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THE WINTER FAIR

The next important event in the way of exhibitions will be the Royal Winter Fair, which opens Nov. 20 in Toronto. It is expected that every province will be represented at this show, which features especially agricultural products. The New Brunswick papers announce that a carload of exhibit material has already gone forward, and that special attention will be given to displaying New Brunswick apples and potatoes.

A NEW EPIC

Mention has already been made in these columns of the new poem "The Testament of Beauty," written by Dr. Robert Bridges, poet laureate of England, who recently celebrated his 55th birthday. Dr. Bridges has been at work for several years on the poem, which is dedicated to the King, and is divided into four books of more than 4,000 lines. From the enthusiastic comments of the English press, it is evident that the work has already made a profound impression.

The Manchester Guardian is equally enthusiastic. Incidentally, it pays a noble tribute to Dr. Bridges as a poet:

"Almost alone of laureates, Dr. Bridges has always stood apart from the hucksters of song who tune their pipes for fee; and he has now behind him more than four score years' experience of the changeable generations of men. From his 'prentice days in poetry he has been an art in the traditional craftsmanship of which long practice and the discipline of years bring surer mastery of hand and ear."

The new poem of the veteran poet laureate is described as a discourse on Mankind, or rather, on Mansoul. In it he expounds his comprehensive sense of man's way of life and of his ultimate destiny. "It is a metaphysical survey, and the course of the development is illustrated by an amplitude of analogy from the whole realm of science reaching from biology to mathematics and exemplified by sweeping reviews of significant moments in his history." The poem is written in free Alexandrines, a metre of Dr. Bridges' own invention. Like Dante, he dons the mantle of the seer as well as the poet, and he begins somewhat in the manner of the great Italian in the memorable opening lines of the Divine Comedy.

The following lines from Dr. Bridges' poem are quoted by the Sunday Times reviewer:

"'Twas late in my long journey when I had clomb to where The path was narrowing and the company few, A glow of childlike wonder enthral'd me, as if my sense Had come to a new birth purified, my mind enrapt. Re-awakening to a fresh imitation of life; With like surprise of joy as oft a traveller feels Who resting on a hill has turn'd about to view The plain he has left; and seeth it now outspread A landscape of far beauty, forest, field and stream Mapp'd in perspective harmony, and he stands agaze At pains to recognize his long-familiar home By beauty estranged, merging the stiff outlines of space As the hard throbs of Time are blent in memory's mist."

THE NEW CHIVALRY

In the short speeches that were made at the banquet tendered to the V. C.'s of the British Empire by the Prince of Wales in London last week, there was little of the lusty braggadocio which popular fancy associates with the feasts of heroes. The halls of Valhalla resounded with the vaunts of warriors and the clash of arms; Homer described the Greek and Trojan heroes re-fighting their battles over the festive board; and Scott has given us a picture of the chieftains "drinking the red wine through the helmet barr'd," and listening with complacency while their exploits were sung in epic verses to the accompaniment of the harp. The modern Britisher is less demonstrative. The men who sat down at Saturday's memorable function in the precincts of the House of Lords were in civilian clothes. Each wore, as his authority for being there, a certain little bronze cross. There was martial music; there was wine and an abundance of good things on the table; there was a King's son to preside over the board. But one could listen from beginning to end of the speeches without gathering the faintest idea as to who "won the war" or how a single guest had achieved the distinction of sitting there with the eyes of the world upon him. From Lieut.-Colonel Reynolds and Private Williams, octogenarian survivors of an epic battle fifty years ago, to Sergeant Ricketts of Newfoundland, youngest recipient of the coveted honor, they seemed unable to rise to a sentimentalist's conception of the occasion. The Prince of Wales struck the keynote when he said: "I feel probably as uncomfortable as you do, because it is not our national custom to invite men to dinner in order to tell them how brave they are."

Yet neither the host nor his guests were unaware of the significance of "the Most Ennoble Order of the Victoria Cross, the most democratic and at the same time the most exclusive order of chivalry," as the Prince termed it.

