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NOTES BY THE WAY

Senator Hull of Tennessee who has been appointed Secretary of State in the Roosevelt Cabinet is a low tariff man and his appointment is hailed by many as foreshadowing a general tariff reduction.

President Roosevelt has a wonderful opportunity, one of the finest ever given an American President, and we have an idea that he will rise to the situation, giving his fellow-countrymen the very lead that they need to lift them from the depression, giving them a new outlook on international relations and trade, and most important of all, showing the other countries that Uncle Sam is ready and willing to co-operate; ready and willing to be fair; ready and willing to do the right thing for the general rehabilitation of a world that has been dazed and staggering for more than three years.

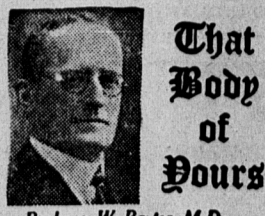
Is the name "grandmother" losing some of its ancient charm and dignity? asks the London Daily Express. In claiming to be the youngest bearers of it, a surprising number of our women readers have protested against being known as "grandmother." The sum of their complaints is that the term implies that a woman is not merely old, but out of date. Queen Mary is a grandmother, but, majesty apart, has anyone dared yet to rank her as out of date? Lady Oxford is younger than most women of her years, but she does not scorn being called "grandmother." "Grandmother" is a distinction of which no woman, young or old, need be ashamed. It is her title-deed to the inestimable privilege of a second stake in the future.

There are not wanting indications that certain influential sections of American opinion are beginning to realize that there can be no hope of a turn for the better in world affairs until there is a debt settlement of some sort, and that unless such a settlement is effected it is useless to talk about remedying economic conditions. It may eventually turn out that America's present financial emergency is a blessing in disguise, in that it paves the way for a new and more liberal approach to the debt problem on the part of Mr. Roosevelt. He has a great opportunity, even as there is laid upon him a very heavy burden of responsibility.

The fear, says the Edmonton Journal, that New Zealand butter shipments would again demoralize the Canadian market may, from all appearances, be dismissed for the time being at least. The New Zealand Finance Minister has stated that his Government is prepared to consider regulating such exports in view of the alarm that they have caused. He claims, however, that the treaty has been a lopsided one in Canada's favour. That may be so, and in any case this country cannot expect to increase the sales of its products in the sister Dominion without making similar purchases in return. But a way of balancing the trade will have to be found without exposing our dairy industry to unfair competition. Its expansion and prosperity mean too much too this country for any chance of its being seriously injured to be taken. The extent to which that view is held by the Canadian public was forcibly demonstrated three years ago.

The New York Times says: "One strong consideration in favor of the Japanese contention has all along been admitted. This is that there has been no well-organized and stable and continuing Chinese government with which a foreign nation can make agreements. When the Covenant of the League of Nations speaks of a country made the victim of aggressive action, it manifestly intends a cohesive and recognized government, able to maintain law and order within its own boundaries and to speak for the wishes of its subjects and citizens. This has not been the case with China since the overthrow of the monarchy at Peking. Other nations, including the United States, have been embarrassed and baffled by this lack of a central Chinese authority, but it is doubtless true that Japan, in her more intimate relations, has felt the awkwardness of the Chinese situation more keenly. In fairness, let it be admitted that Japan has had real complaints and grievances in Manchuria.

There is no way of knowing precisely, says the New York Herald Tribune, what Japan's recent importations of arms and strictly war materials have been. She was said to have placed an \$8,000,000 order for munitions in France in January, and last year she bought a considerable number of machine guns



By James W. Barton, M.D. TESTING THE LIVER FOR TROUBLE IN OTHER ORGANS

The x-ray specialist is often able to help the physician and the surgeon when they are in a little doubt as to the advisability of an operation. The physician knows the patient, recognizes certain symptoms and that would indicate the need of operation and other symptoms that might make it advisable to wait a little longer. The surgeon may not be in any hurry to operate but in his opinion, as the operation has to be done anyway, the sooner it is done the better.

The x-ray specialist by making the necessary pictures is able to help physicians and surgeon come to an agreement. And now what is called the laboratory pathologist, physician, or specialist, by making various tests of the blood, urine, digestive juices, and spinal fluid, is able to tell the physician and the surgeon also, the working ability of various organs.

And the most important working organ in the body is the liver, as it is the largest organ, contains 25 per cent of all the blood in the body, makes bile, stores sugar, helps make coloring matter for the blood, and destroys poisons or harmful substances or filters them out of the blood.

You can thus see that if any one or more of these jobs are not being done properly by the liver, other parts of the body—heart, lungs, stomach, intestines, kidneys—may all be affected. This might easily mean that treatment would be given to these other organs while the real trouble was due to the sluggishness or an inflammatory condition of the liver or gall bladder.

For some time now, before operation on the liver or gall bladder, various tests of the ability of the liver to do its work have been made. By these tests it can be decided as to what is best for the patient—immediate operation, postponement of operation, medical treatment, or other measures.

