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A PROMISING CONFERENCE.

The fact that the conference of Maritime Premiers held last week in Montreal from which Premier Stewart has just returned, was called on the invitation of President Beatty of the C. P. R. and was attended by representatives of other organizations interested in immigration, holds out a promise for the Maritimes.

There were present at the Conference, in addition to Premier Rhodes of Nova Scotia, Premier Stewart of Prince Edward Island, and Premier Baxter of New Brunswick, President Beatty, C.P.R., Col. Stanley, head of the Hudson Bay Immigration Department, Governor Sale of the Hudson Bay Co., Col. George Allen, K.C. of Winnipeg, Canadian Director of the H. B. C., and Dr. Black, representing the Immigration Department of the Canadian National Railways.

The purpose of the Conference was to devise a scheme by which the Maritime Provinces should get their legitimate share of the present and prospective immigrants from Great Britain to Canada.

Premier Stewart informs us that the conference was in every way very agreeable and satisfactory. The fact that it was called by President Beatty of the C.P.R. and participated in by powerful companies interested in immigration, may well be regarded as an admission on their part that heretofore, the Maritimes did not enjoy their full share of the cost of Canadian immigration. The whole question in all its bearings was thoroughly thrashed out at several sessions of the conference and western and railway interests expressed their entire willingness to help the Maritimes in their natural desire to secure a share of future immigrants.

A scheme of operation and cooperation was agreed upon but, of course, the details shall not be made public until it has been submitted to all the parties concerned. Meanwhile there is good ground for the hope that the movement, originating as it did, from one of the transportation companies, hitherto interested in the "long haul" for immigrants and frankly participated by others similarly interested, shall mean a much-needed inflow of new, fresh, vigorous blood to the Maritimes.

SOLANUM TUBEROSUM.

The once humble potato, suspected and even feared because of its resemblance, real or apparent, to certain poisonous plants, has in these latter days certainly come into its own. While, doubtless, in view of the importance it has assumed in our economic life, remember that its full and legitimate baptismal name is Solanum Tuberosum. It would probably surprise and even shock a merchant if a farmer came and asked him if he wanted a load of Solana Tuberosa (the Latin plural) and he might well ask what kind of animal it was but, with the tuber occupying the exalted position in which we find it today, such a thing is possible.

Had Christopher Columbus, or some one else, never discovered America, the world would never have heard of the potato, now perhaps the most common and the most economic and healthful article of diet known to civilization the world over. The potato is a native of Peru, and was cultivated by the Spaniards as early as 1587. At the time of discovery of America, we are told by Humboldt, the potato was grown in every temperate part of the continent from Chile to New Granada, but not in Mexico. In 1585 or 1586 potatoes were taken from North Carolina and

Virginia to Ireland on the return of the colonists sent out by Sir Walter Raleigh. So promising was the prospect, from the experimental plantings in Ireland that Sir Walter Raleigh encouraged their general production.

There was no Prince Edward Island Potato Growers Association in those far-off days and necessarily the potatoes grown in Virginia and North Carolina were of a quality much inferior to what they now grow from certified seed grown in the Garden of the Gulf. It is somewhat of a coincidence, perhaps, that it was in the Southern States which are now our best customers for seed potatoes, that real potato cultivation began. Naturally since importing their seed from the hardy northern stock the quality of the Virginia and Carolina tubers has very greatly improved and, may it not be hoped, judging by the advance made in cultivation in the past few years, that still better varieties may yet be produced, and that the humble spud may become even more of an asset to the farmer and to the world when given its full and more high-sounding name, Solanum Tuberosum?

THE OBJECTOR.

The objector is to the community what the governor is to the steam engine, what the brakes are to the car. The governor prevents the engine from attaining too much speed; the brakes prevent the car from running away when going down hill, also from colliding with something that may cause a wreck. The objector, that is, the man who has the courage to object to a certain course which, often at the instigation of an interested person or even of an agitator, the community approves of, is not always a popular man. Nor is he looking for popularity. He sees farther than the crowd; he is not influenced by the crowd spirit. He thinks for himself and has the courage to act as he thinks.

It is easier to go with the crowd, to express opinions which the neighbors express, to be one of them. It requires courage and manliness to stand and breast the waves of public opinion while everyone else is going along with the stream.

There is a human, as well as an animal and vegetable, tendency to revert, to give up the struggle and slide backward with the crowd. If everybody, or even the majority, say so then it is easier to say so, too. One refused to say so, refused to follow the multitude and they crucified him. This less spectacularly but with equal unreasonableness, is the fate of the objector today. If he sees a better way and refuses to take the easy way the crowd takes, he is socially crucified.

