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UNEMPLOYMENT WORK

Persistent misstatements with respect to the Stewart Government's administration of the unemployment grant appear in the local Liberal organ. The Guardian has investigated these allegations, and finds the facts to be as follows:

Mr. F. A. Wotton, highway superintendent in charge of the work at the Springton gravel pit, states there is absolutely no foundation for the charge that "the work is given exclusively to supporters of the present Government."

A GREAT CANADIAN

Few public men have done so much towards the building up of Canada within the Empire as Lord Atholstan, who may well be termed the dean of newspaper publishers.

It was in recognition of outstanding public and philanthropic services that Hugh Graham was honoured in 1908 with a knighthood and later with a peerage of the United Kingdom, and became Baron Atholstan of Huntington in the Province of Quebec, and of the City of Edinburgh, Scotland.

stances could be cited of his initiative and organizing ability directed towards humanitarian and patriotic ends. He has taken active leadership in financing fresh air funds, pure milk campaigns, cancer research and anti-tuberculosis work, besides supporting, to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars, worthy religious, philanthropic and cultural movements.

MAKE IT GENEROUS

Our citizens will have an opportunity today of showing in a practical way their appreciation of the splendid work of the Charlottetown Fire Brigade. A house-to-house canvass will be made by young ladies, selling tags to raise funds for the purchase of new uniforms for our firemen.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Within the next few days letters containing Christmas Seals and a pamphlet giving an account of the work accomplished by the Christmas Seal Fund during the past year will go forward to every part of the Province.

It is impossible to over-emphasize the great importance of preventive work in fighting tuberculosis, especially among exposed children who have not yet fallen sick. In this humanitarian effort the League is entirely dependent for financial support upon the Christmas Seal Fund.

EDITORIAL NOTES

During the first eight months of the present year 932 banking houses in the United States have had to close their doors. Their deposits amounted to \$999,000,000. Quite a contrast to the sound position maintained by Canadian banking institutions.

Neither Britain nor the United States is likely to be drawn into the Sino-Japanese conflict, but both have property rights and citizens to protect in both the belligerent countries.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Canadians cannot understand why any Americans advocate spending hundreds of millions to create the largest navy on earth at a time when the whole world is talking disarmament and peace.

A gold strike was recently uncovered at the Goldbrook mine, Nova Scotia estimated to run \$400 to the ton of ore, and opening up the ground to estimate the length of the find has so far shown no sign of it petering out.

The St. Catharines Standard, which is independent politically, dwells upon what it calls the Trojan exertions of the Prime Minister in handling the nation's affairs during an exceptionally troublous period.

One of the unexpected by-products of the business depression seems to be a revival of interest in the novels of Dickens. Just why it should work out this way may not be clear, at first glance; but C. B. Roden, in charge of the Chicago Public Library, believes that the reading public, having troubles enough of its own, has turned its back on modern realism and is looking for release in the world of fantasy created by writers of a former generation.

Several hundred residents of Bourke, New South Wales, who made a raid on local communist headquarters, have notified the trouble-makers to leave town by Monday, failing which they will be "railroaded" to the train.

John Masfield has started a controversy by declaring at London that "poetry is best in sunny countries." He may have been prompted to this view by the achievements of Homer, Virgil and Dante, three of the great poets of the world, who came from the sunny rim of the Mediterranean; but what about Shakespeare and Milton, not to mention the only slightly less great lyric poets of England, whose lives certainly were not spent in sunshine?

Anticipating the outcome of the Imperial Conference to be held in Canada next summer an exchange of comments on the give and take policy involved in Imperial preference as follows: No one wants to wipe out an industry in Ottawa for the benefit of an industry in Birmingham. Preferences don't mean that. But what they do mean is that if we expect Britain to go on buying our goods, including our wheat, and giving us a preference, then we have got to be prepared to admit more British goods.

What is more significant than the shrinkage in trade between Canada and United States is the disappearing balance which ran against Canada for so many years. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 1929, the trade balance was approximately \$400,000,000 against Canada and in favor of the United States.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE COMPLETE TREATMENT OF EPILEPSY

That increasing the fats and cutting down on the starches has cured many cases of epilepsy was now being definitely proven, and this method should be more generally known and more generally used.

