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ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting fo the Anti-Tuberculosis Society and Free Dispensary will be held tonight in the Board of Trade Rooms at 8 o'clock. Reports of the year's work will be given and arrangements made for the coming year. Their Annual Meeting is one of the most important of all our meetings and this year's will be of special importance as the question of a new Sanatorium will be brought up, and other matters of prime importance will be discussed. All are interested in the work of this Society and the Dispensary, and it is hoped that all will show their interest by being present.

THE ORATORICAL CONTEST

The interest taken by the public throughout the Province in the Oratorical Contest, concluded Friday evening, is most gratifying to all who are interested in the education and training of our coming men and women, and especially to The Charlottetown Guardian, under whose auspices and management and expense it was conducted, and also to the Department of Education, especially Supt. H. H. Shaw and Prof. Lloyd Shaw, who kindly co-operated. At each of the four district preliminary contests there was a large and keenly interested attendance, while at the final contest on Friday night to select the Provincial Champion and the prize winners in each district, even standing room was at a premium, every seat being occupied, the overflow being obliged to stand in the aisles. Notwithstanding the discomfort to the latter, all remained till the National Anthem closed a programme of more than ordinary length, as after the twelve orations had been delivered, the judges had to compare notes and arrive at their decisions. While the latter was being done a delightful musical programme was presented, so that the anxious interval passed pleasantly.

That the judges had a difficult task to perform was evident and the audience realized that the difference between the merits of the addresses was microscopic,—all being of a very high order and any one of the twelve worthy of high commendation. When the final awards were made the audience expressed its approval in no uncertain measure, although no doubt there may have been disappointment on the part of those who fell short of first place.

There was much in all the addresses to inspire and enthuse the audience. In the first place the subject "The Future of Canada," prescribed by the Canadian Oratorical Committee, was in itself an inspiration and the spirit of it evidently fired the imagination of the young orators. They had searched the history of Canada for their data and they caught the true spirit of Canadianism. This alone made the contest worth while and from the study lessons were learned which shall never be forgotten, either by the contestants or by their audiences. Strangely and most gratifyingly every address expressed in one form or another the fact that "righteousness exalteth a nation." Character, individual or national is what shall determine the future of Canada and this idea ran like a golden thread through all the addresses. Let us older ones think for a moment and as often as possible what it means to this young nation of ours that our young students, the men and the women of tomorrow realize that the character of its people makes the soul of the nation and that our future noble or ignoble is being determined now in the training of our boys and girls. Much might be said on this feature which was conspicuous in all the addresses but space forbids.

The thought for the moment is that a splendid start has been given to a phase of our education which has been too long neglected. It now remains for the schools and colleges to carry on the good work. Might we recommend in passing, that, in addition to the work in the different schools, contests between groups of schools be arranged for, in these contests such prizes as free trips to Ontario or to Europe would necessarily be cut of the question, but we have no doubt that some benefactors will offer prizes which will add zest to the contests.

The winning of the prize, desirable as it may be, is not the chief thing in these contests. The great thing is not always the winning of the game but how the game has been played, and in the Oratorical Contest just closed, the players acquitted themselves most admirably They were good losers and good winners. We heartily congratulate them all, they all won, not the awarded prizes but something of infinitely greater value, the experience, the study, a knowledge of the wonderful possibilities of our country and the ability to stand before one of the most intellectual audiences that ever assembled in our Capitol City and express themselves intelligently, thoroughly and creditably. We sincerely trust the schools will take up the matter promptly and carry it to a successful issue.

THE OPPOSITION.

The importance of a strong and intelligent Opposition Party in the Legislature has never perhaps been more forcibly impressed upon our people than during the past six weeks by the course of the proceedings in the session just closed.

The Conservative Opposition in the House is weak in numbers but strong in the mental attainments and the excellent parliamentary qualifications of its individual members. Its contrast in this respect with the Government party was most marked and from the commencement of the session until its close the members of the Opposition dominated the House.

Ordinarily an Opposition merely plays the role of critic, but during the past session its field of labor was much broader. The incompetency of the Government manifested itself not only in the unwise character of the legislation brought down but also in the improper form and faulty drafting of practically every Act which its Ministers introduced. The work of the Opposition members was on this account more than usually heavy. It became their duty not only to point out mistakes in policy, but also to review every Bill carefully and to point out to the Government the many errors, inconsistencies which characterized most of them. The Government was compelled to make amendment after amendment to its legislation as a result of this constructive criticism on the part of the Opposition. Ex-Premier Stewart is remarkably well versed in all matters of procedure and it became his duty to set the Government right on many occasions in this regard.