"It is democratic," continued His Highness, "because it takes not the least heed of social rank or status, exclusive because it is the simple insignia of all the honors which a grateful country can bestow and gives the right of entry to what is generally considered the most select corps in the world. It is recruited from that very limited circle of men who see what is needed and do it at once at their own peril and having done it, shut up like an oyster. This is a wise provision of nature, for if the men who did things talked half as much as the men who know how things ought to be done, life would not be worth living."

The purpose behind the function, apart from the obvious one of paying honor, in a quiet British way, to valiant men, was the most significant thing of all. Apart from the wearers of the Victoria Cross, the only persons present were the executive world of the British legion under Lord Jellicoe, and "a considerable body of newspapermen." "Admission of the latter," we are told, "was designedly generous inasmuch as the function was intended to be a large-scale advertisement for the Earl Haig fund for disabled veterans which depends so largely upon the sale of artificial poppies on Armistice Day."

Notes By The Way

Sir George E. Foster recently returned from Geneva and landed at Quebec. On his arrival he made some statements and predictions respecting international matters which are of interest because of the high position he has held and still holds in connection with the League of Nations. As is well known, Sir George has been Vice President of the League and is now head of the Canadian delegation to that body.

At Quebec Sir George stated that the outstanding work of the League, so far as Canada is concerned is the acceptance of the World Court of International Justice, along with Great Britain and other nations, and he predicted that the United States would enter the World Court before the present session of Congress is ended.

In Geneva Sir George heard much talk about the plan for establishing the United States of Europe. This, to him, seemed vague and visionary, a scheme to form some kind of agreement by which European nations would pledge themselves not to increase their customs tariffs within the next two years, as a preparatory step toward free trade between them later.

There is a movement among the Liberals of Ontario to call a party convention to "get rid of Sinclair," whose wobbling course during the recent provincial election is held by many to have contributed largely to the disastrous Liberal defeat. The truth in regard to the situation was that the Liberal party in Ontario, like that in Prince Edward Island, was hopelessly divided on the question of prohibition. Mr. Sinclair's task in trying to lead a party thus divided was a difficult one.

"Why America likes the Macdonalds and how," is a topic discussed by many United States newspapers. Obviously the British Premier and his daughter Isabel tried to please the President and people of the States, and they succeeded. One leading journal specified that he had succeeded largely because he agreed with the President that it is desirable to call another Conference of the five naval powers, United States, Britain, France, Japan and Italy, to settle questions concerning freedom of the sea, rights of neutrals on the sea in war time, the size of naval armaments and the proposed abolition of submarines.

As to submarines, both Britain and the States are agreed that they should be placed under ban, while France is opposed. As to "why Americans like Macdonalds," it is easy to see that when the head of the Macdonalds told them, as he practically did, to ask for whatever they wanted and he would support it, they could not do otherwise than "like him. That was, however, a perilous commitment on his part.

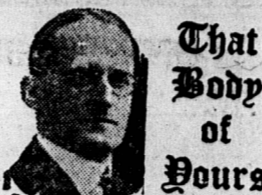
The death of Hon. J. A. Robb, Finance Minister of Canada, is distinctly a great public loss. He was respected by all parties in Parliament; a man whose judgment was sound and who never wasted the time of the House by the use of an unnecessary word. He always thought out what he was about to say before he spoke, and in answering the many questions addressed to him used no more words than were sufficient to make his meaning clear, as it always was.

The office of Minister of Finance is one of the most important in the Cabinet, and has been held by many of the leading public men of Canada. Sir Alexander T. Gait was first in the list, quickly followed in succession by Sir John Rose, Sir Francis Hincks, Sir Richard Cartwright and at various times by Sir Charles Tupper, Sir George E. Foster, Sir Thomas White, and Hon. W. B. Fielding. Mr. Fielding delivered 17 budgets in his active life, thus making a record never equalled in the financial history of Canada. When he became disabled Mr. Robb was appointed to succeed him.

One of the prime requisites of a Finance Minister is that he must have the confidence of the great bankers and banking interests of the country. This, Mr. Robb possessed in full measure. Another point that may be noted in passing is that since Premier King's absence in the West, Mr. Robb had been Acting Premier of the Dominion.