We need the objector, not the grouch, chronic objector who objects through habit, not the man who is always "against it," but the man who, seeing the right, dares to do it. And there never was more need of him than there is today. The race is going in crowds, rushing they know not where and here and there the objector stands and refuses to go with them. He saves some, himself he cannot save. He is condemned as an objector, as a fault-finder, as unsocial and unfriendly. But because of his stand others think and so the mad rush is impeded if not wholly checked. Let us not despise the objector.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"Hen parties," so called, are now being discouraged in social circles. Many wives very properly refuse to attend bridge or other parties exclusively feminine. They want to be invited along with their husbands or not at all. The mixed party of wives and their own husbands is naturally more enjoyable than either a "stag" or a "hen" party.

Notes by the Way

It is announced that George Bernard Shaw has been awarded the Nobel prize for literature. This is one of five annual prizes of about \$40,000 each which are open to universal competition for all future time. The late Alfred Nobel, a wealthy Swedish inventor, made provision for this magnificent distribution. Nobel who was born in 1833 and died in 1896, was the inventor of dynamite, nitro glycerine, smokeless powder and other explosives from which he accumulated a fortune of some ten millions of dollars. By direction in his will a prize fund was established from which yearly prizes are awarded to the persons who during the year had done best in physical science, chemistry, physiology, or medicine; idealistic literature and the advancement of universal peace.

The prize awarded to Mr. Shaw is recognized as the supreme honor in literature and would stand his fame were it not already world-wide. The Nobel prize in literature had been before three times awarded to British writers, Rudyard Kipling, Rabindranath Tagore and William Butler Yeats being the recipients. Strange to say, no one of the four had the fortune to be born in England. Two, Kipling and Tagore, had their birth in India, while Yeats and Shaw were born in Dublin.

There were reports a few days ago that Premier Hertzog of South Africa had modified his independent views since coming to the Imperial Conference. More recent reports are not so assuring. He keeps by himself, or in a small circle of "Dutch friends, and says he feels "like a stranger in a strange land." The consciousness that he has lost prestige and has not been able to win any new support has led him to be more and more reticent of late while adhering firmly to the attitude set forth in his speech at the opening of the Conference.

There was vague talk of a "middle course," or compromise being adopted by which the differences between the South African, Australian and New Zealand Premiers might be got over or evaded. But the Toronto Globe understands that what was being considered was practically a surrender to Hertzog. We quote:

"The 'middle course,' then which is being considered, it is to be presumed is the granting of what Premier Hertzog demands, but without making a formal declaration to foreign countries of such a decision if it is reached. We cannot believe that Australia and New Zealand will concur in any such finding. The Premiers of both those Dominions have clearly and explicitly declared against such 'status' as destructive of Imperial unity. We cannot even believe that Premier King would consider any such 'compromise' in view of the 'guiding principles' he assured the public he favored in the solution of Imperial issues. But the fear that was expressed some time ago that Premier King was disposed to sympathize with the South African Premier's view will be re-awakened unless by his opposition at the Conference to any proposal embodying General Hertzog's demands he shows unmistakably his determination to fulfil the pledges he gave during the election campaign to devote his energies to maintaining and strengthening the ties of Empire.

"And it is most important—it is nothing short of imperative—that at the present juncture the Prime Minister of Canada should make his position unmistakably clear of all ambiguity his attitude on this overshadowing issue, should so emphasize his confession of imperial faith that it will be a guide to future Governments and succeeding generations in this country and an inspiration to the sister Dominions."

The chief exponent of loyal Liberalism has more to say than we have quoted, and it is said along the same lines and in equally emphatic words. All of which betrays a fear, equal with our own, that in this crisis of the history of the Empire the Prime Minister of Canada will not rise equal to the great occasion and declare himself in the Conference as he did in Canada before he left our shores. It may be said that there is yet time for him to do so. But with Lapointe at his elbow we know not what to expect.

The times and prospects have improved in the Maritimes and hope has revived on the basis of the reported favorable recommendations of the Duncan report. But the report and its contents are still concealed from the Maritime people



Dr. James W. Barton, M.D. CORRECTING BAD BREATH

Some folks find that they frequently have a bad taste in the mouth. This is attended by a bad breath, or to use the name so frequently used, halitosis. In an effort to get rid of bad breath they will use mouth washes of various kinds. Now no one can find fault with this method, if the cause of the bad breath is simply that the mouth is not clean, due to food particles about the teeth, or to infection about the gums.

