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MISPLACED SYMPATHY.

OUR Liberal friends profess profound sympathy with the Conservatives in the alleged calamitous refusal of Premier Ferguson of Ontario to be a candidate for the Conservative leadership at the coming convention in Winnipeg. Now that Premier Ferguson is definitely out of the running he has suddenly become the greatest leader in the Conservative party, the only man in Canada who could successfully lead the party! Had he consented to allow his name to go before the Convention he would, in those same Liberal eyes, become as other men, no better than Guthrie, or Cahan, or Bennett or any of the others who have been named as possibilities. Such is Liberal consistency, such also is the Conservative estimate of Liberal anxiety regarding the leadership.

It is quite true that Premier Ferguson was mentioned as one of many to whom the leadership of the Conservative party might be offered; quite true that, had he been elected he would in all probability have made a worthy successor to the great Conservative leaders who preceded him. But he was by no means a last hope, by no means the only man in the Conservative party capable of filling the position. There are a dozen or more who may be relied upon, if chosen by their party, to honor the appointment. In fact, the principal difficulty the convention will meet with will be to agree upon the best in a galaxy of good men.

One thing at least may be looked for from our Liberal friends when the selection is made, that is, that all his faults, real or imaginary, will be eloquently magnified and his virtues studiously ignored. However, the Conservative delegates to the convention and the Conservative party as a whole will not be much concerned over Liberal opinions in this connection. They will find the man. They have made few mistakes in the past, and, with the material they now have to select from, they are not likely to err in their decision in Winnipeg.

THE ELECTORS.

THE electors in this province are divided into two main classes, Liberals and Conservatives. At the last election a new party appeared on the political horizon, namely, Prohibitionists, and on the issue raised by this latter group the election was conducted.

Who are the Prohibitionists? Naturally they come from the ranks of both Liberals and Conservatives. A comparatively few Conservatives refused on principle to endorse Government Control and either voted for the prohibition ticket or did not vote at all. A comparatively few Liberals acted similarly on principle. The great majority of the electors supported their respective parties, Government Control Liberals voted for Prohibition, not because they loved or believed in prohibition, but because it was the policy of the Liberal party.

The prohibition wing of Liberalism is a very small party, but as it was largely instrumental in winning the election it claims the right to dictate the policy of the Government.

The struggle now is between Liberalism and prohibition, between the Temperance Alliance or Ginger group of the Liberal party and the straight Liberals. It will be interesting to watch the proceedings. We are being assured that the Government is functioning. No doubt the amendments which are supposed to make prohibition workable are being prepared by the Alliance and may be expected in due course. They are, so we are told, accepted beforehand by the Liberal party. The fun will begin when the tall undertakes to wag the dog.

FOOLING THE PEOPLE.

EVERY now and again comes a shout from Ottawa that the Liberal Government has reduced the debt of the Dominion by several million dollars. The latest reduction of this kind was announced some weeks ago when we were told that for the first four months of the current fiscal year the Dominion debt had been reduced by fifty-two millions, and forthwith, the Liberal press shouted, Great is the King Government!

Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Conservative leader, in a speech reported in The Guardian yesterday very effectively punctured this bubble which he called the veriest fiction. "If they had the money they would pay a hundred million bond due in October." They can't pay it, but will likely go to New York and float another loan for twenty years." He reminded his hearers that half a million dollars had been borrowed to purchase a house for the Hon. Vincent Massey in Washington. If money has been so flush why the necessity of borrowing half a million to purchase this building?

Boasting has ever been a Liberal characteristic, more particularly during the regime of Premier King. A few millions are lopped off the National Debt whenever political necessity arises, but the debt continues to grow. Immigration, we are told, continues to increase but our young men continue to emigrate. Employment, we are told, is up to that of any former period, but our young men cannot find it.

Fooling the people is probably an agreeable pastime for the wily politicians, and it will probably continue as long as the people want to be fooled.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The farmers who had their seed potatoes inspected before Wednesday night's storm are sympathizing with their less fortunate brethren who have still to face the ordeal.

