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PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE.

MORE than ordinary interest was manifested yesterday in the Commencement Exercises of Prince of Wales College. New features recently added in the way of special prizes generously donated by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Hearst, an agricultural scholarship bequeathed by the late Hon. John Richards and presented yesterday by the Honorable Mr. Justice Haszard, on behalf of the Estate, made competition and interest much keener than usual and created new standards. The Principal, Dr. S. N. Robertson, and his excellent staff of professors, are to be complimented on the year's work and on the fact that they have maintained the high standard and the best traditions of old Prince of Wales, which is today represented in every country in the world by many of its students who have distinguished themselves in the higher walks of life. Prince of Wales College has a brilliant history to look back upon and to live up to. From it have gone forth the teachers in our primary and advanced schools in our own province and in other provinces of our dominion and they have carried with them the fruits of the training they received in their Alma Mater. It is the centre of our educational system and deserves the support and co-operation of all the people in the province, for its work is more than province-wide. It is moreover the gateway to our universities, to the larger life whether on the farm, in the learned professions, in church or state.

The donation of special prizes, in which Prince of Wales College is fairly rich, has given a stimulus for study among the students which cannot but be productive of good. There is still room for more of these, and we trust the good example already set will be followed by others. We heartily congratulate the winners, while kindly reminding them that their real work is only beginning.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL POPULAR.

PERHAPS nothing so much has served to steady public opinion in favor of Premier Stewart's policy as the extreme attitude and propaganda of the Opposition, exemplified by their speakers and press. They make no allowance for legitimate difference of opinion or claims for service in the cause of humanity. Human nature resents such tactics, and after all it is human nature as it is we have to deal with, not as these people conceive it should be. Perhaps no institution in the world understands human nature better than the Great Churches, and we have today in the Guardian pronouncements on the subject from four of these, viz: the Roman Catholic Church, Anglican Church, the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Federated Churches of Christ. These four favor Temperance as opposed to Prohibition. The Presbyterian Church in Canada, as represented by the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island at its last meeting endorsed the stand of its Synod and refused to support Prohibition. The other Churches' courts may officially go on record in support of Prohibition, but the vast membership is not in sympathy with them as is evidenced in the stand already taken in seven out of the nine provinces of Canada. Where reason and common sense predominate to such an extent supporters of Premier Stewart's sane, improved temperance policy need not worry over the campaign of abuse and misrepresentation being waged against them.

A GREAT FEAT.

TWO or three years ago the affairs of the Protestant Orphan-

age were apparently in a hopeless condition financially. Many of its most ardent supporters and well-wishers were disheartened and discouraged as the outlook was, indeed, blue. A number of our leading citizens got together to see what could be done in the circumstances, and the outcome was the re-constitution of the Orphanage and the election of a strong board of directors, with Lieut.-Colonel D. A. MacKinnon, D.S.O., at its head. The sequel was disclosed at the annual meeting of the subscribers on Thursday evening. Not only has the institution been put on its feet, it has been placed in an enviable position seldom attained by charitable institutions—it has an excess of assets over liabilities of seven to one. The auditors' report in this respect should be blazoned in letters of gold stating, as it does, that "the assets of the Orphanage (exclusive of \$4,000 bonds) as per Dec. 31, 1926, were valued at \$81,859.50, and the liabilities at \$12,304.21, or an excess of assets over liabilities of \$69,655.29." The resignation of Col. MacKinnon from the directorate will be generally regretted, but he is an exceedingly busy man. With the able assistance of the Director, Ladies' Aid, and the secretary-treasurer, Mr. Ira Brown, he has accomplished wonders for the Orphanage, and it now being well on its feet it should be able, with the assistance and generous support of the public, to keep on improving and growing in strength as one of our best managed public institutions.

"WE DON'T WANT TO FIGHT BUT—"

TO be at peace with all the world, is, just now, Great Britain's strongest desire and greatest need. An immense war debt is to be honorably discharged in circumstances that are distinctly hard. Industry and trade are to be restored in spite of the commercial hostility of foreign nations and the intrigues of communistic propagandists. The results of the recent coal miners strike have to be overcome, and the further development of the British Dominions throughout the world is Great Britain's high ambition and hope.

But Great Britain has been compelled to adopt measures in respect to Russia and China which it is feared, may result in another great war. We incline to the opinion that the fear will not be realized. The British Ministers are prudent and careful and are not likely to further complicate the situation. On the other hand, the Soviets will probably think twice before they decide to fight the British people. Secret, insidious propaganda is evidently their role. They will hardly dare to rouse the British Empire to take up arms against them—the British who never want to fight, but, who, if too much provoked, usually fight to a victorious finish!

