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INFORMED DEMOCRACY

During the past week two political summer schools for the study of public and economic questions have been held in Ontario under Liberal-Conservative and Liberal auspices respectively. The aim and object of both are the same—to inform and educate the rising generation of politicians on public questions. It is felt by the leaders of both great political parties that at this critical period an intensive study of issues by ambitious embryostatemen is absolutely necessary, and it is hoped by means of these summer schools to start a movement that will tend to a general enlightenment of the vast electorate which cannot attend such schools, but which may be influenced by those who do. An educated democracy is essential. Otherwise the tendency is toward autocracy or chaos and revolution for, as Edmund Burke declared long ago, there can be no free government except on liberty connected with order—a liberty that not only exists along with order and virtue, but which cannot exist at all without them." In addressing the Liberal-Conservative summer school Mr. Bennett emphasized this, declaring: "The only hope of ordered and progressive government lies in an educated, informed democracy."

BRITONS OR ENGLISH

Many indignant protests have appeared in the columns of a London paper against the increasing tendency to use the words "Briton" and "British" to the exclusion of "English." There is a general tendency to date the use of "Briton" from comparatively recent times, and one of the contributors to the discussion goes so far as to ascribe the popularity of the term to a Scotsman. This was James Thomson, who in 1740, wrote "Rule Britannia."

CANADA'S HONEY

Honey production in Canada, recent figures show, amounted in 1932 to 20,628,934 pounds, valued at \$1,661,175. Ontario produced 10,000,000 pounds; Manitoba, 5,886,298 pounds; Quebec, 2,651,200 pounds; British Columbia, 1,007,200 pounds; Alberta, 650,000 pounds; Saskatchewan, 420,149 pounds; Nova Scotia, 67,057 pounds; New Brunswick, 44,900 pounds; and Prince Edward Island 13,000 pounds. Canada's exports for the year were 2,298,350 pounds, mostly to the United Kingdom and Norway.

Notes By The Way

Those who fear that war will spring out of the Austrian situation are surely not taking into consideration the disarmed condition of Germany. For Germany to precipitate a European war by invading Austrian territory would be an act so insane and suicidal that even the late subjects of the ex-Kaiser and the fellow-countrymen of Hitler will not generally be credited with so much folly. If German troops crossed the Austrian border, the magnificent French army would at once cross the Rhine. Its advance into Germany would be swift, irresistible and devastating.

THE "NEW" CABINET

Of the six Ministers with portfolios in Nova Scotia's new Liberal Cabinet, four have never yet sat in the House of Assembly, and their records are to be written on a new slate. These are the Premier, Hon. Angus L. MacDonald, the Attorney-General, Hon. Josiah McQuarrie, the Minister of Mines, Hon. Michael Dwyer; and the Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. F. R. Davis. Hon. A. S. MacMillan, the new Minister of Highways, held the same post for a year in the Armstrong Cabinet. Hon. J. W. Comeau also had a seat in that Cabinet without portfolio. Hon. C. W. Anderson is a new arrival in the Executive Council, though he sat in the House from 1920 to 1925, and again from 1926 to 1933.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Speaking at a luncheon at the exhibition in Toronto the other day, Mr. L. L. Anthes, President of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, said: "Conditions are better in Canada today than they have been for some time. Railway earnings are up, more people are occupied and the general outlook and general feeling seem to be better. "Four months ago there was no one bluer than I," Mr. Anthes went on to say. "But there is something in the air today, something that has happened since that time that has given us and put into us new spirit. The Empire Conference at Ottawa last year in my opinion was one of the most outstanding steps ever taken for the unity of the Empire," he remarked. "I believe our upward progress dates from that time. Anything that makes for Empire solidarity and brings us closer together is reflected in a forward move economically."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The death this week of Viscount Grey of Fallodon directs attention to one of the great war figures, already sadly diminished in number. As Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Secretary, he made the fateful announcement of Britain's resolve to support Belgian neutrality, thus making a declaration of war inevitable. He was then 52 years of age, and at the height of his powers. He went out in 1916 with Asquith, with whom he remained in full sympathy, but soon after the war he accepted the post of ambassador to the United States for a brief period. Falling eyesight had for years hampered his political activities; at one time he lost his eyesight and was threatened