The Province owes much to the Opposition on account of its loyal and devoted services during the session. Unfortunately its members are so few in number as to be unable to prevent the passage of the unwise and unstatesmanlike measures introduced by the Government, but they did succeed in making these measures much less ridiculous and absurd in form at least, than they would otherwise have been. Leader Stewart, in defeat, stands forth a much bigger figure in the Province than does Leader Saunders in power.

Notes by the Way

It is a talking age in which we live. The telephone fifty years ago vastly extended the range of the human voice from yards to miles—hundreds of miles. Radio and the beamray have stretched it over the continents and seas almost to either pole and round the circuit of the globe. How the women gossip and the men talk business over the 'phone! And how our legislators talk in Parliament and Legislature. And the youth of the land are learning the persuasive art of oratory as never before in any past age. We complain sometimes that the Spring season is late and the flowers have delayed their opening in the fields and gardens. But the flowers of rhetoric and eloquence have all seasons for their own. In ears that are attuned to truth and beauty of thought and diction and to the mental eye of intelligence, unscaled to behold the "things that are not seen" they shine and glow in splendor.

"The Future of Canada" is their noble theme. In their preparatory studies for their orations how much these youthful contestants have learned about their native land. And what is learned in youth is engraven on the tablets of enduring memory, and remains a priceless possession all the way through life. The study of our native land and contemplation of its future must inevitably develop in each contestants' mind and heart an informed and increasing love for Canada, which is a present need. Just in proportion as this objective of patriotism is attained the nation will become more united and stronger than it was before.

Learning to speak well is a very important part of education and culture. It can only be acquired by study and practice. How many have said to themselves, "I would that my tongue could utter the thoughts that arise in me." To be able to give clear expression to one's own thoughts in the most appropriate words, sitting or standing, with proper attitude, gesture and intonation, is a rare attainment which few can hope ever to reach.

It has been said that in oratory, as in poetry, sculpture, and architecture the world has made but little advance during the past two thousand years. In the examples that have come down to the present generation we enjoy a rich heritance along many lines, and the Old World still leads and surpasses the American World. Canada and the United States have yet something to learn from Europe.

But if we cannot hope to surpass the ancients in eloquence, or in poetry, in story or in song, it is the duty of the present generation to resist decay and declension and maintain a high standard in the great art of expressing the best thoughts of the present age in fitting and noble words. Such is the object and purpose of the International Competition in Oratory.

Sir Henry Drayton who succeeds Mr. D. B. Hanna as Chairman of the Ontario Liquor Control Board, has received further tributes to his service and worth since he resigned his seat in Parliament. Premier King took the lead in expressing appreciation for the services of Sir Henry. He was joined in this by Hon. R. B. Bennett, Conservative leader, and by Mr. Gardiner, the leader of the Progressives. The Toronto Globe in referring to Sir Henry in the same connection adds that Sir Henry "though he fought valiantly for his party's causes was always fair and considerate, and was esteemed by all parties."

The bill to provide Ottawa with a great Central Park and other improvements passed the House of Commons and now goes to the Senate. Before its passage two amendments were voted down. The first of these was moved by Conservatives and was rejected by a majority of 23. The second amendment, moved by Miss MacPhail, shared a like fate, the adverse majority being 27.

The epidemic of rabies among dogs, of which our citizens have painful memories, has not returned this way since last year, but has been and still is widely prevalent in sections of Quebec, Ontario and the neighboring States across the border. On the whole we conclude that the troublesome malady was very well handled so far as this Province is concerned. But in the Central Provinces there are loud complaints that the disease was carried there by diseased or infected dogs from the United States. And as the matter of quarantine is entirely under federal control, the Ottawa Government is justly blamed for neglecting or refusing to exercise its authority.

Ottawa has been urged to take action and dogs coming from England are subjected to a six weeks detention in quarantine before being allowed to run at large in Canada. Hon. Mr. Godfrey of the Ontario Government, stated the other day:

"What we have been asking the Dominion Government since 1925 to do, is to apply, until we are completely over the rabies epidemic regulations the same as affect the English dog. **We cannot get them to do a thing.**"

The situation along the border is truly alarming. For every British dog that is brought to Canada there are 100 American dogs and only the latter have rabies.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton M.D.

