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CLIMATIC CHANGES

Is our climate changing? This question has long been asked and variously answered.

We have had the privilege recently of reading a diary written in 1842 and 1846 from which we give the following extracts.

From the above, covering a gap of some seventy to eighty years, there is little evidence of any climatic change.

OUR TOURIST TRADE

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discussed than our tourist trade and very few of our undertakings have made so little progress. It is freely admitted, not by travellers themselves alone but by our occasional visitors, that, from the point of view of climate, healthfulness, opportunities for enjoyment, and all that the summer visitors look for, there is no place in North America that has more to offer than Prince Edward Island.

While this condition exists we cannot hope to develop our tourist business. There is no reason why it should exist. There is no reason why there should not be a pullman or a parlor car on every passenger train from Sackville to Charlottetown and there should be no reason why faster time could not be made between these points.

Current Comment

The budget speech of Sir Henry Drayton, Finance Minister is now and no doubt will be for some time the football for political sport and party play.

And these liabilities must be met by the taxpayers of Canada, NO MATTER WHAT GOVERNMENT MAY BE IN POWER, AND REGARDLESS OF THE CARPINGS OF POLITICAL DEMAGOGUES, who try with their spec-

ous arguments to convince the public that these bills can be discharged by hot air payments without the formula of calling upon anybody for such base stuff as the ready cash. Already the Liberal press from Halifax to Vancouver are on the job, heralding in display type and big headlines what they describe as increased taxation.

In point of fact almost everything used or consumed by the poor man is included in the list of exemptions. There is no tax upon flour, meal, meats, eggs, butter

and butter substitutes, animal fats of all kinds, hay, fruits, vegetables, honey, sugar, molasses, fish, timber and the products of the forests, religious books and very many other articles required and in daily use by the masses.

Rather than be fair-minded and lay these whole truths before the people, they hunt after the flaws, and the weak points, if they can find any, in the vain hope that like church-yard ghouls they can find something lying around amongst the dead carcasses of political scandal-making that they can turn to account in their fiendish system of party warfare.

NEW ZEALAND RAP AT US.—A decision rendered by the New Zealand Court of Appeals in a patent case was to the effect that the United States, not having assumed any obligations under the Versailles Treaty, could not claim for itself or its nationals any rights conferred by the treaty.

Daily Selections Guardian Readers

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WAITING

The following poem is from the pen of John Burroughs, the Naturalist, who died suddenly while on his way to California.

Serene I fold my hands and wait, Nor care for wind, nor tide, nor sea; I rave no more 'gainst time or fate, For lo! my own shall come to me.

I stay my haste, I make delays; For what avails this eager pace? I stand amid the eternal ways, And what is mine shall know my face.

Asleep, awake, by night or day, The friends I seek are seeking me; No wind can drive my bark astray, Nor change the tide of destiny.

What matter if I stand alone? I wait with joy the coming years My heart shall reap where it has sown, And garner up its fruit of tears.

The waters know their own, and draw The brook that springs in yonder heights; So flows the good with equal law, Unto the soul of pure delight.

Yon floweret nodding in the wind, Is ready plighted to the bee; And, maiden, why that look unkind? For lo! they lover seeketh thee.

The stars come nightly to the sky, The tidal wave unto the sea; Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high, Can keep my own away from me. —John Burroughs.

THE OLD GARDENER SAYS

While the common hoe has a more extensive use, no doubt, than any other garden tool, it is not so satisfactory for many purposes as the three-cornered hoe, which you may find listed as the Warren hoe, or perhaps as the Onion hoe.

THE PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily enforce the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

PITY THE POOR INDIAN

Sir,—It has just been brought to the attention of the writer that a poor unfortunate Indian, Simon Francis, has been confined in King's County jail for catching a few salmon out of season, near Morell.

This man is in very poor circumstances and to keep his wife and family from starving broke the law as above mentioned. Information was laid against him by the wife of a brother rodkin and the law took its course.

I am, Sir, KING'S COUNTY, May 13th, 1921.

AN ARMY OF OFFICIALS

Sir—Permit me to make some inquiries with reference to the Road Act, now that our law makers have got through another session. In the first place I wish to state definitely that I am no faultfinder, but it is rather a difficult matter to cuss without swearing, and I can't fall to oblige (to quote the philosophy of Billings) what a difference it does make whose dog's tail the tin can is tied to.

NEW YORK, May 14.—In a pistol battle this forenoon between two detectives of the narcotic squad and three alleged drug smugglers, one of the smugglers was mortally wounded and the third smuggler and one of the detectives were wounded.

GIRLS JOINED TOGETHER ARE BORN IN PATERSON

NEW YORK, May 13.—Twin girls joined together were born yesterday afternoon in the Barnert Memorial Hospital in Paterson, N. J., with their heads on opposite ends of a long trunk, but with completely formed hands and arms.

Mackerel Sighted

HALIFAX, N. S., May 12.—The first mackerel of the season have been sighted off the Nova Scotia coast, according to a radio received here today from the Canadian Government steamship Armas, on fishing patrol.

Others' View Points

Art of Observation

—A letter came to Calgary addressed to S. H. Adams, Calgary, and the postal clerk marked it "Not known in Calgary." It seems that it was for the Mayor of Calgary. Before censuring the clerk, remember how often you fail to see the most obvious things, like the old lady who said that her sight was so good that she could see a needle in a barn door, but complained that she could not see the door.

Wife's Direct Action

—When a woman was charged at Lambeth Police Court yesterday with assaulting her husband, it was stated that the assault consisted of getting her son to hold his father's hands while she went through his pockets and took 18s. The defendant said that she took this action because her husband refused to give her money for food. In binding her over, the Magistrate (Mr. Gill) said that whatever her grievance might be, she must not do this sort of thing.

LET'S KEEP IT DARK

Again the expert anglers are going forth carrying all the finest trout flies they can get from experts, counting on finding a few fishworms, if necessary, under logs near the stream. But, for goodness sake, don't mention it.

FACTS HAVE TO BE FACED

The national conference of builders and building trade mechanics has not been able to find a royal road leading to increased volume of business. There is no royal road. The only path back to normal conditions is that which is being followed slowly and painfully by Capital and Labor in many other industries—the path of reduction of cost of materials, of wages and of profits.

Detectives Battle With Smugglers

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Result of Campaign

The shooting was the result of the campaign which Dr. Carleton Simon, special deputy police commissioner in charge of the narcotic squad, had been waging against the smuggling of cocaine, heroin, morphine and opium into this country by sailors on vessels plying between this city and South American ports.

POPE ORDERS SCHOOLS FOR ALIEN GIRLS IN U. S.

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TOLSTOI—the peasant—and a mind content

THE great Tolstoi once asked this question of a peasant, plowing: "If you knew you were to die to-night, how would you spend the rest of this day?"

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