Some of the street sewers refused duty on Wednesday night during the heavy rainfall, with the result that some of the streets were veritable pools.

An October storm heralded the advent of the Stewart Government four years ago, and now an August storm "blows hansel in on" Saunders.

The November inter-provincial conference is not far distant and if there is an October session of the Local House, the Government will have little time to prepare a program to submit to the provincial premiers. It is time they were getting their house in order.

The gardens and orchards got a shaking in the storm of Wednesday night and the flowers and fruit were strewn about in all directions. It was surprising, however, to find so many apples and pears still on the stems.

Notes by the Way

THERE is a common saying that it is the unexpected that happens. This occurs very frequently. But that the things that are expected happen more frequently than those that are not expected is true in the lives of a majority of people, and of governments and nations. What makes it seem to be otherwise is that when events occur in their natural order we make no note of the fact, but are quickly alert to note the occurrences that are unusual. Day and night, sunrise and sunset, winter and summer, and a thousand other things have followed each other in orderly succession since the dawn of time, and we look forward with confident expectation to their recurrence in future years.

But if the sun should suddenly rise at midnight, or set at noon, it would be set down as a very wonderful and unexpected happening. A little consideration and careful observation will demonstrate that it is the thing expected that most frequently comes to pass in the good or ill that befalls the individual in society, in the nation or the world. None the less the unexpected events that do occur, especially in political affairs.

Who had expected, what all good citizens regret, that Premier Saunders would become seriously indisposed just at the moment when the time was ripe for him to form a new Administration? Who believed at the time when his chief newspaper organ was daily railing at the Stewart Government for clinging to power that the Premier-elect was privately entreating the outgoing Conservative Premier to hold on to the seals of office? Who had expected that the new Government when formed would be called to function under an "acting" Premier? Or, that among its very earliest executive acts would be the purchase of a new automobile for the Government, while so many good Liberals had been condemning the "extravagance" of "too many Government cars?"

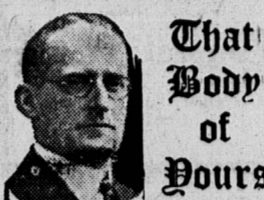
Perhaps when the ministerial by-elections come the new Government may enlighten their own supporters and the general public as well, as to whether the demand of the Temperance Alliance for an early session of the Legislature will be complied with and new and more stringent amendments to the prohibitory law be enacted. An unusual number of unexpected things may happen under a Government which does not know its own mind and is hesitating in a decision which must be made between "the (metaphorical) devil and the deep sea."

It is learned that Premier Rhodes' proposal that both the Provincial Governments and Opposition leaders should join in the coming Conference at Ottawa was the subject of a conversation between Premier King and Premier Baxter, when the Federal Prime Minister was in Saint John recently accompanying Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin. Dr. Baxter had before consulted his own Cabinet on the subject, and they had concluded that it would be desirable to have the Conference enlarged in the manner suggested by Premier Rhodes, especially so far as the Maritimes are concerned, and perhaps with regard to other provinces if they so desired. Premier King, however, took the ground that constitutional practice would render it advisable to confine invitations to the Conference to representatives of the existing Governments.

This decision is naturally disappointing to the leaders of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Governments and at this writing it has not been disclosed what the attitude of the Prince Edward Island Government in regard to the matter may be. The Conference has for its object the discussion and adjustment of the relations between the Dominion and the Provinces. This is not a party-political question, but it is one in which all the people of the Dominion without regard to party are deeply concerned. It would therefore appear to be desirable that the representation of all the people in the Conference should be as full and complete in its composition as it can conveniently be made. It would be quite fair to all sections of the country and to all shades of public opinion to have the representations widened out as has been proposed.

