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THE TARIFF QUESTION.

While our people are generally well informed with reference to our tariff relations with the United States and other countries, it is well, once in a while, to obtain the viewpoint of others who have made a special study of the question and are in a position to express authoritative opinions.

The tariff is more than a party issue. It concerns the life and the prosperity of Canada. If this country is ever to attain the position it is entitled to among the nations of the world it will have to adjust its tariff to suit the requirements of its own producers and not for the benefit of the producers of other countries.

In view of the effect upon the farmers of this Province of the pending tariff changes in the United States, it is of the utmost importance that our people be thoroughly informed on the whole tariff situation.

COST OF GASOLINE.

The Halifax Chronicle calls attention to the fact that the Maritime Provinces are paying more for gasoline than Quebec, Manitoba, Ontario, and the New England States, and it asks why this is so, without being able to find a very satisfactory answer.

producer reaps but small profit.

Coming to gasoline, the Chronicle says that in Ontario the cheaper gas costs 28 cents, the better gas 31. At Montreal the prices are 31 and 33 cents; at Toronto they are 29 and 31 cents; at Windsor, Ontario, they are 28 and 31 cents; at London they are 28 and 31 cents; while in Massachusetts, with a slightly smaller gallon, they are 20 and 23 cents.

THE BOILED POTATO

The Toronto Globe deprecates the fact that "some tragedy has befallen the boiled potato." It recalls sadly the days when the boiled potato was a reliable article of diet.

Readers of the Globe, however, should not despair. Carloads of prime quality Prince Edward Island potatoes will shortly be on their way to Ontario, and the boiled potato, we predict, will again come into its own.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Plans for the new car ferry, according to the latest excuse from Ottawa, are held up because the naval architect is sick. One naval architect is about as proportionate to the needs of Canada as one car ferry is to the transportation requirements of Prince Edward Island.

Notes By The Way

The United States of Europe is a name mentioned in the newspapers not infrequently of late, to designate some sort of alliance, or economic agreement between the nations of the European continent.

Europe is peopled by about 20 different nations with a total population of about 470,000,000, speaking many different languages and constituting the largest body of modern civilization in any of the great land divisions of the globe.

More rain is still needed in and about Charlottetown, as the thunderstorm of Tuesday night brought only a short shower. Electric storms began early last spring and have recurred quite frequently through the summer and early fall, but have done less damage than in former years in proportion to their number.

The overturn in Saskatchewan "bodes ill for Premier King" according to The Mail and Empire, which goes on to say: "Saskatchewan is the haven to which Premier King drifted to find a seat. Two of his fellow-ministers, Mr. Dunning and Mr. Motherwell, come from there."

We also note that the Mail and Empire pays discriminating commendation to Hon. Dr. Anderson, the new Prime Minister of Saskatchewan, who for five years past has fought a stout battle against the Gardiner Government, at first almost alone with little assistance from the party he supported.

Dr. Anderson has won popularity throughout the Province by his great services to education. Six years before he became leader his book, "The Education of the New Canadian" met with a well-deserved reception by the people, and especially among the many immigrant families whose parents were of alien birth.

Potato prospects in Prince Edward Island during the coming year appear to be very promising. Much is due to the excellence of our stock in past years, to careful inspection and to the splendid reputation already achieved and much also to causes quite beyond human control.

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That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

FOOD THAT CAUSE SKIN AILMENTS

There was a time when meat was blamed for many human ailments—cancer, heart disease, kidney, rheumatism and many forms of skin ailments.

That too much meat has had a bad effect upon the kidneys of some individuals is true, but many of the ailments for which meat was formerly blamed are now thought to be due to vegetable starches and fruits.

One skin specialist stated recently that "fruits and vegetables in applying their theories with the growing child, are little short of criminals." He tells that while well ripened oranges are a good safe food, that oranges in the fresh picked state are the greatest offenders in the way of skin reactions.

Now what about food and skin ailments?

As a matter of fact most skin ailments can be traced to certain foods eaten, not because there is anything wrong with the food itself but because the patient's tissues react unfavorably to the particular food.

For instance one of the best foods known, the tomato, gives rise to more skin irritation than any other known vegetable.

The potato, another valuable food likewise causes skin irritation, and until it is removed from the daily diet, some obstinate skin ailment refuses to clear up.

Perhaps the worst offenders are certain raw fruits.

Now nearly everybody thinks of raw fruits as ideal food—food in a natural state with all its food values, its vitamins, its roughage—and therefore man's best food.

This is all true but nevertheless you have only to look about you to see a member of the family, a friend, or an acquaintance, who cannot eat raw fruits without an attack of urticaria, or "hives" as it is called.

Stewing these raw fruits seems to be sufficient in many cases to overcome this tendency to skin irritation.

The thought then in any chronic skin ailment is to try to discover just what food—vegetable, cereal, fruit, eggs, and sometimes meat, that may be the underlying cause.

A little baking soda, taken daily, often counteracts the acidosis set up by some foods.

The Poet's Corner

LUCIFER IN STARLIGHT

On a starry night Prince Lucifer uprose.

Tired of his dark dominion swung the fiend

Above the rolling ball in cloud part screened,

Where sinners hugged their spectre of repose.