That Body of Ours



By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE FORGOTTEN MAN—THE RESEARCH WORKER

It is certainly gratifying to the medical profession and to all others who give the matter thought, to see grateful patients recognize the difficulties of research workers and endeavor to give them some financial aid. In England a group of asthmal sufferers have completed an organization to aid research physicians who are doing work on the cause and relief of asthma. Mr. H. G. Wells, the author, has invited his fellow sufferers with diabetes to follow the example of the asthma sufferers, and help all workers and institutions spending their time on diabetes. He points out that, thanks to a regulated diet and to insulin, they are living active, happy lives, while a few years ago many "would have been uncomfortable and dying slowly or already dead but for the work of a small group of experimenters and practitioners who have brought this particular maladjustment or disease under control." Mr. Wells says that diabetics, now financially able to do so, should not only help these research workers but help also those diabetics who do not well enough off to get the diet and insulin treatment. In other words diabetics in good or fair circumstances should tax themselves for the benefit of all diabetics.

When we remember the years devoted to the dietetic control of diabetes by Joslin of Boston and others, then the work done by Banting and Best, discoverers of insulin, in Toronto, under the most trying circumstances, with the final refining process of insulin developed by Collip, we can get some idea of the patience and perseverance of practitioners and research men. As you know, if these men were paid for the lives saved, it would run into many millions of dollars, aside from the happiness achieved and suffering relieved. All that research men ask, in fact they do not ask for anything; all they would like is that they be supplied with a place and equipment with which to work, and enough to live on, and they are willing to give themselves to the relief of the ills of humanity. In fact many of them are doing this without proper equipment, and without resources to actually support themselves. You'll agree that Mr. Wells has done a good piece of work in calling the attention of his fellow sufferers to the need of "helping the cause of all diabetics."

Did you ever pause in a post office, asks an exchange, long enough to take a squint at the floor after a number of people have received their mail? If you have you were probably struck by the number of circulars, form letters and hand bills that litter it up. In truth you doubtless were impressed with the fact that many of them had been thrown on the floor as soon as they were removed from the envelopes, the recipients not even taking the trouble to give them a second glance. But did you ever notice that you didn't see anyone throwing the newspapers and especially the home-town paper, in the waste basket or on the floor?

In the Philippine Islands, says the New York Times, the orchid-hunter finds a paradise. Some of the rarest and most beautiful specimens are to be found there. While the flora of the archipelago is mainly Malaysian, Himalayan and Australian types also occur. There are said to be 10,000 species of flowering plants and ferns in the islands. The number of varieties of orchids is put at 900. A good deal more than half the land area is covered with forests.

Says Admiral J.E.T. Harper, C.B., M.V.O.: "World peace will best be assured by each peace-loving nation maintaining such defence forces as are best suited to its requirements and necessary for its security, and no more, and to follow a policy which will ensure that those forces will be rightly, and not wrongly, used."

Mr. Campbell, head of the Canadian Ford organization, announces that more than 80 per cent of his company's advertising campaign, will be spent in the newspapers. Mr. Campbell was optimistic in a message that he sent out to Ford dealers three months ago. Today he is able to report that his expectations have been fulfilled and he is hopeful of further steady gains. "All indications," he tells the dealers, "point to better-than-usual sales for the balance of this year. . . . To help you get your full share of this business we have started another aggressive advertising campaign."

with permanent blindness. But he never ceased to speak and write on public affairs, though holding no office, and no British statesman stood higher in popular confidence and esteem.