Hon. Charles Dunning, now Minister of Railways, has been mentioned as the probable successor to Mr. Robb in the Finance Department, but nothing is as yet known to the outside world in that regard. Mr. Dunning is also reported to be likely to accept a position as manager of the Associated Grain Growers, to which a salary much above that of a Cabinet Minister would be attached. It seems probable that a very considerable re-organization of the Cabinet structure may result from Mr. Robb's sudden demise.

In provincial officialdom there is an unsettled condition, which



By James W. Barton, M.D.

NO SYMPTOMS TO WARN OF CANCER

It is unfortunate that cancer of the stomach does not make its presence known earlier.

With cancer of lip, tongue, or anywhere about the skin, it is soon detected and radium, the X ray, or the knife, bring about a cure. But with cancer of the stomach in a series of 137 cases Dr. W. Goldie reports that only 46 had previous indigestion, whereas 91 had not complained of having indigestion.

Of the entire number only 3 were under 40 years of age. The average time between the earliest symptoms and the consulting of a physician was 4 1/2 months for those complaining of indigestion, and 5 1/2 months for those who did not. In fact, in 39 of the cases not complaining of indigestion there were no abdominal symptoms of any kind for weeks or months, and the only reason for suspecting cancer was the age of the patient; past 40 years of age. And of the cases with indigestion there were ten who had not had their indigestion or serious illness in nine or more years.

Now if there is not indigestion or abdominal distress how are you to know if you or a member of your family are suffering from cancer of the stomach?

The early symptoms are not alike in all cases, but usually they are loss of appetite, loss of weight, loss of strength, and loss of color. Added to these there is often some distress which may appear to be in the oesophagus—the tube that carries food down to the stomach—in the stomach itself, in the first part of small intestine adjoining the stomach on the right side of the body, or in the part of the large intestine that runs from the right side of the body to the left, below liver and stomach.

So if you are middle-aged, are feeling "poorly," no appetite, no strength, losing your color, you would be wise to consult your doctor. With a complete examination, including the X ray, he is usually able to make the definite diagnosis.

Remember cancer discovered early can be cured. There is no chance if you delay matters too long.



RETROSPECT

I wondered why the fields were not Enchanting as in days gone by, I viewed each memory-treasured spot, Each path and nook still unforget— Beheld them with unmoistened eye— And saw in old familiar scenes The graves of many might-have-beens, Yet wondered why my spirit sought Its old delight—and found it not.

I wondered why the breezes blew, But thrilled me not as in the past, Nor re-inspired the thoughts I knew And strange delights that warmed and grew When here their fancies held me fast, And felt the night wind on my face— The same old wind — the same old place— And mused memories in review I knew of old when breezes blew.

I wondered why the summer skies Were not so fair as once they were, I gazed on them with older eyes And spirit sane and worldly-wise, But in the heaven's silver blur No fancy linked beyond the dome Nor spread for me a broader home In starry-studded Paradise, That once I saw in summer skies.

I wondered why the summer wind And fields and skies of yesterday And boyhood paths that still I find Are impotent to fire the mind Now sorely schooled in manhood's way; And realized my tale of years Had stolen that which most endears— The truths by little boys divined Elude us like the summer wind. —Robert J. C. Stead, in "Kitchen and other Poems."

Captain F. J. Briggs, an English official of the Kenya Agricultural Department in Africa, was killed recently by an elephant.

has been described as "a painful waiting for vacancies to occur in desirable offices."

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

ALLEGED SMUGGLING IN SOURIS

Sir.—Replying to the letter in your paper of November 9th, re Smuggling at Souris, I wish to state that there was not a cargo of liquor landed in Souris on the date mentioned or at any other time within the past two years.

On the night of Sunday, November 3rd, a patrol boat was at the wharf here and furthermore two officers were on patrol between Souris and Rollo Bay till 2.30 a. m. Monday. There were not any cars from outside this district which could be suspected of rum-running, noticed.

"Disturbed Citizen" was either mis-informed or took this means of slandering the officers in charge of the Prevention of Smuggling.

The Prohibition work is safe in the hands of John C. McDonald, who does his work without fear or favor. If "Disturbed Citizen" wants proof of this let him look for Mr. McDonald's friends among the "bootlegging" element and he will find them non-existent.

