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Morning Maxim

One usually hears the truth when a fight is in progress.

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GOOD ROAD WORK

Everywhere throughout the Province this season is heard enthusiastic commendation of the Provincial Department of Public Works on the condition the roads and highways. Dragging operations were begun at the earliest possible time, and the instructions of the Department were carried out so effectively that practically every road is now in first class condition.

CLEAN-UP WEEK

Next week is "Clean-up Week," and it is hoped the movement this year will meet with even greater success than in the past. House-cleaning, painting, whitewashing, fence repairing, shingling, removal of rubbish from yards, attention to lawns and gardens—a dozen and one tasks fall into the category of things that should be attended to at this season.

A COME-BACK

Mr. P. W. Gordon, manager of Imperial Oil Limited at Hamilton Ontario, writing to his brother Mr. J. P. Gordon of Messrs. Moore & McLeod Limited here, comments as follows on an editorial in The Guardian with reference to the "visitation" made to the Royal Scot, famous British train, while in Hamilton en route to Chicago:

Inspect it and the railway authorities feared that at the station itself with this large crowd, there might be an accident, due to incoming and outgoing trains. For that reason, the train was shunted to a quieter siding and remained there until its scheduled time to depart.

"I have hastened to disabuse your mind that in this home of the Canadian Club, Scotchmen and Conservatives, any such acts of vandalism could possibly be perpetrated."

PLAYGROUND CAMPAIGN

In view of the suggestion recently made for a concerted effort to provide supervised playgrounds in Charlottetown this summer, it is interesting to note that a similar plan is being actively canvassed in St. John's, Newfoundland, where a Children's Playground Association has been formed with the purpose of raising the funds required for the season's programme "without imposing unduly on the generosity of any one."

The intention of the Association, says the St. John's Evening Telegram, is to provide children of the city with facilities which will enable them to take part in recreation of a health-giving nature, safe from the dangers of the streets and under supervision. Emphasis is placed upon the responsibility of motorists, parents and citizens generally to remove one of the prime causes of physical danger and moral delinquency occasioned by lack of such facilities.

THAT BARTER SCHEME

The notorious barter scheme by which the Soviets were to secure Canadian cattle in exchange for Russian products, with the Federal Government guaranteeing the promoters against possible default in payment, has been laughed off the scene, but, says the Toronto Globe, it remained for a practical Western rancher to administer the final kick outward. Mr. Harry Mullins of Marquette, Manitoba, speaking in the House of Commons this week, did not mince words in dealing with Mr. G. G. Serkau and his ambitious plans.

against loss would come into operation! How fortunate, exclaims The Globe, that certain newspaper ballyhoo in favor of this wonderful barter plan proved ineffective! Backers of the wild proposal have not yet given up hope; but, happily, the Government and the people of Canada are awake to its absurdity. There are other markets for Canadian cattle, in which they will not arrive as "shadows," and in connection with which there is no need of Government guarantees against loss.

FUTURE SEED MARKETS

In recent years an effort has been made to introduce Canadian certified seed potatoes into various countries other than those in which markets are already established, among which were South Africa, Mexico, Hong Kong, Java, Cyprus and Egypt. This fact is noted in the Potato Crop Report issued by the Markets Extension Division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. There were, says the report, many difficulties encountered, the majority of which were uncontrollable, such as high transportation charges which resulted in prohibitive prices as destination, lack of suitable varieties or varieties similar to those which the consuming public in the country of export were accustomed, failure of Canadian varieties to adapt themselves to foreign climates and their susceptibility to diseases when grown without the application of preventive sprays and others of lesser importance.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Probably nothing has brought home to the majority the strenuousness of the recent great flight over Mount Everest so effectively," says the London Times, "as the simple statement that the leader of the expedition got up, in more sense than one, at dawn every morning in order to take a lofty view of the day's weather. The thought is enough to make most of us turn in our beds."