All that is necessary is that the usual proportions of the different foods of the ordinary diet be changed somewhat. Instead of 1 part meat or eggs, 2 parts fats, butter, and cream, and 4 parts vegetables and bread, the proportions to be used in epileptic cases should be 1 part meat or eggs, 4 parts fats, cream and butter, and 2 parts vegetables and bread.

I have spoken before about the work of Drs. H. F. Helmholz and H. M. Keitt who during the past eight years studied a large series of epileptic cases who had been on this diet, ketogenic it is called, for prolonged periods of time. From 30 to 37 per cent of their cases were free from epileptic attacks while 63 to 70 per cent still continued to have attacks.

They found that if patients using this 'fat' diet remain free from attacks for periods of nine months to a year, the attacks did not usually return when the children gradually resumed a diet which is not quite so high in fats and low in starches.

In addition to increasing the fats, and decreasing the starches, cutting down on the liquid intake is another great help in preventing attacks.

The idea then is to use this fat diet, and do with as little liquid as possible, and if absolutely necessary use the smallest amount of liquid needed to prevent attacks.

No one likes to use depressing drugs, but the damage done by epileptic attacks is now considered more serious than using small amounts of these drugs.

The Poets' Corner

SONNET (Prefixed to His Majesty's Instructions to his Dearest Son, Henry the Prince.)

God gives not kings the style of gods in vain, For on His throne His sceptre do they sway; And as their subjects ought them to obey, So kings should fear and serve their God again.

Couldn't Work On Account of Pains

"I used to have such pains in my back," writes Mrs. M. Thompson, Warden Junction, Stettin, Ala. "I could hardly do any work. The worst was when I did my washing and had to bend over the tub. I had no ambition for anything. I tried three boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and I found them wonderful. I am doing all my own work now."

Dodd's Kidney Pills

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.

RELIEF FOR SOUTHERN SASKATCHEWAN

Sir:—Two weeks ago His Excellency Archbishop McGuigan while on a brief visit to his home in Charlottetown told of the destitution and poverty in his diocese of Regina as the result of three years crop failures and drought conditions the past summer and asking the charity of us of the East to our fellow Canadians of the West.

In response to the appeal of His Excellency the Catholic Women's League undertook the task of collecting clothing and bedding and met with a wonderful and spontaneous response from the parishioners so that over a ton of goods was packed and shipped last week, the Canadian National Railway providing free transportation.

Today the National President, Mrs. W. J. MacIntyre received the following message from Archbishop McGuigan who is at Quebec. Mrs. MacIntyre: National President Catholic Women's League of Canada:

Have just received most urgent appeal from Southern Saskatchewan a startling relief in form of clothes and provisions still needed for at least four thousand Catholic families, comprising twenty thousand individuals. Definite organization alone can bring needed charity to our afflicted Catholic people.

(Sd) ARCHBISHOP MCGUIGAN This message speaks for itself. Mrs. MacIntyre has sent the message on to every diocese in Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritimes and has urged all C. W. L. members to organize for instant relief measures.

Zero weather and starving, men women and children without adequate clothing, in suffering and distress, call upon our charity and our humanity. There must be much spare clothing and bedding through out the Island that could be given. The C. W. L. of Charlottetown will have a place ready to receive all donations and see to the packing and shipping of same.

Particularly do we appeal to the Catholics of our province as the Archbishop of Regina tells us so many of our brethren of the faith are suffering. Further particulars can be had as to shipping, etc., by sending a card to 194 Weymouth St., Charlottetown, or phone 958L or 98.

We are, Sir, etc. CENTRAL COMMITTEE

XMAS GIFTS

TOILET SETS Ashes of Roses \$1.00 to \$10.00 Evening in Paris \$2.00 to \$6.75 Yardley's 85c to \$10.00 Coty's \$2.00 to \$10.00 Houbigant's ... \$2.00 to \$10.00 Hudant's 35c to \$8.50 Gay Paree 50c to \$10.00

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Reminders and Reviews

Now that "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" is being played and discussed in theatrical circles, and may come to us later in the Talkies, we may want to renew our knowledge of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning. The play tells the story of their unusual and beautiful love. There is not, in the history of literary lives, a marriage to compare with theirs in affection and companionship. They were (all their biographers agree) ideally happy, notwithstanding the fact that, being poets of a high order, they would have possessed a generous share of temperament, that elusive quality peculiar to all artists and very trying to their mates.

