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THANKSGIVING DAY.

THIS is Thanksgiving Day throughout Canada by proclamation of His Excellency the Governor-General, in grateful acknowledgment to Almighty God for the abundant harvest of the year. Canadians have good cause for thankfulness, for the prosperity and progress which have marked their labors for the past season. The harvest has been one of the largest ever produced in Canada, and although in some cases prices have not been satisfactory, yet there still remains good cause for thankfulness.

It is a far cry from the first Thanksgiving Day in America to the present. The first was held in New England in 1621, after the first harvest at the Plymouth settlement. What this harvest meant to these new settlers it would be difficult for us to imagine. They had sown all their grain in the hope of reaping a harvest, the uncertainty of which were very great. There was the dreaded early winter, which might seize their crops before they had ripened; in which case all would be lost. There were the hostile bands of Indians and the beasts of the forest, which might also prey upon a defenceless little settlement. When the harvest was gathered in, their fears dissipated, and a fairly plentiful supply of food assured for the winter, we may form some idea of the gratitude that welled up in these devout hearts. This gratitude found fitting expression in public prayer and thanksgiving. The idea of a public thanksgiving day spread to other settlements and voluntary services were held in the churches, including some of the Canadian colonies.

In 1863 an annual public Thanksgiving holiday was proclaimed in the United States by President Lincoln. About the same time an annual Thanksgiving Day was adopted in Canada, first by Provinces and later by the whole Dominion, as we have it today.

Many changes have come over the expression of the best human aspirations since the first holiday. Whether the aspirations are more or less sincere because of these changes in expression, it is not for us to question. Conditions also have changed, and we have changed with the conditions. While in many Christian churches services are held on the prescribed national Thanksgiving Day, it will be admitted that the occasion is very generally observed as a holiday and a day of enjoyment. No doubt thankfulness finds expression in one form or another; thankfulness for the prosperity and privileges enjoyed and the progress that is being maintained in all our activities. Gratefulness is one of the great human virtues, and it is well to exercise it continuously. It will be perhaps all the more healthily exercised when it has become a national institution. Let us observe the holiday with grateful acknowledgment for all the mercies of the year.

U. S. FLEXIBLE TARIFF.

THE Sault (St. Marie) Daily Star, in an excellent editorial on the fiscal relations between Canada and the United States, says in part:—"Canada must grasp the astounding fact that the United States has in actual operation what amounts to a daily flexible tariff that can be instantly adjusted against Canadian industries."

"There is the further astonishing fact that the United States tariff commission has developed its work to such a point that it actually sends its officers into Canadian factories to dig out any facts which may have a bearing on the threatened prosperity of an objecting American industry. The difference between Canada and the United States in regard to the tariff is that an American in-

dustry which is suffering from Canadian competition can have the situation amended speedily and automatically. In Canada it is necessary to keep up a fight for years to have the slightest change made. "Recently a Toronto firm shipped about \$60,000 worth of women's wear into Detroit. It was the first and last shipment. A quick kick from Detroit resulted in the tariff being amended over night, with the result that the Toronto firm never again sent a dollar's worth of goods across the line. The Star gets this information first hand.

"In March, 1924, Algoma managed to make a shipment of cast iron to Chicago. There was no other shipment because the duty was immediately adjusted to fit the case because a foreign company apparently enjoys a more favorable rate. "An investigation of the subject will show innumerable instances where Canadian industries were beginning to invade the U. S. market and were immediately and effectively squelched."

PLACES TO VISIT

NATURALLY when strangers come to this Province they will want to know what points of interest there are to visit. Some will be interested in historic places, others in the progress of agriculture, others in our different beauty spots. We have many places which can be connected up with the early history of the Province and even with pre-historic aboriginal days, all of which would be of interest to visitors. In Charlottetown, for example, Confederation Room in the Provincial Building, with its tablets, where the idea of Confederation was first mooted, is a place of great historic interest to all Canadians. Port La Jolie, across the harbor, one of the few relics of the French occupation, is also a place of historic interest. To men and women of artistic taste the paintings by Mr. Robert Harris, C. M. G., the distinguished Canadian artist, and a Prince Edward Islander, in St. Peter's Chapel, would be of interest; while to people of literary taste the fact that Blumine (Margaret Gordon), Thomas Carlyle's first love, was born in Charlottetown, and the record of her birth and baptism are in the archives of St. Paul's Church, would also awaken interest. Along the East River there are places made historic by the early history of the Island, both during the French and early British occupation. These are only a few that may be mentioned here.

The Publicity Association or some other competent body would do well to publish a list of places of interest which would be a guide to visitors coming to the Province. Such a guide would add much to the pleasure of tourists and would do much to develop the tourist business.

This is merely a suggestion and a hint.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Insomnia never comes to the man who has to get up at six o'clock in the morning.

A few scattered snowflakes on the eve of Thanksgiving gave cause for thankfulness that the worst has not yet arrived.

Now that the United States election is over and they have a President of their own we may go on with our preparations for winter.

Many college students from local and sister institutions are spending the Thanksgiving holiday at their homes in the city and throughout the Province.