Premier Rhodes' proposal has already been discussed and has received favorable consideration in the Canadian press. It is true that as compared with previous Conferences its adoption would be an innovation but that counts for but little where its basic principle is so apparently sound and equitable. The Conference is not bound by precedents and must be regarded as quite free to make the new departure that has been proposed.

Old Maid—"I have no doubt you think yourself very wise, young lady; but I could give you a wrinkle or two."



By James W. Barton, M.D. WHAT WIDTH MEANS TO THE BODY

I have spoken before about the shape of a baby's chest, and that of an adult. A baby's chest is about as deep as it is wide, but if it develops properly it will gradually grow wide faster than it grows deep, so that in a man if the depth is 7 inches the width will be 10 inches; in a woman it will be 7 inches in depth to 9 inches in width.

Dr. K. Faber of Paris, now tells us how to get an idea of the size and position of the stomach, and here again a good width of body means that the stomach will be up in its proper position, whereas narrowness may cause trouble.

His method of estimating the position and probable size of the stomach is very simple.

You measure the distance, or draw a line from the lower tip of the breast bone to the naval. You then draw a line across the middle of this line, from the edge of the ribs on one side, to the edge of ribs on the other side.

If the width is the same distance as the length, then the proportion is thought to be ideal.

If the length is greater than the width, then the stomach is usually displaced downward. This may mean slower emptying of the stomach, as the food in the stomach has to be pushed upward into intestine.

However another cause of "dropped stomach" that is frequently found, is due to a relaxed condition of the abdominal walls. They are so flabby that they permit all the abdominal organs, including the stomach, to drop downward to some extent, and indigestion and constipation often follow. There are exceptions to this rule of course.

What is the suggestion? That children, boys and girls, be encouraged to play the games of childhood and youth, so that they will get width of chest, which is a great preventative of tuberculosis. The play also gives strength to the heart muscle and builds up heart reserve.

And finally width of chest from waist or line gives the stomach the proper room and position, high up in the abdomen.

FOR THE SCRAP BOOK A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS

Friday, August 26th

UTOPIAS

A few summers ago I spent a happy week at the famous Assembly Grounds on the borders of Chautauqua Lake. The moment one reads that sacred enclosure, one feels one's self in an atmosphere of success. Sobriety and industry, intelligence and goodness, orderliness and idealism, propriety and cheerfulness, pervade the air. It is a serious and studious picnic on a gigantic scale. Here you have a town of many thousands of inhabitants, beautifully laid out in the forest and drained, and equipped with means for satisfying all the necessary lower wants of man. You have a first-class college in full blast. You have magnificent music—a chorus of seven hundred voices, with possibly the most perfect open-air auditorium in the world. You have every sort of athletic exercise from sailing, rowing, swimming, bicycling, to the ball-field and the more artificial doings which the gymnasium affords. You have kindergartens and model secondary schools. You have general religious services and special club-houses for the several sects. You have perpetually running soda-water fountains, and daily popular lectures by distinguished men. You have the best of company, and yet no effort. You have no zymotic diseases, no poverty, no drunkenness, no crime, no police. You have culture, you have kindness, you have cheerfulness, you have equality, you have the best of what mankind has fought and bled and striven for under the name of civilization for centuries. You have, in short, a foretaste of what human society might be, were it all in the light, with no suffering and no dark corners.

I went in curiosity for a day. I stayed for a week, held spellbound by the charm and ease of everything, by the middle-class paradise, without a sin, without a victim, without a blot, without a tear.

And yet what was my own astonishment, on emerging into the dark and wicked world again, to catch myself quite unexpectedly and involuntarily saying: "Ouf! what a relief! Now for something primordial and savage, even though it were as bad as an Armenian massacre, to set the balance straight again. This order is too tame, this culture too second-rate, this goodness too uninspiring. This human drama without a villain or a pang; this community so refined that ice-cream soda-water is the utmost offering it can make to the brute animal in man; this city simmering in the tepid lakeside sun; this atrocious harmlessness of all things—I cannot abide with them. Let me take my chances again in the big outside worldly wilderness with all its sins and sufferings. There are the heights and depths, the gleams and the steep ideals, the gleams of the awful and the infinite; and there is more hope and help a thousand times than in this deadened single to centre.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

August 26, 1927

MAN'S THOUGHTS:—The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity. Psalm 94:11.

