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THE BACON SEASON.

This is the bacon season, the season in which our bacon and our bacon reputation are in the making. Our hogs are being prepared for market and on the manner of that preparation depends the future bacon market.

The packers are insisting upon hogs being "finished" before being slaughtered. The reason they give is that good bacon and good hams cannot be made from underfed or overfed hogs, and the reason will appeal to everyone. The bacon market at home and abroad is looking for the best quality and is prepared to pay the price for it, and refuses to take poor quality at any price. The conclusion is inevitable; our hogs must be properly finished if we are to make our hog business as profitable as it can be.

Canadian bacon is becoming popular in the English market where it enters into competition with the world-renowned bacon of Denmark and Poland. Our success in this competition is due to the great care exercised by the Canadian packers, and the insistence upon the proper finishing of hogs before being marketed. It is to the interest of our farmers to co-operate with the packers in this respect. The packers do not want unfinished hogs; the farmer wants to get the best possible price for his hogs. Moreover, he wants to get the best possible price next year. This can be done only by supplying hogs that will make the best bacon and so build up a provincial reputation.

There is no province in Canada which can as completely guard its products as Prince Edward Island. The province is compact and isolated. There is but one main door through which raw material can come or the finished product go. There is no possibility of mixing with the products of any other country. We have the situation in our own hands, we can make or mar our reputation, and that reputation can make or break us.

Individual responsibility for the preparation of our market products is necessary. Every man doing his best, selling nothing that is not fully up to standard, will give us the kind of reputation that will make an increasing demand for our products and insure for us the best prices the world's best markets are willing to pay. We have a unique opportunity for making this reputation for ourselves, and if we individually assume the responsibility, the Prince Edward Island trade mark will give us an entry into the world's best markets.

OUR WASTES.

It has long been claimed by economists that we waste more than we actually make good use of. This is probably true of the country as a whole; it is probably true also of the individual—barring only the miser who hoards up all and uses barely enough to keep body and soul together. The individual who compares his expenditure for actual necessities and actually necessary luxuries, with his outlay for the unnecessary and the useless, will generally find that his income, big or little, would provide a much more comfortable balance at the end of the year than it does.

The wastes in our public life, the expenditures which are authorized by governments and which have to be made good by the taxpayer, are enormous and generally unjustifiable. Since the war we have been talking in millions and billions. The public debt of Canada, for example, is now \$2,816,000,000. Our politicians during election campaigns, boast that they have reduced the debt by some millions. The reduction is usually a matter not

Notes by the Way

November is usually the month for meteoric display, and a well-known astronomer, Mr. Dunning, writing to the Nineteenth Century tells that the present year has been notable in that respect during three months past. Judging from local experience and reports, we would not conclude that the present season has been at all remarkable in that respect. But the Toronto Mail and Empire tells of a meteor which fell and buried itself in the earth on George Turner's farm only ten feet from his front porch at Amherstburg, Ontario. If it had struck his home the collision might have proved exciting.

This leads our Toronto contemporary to an interesting dissertation on meteors, fire-balls, shooting and falling stars, which are identical except as to size. We do not know where meteors come from, but we can in some cases dig them up and find out what is inside of them which is mostly iron or stone, with other metals. They exist in countless numbers, the smaller ones to the estimated number of 100,000,000 being burned up yearly by friction as in their swift flight they pass through our atmosphere.

Meteors of many tons weight have in time past fallen on the earth. Sometimes they have exploded before striking. One of this sort detonated at a height of about 75 miles over the city of Bloomington, Illinois, in December, 1876. The explosion was so tremendous as to shake the city like an earthquake. Fragments of the meteor formed a cluster of fire-balls five miles wide and forty miles long. The main portion of the meteor, with a rumbling roar like thunder, passed on east over the Atlantic seaboard. In February, 1896, a remarkable meteor exploded over the city of Madrid. Though it appeared in the daylight, its brilliancy was so great as to dazzle the eyesight. It exploded at a height of fifteen miles and so violent was the detonation that it was heard and its tremors felt over a radius of fifty miles.

Premier Baxter of New Brunswick announced a year ago that to avoid further increase of the provincial debt his Government would impose direct taxation on the entire province equal to the deficit of the preceding year, this policy to be continued from year to year. But the financial position has since improved by the contribution of the National Railways amounting to \$238,000 and, with good hope of increased revenue growing out of the Duncan report, he has now announced that direct taxation will not be imposed.