There can be no doubt that in a war to stop the communistic propaganda of the Soviets, Great Britain would have at her back the united support of the British Empire. It is already announced by telegraph, that the Government of Canada supports the Government of Great Britain in its determination to sever diplomatic relations with Russia; and the Governments of all the other British Dominions may be trusted to do so, too. If forced into war, as a result of this action, they may be trusted to exert their utmost efforts to stop the spread of Sovietism and promote the prosperity and welfare of the Great Empire to which they belong as well as the civilized world at large. Other nations—France, Italy, Poland, Sweden and Norway, not to speak of the United States, will also maintain their own interests by supporting the British cause.

Notes by the Way

AGAINST Prohibition stands the tragedy of the census. Before we got prohibition the population of Prince Edward Island was increasing, not very fast it is true, but quite steadily. Between 1871 and 1881 we gained and between 1881 and 1891 we were still gaining. The same was true of the decade between 1891 and 1901. In thirty years the province had gained 15,000 people. And in all that time the province had been in the unfortunate position of being winter-cursed from want of transport to and from the mainland.

Then we adopted prohibition and since then there has been no increase in our population. There has been a constant decline from our top figure of 109,000 down to 88,000, a loss of 21,000. This was not only a loss of all those thousands, but also a loss of all the natural increase which would have come to a population of 109,000 had the province retained them. It may be unpleasant to recall these things when we are rejoicing in our Jubilee celebration, but this tragedy of the census has an important bearing upon a very vital question on which our people may be called to vote, perhaps before the day of Jubilee. The people want all the facts bearing on the case.

Some of our prohibitionist friends may say: "There was always an exodus from Prince Edward Island, and always will be." It is true that there had been something of that kind even before the days of prohibition, but it was limited in extent and did not equal the increase. It is also true that the exodus is still in progress now and no intelligent person who has kept his eyes open to the movements of those about him believes there are now 88,000 people within the province boundaries.

These facts remain: Since the year that we adopted prohibition, we have lost, on an average of 1,000 of our population yearly. This loss began with prohibition, has continued all the time we have had prohibition and is still going on under prohibition. Let our friends of the Temperance Alliance explain it as best they can.

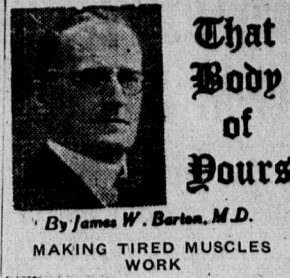
House and store breaking and burglary, for which men are now undergoing sentence in Dorchester were almost unknown here before 1901. Smuggling was hardly mentioned and as for the bootlegger his name had not then been invented. The English language has been enriched by that new word as a result of prohibition. "Home brew" and "moonshine" have come in as familiar words since we got prohibition and is the country any better for the familiarity? Surely it is not.

When prohibition is repealed it will have left us a sad legacy of evils that have followed in its train, but sober, upright citizens can all see that the effort must be made. These evils have come in and are growing like weeds with rapid growth. They must be cut down before the seed ripens and its spread wider and farther. The task will be a hard one, but it must be undertaken. It has been delayed too long.

In Quebec it is proposed to plant 65 trees, one in each of the 65 constituencies of that province, each tree to bear the name of one of the members who were first elected to the House of Commons there in 1867. The idea is an engaging one. Why shouldn't it be adopted throughout the Dominion? Trees are such wonderful things, so beautiful, too, and they live so long, outliving many generations of men and still reaching out their branches higher and wider. Maples should be preferred because the maple is Canada's national tree. A little ceremony would befit the planting and naming of the tree. A hundred years hence people would be asking: Why is it that this tree bears the name of a man? The ready answer would be, "He was a member of the first House of Commons in Canada, elected in 1867."

Not all the men who sat in the first Parliament were greatly distinguished above their fellows, but among those 181 members who assembled on Parliament Hill in November, 1867, was a larger proportion of notable able and experienced public men than had ever been called together before or since in British North America. And those among the company who were less renowned all had at least this distinction that they were the first to take their seats in the great new Parliament of united Canada.

Prince Edward Island was first represented in the House of Commons by Daniel Davies and Dr. McIntyre for Kings County, David Laird and F. Brecken for Queens County, J. C. Pope and James Yeo for Prince County. It will be seen



That Body of Yours MAKING TIRED MUSCLES WORK

An argument between a vegetable eater and a meat eater was under way, when some one suggested that they try the old trick of holding the arm out from the shoulder, with elbow straight, and see who could hold it out the longest, taking it in turns.

However there comes a point in the use of a muscle or muscles, when even the strongest will cannot make the muscle act any longer. And yet by using an electric stimulus the muscle can be made to work a little longer, showing that it had the power to work all right, if enough stimulus had been given.

Just how this juice acts, whether by opening up the blood vessels supplying the muscle, or by acting directly on the little muscle fibres themselves is not as yet known. This juice is thought to be the factor that keeps the muscle always ready to work, no slack to be drawn up. Also that it is the factor that stimulates the muscle when it is overloaded with work as in an emergency of some kind. However the interesting thing is that these suprarenal, or adrenal glands as they are sometimes called, are members of the ductless gland group, and the next few years may find us using this secretion for some defect in the workings of the body, as insulin is now used to help the system build up starches and sugars into body tissue. The ductless glands offer a big field for our research men, and everywhere they are busy investigating them.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

STRENGTH AND WISDOM:—"With God is strength and wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver are his." Job 12: 16.