It is now felt that these tests will be of great help in the treatment of heart disease of various kinds and degree, in the condition and treatment of the blood vessels—high blood pressure—and in the treatment of advanced kidney disease, besides giving a fairly accurate idea of the condition of the liver itself.

The Poet's Corner

FROM ACRES OF YOUR OWN Here's the road to independence, Who would bow and dance attendance! Who with e'er a spark of pride, While the bush is wild and wide, Would be but a hanger-on; Begging favors from a throne; While beneath yon smiling sun, Farms by labor can be won. Up! be stirring, be alive, Get upon a farm and thrive! He's a king upon a throne. Who has acres of his own! Honest labor thou would'st shirk—Thou art far too fine for work! Such gentility's a fudge, True men all must toil and drudge. Nature's true nobility; Scorns such mock gentility; Fools but talk of blood and birth—Every man must prove his worth. Up! be stirring, be alive. Get upon a farm and thrive. —Alexander McLachlan.

Little Freddie did not know quite as much about Scriptural history as he ought to have known, but when his sister asked him, "Where was Solomon's temple?" he was rather indignant that she should think him unable to answer a simple question like that. "Do you think I don't know anything?" he asked. "Well, where was it, then?" said his sister. "On the side of his forehead, of course—the same as other folks!" was the reply.

from Great Britain, as well as some rifle ammunition. Japan is well equipped, moreover, to make her own munitions; she has, of course, been straining every resource to build up her war stocks, and it seems highly unlikely that an embargo now which did not extend to raw materials, credit and ordinary commerce would have any material effect upon her operations in China. If moral suasion leads to an arms embargo, then there is every reason to fear that the arms embargo would lead to a general embargo, and what a general embargo would lead to no one knows.

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.

P. W. C.

Sir,—My recent letter to your columns with regard to the reopening of Prince of Wales College was, as I hardly need to assure you, not prompted by any desire to find fault or to criticize. Newspaper reports however carefully prepared can hardly hope to cover verbatim all of the remarks made at somewhat lengthy proceedings, and I am glad to be assured both by the columns of the press and by private communication, that the services of Dr. George H. Locke in connection with the obtaining of grants for Prince of Wales College and the presentation of the charter of the Central Academy by Mr. W. H. P. Jarvis secured adequate and generous acknowledgment.

I can speak for the alumni of Prince of Wales College now residing in Toronto, of whom there are several, in saying that there is much satisfaction in the promise of even greater days for the fine old institution and every appreciation of the disinterested efforts of Islanders of all parties and creeds in the great work of education which lies before it.

I am Sir, etc., F. C. AULD, Toronto University.

TAIL LIGHTS

Sir,—It is surprising to me that more has not been written against lights on horse drawn vehicles, but, no doubt the reason is that no one believes any government would think of saddling our country people with such a grievance. If it were anything that would be for the general safety of the traveling public it would be commended but there is no way that I can see any benefits will be derived except to the "road hog speed fiend" who, when he runs into any one, can claim (rightly or wrongly) they had no light and that, of course, will clear him of all responsibility. Then it is so near impossible to have lights on all vehicles that it can never be carried out and we begone the vehicle without one. I do not believe it is the wish of farmer auto owners to have this trouble and expense attached to them, so now is your time to speak as notice has been given that a "Vehicle Act" bill is to be introduced at the present session.

I am, Sir etc., R. R. EMERALD

March 3rd, 1933. (No such measure is to be introduced. Ed. G.)

AMERICAN CONDITIONS

By Hon. H. D. McEwen

Sir,—In our last letter we promised some information re the condition of farmers in this country. We will take the State of Iowa as a sample, for the reason that this state is considered to be one of the best, if not the very best farming state in this country. It is considered the nation's storehouse for cattle and hogs, grain and poultry and general farm products. When we passed through this state in the fall of 1929, we were impressed with the fine appearance of its farms and farm buildings, fine fields, well tilled and immense herds of cattle, hogs and great poultry producing plants. We decided that this was surely an ideal and prosperous farming community. But what are the facts? The 214,000 farms comprising 34,000,000 acres, are mortgaged for about 1,000 million dollars, or an average of \$5,000 per farm if all were mortgaged. From 1927 to 1932 45,000 (1-5 of the total) farms were sold by foreclosure for taxes or mortgages, and about 700 banks failed, adding more to the misery of the people. Owing to low prices farmers cannot pay taxes and interest, and are becoming desperate. They are beseeching Congress at Washington for relief. Some want the prices of farm products stabilized, and that the Government pay the difference between what the farmer gets and the stabilized price, but there are so many difficulties in carrying out this plan that it will not become law. For instance, they claim that it takes 93c to produce a bushel of wheat, for which they have been getting about 30 to 35c and so on all through the list. As matters stand the farmers are in a state of semi-rebellion, and what the end will be no one can tell. The following clipping from a local paper further explains the situation:—

In Ringgold County, south of Des Moines, William Runkel, receiver for the Lamon State Savings Bank, one among the hundreds that have failed here, had ordered a foreclosure sale of the farm of H. A. Gilliland. The bank held a mort-

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gage against him.

