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RURAL CREDITS

We publish by request, in this issue, an article on Rural Credits in Ontario, a credit system of which we commend to our readers.

In our province, one of the most fertile areas in the Dominion, there are thousands of acres of idle land; from our province hundreds of able young men are going to seek employment and a living elsewhere.

We have many millions of dollars lying in our savings banks at three per cent interest which is applied to the redemption of our uncultivated lands and to the establishment of worthy young men on farms and in homes of their own.

Our population is declining year after year and for reasons which are as clear as noonday. Our young men, if they are to settle down in life, while life is worth living, must go elsewhere.

For the present we leave the question open. Everyone will admit that the future hope of our province lies in the leading to be given by its provincial legislature. In our present legislature, reduced in numerical strength by its own incompetence, we have no hope.

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This year, as formerly, two nights will be devoted to the concert in order to give everybody an opportunity to be present. The dates are

Thursday and Friday, 26th and 27th instant, and the place, the Strand Theatre, Market Building.

The programme appears elsewhere in the Guardian and it speaks for itself. It is the most elaborate and varied programme yet presented at a Burns Concert and the confident expectation is that it will be the best entertainment of the long and creditable annual events which have made an enviable name for the Caledonian Club.

It is not necessary to remind the public that there will be the usual rush for seats and that those "in the know" will secure theirs at the earliest opportunity. Let there be no mistake about this. Our or town patrons are specially advised to arrange as early as possible for their seats, particularly for those of the orchestra.

WHY THEY GO.

"There goes one who might have been I but for the grace of God," said a celebrated preacher as he saw a criminal led off to prison by officers of the law.

"The grace of God" is not necessarily a mysterious shield miraculously thrown over one to shield him from harm or from vice. Apart altogether from the theological interpretation it is not irrelevant to say that it may be found and nurtured in the home, in the training of the young, in placing necessary safeguards around their companionship.

Preference for the street and its associations is not always the fault of the child; it may easily be the fault of the home. There may be inherent and irremediable degeneracy but such cases are exceedingly rare. The degeneracy that comes from vicious companionship is much more in evidence and is largely a product of the modern curse, homelessness. It is a saying of the present day that the home is passing away.

THE LOCAL VACANCIES

For the five vacancies in the legislature which cannot be filled before the coming session because of the bungling of the law-makers in the Bell aggregation the Conservatives have nominated four candidates and would have nominated the fifth but for the fact that the bye-elections are not to be held until after the session. The Liberals have not nominated a single candidate for any of these vacancies, a significant fact and one which naturally raises a doubt as to whether the impossibility of

Our West Indian Holiday

BEING DESCRIPTION OF A DELIGHTFUL WINTER CRUISE IN THE WEST INDIES

By SIR CHARLES DALTON

PORTO RICO

The run from St. Thomas to Porto Rico was a short one of 72 miles and was made over night. Early on the morning of the 14th of April, we anchored in the harbor of San Juan. On entering the harbor we had a good view of one of the old Spanish forts, which is much on the same model of Morro Castle in Havana. Its strength of resistance has been well tested in more than one of the Spanish wars, the latest being the bombardment by the American ships in 1898, when it withstood the fire of the modern warships.

The city of San Juan is one of the most up-to-date in the West Indies and ranks well with the thriving city of Port au Prince in Trinidad. The interior of all the stores and places of trade is very artistically decorated, and shows in every way that the people take a lively interest in all classes of business.

The language mostly spoken is Spanish, a heritage from the forefathers from Old Spain. English is also freely spoken wherever one goes on the island. An auto drive of ten miles out through the residential suburbs of the city shows some of the grandest homes that we have seen. The streets and roads are the best that concrete can make, and the people have taken a special pride in having their roadways of this class all over the island.

Historically, Porto Rico is venerable. It was one of the early discoveries of Christopher Columbus who landed there in 1493. It is one of the oldest seats of civilization in America. Ponce de Leon settled on the island in 1509, and he had continual trouble with the natives but after two years a charter was received from Spain declaring San Juan the Capital of the island.

