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The Winter Roads

The winter road problem is now upon us, and no doubt the Department of Public Works is making preparations to grapple with it.

An Old Election Gag

The Liberal candidate in the Halifax by-election is reported to be eloquent on a subject which has been played upon beautifully by Liberal candidates at other elections both provincial and federal.

The unfairness of the Old Age Pensions Act to the Maritime Provinces was known to every member of Parliament when the bill was brought down by the King Government.

Table with 2 columns: Province, Percent. Rows include Prince Edward Island (35), Nova Scotia (21), New Brunswick (18), Quebec (14), Ontario (10), Manitoba (4), Saskatchewan (3), Alberta (2), British Columbia (2).

Keeping this table in view it is not surprising that the four last named provinces are the only ones which have yet fully accepted the scheme.

pensions under a law passed at the last session of the Legislature under which the municipalities are required to furnish a large proportion of the necessary fund.

In Prince Edward Island the rate per capita would be even greater and the drain on revenue would simply be disastrous.

Who Lost the Money?

Fabulous sums have been lost in the stock market since the last week in October and a common enough question of the small speculator who reads of "Ten Billion Shrinkage in Market Values" and "Prices Melting in Market Panic" has been "Who got the money I lost?"

It must be remembered, however, that by far the largest sums mentioned in the headlines were purely paper transactions.

Origins of the V. C.

The magic letters "V. C.," says a correspondent in the London Daily Telegraph, are very prominent in our news columns at present, and undoubtedly euphony and brevity are ingredients in compounding the magic.

Editorial Notes

Poultry fanciers are still unable to say whether turkeys are fooled by

Notes By The Way

Airplane peril to cities have come to be considered serious. With us here in Charlottetown it does not cause any concern because we see a plane but rarely while in the great cities of the world of large area there are so many of these machines aloft by day and by night coming and going that the peril of a crash is very real.

A few days since thousands were watching a plane gyrating over Central Park evidently in trouble and likely to make a forced landing within the city.

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Premier Anderson of Saskatchewan, in an interview in Toronto the other day predicted that the province in the next Dominion election will send more Conservative members to Ottawa and also more Progressives than Liberals.

Population in England is 700 to the square mile and in Canada only two and a half and in the United States 35. The number of unemployed in England is now said to be 1,200,000, and it seldom falls below a million.

Taxation is very high—such as we know, nothing about in Canada comparatively. The general desire among statesmen over there is to reduce the surplus population by securing settlement for them in the dominions and colonies overseas, which would build up the Empire and enlarge the market for British manufacturers at the same time.

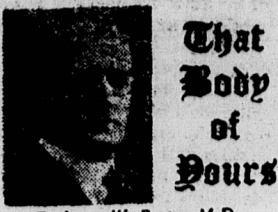
The chief objection British emigrants have to settling themselves in Canada is the severity of our winter along with the high cost of living, not only in this country but throughout North America.

It is rather surprising to learn what the Mail and Empire points out, that Quebec has more hospital beds than Ontario—19,133 against 16,929. Ontario's population is about 20 per cent greater than that of Quebec and to make hospital accommodation equal in proportion would need to have 33,000 beds instead of its present 16,929.

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Two good Christmas presents will be received when Premier King hands out a couple of Dominion portfolios.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Ours

PREVENTING INFANTILE PARALYSIS

An Englishman recently remarked that he saw more children crippled by infantile paralysis in America than he did elsewhere.

This brings this matter abruptly to our attention because I believe we would all do much to prevent it.

Now when Banting discovered insulin, which saves the lives of the young and prolongs the lives of older folk, the Ontario government very generously donated a large sum of money annually distributing insulin free of charge to diabetics too poor to buy it.

Then when Drs. Minot and Murphy discovered that eating liver would cure pernicious anaemia, it was seen that liver would not always be available and so the Ontario government again came forward, and through the minister of health, Dr. Forbes Godfrey, an extract of liver was secured and is being distributed regularly free of charge, throughout the province to all sufferers with pernicious anaemia.

It seems only natural therefore to read that when cases of infantile paralysis began to appear, that immediate measures were adopted to shave the lives and prevent the distressing crippling that ensues.

Dr. Godfrey announced a few months ago that of the 200 cases of infantile paralysis treated in Ontario this year with blood serum, obtained and prepared by his department, fully 95 per cent have completely recovered.

