corner

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My lover is like crisp September—
Cheeks as warm as wood-fire ember,
Eyes as blue as brush-fire smoke, and bright
As bramble berry, feet as light
As hay's sweet seed of thistle-down;
His skin's like ripened nut so brown,
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Red and bright as brier hips;
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THE LAND WE LOVE
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By James W. Barton, M.D.

BURNING YOUR FOOD

You will remember how your little text book in physiology compared the body to an engine or a steam boiler. Each took in fuel, gave out heat and energy, and what remained was ashes. The ashes of the body were the perspiration from the skin, the carbon-dioxide from the lungs, the urine from the kidneys, and the faeces from the intestine.

You were taught that if too much fuel were put on the furnace it would not burn properly. In fact when clouds of smoke came out of a chimney, or smoke from the exhaust of an automobile you know that the fuel is not burning completely. Also the ashes must be removed or the furnace will not "draw" or burn properly.

What about that body of yours? If you eat too much, eat more than you need, you may be the type that will store up some of this fuel as fat, and the balance will have to be taken care of by the kidneys, intestine, skin or lungs.

Unfortunately a lot of this surplus food in the form of ash from meats gives the kidneys some extra work to do, and kidney ailments abound in those who eat too much.

In some of the thyroid gland manufactures a great amount of juice, and this juice as you know stimulates the body processes so that the food stuffs are burned up completely. These individuals eat more than others and yet are usually underweight.

In the other type where the thyroid is not so active, we find that the food stuffs are not burned up so readily and get stored up as fat. These individuals are therefore overweight.

What happens to the average individuals who eat too much? Well just as an overloaded furnace does not give proper heat, and we find gases and soot about the furnace, so overeating means that the blood is laden with products that are only partly burned or used, and these really act like poison to the system.

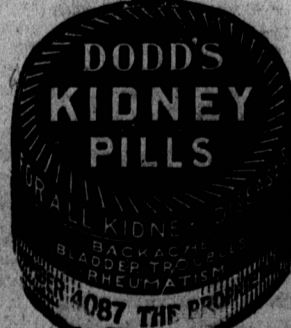
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A Bit of History

The recent discovery of an ancient cannon a few miles above Fredericton, N. B. says an exchange, brings to mind an incident from the romantic history of that province. The old piece of ordnance is supposed to have been abandoned by French settlers fleeing from the attack of a party of Dutch buccaneers. The presence and doings of these Dutchmen forms a striking chapter in the chronicles of the time when New Brunswick was still a part of Acadia, and as such was rapidly changing owners.

France was in possession of these territories and was making an earnest attempt at colonization. About 1672 three large seigniories on the Saint John River were granted to one Sieur de Soulanges. The lands included extended from the mouth of the river to where Fredericton is now situated. At Jemseg there was a small fort, and there Soulanges had his place of residence. In 1674, John Rhoads, of Boston, "an accomplished adventurer and a pirate," according to chronicles of those times, joined forces with a Dutch buccaneer Jurriaen Aertouws, on a marauding expedition which included as its object the plundering of Fort Jemseg. Aertouws' party numbered one hundred and ten men, and no effectual opposition could be offered. Fort Jemseg was captured and dismantled. The French guns taken to Boston and sold and Soulanges himself held for ransom. The recently found cannon is supposed to have been abandoned in the retreat, from the Dutch; possibly Sieur de Soulanges had left a few men at the northern limits of his lands and the pirates continued their expedition up the river after the capture of Fort Jemseg.

Rhoads and Aertouws now determined to attempt the establishment of Dutch authorities in the seized territory, and to set up a New Holland in Acadia. Unfortunately for their plans, this alienated the New Englanders, and evidently they decided to choose the lesser of two evils, at least in their estimation. In any event when Sieur de Soulanges was finally ransomed and Frontenac decided to reestablish the post, on the Jemseg, it is recorded that the supplies and troops were carried in ships from Boston. John Rhoads brought about his downfall when he attacked the Massachusetts trading vessels with some Dutchmen his complices. The New Englanders had been merely vex-

ed at the prospect of having their trade in furs disturbed, but an actual attack on their ships could not be countenanced. An expedition destroyed Rhoads' trading posts, and carried him a prisoner back to Boston, where he and his associates narrowly escaped hanging.

So ended the brief life of New Holland and the dream of a Dutch colony in Acadia. The incident is but one in the romantic past of our province; the discovery of relics of those stirring times reminds us that when we wish a tale of adventure and daring we need look no farther afield than in the annals of our own province.

In the past year in extending the benefits of life insurance to a larger proportion of the people of the Dominion. Increases were reported not only in life insurance, in force but in assets of the companies as well. There are 7,000,000 policies in force at present which is an increase of practically 500,000 over a year ago. Beside this, there are 450,000 covered by group insurance. While the population in Canada has increased 10 per cent in the last decade, the number of policies has doubled. The total amount of insurance carried in Canada is \$6,500,000,000.

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G. F. HUTCHESON OPTOMETRIST

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.

CIVIC ELECTION

Sir,—I notice by the returns from the Toronto Civic elections that the citizens of that City registered a strong protest against a programme of increased expenditure. As our Civic elections will soon be held would it not be advisable for our citizens to have a full explanation of the affairs of our City for the past two years. It is a well known fact that there is considerable dissatisfaction over the management of affairs in general. The Public Library, the electric lighting arrangement, the collection of taxes, etc. are matters that need explaining. Meetings should be called and candidates selected at once.

I am Sir, etc., CITIZEN

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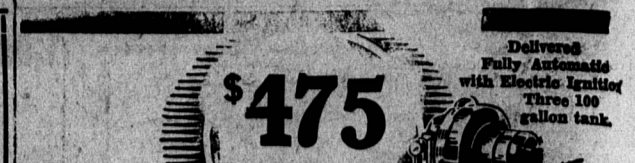
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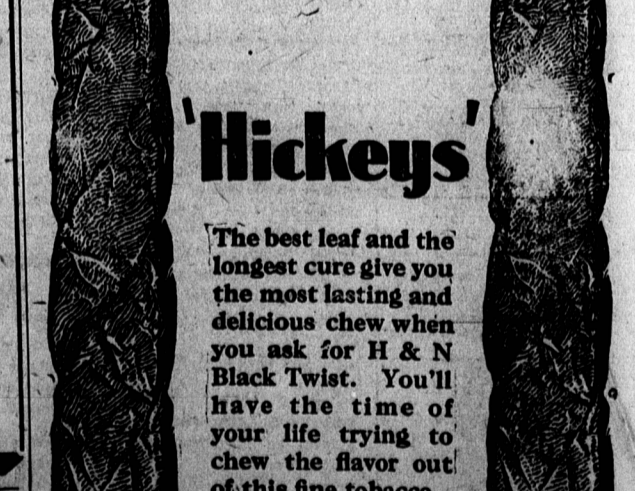
A police barrack has been opened in Cranach, in the centre of the Sperrin Mountains of Northern Ireland, and officers stationed there will patrol a large part of the Sperrin range and the County Derry border.

Father's Task

To provide a home, to furnish food and fuel and clothing, to finance the education of the children, to whittle down the mortgage, to pay for needed vacations and a few extra comforts, to make provision for old age... A task that calls for strength of will and of body and a steady pull for many years—a man's job.

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