In the year 1898, the sinking of the U. S. Battleship "Maine" in Havana harbor was followed by a declaration of war against Spain, and one of the results of this war was the taking over of the Spanish Island of Porto Rico by the United States. It is now governed by Uncle Sam, but although the people are prosperous and appear to have every advantage the heart could wish for, there is an agitation on foot among the people, to demand independence from the United States. They, like Ireland and other colonies now under subjection to larger nations, feel that they should own their own country and have a "government of the people, by the people and for the people." President Harding has

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

From the collection of the late Mr. W. S. Louson

LET'S BE NEIGHBORLY

Let's be neighborly once more. Let's visit friendly-like. Just you and me.

Let's be neighborly once more. Thinkin' each other's thoughts, Tellin' each other our troubles, And helpin' each other lots.

Let's be neighborly once more. Old fashioned rather than new. Tellin' the good and forgettin' the bad. There is in both me and you.

Let's be neighborly once more. And shake hands once in a while. An' if our hands w'en't reach so far, Let's make believe and smile.

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 expressed by its correspondents.

LIBERAL OFFICE SEEKERS

Sir, The Liberal office seekers are busy while the McKenzie King government is not one month in office. The West River District is almost flooded with petitions by government office seekers. I will bring to the public notice one high handed piece of business in trying to remove one well known returned soldier of North Wilshire, who is at present employed on the North Wilshire railroad section, as extra hand, to fill a vacancy caused by the sickness of the Section Foreman. This man voluntarily takes up arms and saves, so to speak, the terrible Hun, so that his brother, who paid the supreme sacrifice on the battlefields of Flanders. When the war was won our friend returned to his aged parents at North Wilshire and since his return from Flanders, Mr. J. J. Beattie, the Track Master, has shown his appreciation of his loyal services and has always given instructions to section foremen to bear in mind that returned soldiers come first.

As all North Wilshire will vouch for, one occasion to fill a vacancy caused by sickness and which he is faithfully going at present to support his aged widowed mother, his father having died a few months ago. But what do we hear? A petition is on the rounds for signature to employ certain government supporters and the Section Foreman is to go on the road with a pension. If this office seeker's memory is had the public's is not. When they were home, with a warm bed to sleep in and three square meals a day, or as many as they wanted, also reaping a harvest by the war prices in the produce they marketed; while those soldier boys were in the trenches, no place to sleep, up to their waists in mud and water night and day, many times hungry and frost-bitten. This soldier boy has stood out for many years in the ranks of the treacherous methods of the Kaiser's generals used during the war, but none so treacherous as this petition which is asking for signatures for the position he temporarily fills. Sir, the writer has heard stories where office seekers had applied for jobs before the war and was told, but in this particular case they have not waited for his death to be announced.

Has it not been the campaign cry during the past two elections by the Liberal members that the late tax governments, and it also tend to power they would always remember the soldier as first choice?

NORTH WILTSHIRE P.E.I.

So far refused this appeal, but no doubt, the American people who pride themselves on the score of liberty, will, ere long, grant Porto Rico the same liberty that they have given to Cuba.

This being the last part of our report, we were all on board for New York, a distance of 1378 miles which totals over 7,000 miles in the round cruise.

While all the countries visited were delightful in many ways, I believe the people of our moderate climate generally would not enjoy life in the south as well as in our variable temperature, the beautiful fine, warm days being so continuous, that a person would often wish for a change, even though it be one of our P. E. Island snow storms. Another thing with us when we meet each other, a part of our first remarks will be about the weather, such as "Fine day," "Stormy day," or some other remark about the weather conditions. In the south there is comparatively no change except the short rainy seasons. Also, the people being mostly of foreign races, we do not feel as though we could mingle with them as we could our own here, where we love to greet each other with a pleasant word and a kind hand shake.

I might, before closing, say a few words for the Captain and the whole staff of the "Meganitic". They were at all times, attentive to the comfort and enjoyment of the passengers, and any person contemplating a trip south in the winter season, will make no mistake in taking passage on one of the White Star Liners, where they can participate in many innocent games, or enjoy themselves at all the modern dances to the music of a first class orchestra and afterwards cool off in a commodious swimming pool on the after deck.

The last leg of the cruise was made to New York in less than four days, when all passed the medical inspection, and each took their different trains to meet the many friends awaiting their return.

THE END.

