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PROSPERITY LEAGUE

There has been organized in Toronto a Canadian Prosperity League the objects of which may be inferred from the name adopted. The obligations of membership are such as should be gladly assumed by every Canadian; in fact, every true Canadian, "whether, signed on or not," is by virtue of his Canadianism, a member of the Prosperity League of Canada; he cannot be anything else. Yet, the League means organization and, without organization and united effort, all the aspirations and hopes for Canadian prosperity are valueless. For this reason we heartily commend membership in the League, it means united effort, united action, a united pull all together for that prosperity to which Canada is entitled by reason of her great natural resources, the vastness of her territory and the undoubted quality of her human element.

Canada has every right to become a great country, every opportunity to become one of the greatest countries in the world. Yet she is not. Nearing her sixtieth year as a self governing country she is not even holding her own in population or in general prosperity. Our external trade, it is true, is increasing but her industries and her agriculture are not increasing, are not even holding their own. Proof of this is to be found, not in the increased number of dollars indicated in our trade figures but in the fact that our industries and our agriculture are not sufficiently active to employ our own people; in the fact that hundreds of thousands of our industrial and agricultural population have in the past two or three years been obliged to seek employment in a foreign country.

Ordinary unblinded common sense, ordinary intelligence, unblinded by political partisanship, can see the cause for this depression, this depopulation of our country, but we are cursed by political partisanship and "none are as blind as those who will not see."

When representative men seriously tell us that a Canadian population of eight millions can successfully compete with a neighboring population of a hundred and twenty millions by throwing down their tariff bars and letting the latter flood their markets, industrial and agricultural, while the latter deliberately exclude them from their own markets, they are talking partisan politics and not common sense. More regrettable even than that such a doctrine should be preached is the fact that party-dyed men and women who know better should support a party in such a policy. Yet this is the condition in Canada today; this is the main cause of the ruinous exodus and the present depression. It is perhaps not fair to lay the blame for this on the Liberal party. The party in power in Canada today is not the Liberal party but a remnant of it, holding office by the grace of a group of Western self-seekers who are accidentally in a position to dictate terms to the nominally official government.

Two clauses in the constitution of the Prosperity League of Canada will appeal to the common sense of all Canadians. These are: "To raise and maintain a tariff against the U. S. A. which shall average as high as the U. S. A. tariff against Canada."

"To raise and maintain such a tariff against the whole world as shall adequately protect Canadian agriculture and industry at all times." These claims require no elaboration. They are common sense and ordinary business.

ment that a number of farmers in the vicinity reported that no potato bugs had shown up this season. Some of the farmers declared that they had carefully inspected their fields and had failed to find a bug. From one of two sections of our own province similar reports come. A gentleman who recently conversed with a number of farmers in Hope River was informed by them that no bugs had so far appeared in that locality. It would be interesting to know if this is true of other localities and we would be grateful to any of our readers who would give us the information, whether favorable or unfavorable as we are particularly anxious to write the obituary of this much discussed animal on which the province has spent more money in the last thirty years than it has on charity.

Before the potato bug, or properly, the Colorado Beetle, entered upon his career as a potato pest, he was a respectable and not over numerous grass eating beetle to which little attention was paid for the simple reason that he was neither much good, nor much harm. In an evil hour he acquired a taste for potato vines. Here he found his life's work, went into it extensively, flourished and grew fat and prosperous. For thirty-five or forty years since making his debut in Colorado he has been an ever increasing pest, probably the most expensive pest the farmers have had to contend against.

Many will be glad to know, if it is really so, that he is leaving us, that there are even a few potato fields into which he has not entered this season. It is possible that, like many other insects, he has only changed his habits and his diet, possible that in his next metamorphosis, he may become a worse pest than he is as a potato bug. He did this once before and may do it again. Anyway he is worth watching till he gets off the premises.

It may be too soon to write a requiem on his passing and pending that pleasing duty, we hope to hear from different parts of the province as to how he is enjoying himself. Two theories will be exploited, no doubt, as to why he is leaving us, namely, whether he has become tired of his Paris Green diet or whether the parasite, which accompanies almost all insects and keeps them within legitimate bounds, has finally conquered him.