PRAYER:—Judge us not, O Lord, according to our evil thoughts but according to Thy Mercy, in Christ Jesus.

DON'T LET MOTHER DO IT

Daughter, don't let mother do it. Do not let her slave and toil. While you sit a useless idler. Fearing your soft hands to soil. Don't you see the heavy burdens. Daily she is wont to bear. Bring the lines upon her forehead. Sprinkle silver in her hair?

Daughter, don't let mother do it. Do not let her bake and broil. Through the long bright Summer hours.

Share with her the heavy toll. See her eye has lost its brightness. Faded from her cheek the glow; And the step that once was buoyant Now is feeble, tired and slow.

Daughter, don't let mother do it. She has cared for you so long; It is right the weak and feeble Should be tolling for the strong? Waking from your listless languor. Seek her side to cheer and bless. And your grief will be less bitter. When the sods above her press.

Daughter, don't let mother do it; You will never, never know What were home without a mother— 'Till that mother lieth low— Low beneath the budding daisies, Free from care and earthly pain; To the home so sad without her, Never to return again.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: "Elder" and "eldest" are used when speaking of persons, "older" and "oldest" when speaking of persons or things.

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: descend. The first e is unstressed, not as e in "me".

OFTEN MISPELLED: nay (no), neigh (cry of a horse).

SYNONYMS: threat (noun), menace, intimidation, fulmination.

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: APPEAL (verb); to entreat; call for aid, sympathy, or mercy. "Then she appealed to me for advice."

The Land We Love

By Frank Yelgh

CANADA'S FISHERIES

Q. What is the annual production of Fisheries in Canada? A. The value of Canada's fishing industry, in 1926 was \$56,360,633 the third largest on record. The invested capital therein totals \$30,000,000 with \$27,500,000 additional, invested in the canning industry chiefly in salmon, which took first place in value of nearly \$20,000,000 and came second with \$7,000,000.

level and quietness of every mediocrity."

I asked myself what the thing was that was so lacking in this Sabbath-day city, and the lack of which kept me forever falling short of the higher sort of contentment. And I soon recognized that it was the element that gives to the wicked outer world all its moral stye, its expressiveness and picturesqueness—the element of precipitousness, so to call it, of strength and strenuousness, its intensity and danger. What excites and interests the looker-on at life, what the romances and the statues celebrate and the grim civic monuments remind us of, is the everlasting battle of the powers of light with those of darkness; with heroism, reduced to its bare chance, yet ever and anon snatching victory from the jaws of death. But in this unpeopled Chautauqua there was no potentiality of death in sight anywhere, and no point of the compass visible from which danger might possibly appear. The ideal was so completely victorious already that no sign of any previous battle remained, the place just resting on its oars. But what our human emotions seem to require is the sight of the struggle going on. The moment the fruits are being merely eaten, things become ignoble. Sweat and effort, human nature strained to its uttermost and on the rack, yet getting through alive, and then turning its back on its success to pursue another more rare and arduous still—this is the sort of thing the presence of which inspires us, and the reality of which it seems to be the function of all the higher forms of literature and fine art to bring home to us and suggest. At Chautauqua there were no racks, even in the place's historical museum; and no sweat, except possibly the gentle moisture on the brow of some lecturer, or on the sides of some player in the ball-field.

—William James

RUTH INJURES HIS BACK

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 25.—Babe Ruth may be out of his home run contest with Lou Gehrig for several days. In yesterday's game Ruth injured his back while swinging at the ball in the first inning of the Yankee-Indian game. Cedric Durst replaced the Babe after Ruth had

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By ROBERTA LEE

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