Happenings Of The Week

It is officially announced that Princess Mary's bridesmaids will be Princess Maud and Lady Rachel Cavendish, Lady Mary Thynne, Lady Victoria Cambridge, Lady Doria Gordon-Lennox, Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, Lady Diana Bridgeman, Lady May Cambridge.

Rumor has it that Viscount Lascelles and his royal bride will spend part of their honeymoon at the beautiful Villa Medici at Fiesole, near Florence, Italy. The villa belongs to a cousin of the bridegroom, Lady Shyl Scott.

On Tuesday a most successful meeting of the Queen Mary Needlework Guild was held at the home of the President Mrs. A. A. Bartlett. Thirty-five members were present, and several new members were welcomed. The officers for the following year are Mrs. A. A. Bartlett, President; Mrs. J. O. Hyndman, Secretary; Mrs. F. E. Smallwood, Treasurer; Mrs. James Paton, Mrs. J. P. Gordon and Miss Mary Brown, Committee. This is the fifth year of work for the Charlottetown Branch and it was decided to make clothes as usual for the Protestant Orphanage and also to contribute the yearly Birthday Box to Her Majesty the Queen for the Queen Mary Needlework Home at Hampstead which was built with the money received by the Queen from the branches of her Guild all over the world.

Mr. John Anderson afforded his audience in the Caledonian Hall on Thursday evening a most interesting and instructive evening in his presentation of "Tam O' Shanter." The President, Mr. Malcolm presided and also charmed every one with a rendition of "Ye Bank and Braes O' Bonnie Doon" playing his own accompaniment.

The Marys of the Empire are collecting \$60,000 for their gift to Princess Mary, but at least a half of this sum will be devoted to hospitals. The Princess has decided not to accept a gift worth more than \$1,000 from the city of London, all monies over this sum going to charity.

Lady Gordon, Prof. and Mrs. A. S. Eve, of Montreal, and Miss Caroline Holman, of Summerside, are spending a few days in the Laurentians.

Mrs. Graham Jardine received on Wednesday afternoon at her beautiful home in Brighton, and had a great many callers who cordially welcomed her to the social life of the city. Mrs. Jardine was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Matheson, the visitors being ushered in by Mrs. Howard Wilson. In the dining room Mrs. Malcolm and Mrs. Miles poured tea and coffee and were assisted in their duties by Miss Kate McLeod, Miss Vera Huestis and Miss Pomroy. Miss Marion Jardine the bright young daughter of the house graciously attended the door.

Mrs. Artemas Lord is saying good-bye to her friends this week, as she is leaving on Wednesday next for Montreal, accompanied by her young grandson, Ernest Lord. Mrs. Lord will then proceed to Connecticut where she will spend several weeks with her son, Mr. Harry Lord and his family.

The dance in the Women's Club on Thursday evening was one of the prettiest affairs of the season with a bevy of gay young people, exquisitely gowned in attendance, chaperoned by Mrs. S. C. Moore and Mrs. Benj. Rogers. The refreshments served at a late hour made a pleasant interruption in the dance program. The funds are being used for equipment for the P. E. Island Nurses Home.

The Domestic Science short Course was fittingly closed yesterday afternoon with an afternoon tea at which quite a few visitors were in attendance.

The successful Abegweit hockey team which returned home on Thursday evening, was enthusiastically received and tendered a complimentary banquet at the Victoria Hotel by Mr. T. W. L. Prowse which the boys duly appreciated after their strenuous trip. The hockey honors of the province certainly seem to be safe in the Abegweits hands.

Miss Laura Cox was hostess at a most enjoyable bridge on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Fred C. Jones, has arrived from Moncton on a visit to her sister Mrs. W. S. Stewart, and is being cordially welcomed.