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Similarly, near Perry, at a foreclosure sale of the farm of George Rosander. Only in this instance some 1,500 farmers attended. The judgment was for \$2,500. A cow was bid in for a dime, horses for 15 cents, while a tractor went for \$150. The mortgage holders realized but \$45.05.

One mortgagee with a judgment for \$2,500, foreclosing his mortgage yesterday, got forty-five dollars for his \$2,500 mortgage. Fifteen hundred farmers stood around near Des Moines, Iowa, and bought in cows for ten cents each, the price of a quart of milk in the city, horses for fifteen cents, a tractor for one dollar and a half. That will not help the sale of mortgages on farms hereafter.

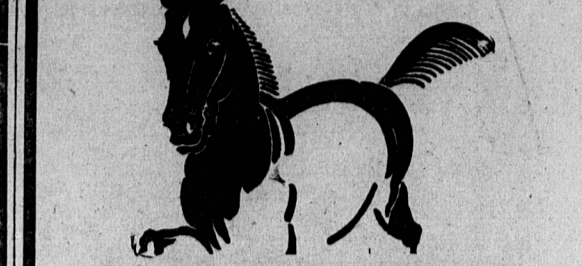
After the "Kingfish" had blocked action on the Glass Banking bill and the Deficiency Appropriation bill at a five-and-a-half-hour session, Senator Thomas (D.) of Oklahoma, declared:

"I can see something resembling a revolution in this country. We have the spectacle of 1,000 hungry, homeless and ragged people surrounding the Capitol at Sacramento, Cal. One fourth of the land in Spotsylvania County, Va., was sold for taxes today. In Iowa, force was used to prevent the sale of farms. Oklahoma judges are refusing to consider foreclosure petitions. In Pennsylvania a Sheriff sold a farm for \$180, cows and horses from 3 to 5 cents."

This will give some idea of the condition of farmers in this great farming state heretofore looked upon as the "bread box" of the nation. As conditions are similar in all the States east of the Rockies, we will just mention the State of New Jersey. This State has at its door the largest and best market in the world for its products, yet we find that the report of the Committee of Governor Moore last December reveals that of the 19,564 farms occupied by full owners 9,220 are mortgaged for about 40 million dollars, or over 4,000 each, and that in 1932 about 400 farms were sold at forced sales. The Federal Census shows that the average mortgage debt in this State is \$66.83 per acre and has increased 16 per cent. since 1925.

The same thing applies to States further South. A farmer in Georgia told us that the price he received for his cotton this year, about 5-1-2 cents per lb., scarcely paid for the labor, leaving nothing for fertilizer or profit.

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These facts show that farmers in this country are "up against it" and are becoming desperate. President O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau Federation says, "Unless something is done for the American farmer, we will have revolution in the country side in less than 12 months." I. A. Simpson, president of the Farmers Union says, "The biggest and finest crop of revolutions you ever saw are sprouting all over this country right now."

Of course, there will be no "revolution" but these facts go to show how matters are with the great and most important food producing class in this country. The "Glass bill" now before Congress is a "try" to improve the Banking System in the U. S. It is meeting with strong opposition from the big interests of Wall Street, as well as from the small banks, but I prophesy that it will become law. People in this country have little faith in the banks, 1,392 of which failed in 1932 with deposits of \$664,358,000 and demand some better security for depositors. In the debate in Congress over this bill, the British and Canadian banking system was held up as a pattern for them to copy. We surely felt proud of our banks and prouder still to be a Canadian. As a matter of fact many shrewd people here do not put their money in banks but use deposit vaults and other hiding places. The numerous failures have driven them to this. When we left home we were recommended to banks in different places as agents or correspondents. In St. Petersburg we looked up the Bank so recommended but was told that "it failed two years ago and was in the hands of a receiver." Mr. Adoo, Senator Elect from California says that there are 49

banking laws in the United States. One for each State and one Federal and that the system is the worst of any country in the world. One of the great reasons of failure is that banks here are allowed to lend money on real estate, and when the mortgagor cannot pay principal or interest, the bank assets become "frozen." The depositor's money is tied up in such frozen assets. We know of an old man who bought a home at St. Petersburg and deposited the balance of his money, \$16,000 in a bank to provide for he and his wife in their "old days. In a few weeks the bank failed and the old man's living was swept away. This is only one of thousands of similar cases in this country, so that distrust of the banks is no surprise. This is ample to show conditions and state of mind of farmers in this country. The laborers of this country are also "up against it." It is stated that about 12 million are out of work who, with their dependents, means a population of 25 to 30 million or about 1-4 of the total population. Of course, no one starves to death, but thousands are only existing. People are very charitable and contribute largely and willingly to help the poor, but this is but a makeshift to tide over the present depression. It does seem strange that while this country has more gold and wealth than any other, yet at the same time has more unemployment. The morning paper just to hand has big headlines stating that the banks will be closed for two days. Wall Street is in a panic because the heavy withdrawing of gold and currency from the banks. A special session of Congress is to be con-

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