The United States tariff, which can be adjusted over night, to safeguard United States interests, is "the terror that stalketh by night" to Canadian industry and commerce.

Notes by the Way

MR. HOOVER has been elected, and along with that a new House of Representatives and many Senators, but Mr. Hoover is not yet President of the United States. And he cannot become President until March, 1929—four months after his big majority voted for him. And much may happen in the meantime. Canadian freemen and free women would not be satisfied with such dilatory methods. Nor would they be satisfied with a Governor-General who is the chief of one political party to the exclusion of all others. We like our way in such matters better than that of our neighbors.

The Chief Magistrate of Canada is above all parties and independent of them all. When we have a general election in Canada we don't have to wait four months in order that the victorious party shall be placed in power. The change is quickly made and whether the party in power before the election is defeated or sustained by the people at the polls, nothing prevents the immediate or early calling of Parliament. Mr. Hoover cannot call a meeting of Congress until he is officially inaugurated in March next.

When Mr. Hoover becomes President he will choose such men as he pleases to be his Ministers, Secretaries of State, of the Treasury, the Navy, and so on. In the choice of those men the people have nothing to do. In Canada a Minister, after being selected by the party leader and approved by the Governor-General, must return to his constituency and be re-elected before he can enter upon his ministerial duties. So much more control have Canadians over their Government than have the citizens of the United States, both in its appointment and its continuance. For our House of Commons, elected by the people, by adopting a vote of want of confidence can terminate and reject any Government. The Congress at Washington has no such control over the President or over his self-chosen ministers.

Government of the people, by the people and for the people exists in Canada, and throughout the British Empire, to a greater extent than in the United States, by reason of what we call Responsible Government. In our Parliament and the subordinate Provincial Legislatures, in the Imperial Parliament, the Mother of Parliaments nor venerable with age, in the federal Parliaments of Australia, South Africa and all other British Dominions the same principle of Responsible Government prevails. France and some other nations have adopted it into their governmental systems, but the United States has not done so.

Very serious if true is the statement printed in La Patrie, that not only is the sight of city dwellers becoming more feeble being burned by the incandescent thread of the electric lights, but what is more disturbing from a wider point of view is the fact that children begin their life with weak eyes. We have heard a like opinion expressed in Charlottetown, coupled with the addition that 25 per cent. of the children now need to wear glasses. What do our oculists here think about it?

On the new airport at Millidgeville, Saint John, \$100,000 is being spent in order to get it ready with its two runways, before winter sets in. The Times-Globe prints a table of airline distances from Saint John to various other points. Here are some of them: To Charlottetown, 165 miles; Toronto, 690; Ottawa, 485; Montreal, 375; Quebec, 275; Fredricton, 50; Moncton, 55; Halifax, 125; Sydney, 290; Boston, 325; New York, 500; Bermuda, 1025. In many cases the flying route is considerably shorter than the railway route, and the airplane is a much more speedy carrier than the railway train. Notably the airline is the shorter one between Saint John and Charlottetown and Halifax. Flying 100 miles an hour the trip to Halifax would be made in an hour and 15 minutes, and to Charlottetown in less than two hours.

There is one place in the world where any person, man or woman, who enters must smoke and continue smoking or get out. That is in a smoking car on a Rumanian railway.

Hon. G. N. Gordon, a former Minister of the King Cabinet, suggests that the Whitaker case be probed by a Commission. And the Globe, still calling for an investigation of Venotism, says that nothing could more suitably inaugurate it than to commence with the Simcoe case. Mr. Venot professes his willingness to have an investigation if such action is asked for by an organization of War Veterans, but it seems doubtful whether the Government

That Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D. WHEN EMERGENCIES ARISE

You get into an argument with some one about politics, sport, religious or other subjects, or perhaps you come through an exciting or depressing experience of some kind and you find a "funny" or foreign taste in the mouth. You couldn't describe the taste, but you have experienced it a number of times.

Perhaps you feel slightly sick at the stomach, your face is pale, with "beads of perspiration" on the forehead. Research men at Harvard are trying to show that the little ductless adrenal glands, situated on top of the kidneys, are a factor in producing these results, due to emotional disturbances.

They tell us that these reactions which follow emotional disturbances tend to produce responses in us that are likely to benefit us. There may be an out pouring of adrenal extract from these adrenal glands into the blood stream with consequent changes in the blood flow; blood sugar may be increased in amount because if the individual has to fight, defend himself, or even run away, he will need this extra sugar for the muscular effort he will have to put forth.

Dr. Siquedro and Cannon report that emotional excitement, for just short periods of time, is followed quickly by a pronounced increase in the number of red corpuscles in the blood.

The above means that you and I go about our daily occupations with the ordinary cares and little worries, joys and excitement, and the ordinary processes in the body take care of us without any outward reaction. However, with emergencies such as extreme fear, a severe loss, a need for some unusual muscular effort, Nature stimulates the ductless glands, the adrenal gland and the spleen particularly, and blood with an increased number of red corpuscles, and an increased amount of sugar, is there in your vessels, ready to help you. Just think of that for a moment. When extreme needs arise, and they must arise in all lives, there is this "friendly force" behind that body of yours.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

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ONR REDEEMER—But now thus stands the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that former thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee. I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.—Isa. 43:1.

