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"The Great Betrayal"

In referring, a few days ago, to the prediction that the Liberals in Ontario would abandon prohibition...

Now that the convention is over and the delegates have announced their decision of prohibition for a policy of liquor control...

The Mysterious Universe

In a remarkable address recently delivered at Cambridge by Sir James Jeans, noted British scientist...

This vast multitude of stars travelled through a universe so spacious that it was an event of almost unimaginable rarity for a star to come anywhere near to another star.

This led Sir James Jeans to a picture of the birth of the solar system. A second star, wandering blindly through space, happened to come within halting distance of the sun.

The rarity of planetary systems, the lecturer argued, had a special significance. Life could exist only inside a narrow zone which surrounded each star at a very definite distance.

The most significant feature of Sir James' address was his candid recognition that, a quarter of a millennium after Newton picked up a few pebbles on the shore, scientists are still but paddling in the vast ocean of undiscovered truth.

there is a wide measure of agreement, which on the physical side of science approaches almost to unanimity, that the stream of knowledge is heading towards a non-mechanical reality.

Where Santa Gets His Toys

With Santa Claus on his sleigh with eight reindeer, Donner, Francis, Donner, Elitzen and the others, already on their way from the North Pole, it may be of interest to know where the jolly old chap gets the toys with which he fills the stockings of Canadian boys and girls on Christmas Eve.

Toy-making in Canada is a growing industry, but a considerable proportion of toys is imported from other countries. Figures compiled by the Statistical Branch of the Department of National Revenue show that the total toy imports, including dolls, for the year ended March 31, 1930, amounted to \$2,691,408.

It may be interesting at this season of the year to glance at the history of toys, a history that extends to the most remote periods of which there are records. Archaeologists have unearthed from time to time in Egypt, specimens of wooden, earthenware, stone and metal dolls.

Editorial Notes

Liberalism in Ontario must be running to culls when the delegates at Wednesday's convention had to go outside the party fold for a leader.

Notes by the Way

A seat on the New York Stock Exchange sold last week for \$205,000 and \$206,000, new lows for the year.

In 1928 Canada exported \$14,189,444 worth of goods to Australia, and in 1929, \$19,470,305 worth. During the same two years Canada bought from Australia \$5,301,618 worth and \$3,484,836 worth respectively.

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Christmas the great holiday season

of the year is now upon us with its duties, its obligations, and its privileges. It is the benevolent season, the season of charity and healthfulness.

Most of the news coming from Russia is tainted by official prejudice of personal politics, so that a letter from a young Englishman, who went to Moscow from his University, is likely to give us an interesting picture.

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By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Pours

PASTEURIZED MILK RETAINS VITAMIN C

When you see the trouble to which young mothers go to make sure that baby's food is all that it should be to insure growth and development you may wonder how mothers in former days ever raised their children.

As you know mothers in past days used nothing but milk. If their own milk was in sufficient or unsuitable they used cow's milk sweetened slightly.

However it was found that cow's milk was not always safe due to the number of times it had to be handled, and the length of time it took, before it reached the home.

In order to make baby's milk safe a system of treating it—pasteurization—was established and now in all large cities, babies are assured of safe milk.

Then came a fly in the ointment. Research men discovered that heating the milk deprived it of some of its vitamin C, which is a necessary factor in preventing scurvy.

Therefore, in addition to the milk, children were fed orange or tomato juice which is rich in vitamin C, and so growth and development proceeded satisfactorily.

However more recent investigations would tend to show that it is not only the heating that lessens the amount of vitamin C in the milk, but the number of times it is handled, exposed to the air, pasteurized and repasteurized.

These research men are able to show that with proper handling and careful pasteurization or heating, that only a small amount of vitamin C is lost.

Now this is important because it means that a number of the well prepared milk products, at present available, are quite rich in vitamin C and may be safely and profitably used by mothers and others.

Another point is that the old practice of boiling milk, which has been passing out of use, because mothers felt that much of the "good" of the milk and the valuable vitamin C was being lost, is now felt to be wise and safe, as a goodly portion of vitamin C is retained even after boiling.

This all means then that while orange juice and tomato juice are splendid sources of vitamin C, good cows milk, properly handled, still possesses an adequate amount of vitamin C.



THE FIDDLE

Old Josie got his fiddle set beneath his bearded chin; Along the shore the shadows seemed to rise;

A moment and he tried the strings with fingers worn and old, And then, while silence held us in her spell,

The firelight gleamed! We sat and dreamed of friends that we had known, Our heads inclined unto each pensive strain;

The woods about were deep in gloom, as dangerous to human life. It has been the mariner's special terror, and in its dense form the most skillful navigator is virtually helpless.