DANGER OF THE WORD "INDIGESTION"

I am often very sorry there is such a word as "indigestion" because it may cover so many conditions that folks are apt to treat it with indifference.

Now the occasional attack of indigestion, which often follows indiscretions in eating and drinking, is not what I have in mind, but that persistent every day feeling of uneasiness, of pain, sometimes with nausea, with which many are afflicted.

In the younger folks we have in mind always the possibility of an ulcer of stomach or first part of small intestine, and in middle aged and older folks, the possibility of cancer of the stomach.

Now as cancer of the stomach accounts for one-third of the deaths listed as cancer, you can understand how some of these old chronic cases of "indigestion", turn out finally to be cancer.

Dr. Bloodgood of John Hopkins has pointed out that now that the public are being educated about the need of getting an early diagnosis of cancer, only about 3 per cent come in too late for operation, whereas before there was so much publicity, it was about 60 per cent.

Your family physician will tell you that at medical college he was taught that the outstanding symptoms of cancer of the stomach were nausea, vomiting, a peculiar color of the skin, and loss of weight.

He was also taught the value of a test meal as an indication of how fast or how slowly the stomach was digesting its food, the amount of acid in the stomach juice, and so forth.

Fortunately the use of the X ray and the barium meal, has taken away a great amount of uncertainty as to whether or not the patient has cancer of the stomach. In expert hands the X ray will show the condition, if present, more than nine times in ten.

But what about the one time in ten when despite test breakfasts, blood examinaions, tests for acid, mucous, microscopic and other tests, the physician and surgeon are still of the opinion that it may be cancer?

No surgeon likes the idea of operating just "on a chance," but there are times when this operation "just to find out for sure" is justified.

And yet as Dr. Jos. Daly points out, the risk of the operation is not half so serious as waiting and waiting, because when the time arrives that the X ray and other tests show definitely that it is cancer, it may be too late to operate, aside from the fact that the condition of the patient himself has been gradually getting worse.

So don't be alarmed if an operation is suggested. If not cancer so much the better; if a cancer then be thankful that you did not wait for more definite symptoms.

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Is it polite to state to the guest at a week-end party the hour at which he is expected to leave?

A. It is permissible.

Q. Who should be the first to leave a dinner party?

A. If there are guests of honor, they should be the first to go.

Q. When one is late at the theatre, what should he do before being seated?

A. Wait for the first intermission.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say "the sisters both resemble each other." "Both" is redundant.

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: middle-aged. Pronounce ajd, not a-jed.

OFTEN MISSPELLED: fate (destiny); fete (a festival.)

SYNONYMS: lessen, reduce, subtract, diminish, deduct, remove, withdraw.

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: CONCEPTION; the act or power of understanding. "You have no conception of what I mean."

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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A WISE SON — A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother. —Prov. 10:1.

PRAYER—O Lord, hear my voice and my supplication and grant me Thy wisdom.

THE LOAFER

One time a man of talents rare
Sighed that he had no time to spare,
For always, as with me and you,
He found himself with work to do.
"Were I supplied with clothes and bread
I'd never work again," he said.

"The bitter curse of life, I find,
Lies in the irksome daily grind.
Full oft I'd like to stay in bed,
But I must rise to work instead,
I swear, before my life is through,
I want to loaf a year or two."

In course of time this man retired—
Another in his place was hired—
And he, set free from Anxious Need,
Slept late, a happy man indeed.
He heard the factory whistles blow
And chuckled: "I don't have to go."

But ere a month had travelled by
The light went from the loafer's eye.
The time he'd longed to call his own
Grew difficult to spend alone,
And he began to wish again
To take his place with busy men.

His friends were all at work and so
By day to them he could not go.
Upon his seat he sat and grieved
That he by life had been deceived.
"Who thinks that work is hard," he cried,
"The idler's task has never tried!"

—Edgar A. Guest.

