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ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS

It is human and natural to rejoice over a victory. Canadian Conservatives in the past two years have had much to encourage them, and to justify the present very general expectation that the next federal election will see a change of administration at Ottawa.

It is freely admitted that Liberal successes of recent years have been obtained not through consideration of the best interests of the country but of the party. The decline of Liberalism has been in process since the inception of the King Government.

THE SCHOOLBOOK MUDDLE

In a series of eleven articles on "The Schoolbook Muddle," the Montreal Herald discusses educational difficulties which are not confined to the Province of Quebec and which, in a general way, are of interest to teachers, students and parents throughout Canada.

It is suggested, first of all, that schoolbooks cost too much. Professor Dolan, of Regina, a leading educationalist of the West, and principal of the Regina Collegiate Institute, is quoted as saying that prices are twenty-five per cent. too high.

At present, it is pointed out, there is a complete lack of co-operation between the educational authorities of the different provinces. Therefore, in no two provinces are the same textbooks used throughout the school course.

sible for such textbooks as might be selected for national use by an interprovincial conference, each province contributing a share of the cost, and the Federal Government also assisting.

Lastly, stress is laid on the disadvantage of using American textbooks in Canadian schools. These textbooks, to say the least, do not assist in the fostering of a Canadian national spirit.

The question of standardizing all textbooks throughout Canada has frequently been suggested, but there are difficulties in the way which must be considered. The ideal textbooks for the Maritime Provinces would naturally lay stress on the particular geography, industries, agricultural resources, fisheries, etc., of this part of Canada.

It will be recalled that the Stewart Government, when in power, entered into negotiations with the other Maritime Governments for the purpose of standardizing school textbooks and thus reducing the cost to the general public.

The Herald's suggestion of Dominion-wide co-operation on the subject of standardization and price reduction of textbooks is obviously well intentioned and may lead to beneficial results.

UNKINDEST CUT OF ALL

Formerly a strong and even violent champion of prohibition, and an opponent, up to within a few weeks of the plebiscite, of any system of government control, the Halifax Herald has had a change of heart.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Those who have been looking to Ontario for a sign have had a sign given to them.

Despite assurances that the new car ferry would be ready by the fall of 1930, no tenders have yet been called for the construction of the steamer. Surely an explanation would be in order.

Notes By The Way

The extent of the Liberal defeat in Ontario is truly remarkable in view of the political history of the province since the Dominion was formed.

The first Federal government at Ottawa took the name of Liberal-Conservative, and was made up of an equal number of ministers from the Conservative and Reform parties.

Edward Blake became leader of the Liberals of Ontario and at the first election thereafter defeated the Sandfield-Macdonald Government and became the first Liberal Premier of Ontario.

Mowat succeeded in the Liberal Premiership of Ontario by Hardy and he by Ross. In the meantime Sir John Macdonald had died in 1891 and Laurier had risen to power in 1896, destined to remain at the head of the Dominion affairs until 1911.

In later years the farmer movement had sprung up, known by various names in different provinces, as United Farmers, Progressives or Liberal Progressives. This body became numerous and powerful enough to capture the Government of Ontario and Premier Drury ruled the province during four years, supported by United Farmers and Liberals.

In the first election after the war in 1919 the Conservative party suffered a severe defeat in Ontario and only 25 of its members found seats in the Legislature, as against 45 United Farmers, 29 Liberals and 12 others.

In the general election of 1926 the Ferguson Government again won 75 seats in the Assembly, which had increased to 77 before the recent dissolution. This year's election gives the party 91 seats, as against 9 Liberals, 3 Progressives, 1 United Farmer, while 6 doubtful and 1 deferred elections, 2 independent Conservatives and 2 Liberal Progressives complete the tally.

Both the Liberal leader Sinclair and the Prohibition leader Lethbridge suffered defeat, and every member of the Ferguson Government was re-elected. The present tendency throughout the Dominion, in view of the Ontario election and the Nova Scotia plebiscite is toward government control of the liquor traffic in all the provinces and a return to the two-party system in politics.

The attempt to organize the farmers as a separate political party in federal and provincial affairs, which at one time had obtained a foothold in all the provinces except Quebec, has shrunk to much narrower limits.

Mussolini has his own way of dealing with the habits and morals of his countrymen. Personally he says he is dry in a country overwhelming wet. The national consumption of wine is about 26 gallons, but as the women and children drink little, the per capita consumption among the men is set down at more than twice that amount.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Hours

HEADACHES—REAL AND UNREAL

One of the difficult propositions that faces a physician is to tell whether or not a patient complaining of headache is really suffering.

As you know in ailments of heart, lung, kidney, skin, liver and so forth, there are 'objective' symptoms which the physician readily recognizes, but when it is a 'headache,' it is a different matter.