Others' View Points

THE PASSING OF THE PEAK

(Boston Transcript)

Reports from all directions agree in supporting the conclusion that the great army of the Christmas shoppers, both by its size and the way in which it spent its money, showed that there was no buyers' strike in progress. The people had money to spend and were willing to spend it. Christmas trade was brisk. The low prices, as compared with prices of a year ago, especially of that wide range of articles sold in the department stores is given by some observers

the credit for making this a busy season. But is there not also another factor to be considered in accounting for the volume of the Christmas business, and the increasing activity that preceded it during the fall months. What of the millions of families that find they possess a greater purchasing power this year than last? We hear so much about wage reduction and unemployment that it is easy to forget the millions who are still at work at the same rates of compensation they were receiving a year ago; that is to say, the same rates when measured in terms of the dollar, but materially higher rates when judged by what the dollar will buy. Living costs have decreased about twenty per cent since the peak of high prices in the summer of 1920. It is a change that gives a great army of people the money with which to buy many things that during the war-time years and the period of excessive living costs in the years that followed they were forced to go without. It is reasonable to assume that the people are making themselves felt in the market. More than that, their accumulated needs are great enough to supply no small volume of business for a long time to come. For the first time in years, after they have met the unavoidable expenses, they have a surplus left. They are a class of people who will spend wisely but will spend generously. They constitute an element of great value in the buying public.

Watch Yourself. (Youth's Companion) What are the first symptoms of a beginning of arteriosclerosis? Not pallor, or emaciation, or any of the more common signs of illness. On the contrary, the victims of this disorder are often persons of great apparent vigor, who have always been healthy, and even athletic, well nourished, and fresh in color, optimistic and energetic in their attitude toward life. The first intimation may come from an examination for addition of life insurance, which discloses a defective heartbeat, a high blood pressure, and other signs that show that the internal machinery of the body is beginning to show wear and tear, that the pump is working with increasing difficulty, that the pipes are clogged, that there is something wrong with the cogwheels.

Father Time's Harvest.

(Toronto Globe) The necrology of the year has been impressive. Among the notable Canadians who passed away were Principal Peterson, of McGill University, Hon. A. L. Sifton, Lady Laurier, Lady Beok, Lady Tilly, Senator Frederic Nicholls, Robert McLaughlin, George Tate Blackstock, K. C., John Hoskin, K. C., Sir Sam Hughes, Lord Edwards Hon. Sydney Fisher, Lord Mount Stephen, Martin J. Griffin, William Davies, Lieutenant-Governor Lionel H. Clarke, and Rev.

Mrs. (Dr.) J. S. Jenkins entertained at bridge yesterday afternoon and also invited a number of friends in for the tea hour making a very delightful social hour.

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. W. E. Bentley was hostess at a nicely arranged bridge.

Mrs. George DeBois entertained at a small but delightful bridge for her friends on Wednesday evening.

Condolences are being forwarded to Mrs. McKay and son of Halifax on the death of Dr. McKay, which sad event occurred on Tuesday.

It is expected that by the Farr of All Good Neighbors held at Rideau Hall on Saturday by arrangement of Lord and Lady Byng of Vimy, that about eight thousand dollars will be realized for the poor relief work of Ottawa. Between four and five thousand persons attended, and during the afternoon and evening, their Excellencies visited the various attractions and chatted with the workers. Almost every organization in Ottawa was represented.

A tremendous ovation awaited the Queen and Princess Mary on their departure from London, for Harewood, Lord Lascelles, leaving nothing to chance, went early to the station and inspected the saloon coaches made ready for the journey with meticulous care, making some alterations in the floral decorations himself. The people and there were a large number, for the barriers heading off Royalty were kept as low as possible on this occasion—who were admitted to the platform were quite touched by the obvious tender affection with which he greeted his fiancée, while the Queen beamed approval on a pretty scene.



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A Dog's Trick. (Humane Society's Journal.) A small dog which had been taught to take notice of no one but its master, and to take no food out from him, was, in his absence, tempted and fell. A servant offered it a bone. At first it refused; then sniffed; then accepted. While engaged upon the morsel the dog heard his master coming. Leaving the bone, it turned round once or twice, as is the manner of dogs before settling down, and then curled itself over the bone, hiding it.

A "Four Horsemen" Jazz. (Metro Picture News.) "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," now sweeping the country as a motion picture in the Rex Ingram production for Metro after its unparalleled success as a novel, has also been done in the form of a popular song. Using the thematic material of the Vicente Blasco Ibañez masterpiece, a contributor to F.P.A.'s column, "The Channing Tower," in the New York Tribune, has evolved this conception of how the story would have been treated at the hands of the Tin Pan Alley birds.

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