The Land We Love

By Frank Yeigh

THE MONCTON BORE

Q. What is the Moncton Bore?

A. The tidal phenomenon known as the Moncton bore is caused by a high tide rushing up a narrow estuary of the Petitcodiac River in New Brunswick. The word "bore" is from the Scandanavian "bara" meaning a wave or billow caused by tidal waters being compressed in a narrow funnel-shaped estuary. The tide in the Bay of Fundy is very high and forces its way up the Petitcodiac in the form of a bore from four to six feet high depending upon the tide in the Bay. The difference between high and low tide at Moncton is thirty feet.

HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK

By ROBERTA LEE

Headache

A severe headache can be treated effectively by hot water application, followed by applying a menthol ointment of some kind and then a vigorous massaging.

When Ironing

If a small brush, or whisk broom, is used to sprinkle water on the clothes, hotter water can be used, the clothes will be more evenly dampened and can be ironed much sooner.

Making Coffee

The best percolated coffee is made by using a large quantity of coffee with cold water and allowing it to boil only three minutes.

Airship Made Of Silver

(BY British United Press)

LONDON, April 27. A sensational invention that may revolutionise the construction of airplanes and airships is being shown here by a Russian, named Einstein.

It is a beautiful model airship, made of metallised linen, instead of the ordinary fabric.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Brancher inspected specimens of the fabric in Paris a week or two ago.

"It is a most remarkable process," he said, "and I shall be glad to hear the report of the experts on it.

"If the tests prove successful, the invention will mark a great stage in aviation construction.

Professor Lanad, of the Northampton polytechnic, has carried out tests of the reinforced fabric. His report states that he found the tension strength of the linen, after being metallised, to be more than 1,800 lbs. per foot width

This means that an ordinary piece of linen treated by the new process will support a strain of nearly one ton to the foot.

The model is an artistic triumph, made of strips of alternate silver and nickel. It is a glittering cigar, suspended over an oak stand, incredibly light, yet stronger than any known type of airship envelope.

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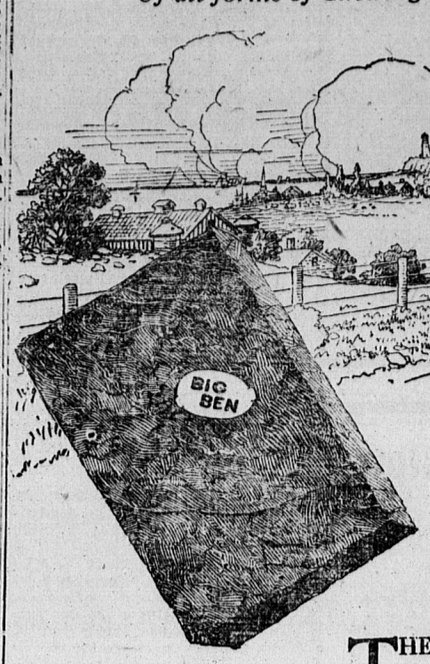

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Dead Kings Go Home

(By British United Press)

LONDON, April 27. How King Edward and the then Kaiser, tapped their foreheads about each other is related by Brigadier-General W. Hely-Hutchinson Waters at one time military attache in Berlin in his volume of reminiscences just published.

When the general took lease of the Kaiser in 1903, on leaving Berlin, the emperor spoke of Anglo-German relations.

The Kaiser spoke about King Edward's share in public matters, and, tapping his forehead, said, "He does not understand them."

General Waters did not repeat this remark to King Edward on his return to London, but he saw the king, and conversation turned to the kaiser.

The king talked freely about the kaiser, and said: "He must learn not to interfere in other people's business; we exchange letters and telegrams occasionally, and, of course, I am quite civil to him."

King Edward was, in fact, angry when the kaiser at that time, adds General Waters, owing to a flippant letter which the kaiser had sent him about his visit to the French President.

Ill timed jests are apt to cause a good deal of harm, and the king, tapping his forehead, said: I sometimes think he is not right in his head."

BRIDES DINE "OLD FLAMES"

London's latest wedding party idea is for the prospective bride to entertain her men friends at dinner, and the bride-groom to act as host to his women friends. The idea took well until it was realized that later there would be some questioning by both bride and groom as to the guests of the other. Another fashionable fad of the moment is the "hag party," at which the bride-to-be entertains her women friends on the eve of the wedding as does the bride-groom at his "bachelor dinner." This gesture of the assertion of the rights of the modern woman is much more popular than the "old flame" idea, and especially so among the brides.

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