PRAYER:—"O God, Thou lookest upon the heart, and in Thee alone are we wise and strong."

FOLIAGE AND FRUIT:—"I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on Thy name." Psalm 52: 8, 9.

PRAYER:—"My soul, wait Thou only upon God for He is Thy light and Thy life."

THE PLOWMAN The delicate green trees stand up There by the fenced ways; Or two or three are crimson-tipped And soon will start to blaze.

The plowman follows, as of yore, Along the furrows cold, Homely shape against the boughs; Sharp is the air with mold.

Oh, new days, yet long known and old! Lo, as we look about, This immemorial act of faith, That takes the heart from doubt!

Kingdoms decay and creeds are not, Yet still the plowman goes Down the spring fields, so he may make Ready for him that sows.

Happenings of The Week

I've poetized while dusting rooms, While sweeping floors with golden brooms. And making beds; and wish I could But cannot, though I know I should, Poetize when it's my lot To empty tea leaves from the pot!

Directly upon their return to London the Duke and Duchess of York will move into their new home at 145 Piccadilly. The Duchess's boudoir—once a conservatory—has a novel scheme of lighting: a domed roof with inner and outer glass domes has given the electricians the opportunity of placing the lights between the domes, and the whole of the room is beautified by a suffused rose-pink glow. The room has been decorated in soft olive green with touches of grey. The Duchess's bedroom is a study in the most delicate of pale-rose pinks.

At the Golf Club on the 24th the cold wind did not deter the players from making the official opening day a most enjoyable occasion, but everyone was glad to gather in the club house for refreshments, the hostesses being Mrs. J. D. Stewart, Mrs. F. Smallwood, Mrs. W. Chester S. McLure. This afternoon tea will be served by Mrs. C. H. B. Longworth, Mrs. T. G. Taylor, Mrs. H. E. Miller, Mrs. H. A. Scarth, Miss Eileen Longworth.

The Duke of Connaught arrived in London on May 6th, from Cap Ferrat, and was met at the station by Lady Patricia Ramsay and her husband, Princess Beatrice, Colonel Sir Malcolm Murray, Colonel Douglas Gordon and Lord Colebrooke, representing the King.

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Prof. W. E. Fletcher, who has been confined to the house with a severe cold, expects to be out tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sterling McKay, of Summerside, accompanied by their little daughter, Miss Eme, spent the week-end in Moncton. Mr. McKay is recuperating after his recent illness.

The colors that are reflected from glass prism are very much in vogue at present. Soft lovely tones of blue, pink, violet and yellow are especially smart.

Printed chiffons are destined for a marked vogue this summer. Especially attractive are those with dark grounds and field-flower designs.

Word has recently been received of the marriage of Miss Eleanor O. Ramsay, youngest daughter of the late Mr. James Ramsay, Tyne Valley, and Mr. Chester W. Hayes, of Somerville, Mass., by the Rev. John Cummings, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Hampton, Mass. The happy young couple are now at home to their friends at 23, Willow Avenue, West Somerville, Mass.

The Prince County Hospital graduating class consisting of Miss Ida W. Collett, Bedeque; Miss Lois O. Hardy, Conway; Miss Edna A. Murphy, Emerald, and Miss Kathryn E. Woolner, Rustico, received their diplomas Thursday evening before a large number of interested relatives and friends. After the public presentation the nurses were delightfully entertained at the Olympia Carabel by the Hospital Ladies' Aid.

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Sir Henry and Lady Thornton returned to Montreal on Monday, after attending the races in Toronto on Saturday last when Lady Thornton wore a blue foulard crocheted with a navy blue and red crocheted hat and a grey wrap. They were guests at the dinner given for their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon at Government House by the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario and Mrs. W. D. Ross on Saturday night.

Miss Pearl Weeks, daughter of Rev. E. S. Weeks, Salisbury, who has a host of relatives and friends in this Province, returned home on Wednesday, having completed her three years of the B.A. course at Mount Allison.

Miss Beatrice McKinnon is visiting in Ottawa, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. George Hooper.

Rev. W. Bruce Muir and Mrs. Muir are leaving on Monday for Stratford, Ont., to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Rev. Principal Clarence MacKinnon, D.D., of Halifax, and Mrs. MacKinnon, were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Greenlees, Stanley street, Montreal, for a few days this week.

The closing of St. Dunstan's University on Thursday and that of Prince of Wales College yesterday brought many parents and friends from outside points for the graduation exercises.

The holiday came as a pleasant break on Tuesday and Empire Day was celebrated in numerous ways. A great many citizens got busy at their gardens and lawns, other went car riding, golfing, picnicing, fishing, while the Westville-Abegweit baseball game had a good attendance of sports fans and altogether the holiday proved most enjoyable.

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