Poor prey to his hot fit of pride were, those.

And now upon his western wing he leaned,

Now his huge bulk o'er Africa's sands careened,

Now the black planet shadowed Artie snows.

Searing through wider zones that pricked his scars

With memory of the old revolt from Awe,

He reached a middle height, and at the stars,

Which are the brain of heaven, he looked, and sank.

Around the ancient track marched rank on rank,

The army of unalterable law.

—George Meredith.

THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK LEIGH

CANADA'S FIRST TOURIST

Q. Who was Canada's First Tourist?

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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.

CHILDREN AND CIGARETTES

Sir.—While there is much to commend the work of Red Cross nurses and medical inspection of schools, one cannot help wondering if any influence is being exerted in order to check the terrible inroads of the cigarette habit upon the health of the young.

On every side we see growing boys—in some cases very small boys—and even girls, indulging in the pernicious cigarette habit, and apparently we have no health officials, teachers or preachers, to guide them aright.

W. O. Rodney, Professor of Education, Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Que., writes as follows in a recent issue of the New Outlook:

Mr. Charles F. Emerson, Secretary of Dartmouth College, has issued statistics showing that in 1896 each student of the graduating class of Dartmouth College was asked to state whether or not he smoked, and that the longevity of the members of this class is as follows:

Smoking students, 49 years, 9 months (average); non-smoking students, 59 years, 4 months. Difference almost ten years.

Dr. W. S. Seaver, of Yale University, has recently made an investigation of the effects of smoking on schoolboys, and issues the following findings in regard to the comparative rate of development of schoolboys:

Non-smokers: Weight, 100; growth, 100; chest-girth, 100; lung capacity, 100. Occasional smokers: Weight, 94; growth, 91; chest-girth, 82.8; lung capacity, 72.

Habitual smokers: Weight, 80.6; growth, 80.6; chest-girth, 78.8; lung capacity, 56.4.

Chief Magistrate Crane, of New York, states: Boys who use cigarettes seem to lose all sense of right, decency and righteousness.

Judge DeLacy, of the Juvenile Court, Washington, D. C., writes: There is something about the cigarette habit that weakens and unnerves the boy. It destroys his memory, impairs his other cognitive faculties, robs him of his power of attention, saps his will power, and deprives him of initiative.

The results of the examinations of the Protestant high schools of the province of Quebec are being issued to-day. I have the results of only one of these schools before me—one of the larger schools—and I note that 66 per cent. of the non-smokers have passed the examinations, and only 5.3 per cent. of the smokers have passed.

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Barrie and Thrums

(The Gazette, Montreal.)

Thrums has come into its own. The little cottage in which J. M. Barrie was born in Kirriemuir in 1860, has been purchased for the nation, and will be kept for the benefit of the public, as the homes of other illustrious writers of Britain have been kept.

Sir James Barrie is still with us, in London, and this action is a rare tribute to the living writer. It is well deserved by the man who has moved his country alternately to tears and laughter for twenty-five years.

The Kirriemuir cottage might be cherished almost as much as the home of Margaret Ogilvy, Barrie's mother, as for the author himself. He has freely acknowledged his debt to that woman of soul, imagination and mirth.

At her knee he drank in stories of the older Kirriemuir, and created the "Thrums," beloved by hosts of readers. One day Margaret was busy making a rag rug, and to get rid of the boy she told him stories and sent him off to write them.

Soon the boy had grown up and was off to Edinburgh University. When he had left Scotland and joined the staff of the Nottingham Press, his real fount of knowledge developed.

He began to write the "Auld Licht Idylls," drawing on life in Kirriemuir. He called it Thrums, and this was resented by the folk at home, because Thrums were the rag ends of thread left after the weaver had cut away the cloth from the loom.

Margaret Ogilvy, proud though she was, feared to reveal her son's connection with the stories. A woman who kept a sweetmeat shop in Kirriemuir was resentful, and called the budding author an "impudent little smatchet."

Robert Louis Stevenson, still in his prime, was more accurate in his judgment, and wrote to Barrie: "I am proud to think you are a Scotsman."

London was already taking Barrie's sketches of Thrums and calling for more, which were complied with the great aid of Barrie's mother in her copious letters of gossip and impressions.

He wanted to go to London to work. "I wrote to the editor to ask if I should come to London. He said 'No, Leo I went.'"

The rest is literary history. Story followed story, play followed play. The joyous laughter of children and the tears of sentimental old people were equally his to command.

Hard-fisted London paused to make a hero of Peter Pan, the boy who ran away to Never-Never-Land to escape growing up, and erected a monument to him in Kensington Gardens, where Barrie had brought back the fairies.

But over these conquests of the outside world broods the spirit of Kirriemuir—Thrums—and the wonderful days with Margaret Ogilvy, one more of the world's great mothers.

The Irish Soldiers and Sailors' Land Trust of Ireland has materially reduced rents of all ex-service men occupying its houses.

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Confederation Life Association. They were living in a Fool's Paradise. JACK was earning \$75 a week. They had a fine apartment, lots of friends. Life was one continuous party. Then Jack took sick. First an appendix; then, as he was getting over that, "flu" set in and pneumonia developed.

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