Edinburgh, having recently celebrated the anniversary of Sir Walter Scott, is to celebrate in June the work of another great Scottish poet, William Dunbar; and for that purpose has formed a Masques and Music Committee, whose wider task will be the annual commemoration of some figure or period in Scottish antiquity. Dunbar flourished in the reign of James IV. The later scenes of the masque will introduce him in strange guise on the eve of Flodden Field.

It is difficult to reconcile our contemporary's complaint that "a gerrymander is being perpetuated in the Redistribution Bill" with the further statement in the same organ that "in order to endeavor to arrange a settlement that would be acceptable to all parties, Prime Minister Bennett has named a special committee of the elder statesmen. They consist of two members from the Conservatives, two members from the Liberals including Hon. Mr. Lapointe, and one member from the Progressives, namely, Mr. Gardiner, the leader. These five are now endeavoring to arrange a settlement so that the matter may be brought before the House." Nothing could be fairer than the Prime Minister's action in this connection.

NOTES BY THE WAY

With the stock market in a sustained and substantial boom, people are beginning to say that the depression is past. Fortunately there are signs more reliable than the stock market to justify the optimism. The stock market may be affected by reports and rumours, by false confidence, but it takes more than that to get industry into motion, to move and sell goods, and to advance prices of commodities. All of these things, both in Canada and the United States are beginning to happen. They are happening because people are beginning to spend money, because other people are going back to work, because at last there is a demand for goods and services that provide employment, and with employment purchasing power.—Ottawa Journal.

It is the aim of science to amass material that is capable of enriching the life of the world to an extent undreamed of; and she has done this with a prodigal hand. It ought to be the aim of religion to dispose the minds and hearts of mankind to take the gifts of science and use them in such a way that this enrichment is a wide one and directed to ends that are social, peaceful and constructive.—Review, London.

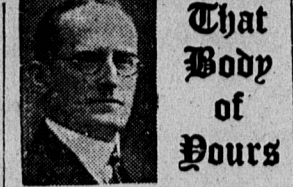
Prior to the Great War, considerable uneasiness was felt by those who prosecuted the fisheries in the seas surrounding the British Isles, as it was only too evident that the supply was rapidly being depleted. The period of hostilities during which fishing was curtailed had the effect of a close season, and following the war, the waters appeared to be more prolific than ever. Increased prosecution, however, with fleets of steam trawlers sweeping the seas in all directions has had the inevitable result, and now it has been decided to enforce regulations to prevent over-fishing and to stop the taking of immature fish.

To the question: When will there be an end to this uncertainty about inflation? the answer is probably locked up in the future and the London economic conference. War debts will not be discussed there—only currency problems, tariffs and to some extent, disarmament. How far the conference can go without discussing war debts is problematical. But if it sets a new arbitrary valuation on the price of gold, it will go down in history as one of the most momentous meetings of the century. Canada would have more to gain than most countries by such an act. She is second amongst the nations in the production of gold. Raising the value of that metal to \$30 an ounce would give Canada an annual production of the yellow metal well in excess of \$100,000,000 annually.—Financial News.

Each new occupant of the White House knows very well that he is never likely to be so strong politically as during the first twelve months of his term of office. The nation is expectant; there is a universal feeling that wishes him well; he has enough political favours to grant and appointments to distribute to keep his followers complacent and to make it worth while for Congressmen to stand well with the White House; and, above all, the hope never dies down in the eternally resilient American breast that a new President means a new era and better times. In Mr. Roosevelt's case all these favouring factors are magnified and multiplied, first, by the fact that both Houses of Congress are impregnable held by its own party; secondly, by the ever-widening range and severity of the crisis that has brought him to power; and, thirdly, by the impression already made upon the public mind by his personality and his acts.

One of the amazing things about air travel—still really only in its infancy—is not that there are the occasional crashes with fatal results, but that they have not been very much more frequent. Aerial travel on this continent, particularly in the United States, is taken just as much for granted as it is in Europe, which for several years has maintained an extensive network of lines. Airmen and aircraft manufacturers have indeed established a fine reputation. Bad accidents are few and far between.