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The Ontario Convention

(Toronto Mail and Empire) Since the days of the late A. G. MacKay, the last fully-nationed leader of Ontario's Permanent Opposition, the provincial Liberal party has been led in various directions by such titular chieftains as the dry N. W. Rowell, the wet Hartley Dewar, the wet-dry William Proudfoot, the wet-dry Wellington Hay, and the uncertain W. E. N. Sinclair, whose policy in regard to gustatory moisture, after several elections, remains still an unsolved mystery.

If this week's convention succeeds in clarifying the party's stand on this one issue, even for a few days, it will have satisfied the curiosity of non-Liberals, if not the ambitions of the minority who still retain that faith.

But barley bree has not been the only bane of provincial Liberalism. Coincidentally, during the days since the great MacKay, the party has slyly indulged in a series of engaging flirtations—from which no union, however, has emerged.

New Liberalism seeks to re-establish its integrity. It seeks to find not only a new credo, but perhaps a new "own boots" as well. Without any or "own boots" it will hoist itself by its own petard, and will seek to lure a new congregation to its fold.

The provinces will watch with interest these efforts of the Reform party to reform itself. Perhaps out of the haze of cigar smoke and discussion will come the spark that will revitalize these ashes of the past which have been the sole comfort of Liberals for many years.

On the other hand, the gross hand of reform may merely stir these ashes into a pale semblance of activity. In that case, the sarcophagus will have been aired by the convention; county Liberals will have had the exercise incidental to their pilgrimage; and the province will again settle down to the business of the coming decade, vaguely wondering when the next Liberal convention will be held.

And now the trembling fingers wrought a song of vanished years, Of joys and griefs half-misted o'er by time, And memories rose of youth and love, of age and bitter tears

And long he played, and long we stared about the embers grey; Each tender strain recalled some vanished scene, And seemed to smooth the fitful strife and cares of life away

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The Public Forum

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

TAXATION

Sir,—Your editorial note of Thursday refers to a Toronto report, that Charlottetown was the lowest taxed city in Canada. In this you have overlooked that the reference was exclusively to taxation "for education."

Even in this the statistic, while probably correct as far as it goes, is misleading, in that it has not included sources of taxes for education in this Province which differ from those in other places.

For instance, Notre Dame Academy, St. Dunstan's University and our Commercial Colleges, are educational taxes upon citizens of the City—although they are voluntary. These are conditions which vary in different provinces.

Also, in some provinces the school books and other equipment are provided for by the city or province, and paid for by taxation. In this Province the parents have to provide these at their own expense. This cost of books, etc., in most cases exceeds the total of their other educational taxes. This large item it also excluded from the Toronto statistic.

I do not claim that we are overburdened with taxes for education, but object to being put into unfair comparison with other cities.

That item did not refer to general civic taxation. If it did it would be fifty seventy-five percent off its course.

I am, Sir, etc.

EDUCATOR

ONTARIO LIBERALS AND PROHIBITION

Sir,—The Ontario Liberals, by a majority vote, have decided to spike more firmly the gallows-scaffold upon which executed their party in the last two general elections.

Re-adoption of Prohibition, which they totally discarded in 1926 might have saved their face; at least to the extent of a larger representation in the House. But by deliberately dividing their party on this paramount issue they have made their political suicide only more certain.

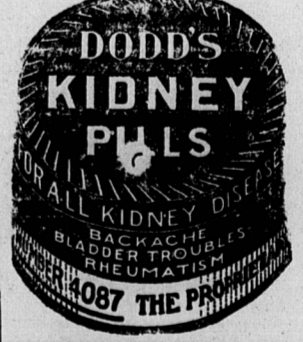
From the prohibition standpoint their action will be highly beneficial. Removed entirely from the stage of party issues, it will give constituents the right to elect prohibitionists to parliament free to follow their judgment in matters of temperance, unimpeded by the ties of any party policy.

This will accord with the United States record which, by electing prohibitionists regardless of party, brought about the Volstead Act. It will be infinitely preferable to the system of the last five years of wobbling and twisting and trying in hole and corner and ambush to run the hare and hold with the hounds.

I am, Sir, etc.

PROHIBITIONIST

He who meanly admires mean things is a snob—perhaps that is a safe definition of the character.—W. M. Thackeray.



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