PRAYER—Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

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PLEDGED PROTECTION—When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.—Isa. 43:2 and 3.

PRAYER—Lord, make us worthy of Thee and of Thy mercies toward us.

ECHOES

By Alice Michaelis Our Rhyming Optimist

Some days song comes unbidden And straightaway cares depart. The soaring notes of gladness Are sunbeams in my heart.

The simplest things can bring them. A smile, a daffodil. A narrow pathway climbing Green and tree-clad hills.

Some days song comes unbidden. As gay as white-sailed ships. That greet the dawn's bright banners It lingers on my lips.

Then, miser-like, I treasure Their sweetness all away. In memory I keep them For many a distant day.

When echoes will come drifting From joyous days like this, And songs that came unbidden Will flood my thoughts with bliss.

The Land We Love

By Frank Yeigh

CANADA'S COMMERCIAL POSITION

Q. What is Canada's commercial position? A. Canada's commercial position in September of 1928 was reported from Ottawa for the fiscal year 1927-28 as of the whole satisfactory. The total trade for that year amounted to \$2,359,412,000 which has been exceeded only twice viz. in 1918 and 1921—war and post-war years. An increase in imports accounts for the large present total. The position of Canada in world commerce is therefore strongly asserted and that Canada is showing a greater buying power with bright prospects for a further increase in the coming years.

A Soldier Poet

The following is a poem written by Sylvester Lewis, son of Thomas Lewis of St. Peter's Bay. Sylvester was killed in action at Passendale. The writer knew him well and attended school with him for four years at St. Peter's. We think this poem indicates the poetic temperament of the author. He frequently gave expression to his thoughts in rhyme and competent critics have remarked the evidence of genius contained in them. He had other gifts as well and even at the age of ten could draw pictures of birds and horses and other animals so true to life that we marvelled. Undoubtedly had he lived and had opportunity and training the world would have heard of him both in poetry and in art. The inspiration of these lines was occasioned by his picking up a quahaug while gathering Sea Weed on the shore. When he went home with his load he wrote this poem and handed it to his father who has preserved it ever since.

He was killed in the defence of his country, and while only one in millions to the outside world, he is remembered with affection and admiration by us who were his school mates.

While Sylvester was by nature a lover of peace and was the best of good fellows in school, his martial spirit is portrayed in the last two verses. He enlisted in the very beginning of the war.

The Story of a Shell It was a mighty quahaug, Rude marked by many a year It lived beneath the waters All in its flooded sphere. Till some vile gnawing creature, Had pierced its armour through And dined upon its vitals, A dainty sweet menu.

And left the shells both empty, For me by chance to find And read its simple story, Of value to mankind, To show that hopes and wishes Are often doomed to fail, And in the end are shattered Before misfortunes gale.

But while the drums are beating We must not lag behind, But march with pluck and vigor All in life's army lined. And while we're pressing onward To win each fort and field Our flag of hope will flutter And never shall we yield.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it proper for a man's visiting card to bear his title? A. Yes, as a rule, such as a doctor, but not where it may seem egotistical.

Q. If a woman is ill, may she request that her man give his seat to her in a car? A. Yes, but under no other circumstance.

Q. Is it ever proper to discuss confidential business on the street or in a department store? A. Never.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Packing Eggs When packing eggs, coat each egg thoroughly with lard and butter. Use a large stone jar and place the eggs small end downwards in layers of dry salt.

Ants A mixture of half borax and half sugar will poison every ant that finds it. Sprinkle it on the shelves and around all haunts.

Milk-Bottle Washer An ideal washer for the milk bottle is the wire handle of a grape basket, if it is straightened out and the hook left on one end.

Daily Lessons

in English

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say, "They will speak to neither you nor we." Say "you nor us."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: Algonquin. Pronounce al-gon-kin, a as "at," o as in "of," i as in "in" accent second syllable.

OFTEN MISPELLED: licorice. SYNONYMS: abject, slavish, cringing, mean, beggarly, ignoble.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word PROTESTATION; act of protesting. "His angry protestations were unavailing."

VOTERS GO THIRSTY

BALTIMORE, Nov. 7—There is a state law still on the statute books which provides saloons must be closed on election day. Baltimore's more pretentious speak-easies are "law abiding." Hundreds of them were locked yesterday while their patrons went thirsty.

VOTE BUYING ALLEGED

COLUMBUS, Nov. 7—Investigation of alleged vote buying in Pike county was being made to-night by observers for Secretary of State Clarence E. Brown. Reports to Brown said from \$5 to \$10 had been paid for votes. Observers were sent to the county recently by Brown, following investigations of alleged fraud in casting absent voters' ballots.

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SINGLE-TRACK IRISH LINES "For the good of the service" the Great Southern Railways is converting a number of lines in Ireland from double to single track. One section thus effected is nearly 100 miles long. So extensive is the DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS ALL KIDNEY DISEASES BACKACHE, HEADACHE, RHEUMATISM, GRAVEL, NEURALGIA, 4087 THE PROPRIETOR

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