These mouth washes will not only sweeten the breath, but will actually help the sore gums, and to some extent the teeth. Most folks could use these mouth washes to advantage.

However one of the most fruitful sources of bad breath is from a stomach that is not acting right, a sour stomach as it is called. Food remains in the stomach longer than it should, because not only stomach digestion is slow, but intestinal digestion and intestinal assimilation, with a sluggish liver, amounting almost to stasis or stoppage, all are reflected in the mouth by a bad breath.

Often the coated tongue, and the sore throat, are due to this sluggishness, this fermentation and decomposition of food, and your physician orders calomel and salts, castor oil, or other purgative.

And the mouth itself may have serious conditions, such as teeth with abscesses and tonsils that likewise are pouring out poisonous matter into the mouth.

So the point is not that these mouth washes should not be used. They are valuable because they are always of help in these or any other cases. But if after using them, the breath continues to be bad, then you should look around for the cause. It may easily be from elsewhere than from any mouth condition.

In the meantime, while investigating the cause, you cannot do better than continue the mouth wash. Most of them contain alkaline substances which help to alkalize the acid condition of the mouth, which in itself makes them worth while.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

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THE SUPREME BEING—"O Lord, there is none like Thee, neither is there any God beside Thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears." 1 Chron. 17:20.

PRAYER—"Lord, may we not only hear of Thee with the hearing of the ear, but see Thee with our eyes, and adore ourselves and repent of all our sins.

TINY TOKENS

The murmur of a waterfall A mile away, The rustle when a robin lights Upon a spray, The lapping of a lowland stream Or dipping boughs, The sound of grazing from a herd Of gentle cows, The echo from a wooded hill Of cuckoo call, The quiver through the meadows grass At evening fall: Too subtle are these harmonies For pen and rule, Such music is not understood By any school; But, when the brain is overwrought, It hath a spell, Beyond all human skill and power, To make it well.

The memory of a kindly word For long gone by, The fragrance of a fading flower Sent lovingly, The gleaming of a sudden smile Or sudden tear, The warmer pressure of the hand, The tone of cheer, The hush that means, I cannot without any reasonable excuse or pretext: And this attitude on the part of a Government whose chiefs have hitherto turned the cold shoulder to our claims arouses unpleasant feelings throughout the three provinces.

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TRURO CONFERENCE.

Sir,—Your newspaper having consistently supported every movement having for its object the welfare of the Maritime Provinces, I am taking the liberty of addressing through your columns, a message to business men and others interested. The conferences held in Moncton and Charlottetown last year, which received such wide publicity, were productive of good results and should spur us on to greater efforts.

Another conference will be held in Truro, N. S., on November 23rd, and while invitations to attend have been sent to all boards of trade in the Maritime Provinces, I would like to make it clear that the meeting is open to all, whether members of boards of trade or not.

An interesting programme has been prepared and all who can attend are urged to do so.

I am, Sir, etc., President, MARITIME BOARD OF TRADE.

Newsboy Now Railway President

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 16.—The newsboy who raises himself to the presidency of a railway would make a still better executive if he had a college education. In the opinion of Chauncey M. Depew.

The 93-year-old railway director, expatiating on the value of education in a recent interview, said: "Of course, there will always be newsboys who will be railway presidents, and unsholarly men who will rise to great distinction. Some persons are endowed with exceptional qualities—divine gifts which make them great regardless of training. There is no accounting for the exceptional man. But the percentage of newsboys who become magnates is exceedingly small, and I believe they would have made an infinitely greater success if they had been better equipped."

The qualities essential to success were defined by Mr. Depew as:

First, character; second, industry, remorseless industry; Third, a full and thorough knowledge of one's career or vocation; Fourth, a due regard for one's fellow men and the cultivation of them.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED. Don't say "the figures appear to be correct." Say "seem to be."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: jovial. Pronounce JOY-uhl, a word of three syllables, not JOY-yul.

OFTEN MISSPELLED: susceptible; ibile. SYNONYMS: assault, attack, assal, encounter, beset, besiege.

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: OBVIOUSLY; immediately evident. "Your explanation is obviously untrue."

But I have heard! The note that only bears a verse From God's own word: Such tiny things we hardly count As ministry; The givers deem they have shown.

Scant sympathy; But, when the heart is overwrought O who can tell? The power of such tiny things To make it well! —Frances Havergal.

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