The Overseas League has sponsored the idea of "Empire Meals on Empire Day." The movement is to promote the serving at meals in every household on that day of nothing but products of British countries. It is suggested that in each part of the Commonwealth its particular products should comprise the bill of fare or those from other Empire countries. Her Majesty the Queen has expressed her approval of the idea, and it is hoped that the



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ONE HALF THE WORLD HAS TO SUPPORT OTHER HALF BECAUSE OF MENTAL AILMENTS

When you read that the patients in mental institutions outnumber the patients in all other kinds of hospitals, you naturally wonder what is going to be the end of the matter, and just how long this present civilization will last.

The figures actually show that within fifty years at the present rate of increase in the number of patients in mental hospitals, one half of the world's population will be confined in these hospitals, and the other half will be working to support them.

These figures are true notwithstanding the fact that at the present time for every ten patients entering a mental hospital six come out cured.

Should these figures upset us? Yes, these figures should upset us because this very upsetment will draw attention to this great need and real intensive work will be done in correcting and preventing mental ailments.

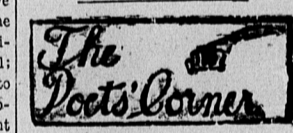
We have only to think back a little to remember that diphtheria was a dreadful scourge amongst children, that smallpox, yellow fever, the plague, malaria, diabetes, pernicious anaemia claimed their victims by thousands and hundreds of thousands and yet medical skill has overcome them. But what can physicians do in preventing mental ailments? Physicians cannot use vaccines, serums, diet, gland or other substances in correcting or preventing mental ailments. While this is true, nevertheless physicians are now going about this work as they have about other diseases.

First, children who are the least bit "different" to other youngsters are now being carefully examined and if there be no physical reason—poor eyesight, poor hearing, infected teeth or tonsils, pinworms—for this "difference", then treatment from the mental standpoint is undertaken.

This means letting the youngster talk and talk, or answer question after question, until the underlying little "twist" or "tangle" is discovered, gradually untangled, shown to the youngster, and passes out of his mind.

This will prevent slight mental ailments in the young becoming too deeply fixed. Similarly, family physicians while still able to help some adult cases by above methods, after a thorough physical examination, including nose, throat and teeth, will now turn these cases over to trained specialists—psychiatrists—and complete cures will result.

I believe the medical profession, as with other ailments, will gradually overcome mental ailments also.



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Let us go back To the simpler and better things; Let us retrace our steps From our greed-born bickerings Back to the quietness Of plain, good friendliness.

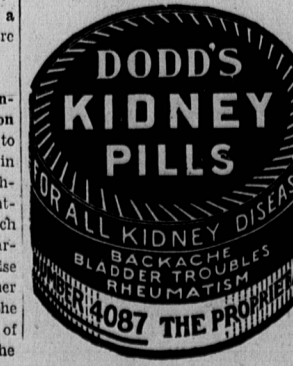
Let us go back To the old roads of beauty's quest; Let us again find joy In the fields and the woods possesses

By the thrill of the Spring, And of Summer wandering.

Let us go back To old-fashioned content, our wealth Found in the garden nooks, And beneath home roofs. Let the health Of the trees and the grass Be ours, as the seasons pass.

—Thomas Curtis Clark.

support which the movement received when it was started last year will be fully maintained.



Another Relief

(Halifax Herald) Hon. R. J. Manion, Minister of Railways, has made a statement in the House of Commons that "it has been arranged that in the future while the Canadian National Railways will still handle the (Prince Edward Island) ferry as they have in the past, the accounting will be separate, and the estimate for the deficit in the operation of the ferry, if any, will be submitted to the House as a separate estimate."

This meets a demand of long standing in the Maritimes, particularly on the Island, because the establishment and operation of satisfactory transport across the Straits was provided for as a term of Confederation and should never have been mixed up as a terminal or operating charge in relation to Government railway finances.