Poisonous Mushrooms In The Maritimes

(K. A. Harrison, Field Laboratory of Plant Pathology, Kentville, N.S.) Several very poisonous mushrooms (or toadstools) are so common that everyone who gathers mushrooms should learn to recognize them. The most dangerous of all is known by the appropriate name of the Death Angel on account of its pure white colour and the deadly nature of the poison that it contains. This is only one of a group of poisonous mushrooms that have certain definite characteristics in common that enable any person to recognize them with a little practice.

The three characters following should be remembered. First, the deadly mushrooms have white spores. The colour can be determined by removing the stem and laying the cap with the gills downward overnight on paper. The print of the white spores shows best on black paper or on a piece of glass. The second is the veil or ring hanging on the stem. This is the covering that protected the gills when young. The third characteristic is the death cup at the base of the stem which is frequently buried in the soil. The term "cup" for this structure is slightly misleading, to some people, because it varies from a sheath around the base of the stem, as in the Death Angel, to torn fragments on a bulbous base, as found in the Fly Agaric. The death cup is the most important of these three characters and a mushroom with this structure should be avoided by the inexperienced person. The above description does not mean that all white spored mushrooms or all mushrooms that have either a ring or a death cup are poisonous, but it does mean danger when a mushroom is found possessing all three characters. It must be remembered that there are other poisonous mushrooms that do not possess these characters.

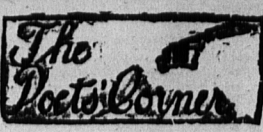
The tests of our forefathers are not reliable. Probably the commonest that is still believed is that the common mushrooms peel and poisonous kinds do not. The Death Angel peels readily although not quite in the same manner. One who has peeled field mushrooms would notice the difference at once but a fatal mistake could be made easily by an inexperienced person. In general appearance the deadly species are the handsomest of the mushroom family. They are tall and stately when fully grown and the colour is usually attractive. They are found in deep woods or occasionally near shrubs or bushes but never in open cultivated fields.

U. S. Automobile Front

(Ottawa Journal) Often there is grim humor in statistical reports. Thus we have a United States writer building up columns of figures to prove "that the health of the American people is improving," and then going on to show that there have been 200,000 automobile accident deaths on United States highways "since the boys came home in the Spring of 1919." United States losses in the Great War were in the vicinity of 100,000 men. Last year in the United States there were 60,000 deaths from general accidents, 31,000 automobile deaths, 17,500 suicides and 11,500 homicides. More people than were lost in the Spanish American and the World War combined. Obviously, it's a good thing that those who manage to live, live longer, and that "the health of the American people is improving."

Live stock shipments from Western to Eastern Canada for the week ending August 17 were: cattle 1,915; hogs 4,172; sheep 250, making a total for the first 33 weeks of this year of 36,484 cattle; 185 calves; 207,579 hogs, and 34,195 sheep. For the first 34 weeks of this year, up to August 24, 2,043,078 hogs were graded in Canada.

human imagination seems incapable of finding a foothold or perch except our terms are, in jackknife fashion, trimmed to stiff exactitude. But the gentler and finer nuances of the seasonal cycle and the way in which spring passes into summer and summer into autumn by slight degrees, here a little and there a little, stippling in the motley tones and semitones upon the canvas, renders the picture gloriously elusive. And the painters more than the poets are wont to catch up the scenic impression of the physical beauty and luxuriance of a September day when— A sereener blue, With golden light enlivened, wide invests The happy world.



CANADIAN CAMPING SONG

A white tent pitched by a glassy lake, Well under a shady tree, Or by rippling rills from the grand old hills, Is the summer home for me. I fear no blaze of the noontide rays, For the woodland glades are mine, The fragrant air, and that perfume rare The odour of forest pine. A cooling plunge at the break of day; A paddle, a row, or sail, With always a fish for the mid-day dish, And plenty of Adam's ale. With rod or gun, or in hammock swung, We go through the pleasant days; When darkness falls on our canvas walls, We kindle the camp fire's blaze. . . . —J. D. Edgar.