When the Maritimes had their maximum representation of 43 all the provinces and territories west of the Great Lakes were represented by but 10 and later by 15 members. It was not until 1905 that the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta were created. Saskatchewan was given 10 members to start with and is now allotted 21. Alberta's first quota was seven and has now been doubled. British Columbia has gained in like manner and the region west of the Lakes will hereafter be represented by 69 members. Thus where Maritime voting strength used to be four to one in our favor as compared with the West, the Westerners will be able to outvote us hereafter by much more than two or one.

Smuggling immigrants across the border has become a business quite as lucrative as rum-running, according to a recent Ottawa dispatch. According to this authority during the first six months of this year 160,000 immigrants arrived in Canada from overseas. And a check-up made by the immigration authorities shows that thousands of this number have gone missing within the past two months. It is alleged that these thousands have been smuggled from Canada into the States by the underground route for sums ranging from \$10 to \$200 each paid to the human smugglers. Four hundred Italian immigrants recently arrived at Canadian ports, entering Canada as farmers. It was discovered that not two dozen of them intended to remain here and they were all deported back to Italy.

Canada needs immigrants more than most countries, and it is quite disheartening to learn that the number reported as having landed at our ports this year has been greatly in excess of the number who have remained in this country or who intended to remain when they landed. There has long been some loss in this way from year to year. It has now greatly increased from the organized smuggling above referred to and the loose and inefficient manner in which immigration affairs have been handled by the King Government.

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Notes By The Way

The selection of John W. Davis by the Democratic National convention as the party candidate for the presidency seems likely to meet with general approval. He was warmly recommended by the New York Times as the best man for the Democratic candidacy in 1920 and has a splendid record as a statesman and diplomat. His ability, unblemished character, honorable public career, his calm judgment and moderate views give hope that his leadership may unite the divided party and give it some prospect of success in the election.

Yet it must be remembered that during the sixty-four years since the beginning of the year 1860 the Republican party has elected nine different presidents of the nation and several of them for a second term. These were, Lincoln, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Harrison, Roosevelt, Taft and Harding. During the same period the Democratic party has elected but two, Cleveland and Wilson, although each of them was twice chosen. Thus during 48 of the past 64 years the Presidency has been held by a Republican. But during that time three Republican presidents, Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley were assassinated and two others, Grant and Harding, died while in office.

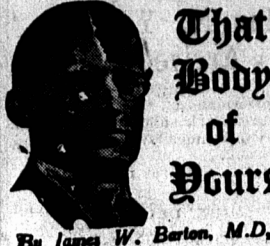
That Nova Scotia will lose two seats in the redistribution now being made seems to be practically settled. The loss follows other misfortunes in the same line. For 22 years from 1872 to 1892 the historic most eastern province of the Dominion was represented by 21 members in the House of Commons. By successive reductions one third of this number has been cut off and the 21 now reduced to 14. Thirty odd years ago the three Maritime Provinces sent 43 members to the Ottawa House where they will hereafter send but 29. Meanwhile the West has gained even more than the East has lost.

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That Body of Yours

AN UNUSUAL CASE

A patient came to physician and outlined symptoms as follows. Pain in the lower part of abdomen on left side, not awfully severe, but nagging in character, particularly when he got thinking about it. After pointing out to him that as it was over on the left side, and was therefore not likely to be a chronic appendix, the physician stated that it was likely due to gas pressure. He explained that the lower end of the large intestine, just before it left the body, had a double "S" curve, and it was pressure here that was causing the trouble. He suggested that certain foods known to create gas, such as cabbage and white bread should be left out of the diet.