If there is a temperature, increased or decreased pulse, or if there is a constant contraction of the face muscles, the headache is usually genuine. If there is increased pain or pressure over the special nerves of the face or skull, headache from hysteria usually follows the centre line at top of head.

If there is a swelling of the eyelids, it may be a kidney condition causing the headache. If pain is toward the back of the head near ear, there may be an ear condition. With any real brain ailment there is a change in the individual's manner.

Prof. E. Erben, Vienna, tells us that where the physician can't find any objective symptoms, the patient looks well and goes about his work, but complains all the time of headache, he should be suspected of 'malingering,' that is 'feigning' or 'faking.'

This is especially true if he refused to do anything to help 'cure' the headache. Dr. Erben suggests that the physician should prescribe tablets which will give a distinctive color to the urine and thus he can see whether the patient is taking the medicine, and thus trying to help himself.

As you know most real headaches are due to overuse of the eyes, or to some digestive disturbance with gas formation, usually a sluggish liver, and constipation.

I have spoken before about the one-sided headache, migraine. This is thought to be due to overwork, mental or physical, which interferes with the liver's ability to cleanse the blood.

Don't be satisfied to have frequent headaches; there is always a cause and you should help your physician to discover that cause.

Headaches unfit you for the duties and pleasures of life.



WHAT, THEN, IS LIFE!

"What, then, is Life!" a youth and maiden cried, "A path through sunlit fields, a carol gay, The way before us wrapt in golden haze, Whose depths hold half-seen shapes of glad amaze."

"What, then, is Life!" a careworn pilgrim sighed, "A wasted land of battle onset grim, (War without glory fills each weary day) A land of frowning peaks and chasms grey."

"What, then, is Life!" an aged man replied, "A wistful, backward glance, a melo-dious road, A patient vigil as the watchfires pale, The peaceful end of a perplexing tale."

—Lewis Wharton.

Spain is considering the establishment of a Spanish automotive industry with an annual output of 20,000 cars.

Mild weather favors the movement of potatoes and they are going away in shiploads. Strange to say, we import apples, some of which are grown in far-off British Columbia, and which should be grown here at home.

What the new tariff in the States will be like we shall not know for a month to come. A reaction seems to have set in against jacking it up so high as was at first intended.

The Universe

The London Times Literary Supplement of October 10, contains an interesting and thought-compelling review of "The Universe Around Us," by Sir James Jeans, well-known mathematician, astronomer and lecturer, and which was published by the Cambridge University Press.

Distances and Man's Life

He has given a new turn to the old device of the comparative method—the device which told us how long an express train would take to reach the sun, a distance which light traverses in eight minutes. Today he must needs deal with much larger distances such as that of the remotest nebula known to our telescopes, light from which takes 140,000,000 years to reach us.

The author recurs to this comparatively small range of our present experience in some eloquent concluding passages of his book:—"Take a postage stamp and stick it on to a penny. Now climb Cleopatra's needle and lay the penny flat, postage stamp uppermost, on top of the obelisk. The height of the whole structure may be taken to represent the time that has elapsed since the earth was born.

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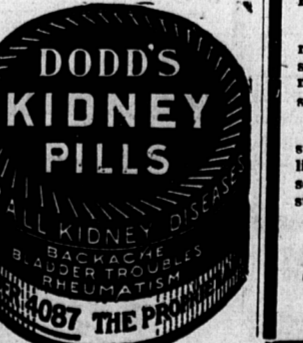
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THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK YEIGH

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Q. Where is Dalhousie University? A. Dalhousie University is in the city of Halifax, N. S. It was founded by the Earl of Dalhousie in 1808 and the corner stone of the original building laid in 1820.



The Only One

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has lived on earth. The thickness of the postage stamp represents the time he has been civilized, the thickness of the penny representing the time he lived in an uncivilized state.

The question naturally arises whether Sir James Jeans really means that no serious accident is likely to happen to us in such an appalling long future; it is not possible, for instance, that some star may run into us and cut our future short for ever? He has, however, thought over this matter pretty thoroughly, and it may soothe the nerves of those who have to cross our busy streets to learn that in the astronomical world the danger of being run down is distinctly smaller.

Mystery of Our Existence.

On the other hand, this calculation deepens the mystery of our existence, which dates, according to modern opinion, from just such an expressively rare encounter. About 2,000,000,000 years ago, the tidal disturbances raised in our sun by the near approach of a passing star detached from it our earth and the other planets.

The number of stars in the galactic system has been variously estimated; with the great 100-inch telescope at Mount Wilson about 1,800,000,000 could be photographed, judging from

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