It will be recalled that some months ago the Minister announced a decision to discontinue the practice of showing separately the financial performance of the Eastern Lines of the C. N. R. and to present to Parliament one consolidated statement of Canadian National operating expenses. The practice so discontinued led to constant confusion following the passing of the Maritime Freight Rates Act, and under the new arrangement there will be no possibility of holding up the financial performance of the Eastern Lines as an "evidence" of what is being paid under that new statute. Time and again in Parliament members claimed that the Maritime Freight Rates Act was costing the country four and five times as much as it actually was costing—this the direct result of publishing deficits on the Eastern Lines as the only segregated portion of the annual financial statement of the National Railways.

The decision just announced to have a separate accounting in the case of the P. E. I. car ferry will still further relieve the Maritime transportation situation of charges that have contributed to an entirely erroneous impression of what actually is being done for this part of the Dominion in rail transportation matters.

Hamilton's Sad Case

(Ottawa Journal) Modest, bashful, retiring Hamilton, with a mountain on one side and Toronto on the other, plods along and does his job without much publicity. It is a fine, thriving city which No. 2 Highway turned into something very close to a suburb of its large neighbor and—until the visit of the "Royal Scot"—lived on in public memory largely as the scene of the celebrated Kinrade murder case.

The famous British train, now in Chicago at the World's Fair, visited Hamilton recently and the argument which followed still is resounding around the mountain top. Stories went out that the train had been looted of everything that wasn't nailed down and the Toronto papers, as in their playful custom in matters pertaining to Hamilton, did not minimize the incident at all. Hamilton hastened to deny such an alleged breach of hospitality, but the stories went on just the same, and Chicago reprinted them gleefully.

The Hamilton Herald, therefore, returns to the defence, in pain that it is necessary. "Everything that was movable," it says, "had been picked up in Ottawa, and if anything was left Toronto got it. When the train arrived here there was nothing movable. So, the writer concludes on a logical note, "there could be no pilfering."

It seems that Hamilton, on the whole, would prefer the publicity of a sensational murder.

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Miss Perkins' Chauffeur (Winnipeg Free Press) Although Miss Perkins, President Roosevelt's Secretary of Labor, is advocating a six-hour working day to spread employment, she herself is on the job from twelve to seven hours a day. This fact has resulted in her chauffeur quitting. He complained that long hours on duty were upsetting his family life. The point is, of course, just where the limit is going to be drawn in imposing the six-hour day. Miss Perkins likes her work; we even venture to suggest that her heart and soul are in it; and if anyone should remind her that example is far more effective than advice, and that she should limit her own working day to six hours, and so employ one or more assistants, he would likely be told that it would be most impracticable. So just where is the six-hour day to operate? Is he who loves his work (and there is quite a sufficient number of such people to give the lie to laughter at the remark) to be shooed off home when a task is half finished? We ask you? Or we ask Miss Perkins' late chauffeur? The Prince of Wales set a new golfing fashion when he played two rounds over the Old Course at St. Andrew's recently. When he emerged on the links from his hotel he was clad in a dark green jerkin over a pold jumper. His plus fours were of a brown-blue check, and he wore blue stockings and a dark blue beret. Square Meal A new restaurant is decorated in the cubist style. It will be an additional novelty if they serve square meals.

What Calvin Coolidge Said About Insurance for Children "I urge every father and mother as they are interested in the future of their children to see that they are taught the purpose and value of life insurance. Parents should help their children to take out policies at as early an age as possible. Taking out such policies and then turning them over to the children as soon as they are self-supporting starts them out in life with a gift of real value and assists them in acquiring early a sense of responsibility and habit of saving which will help them throughout their lives." For full particulars of Great-West Life Children's policies, write or call on HYNDMAN & CO., LTD. Provincial Managers - Charlottetown Offices, Lower Queen Street.

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