He further suggested—that as the patient's occupation necessitated considerable office work, that a little exercise in the form of rocking and bending would be advisable. "But I saw another doctor who said it was muscular, and advised me to take no exercise whatever. In fact last summer he particularly cautioned me about paddling a canoe." "And did you paddle the canoe?" "Yes." "Did the pain increase?" "No, I thought it was better." The patient returned in a month and did not think he was much better. He had taken little exercise, but had really been too busy, and so forth. As the report of the X Ray meal stated no organic trouble, the physician had not bothered to examine the films. However, thinking that these might show a slight delay in the passage of the bismuth meal in the region of the pain, he took the trouble to investigate. And the films showed a remarkable condition. Not only was the double curve unusually sharp, but there was an extra twelve inches—a whole foot—of intestine more than there should have been in his abdomen.

That is, the last part of his intestine, the part that holds waste matter only, all the good part of the food having been removed, was a foot longer than it should have been, and made the curve even sharper than normal. This then accounted for his pain, owing to the pressure of the gas from the waste matter. The patient, an engineer by profession, felt that it might be well to have the extra foot of intestine taken out. However the physician pointed out to him that he had always had this extra foot and had suffered no pain until he had discontinued his exercise. His office work was his undoing. If he were willing to watch his diet, take ten minutes bending and twisting exercises daily, with a walk to and from his office, he should get rid of the pain. "Remember," said the physician "you can always get the extra foot cut out, but why not try this plan first?"

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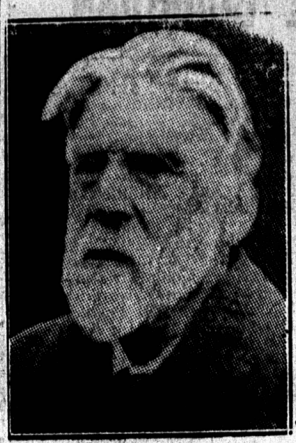
CANOE SONG With rhythmic beat we dip our blades And the ripples break and bubble, And we slip from the gloom of the poplar shades With never a care to trouble...

The silver reach of the river flows Like a ribbon of blue sateen, While the white of the sandy bottom shows The weeds of yellow and green.

The shallow shine in the early sun A treasure of sunken gold; The ripples wake and wander and run In symphonies manifold.

The shores in the distance are misty grey, And still as the moon is still, Save for the restless song of a jay As he calls from a fir-crowned hill.

In rhythmic beat we dip our blades, And the ripples break and glisten, And we slip from the gloom of the poplar shades While the clustering echoes listen.—Roginald Hardy, Ottawa.



ROBERT BRIDGES Post Laureate of England, who is at present in a Western University of the United States as an exchange professor. There are rumors in England that he will be the last post-laureate.

GERMAN WAR METHODS TOLD

(By Dominion News Service.) PARIS, July 14.—Another echo of the criminal methods employed by the Germans when they occupied French towns and villages has been heard at a court-martial at Nancy, where Colonel von Vallade, commanding the Fourth Regiment of Bavaria Landwehr, has been condemned to death by default. The case was remarkable in one particular: it brought out the bravery and patriotism of a French woman. At the beginning of October, 1914, a patrol of Bavarian soldiers entered Embermesnil, a commune situated between the German and French lines. The leader of the patrol asked Mme. Husson where the French were.

The woman refused to give the information demanded. Then the village was invaded, but Bavarian soldiers had barely reached its centre when a heavy fire was poured upon them, followed by an attack by the French, which resulted in a number of prisoners being taken, including the chief of the patrol. Embermesnil was, however, occupied by the Bavarians in November.

The inhabitants were drawn up before the church, and the commanding officer asked if the person was there who had given false information the previous month. Mme. Husson immediately emerged from the crowd of villagers and declared that it was she who had given the information. The woman was about to become a mother, but this fact did not prevent the commanding officer from ordering her to be shot, together with a young man.

Steamer Wrecked And Nineteen Are Missing

CORK, July 14.—The Steamer Lisnora, belonging to the Cork Steam Packet Company, bound for Birkenhead, was wrecked off Westford Coast Friday. It is feared that 19 of the crew including three Spanish firemen were drowned. Only one survivor thus far has been washed ashore.

Son: "What is an optimist?" Father: "An optimist is a Scotchman who takes a cork screw to the United States."

Son: "And what is a pessimist?" Father: "The same Scotchman coming back."

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