I am Sir, etc., JOHN JOSEPH MCPHEE, Customs-Excise Enforcement Officer, Souris, Nov. 12, 1929.

Eight Men Of Essex

(The Border Cities Star.)

Eight men from Leamington and Point Pelee, homely fishermen, stand forth today as the heroes of one of the most splendid feats of courage the Great Lakes have ever seen. To Captain James Grubb and his seven companions, who yesterday fought their way across 500 feet of a turmoil of waves and wind, the whole Dominion pays tribute.

It does not sound impressive, this rowing of a boat less than 200 yards. To the hundreds who stood on the shore and held their breath it, was an experience of a lifetime. These brave men were battling the greatest fury Lake Erie has achieved in a score of years. They were doing it willingly, knowing that every moment was fraught with risk to their lives. They were doing it because twelve men and a woman were in peril and acute discomfort, crowded together in a small pilot house on the steamer N. J. Nessen, hard and fast on a sand-bar, while mountainous waves and a roaring, tearing wind were steadily pounding her to pieces.

There was drama supreme in every occurrence. Captain Grubb is anything but a theatric figure. He is a small man, with a wind-bitten face, out of which shines watery, light-blue eyes. Those eyes are permanently red-rimmed from many years of facing storm and sea.

At 3 o'clock Wednesday morning he calmly announced that no boat could live in the storm that was lashing the lake to fury. Eight hours later, with the storm not a whit abated, but with the freighter and its crew in more dire peril, this little, red-faced man calmly announced, "We're going to try it."

No one of the hundreds who crowded along the shore, the hardest sailor taking shelter from the wind against which a man could scarce stand, will soon forget the arrival of the cockle-shell of a lifeboat, pathetically gay in its red, white and blue stripes. It was borne

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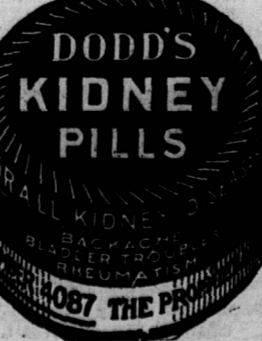
THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK YEIGH

THE EXPLOSIVES INDUSTRY

Q. What is the extent of the explosives industry in Canada?

A. The explosives industry in Canada is assuming large proportions with fourteen plants in operation for explosives, ammunition, fireworks and matches. The production value in 1928 amounted to \$13,521,720 with a capital investment of nearly \$20,000,000 and over 2000 employed chiefly in Ontario and Quebec.



BUILD UP A REST FUND

C. E. MacKENZIE

A common weakness in the financing of rural organizations is the failure to make ample assessment or charge a sufficient rate to establish worth while reserve. In the life of every man and practically every organization doing business, there comes a rainy day or a season of financial distress. If provision is not made for depreciation, and reserves are not built up against the time of trouble, the organization is actually giving service at less than cost, and sooner or later will find its financial standing imperilled and good will shattered.

As an instance illustrating the point, one might mention rural telephone companies that have no rates, or keep rates down to the lowest possible minimum and make no provision for storm or havoc caused by the elements. Then comes a sleet or wind storm that wrecks the lines and causes damage to possibly one half the cost of installing the line when new.

With this wreck their own hands the directors are obliged to do some financing before they are able to even start repairs and this is a very inopportune time to finance advantageously. It would be much better business by far for the directors to take subscribers into their confidence when everything is going well and tell them frankly that a good rest fund plus first class equipment are real economy and sound financing.

Mutual fire insurance companies are often prone to carry on with too small reserves. True their charter provides a security against serious difficulties, but even a slightly higher rate than is often charged would in a few years put such companies on a sound basis, where when the reserve has been built up to the required amount where the interest of which will take care of future increases. Then the directors if they think it would be sound financing might pay profits to its clients.

Service at cost sounds well to the user, but service at cost does not mean, in a business sense that every dollar paid into the treasury is at once expended on the operations that provide that service.

Depreciation must be taken care of, fluctuations in stocks and money values must be looked after, and reserves must be established to maintain the service in the time of trouble.

Few escape the rainy day and man as well as corporation should prepare to weather it.

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