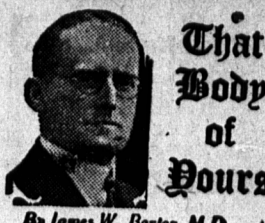
A seizure of six motor cars, supposed to have been smuggled in from the United States was recently made in Moncton, and two of them have since been released on payment of the duty without any arrests being made. Inspector Veniot, who made the seizure, believes that this cluster of smuggled cars shows the work of a new gang, separate from that which operated at Amherst and vicinity, where 14 cars were recently seized. The preventive service and the Customs probe Commission have evidently much work yet ahead of them.

It is hard to tell where the Maritimes are in regard to railway matters just now. The Duncan report recommended a reduced rate in our favor which the Government is pledged to carry out. In the meantime the Board of Railway Commissioners have been investigating the question of freight and express rate structure for a year past and an Ottawa despatch tells that the investigation is now in its final stage and that Mr. H. P. Duchemin, of Sydney, has been named to present the case of the Maritimes before the Board.

That is not all, Parliament from time to time makes and unmakes freight rates—witness the Crow's Nest. It looks as though our right to lower freight rates is being tossed about from pillar to post, possibly to delay or defeat any remedial action. Where there are so many official cooks the broth is pretty sure to be unpalatable.

SIX MEXICANS WERE KILLED IN BATTLE FOR A RANCH

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Nov. 30.—Six Mexicans were killed at Las Tucasas ranch, 4 miles north of Matamoros, Mexico, early today when Argarians attempted to seize the 3,500 acre ranch of the J. P. Fernandez estate, an American owned property. Three of the Argarians were killed and three ranch employees, including the assistant foreman of the property.



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SHOULD TONSILS BE REMOVED?

A Danish physician reports that he massaged the tonsils in eighteen healthy persons, and noted that the white corpuscles in the blood decreased somewhat in numbers. You will remember that the white corpuscles are the fighters against ailments of any kind, and this showed therefore that something in the tonsils also did some fighting for the system, because fewer white corpuscles were necessary when this tonsil substance was squeezed into the throat, and thus into the body processes.

On the other hand, massaging actively diseased tonsils increased the number of white corpuscles in the blood, as they had to fight the poison from the tonsils.

This should answer the question "Are the tonsils of any use to the body?" Apparently healthy tonsils, by filtering out poisons, actually lighten the work of the blood, and that means the lightening of all the working parts of the body.

Diseased tonsils as shown above are not only not a help, but an actual hindrance, a danger in fact, to the body processes.

Take heart ailments for instance. It is a well known fact that rheumatism is a common cause of fatal heart conditions, and the cause of rheumatism itself is very frequently due to bad tonsils.

A Finnish physician made a four years follow up study of thirty-five acute and recurring cases of articular, or joint rheumatism.

These cases had all been given a thorough examination. Not only tonsils, but all other inflammatory processes of the nose and throat had been given thorough treatment.

He makes the following statement: "A favorable influence was unmistakable, especially in the acute cases with high temperature, where the heart was affected."

He noted further that the persons who develop rheumatic infections are often, not always, poorly nourished, and complain of indigestion, constipation, ready fatigue, and one sided headache.

So the idea then is to watch the tonsils. If they are in good condition though large, and are not interfering with the breathing, they should be left alone.

If diseased, they not only make it necessary for the blood to keep up a continuous fight, when it has other work to do, but they are a frequent cause of heart disease.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "I should admire to go lighted to go." Say "I should be delighted to go."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: "food," not as in "stood."

OFTEN MISSPELLED: grievance; ie.

SYNONYMS: opinion, judgment, belief, concept, conception, idea, impression, theory.

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: PHYSIOGNOMY: the face or disposition. "Her tall slenderness, combined with a remarkable physiognomy, arrested my attention."

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

December 2, 1926

THE GOD OF MERCY—"O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like Thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant and shewest mercy unto Thy servants, that walk before Thee with all their hearts."—2 Chron. 6:14.

PRAYER—"Be Thou exalted, Lord in Thine own strength; so will we sing and praise Thy power."

THE UNEMPLOYED

The dead men to the living call: Brothers of old, how goes the day? Is there ripe fruit on the Southern wall Rich with our blood that rot in clay?