Saving Old Windmills

(Exchange) France has undertaken to preserve as historical monuments the veteran windmills that remain standing within its borders. In England, too, these ancient structures are enlisted sympathetic attention. They are not the mills of modern type; they are the ancients New York knew when, on the moving in of the English, the city discussed what should be done with the works of the Dutch.

The windmill came to America with the Dutch but it was not confined to New York City and it did not disappear with the end of the Dutch control. Its arms were seen turning for years afterward in many of the Dutch settlements in New York State, in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. It made its way westward with the white man into the Ohio Valley and, crossing the Mississippi River, it was found in Missouri and Iowa and other sections. The anti-slavery men in the '50s who went to Kansas left as one of their landmarks a stone mill which still stands on the hill above the University of Kansas at Lawrence. When the windmill first reached the coast of Germany or when it crossed into France, Brittany and Normandy is not known, but in all these countries there have been found windmills of as great antiquity as any in the Netherlands. Neither is it known when the windmill first appeared in Great Britain. A recent report, however, discloses that England had 2,000 mills to Holland's 1,700.

Ideals And Idealism

(Exchange) Dr. Glenn Atkins in the Christian Century makes a strong plea for idealism. The danger is that the disappointed idealist may become a cynic. The heart may be taken out of endeavor. Because one's hope has not been fulfilled, the hopeful outlook may be surrendered. Take, for instance, the hope that the late war would make the world safe for democracy. It seems to have had the contrary result. In Russia, Italy, Germany and other countries some 300,000,000 people are living under dictatorships. Is democracy then a failure? On the contrary the lesson is to strengthen and broaden the foundations of democracy; to give democracy a deeper meaning and a wider outlook; to make it rest upon the basis of a realization of the value of the human soul and of the vast possibilities of the development of human faculties.

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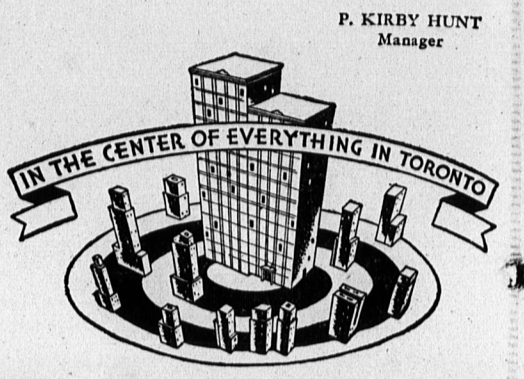
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Plan after plan may fail. The world today is in a position of extraordinary difficulty. It resembles a group of men lost in the woods, trying one way out after another, and meeting with disappointment. But brave, resolute men, in such a position, try again and again. Pliable turned back in the Slough of Despond. Christian struggled on and emerged on the right side, but he was only at the beginning of a journey crowded with danger and difficulty. All through history idealists have had to struggle with stupidity, greed and savagery, and to take inspiration and not despair out of the obstacles they encountered. One cause of discouragement is found in exaggerated hopes. A reformer sets his heart on one reform, expects too much from its realization and is disappointed. The fire extinguished at one point breaks out at another. African slavery is abolished in the United States, but race prejudice and forced labor remain. Justice walks at a slower pace than his advocates expect. Greed will probably always stand in the way of social and economic reform. Allowance must always be made for the imperfections of human nature. But that does not mean that the reformer is to give up the battle. Idealism is greater than any ideal or plan. It is the moving force of all reform.

A keen sportsman turned up, error, half an hour too early for the meet. He jumped out of his seat and tossed the reins towards one of the village children. "Hold my horse for a few minutes, boy." The boy looked in scared fashion at the horse and said: "Will 'e bite, sir?" "No, no, not at all." "Will 'e kick, sir?" "Of course, not." "Will 'e run away, then?" "No, no, of course, he won't." "Then," asked the lad in a burst of curiosity, "why the 'ell do you want 'im 'eld?"

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