Elizabeth Barrett was thirty-eight, and Robert Browning six years younger when they married on September 12, 1846. She was an invalid; had been from her fifteen year, when she had received an injury to her spine, and she was far from beautiful if we judge from her pictures. He was a healthy outdoor man, the type that naturally shrinks from sick-rooms, yet he married her against her father's wishes, took her to Italy for her health, and made her happy for nearly fifteen years.

During the years spent in a darkened room Elizabeth Barrett wrote six volumes of poetry. She was already famous when an allusion to Browning in one of her poems, (Lady Geraldine's Courtship), pleased that young man so much that he called to thank her. He would have been flattered; this woman had achieved success, and he had only escaped failure. In fact he had to pay for the publication of some of his earlier works. It wasn't until "Men and Women" was issued in 1855 that Browning received recognition. Fame did not come until later, but his work never received the general appreciation it deserved. There was a period during the late eighties and early nineties when Browning Societies were the vogue, but we never hear of them anymore.

He possessed an extraordinary gift for analysing the human soul and some of his longer poems are really psychological studies. His style is strange; his meaning often obscure, but he is absolutely himself from start to finish: even his enemies concede his originality.

Browning was born to wealth and culture. Early in life his talent was recognized and encouraged by an understanding father. He had a tutor, and home teaching was supplemented by travel in Russia and Italy. Few poets are so well trained for writing as Robert Browning was; it seems to have been a profession rather than an art with him.

His wife, too, received an excellent education. She was tutored with her brother thus acquiring a thorough knowledge of Latin and Greek. She knew Greek almost as well as English, and read the poetry of Greece with keen enjoyment. Before the coming of Browning her life had been far from happy. Almost entirely secluded by spinal weakness she was bereaved of a beloved brother; his death by drowning was a shock that almost killed her. Her father, too, was something of a despot; he had considerable to say in her choice of friends, and was determined that she should not marry. He was never reconciled to her marriage and never spoke to her again.

Nearly all critics agree that Mrs. Browning's finest contribution to English literature is a series of love-sonnets addressed to her husband, but disguised as "Sonnets from the Portuguese;" they are the most popular of her writings at any rate. I like the fourth sonnet, and Robert Browning, being human, would have enjoyed it thoroughly.

"Thou hast thy calling to some palace-floor, Most gracious singer of high poems! where The dancers would break footing, from the care Of watching up thy pregnant lips for more. And dost thou lift this house's latch too poor For hand of thine? and canst thou think and bear To let thy music drop here unaware In folds of gold fulness at my door? Look up and see the casement broken in, The bats and owlets builders in the roof! My cricket chirps against thy mandolin. Hush, call no echo up in further proof Of desolation! there's a voice within!

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That weeps—as thou must weep—alone, aloof." I have very little understanding, therefore slight appreciation of Robert Browning's poems until a few years ago. He appeals to the intellect rather than the heart, and youth wants to feel the beauty of poetry. Even yet though I grasp his meaning—nearly always—and enjoy his vivid word pictures, his poetry has little or no emotional appeal for me; I read for profit rather than pleasure. He is seldom humorous, probably "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" is his nearest approach to that quality, and it is the best known of his shorter poems. Another that we all recognize is "Pippa's Song" from "Pippa Passes;" "The year's at the spring And day's at the morn; Morning's at seven; The hill-side's dew-pearled; The lark's on the wing; The snail's on the thorn; God's in Heaven— All's right with the world!"

The Contribution of the Farmer's Wife The average farmer would have a difficult time making a go of his venture, without the co-operation of a good partner in the home. Most farmers freely admit it; but how many take steps to protect their partner while the venture is still in progress? Could your wife carry on without the aid of life insurance if you were suddenly taken away? Turn about is fair play. Invest a little of your earnings in a Great-West Life policy for her protection. It will protect you as well in later years if you live. Write for rates, or enquire of any Great-West Life Agent. HYNDMAN & CO., Ltd. Provincial Managers The Great-West Life Charlottetown.

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