Brothers of the great brotherhood Do they fling roses for your feet? The living heard them where they stood Idle, or trudged the pitiless street.

Hopeless, unwanted, Brothers of old How go the song, the dance, the mirth? So you are warm, we are not cold Lapped in impenetrable earth.

The victors stand in the marketplace And no man gives them wine or bread: Would that we too had won that race And earned the clay-cold rest! they said.

The Weather Then And Now

(W. L. Cotton)

The fine weather of the autumn just ended has been the subject of remark by many persons. But it was not unusual. Here is a fact from the record: "On the 24th of November, 1833—forty-three years ago, Mr. Theophilus Crosby of Cornwall brought to Charlottetown a luscious ripe strawberry picked from his garden two days previously."

This fact proves that this year of grace, 1926, is not, at all singular. Indeed, so lately, as the year 1924, a gentleman passing through Queen Square in the course of the Christmas season, remarked upon "the beautiful green of the grass" then growing there.

Nevertheless, "November winds blow cold" at times in Prince Edward as elsewhere. Such disastrous gales, hurricanes and tornados as has recently swept over some parts of the United States Western Canada and the West India Islands have not however, prevailed in this Province. But ours is, it must be admitted, a very breezy little island; and occasionally a gale makes the surrounding Gulf very rough. Rarely have we a storm that bears destruction on its wings. But the gale of 1851 was a notable exception. It caused shipwreck to many American fishing vessels then assembled in the Gulf off our North Shore, and much damage to the towns and villages throughout the Island.

The day before the gale was warm and mild, and the Gulf, it is related had "a strange glassy look". On the night before the storm the "darkness could almost be felt." Fearing a storm and apprehensive of danger, the fishing fleet "put out to sea". But many of the vessels turned too late, and were afterwards driven ashore. Fifteen vessels were stranded in the vicinity of Savage Harbor, and between Savage Harbor and Richmond Bay seventeen vessels were driven upon the beach. Twenty-two of the vessels lost the whole or part of their crews. Altogether it was stated at the time, seventy four vessels were stranded and a hundred and sixty lives were lost.

In 1856 there was another storm disastrous to shipping in the Gulf; and in 1867 a notable gale, accompanied by an exceptionally high tide swept both sea and land. New vessels, not yet launched, were floated from the blocks upon which they were built, and many boats were dashed to pieces. Fishing establishments along the coast were invaded by the unrepentant tide. Eight vessels were wrecked outside of Georgetown Harbor. Eleven vessels went ashore between Malpeque and North Cape. Three vessels were stranded on the shores of Richmond Bay.

In the year 1879, there was on the 29th of October, a storm of extraordinary violence. The tide, driven by it, was so high that it covered fields of potatoes near the shore and still unharvested. Many bridges and wharves were wrecked and many shipping disasters were reported.

The "Saxby Gale" of 1915 is the latest of the notable storms by which this island has been visited. A large number of bridges and wharves were broken up by it.

So that though there has never been a hurricane to compare with that by which Miami and Florida was destroyed, though the latest autumn has been remarkably free from gales, we no doubt have cause to boast that Prince Edward Island is free from disastrous storms—rather we have cause to boast that light walled houses and barns, and use iron and concrete in the construction of bridges and wharves.

But to be dead, to lie alone! They answered: it is well: go sleep. Never to know what we have known: With dreams to keep: with dreams to keep.

Santa Claus has adopted the mode of travel of royalty and arrived in London this year in a coach and four.

Winchester The large sized, mild, blended cigarette 20 for 25¢ a poker hand in each packet

ALBERTA COURT SETS WORLD RECORD—HEARS 111 WITNESSES IN ONE DAY

EDMONTON, Alta., Dec. 1.—A new record in Alberta, "Judicial history and one which it is believed will challenge comparison with any other court in the world, was established in the criminal division of the supreme court yesterday during the hearing of a charge of misappropriation of \$3,228 against John Steele.

In all 111 witnesses took the stand and gave their testimony and 64 exhibits were entered.

"If any other court in the world can beat our record today, I would like to hear of it," remarked Mr. Justice Ives in adorning the case. The hearing was concluded this morning with 12 more witnesses. Steele is charged with getting admitted for a railwaymen's time book. Witnesses told of having paid him for the advertisements, although it is claimed the book never appeared.

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