A health minister often has to obtain the money needed by his department by hard fighting. Legislators will give money for hospital care but often fail to see the wisdom of preventive work.

I believe that when facts such as these are brought to the attention of our legislators, there should never be any difficulty in obtaining ample funds for the health needs of the community.



A CHILD'S LAUGHTER

All the bells of heaven may ring, All the birds of heaven may sing, All the wells on earth may bring, All sweet sounds together; Sweeter far than all things heard, Hand of harper, tone of bird, Sound of woods at sundown stirred, Welling water's winsome word, Wind in warm wan weather.

One thing yet there is, that none hearing ere its chime be done, Knows not well the sweetest one, Heard of man beneath the sun, Hoped in heaven hereafter; Soft and strong and loud and light, Very sound of very light, Heard from morning's rosiest height, When the sound of all delight, Fills a child's clear laughter.

Golden bells of welcome rolled Never forth such notes, nor told Hours so blithe in tones so bold, As the radiant month of gold Here that rings forth heaven If the golden-crested wren Were a nightingale—why, then, Something seen and heard of men Might be half as sweet as when Laughs a child of seven.

—Algernon Charles Swinburne, (1887-1909).

THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK YEIGH

PLACE NAMES IN NORTHERN CANADA

Q. What are some place names of Northern Canada? A. Many of the points in the far Canadian north, frequently mentioned in the press, have an interesting history in their place names.

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.

UNFAIR DISCRIMINATION

Sir:—I understand that the Government helps immigrants to come here and settle on farms. If that is so why don't they help our own boys to settle on farms instead of letting them go to U. S. A. and other countries.

JUSTICE

A Greek Professor Revisits Helas

A small party recently had the great privilege of a seven weeks' journey through Greece with Professor W. Macneille Dixon of Glasgow, and the reading public now has the same opportunity of seeing Greece as they saw it.

That singular creature, the mule offers no critical comments. With utter nonchalance, or it may be despairing obstinacy he pursues a track possibly not more than a yard in width, on the edge of a cliff a thousand feet in height scrambles up a rock ladder like a goat, glissades down a slope leaps over a water-course, or plunges into a gully. There is genius in the mathematical exactitude with which he picks his steps.

"To Argue is Useless" "To argue with the animals in such spots is generally useless and assuredly inadvisable. He is moreover, insufficiently bridled with a single rein, and his saddle, insecurely poised upon his back is far from a bed of roses.

The party eventually reached Athens, and the chapter in which the city is revealed has no trace of the guide book or the lecture room.

"Of Athens who has not spoken" says the author, and who can speak adequately? And indeed, in this city to order one's thoughts is an impossibility. Not so much because there are many and delightful things to confuse the mind with their variety, though that is true enough as because the modern town clashes so violently with the ancient. It is crowded, full of bustle and exceedingly noisy.

The Traveller with a Vision

"We felt great sympathy with the former traveller who thought it unfortunate that Corinth or Nafplia, or some other less famous spot, had not been selected for the modern capital, leaving Athens an undisturbed area for reflection and calm enjoyment.

William Hazlitt

Complaint is heard that our modern literature is thin and fugitive and that the up-to-date readers have no time to steadily study authors of established repute.

Amongst the essayists who have a real claim upon our attention stands William Hazlitt the contemporary and friend of Charles Lamb, and assuredly one of the boldest and most vigorous critics of the eighteenth century. Hazlitt was born in 1778 at Maidstone. What schooling he had was received from his father, a Unitarian minister, by whom the youth was sent to Hackney College with a view to ordination.

His lucid style, pungent observations, insight of human nature and picturesqueness of expression are qualities that amply compensate for the paradox and prejudice whereby they are frequently tinged. There can be small marvel that Hazlitt's acute criticisms upon poetry, drama and the fine arts commanded the admiration of young minds experiencing the "revolt of youth," and of even those who scoffed at his political animadversions as the outcome of a soured and warped imagination.

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Invests his subject with an imaginative glow that kindles in the reader the emotion of beauty which is superior to any amount of intellectual shocks. With his usual happy knack, De Quincey has rightly hit off the genius of William Hazlitt by saying "The soul 'in his brain was of a volcanic fertility. He 'requires his reader for travelling through so 'gloomy an atmosphere by the rich vegetation 'which his teeming intellect threw as it 'moved along.' It is a well spoken and a just verdict.

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