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Honourable Domestic Service

Miss Bondfield, Minister of Labour in the British Government, has done all women a good turn by speaking well of domestic service. She truly says that domestic service is an honourable as well as a skilled occupation. For reasons that are fast disappearing, where they still linger, the paid service of the home has lost much of the esteem and honour to which it is rightly entitled. Particularly in the areas where the textile industries are established and also in the large centres of commerce, there has long been a marked reluctance to undertake housework. Slowly that reluctance is breaking down. Domestic service is itself more attractive both inherently and relatively than it was twenty years ago. Its conditions have improved and, in comparison with many other occupations, it offers both greater security of employment, and when the week's board has been taken into account, a better net financial reward. Moreover there is a large unsatisfied demand for domestic service. For a large number of young single women who have been out of work for some time, and who have but little hope of regaining a permanent place in their former employment—because, perhaps, of technical changes—there is available the alternative of domestic employment. Miss Bondfield has no doubt that these young women ought to turn their thoughts to domestic service and that, if they fail to do so, they should receive a reasonable prompting. "I want to protest most emphatically," Miss Bondfield said, "against any suggestion of less of status in taking up such work." Millions of women engage in housework with dignity as competent housewives—all the better for having learned it as a profession—and the same work does not lose its dignity if honourably done when honourably paid.

Mr. Taschereau's View

Premier Taschereau of Quebec is quoted as saying that Quebec should be consulted before the Bennett Government extends aid to Western Canada. According to a newspaper despatch he has told the Canadian administration "that if Canada, as a whole, is to help the western provinces out of their present predicament, the Federal Government should first consult Quebec, since this province and the old province of Ontario will have to bear most of the burden of such relief, even as they had to bear the cost when the western provinces had to be digged out of their railway predicament some years ago, and everybody knows what that cost." Mr. Taschereau made this statement in the Quebec Legislature last week. Quoting Mr. E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, as saying that the Government should go to the help of the West, he proceeded:

"I believe that the two old provinces of the Canadian Confederation, Ontario and Quebec, have their word to say in this problem. Oh, I know perfectly, and have no hesitation in saying, that Canada should be united, that Canada is a body with various members, and that when one of the members is harmed the whole body is sick, and a remedy is necessary. As far as the Province of Quebec is concerned, it is again ready to help the west. We have created the west, we have civilized it. We have built its railroads and have been a market for it. We have need of the west, as the west has need of us. But to-day aid is again being asked for these western provinces. . . . Two years ago we had an inter-provincial conference at Ottawa, and the west asked that they be given their natural resources. Ontario and Quebec, without hesitation, said to Ottawa: Very well, give them their natural resources with-out compensation of any kind for us; we have no objection. The resources were given to the west, and now again they are knocking at our door and asking for aid."

Apart from the question whether the Prime Minister of Canada should go, hat in hand, to Ontario and Quebec asking them what he may do for distressed farmers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, Premier

Notes by the Way

Taschereau's statements reveal a curious myopia with regard to Canada as a whole. He seems to be under the impression that the eastern boundary of the Dominion is the Province of Quebec. His knowledge of the enormous contribution which the Maritime Provinces have made to the building up both of Central and Western Canada seems to be nil. Quebec and Ontario have done exceedingly well under Confederation, though it would be difficult to gather this impression from the hasty and ill-advised statements which Mr. Taschereau has seen fit to make on this occasion. Fortunately his viewpoint, so far as the Maritimes are concerned, is not shared by the members of the Bennett Government, upon whom the burden will fall of adjusting the difficulties of the western farmers in a manner which will be equitable not only to Quebec and Ontario, but to all the provinces.

Canada's Defense

It is a favorite gesture of after dinner orators to point proudly to the "invisible boundary" of 3,000 miles between us and the United States, along which—with the exception of the Lakes since Prohibition in the United States—not a gun has been pointed nor a bayonet drawn for more than one hundred years. These gentlemen invariably neglect to mention our most important guarantee of peace and security. If the orators ignore it, however, there is little danger of any foreign power failing to take it into account. The United States Congress is budgeting this year for an enormous amount for military expenditure. We give the figures the other day. It amounts to a per capita tax of about \$9.00 whereas the per capita tax of Canada's total naval and military expenditure is about \$1.50. The reason that we too are not paying hundreds of millions for defense is because we have that defense without paying for it. In other words, it is because of the British Navy.

"I Canada's 'invisible boundary' were invaded tomorrow we could draw, if necessary, upon the whole resources of the British Empire. Of course there is no reason to expect such assistance. The friendship between the United States and Canada is close and there are links of trade and social intercourse that bind us strongly to each other. But the basis of all the peace and security we enjoy is the fact that we are an integral part of the British Empire, and not merely a country of immense area and wealth with only a few millions population and a nominally undefended boundary line. Our 'invisible boundary' is invisible by reason of its impregnability, not because of the absence of guns and bayonets but because no hostile power could for a moment ignore the existence of our very real available armaments.

In this respect there is some similarity between the position of Canada and that of ancient Sparta, which alone of all the cities of Greece boasted that it possessed neither walls nor ramparts for defense. It lay seemingly open to invasion—not because it was defenseless, but because the military fame of its citizens was such that it required no defense. With us, it has been the same. Israel, of the British Navy that has insured that peace and security to which our orators so frequently and so sentimentally refer. Once the watchdog of Britain's overseas "possessions," the Navy still functions, at the expense of the British taxpayer, as the sleepless guardian of the self-governing nations of the British Commonwealth to which it is our good fortune to belong.

Editorial Notes

Liquor, according to Mr. Justice Saunders, was the cause which brought two prisoners before him in the Supreme Court at Summerside last week, to be sentenced for serious offences. He had both prisoners sign temperance pledges. It might not be a bad idea for the magistrates and J. P.'s to obtain similar pledges from all prisoners sentenced to the Summerside jail.



By James W. Barton, M.D. ANY KIND OF LIVER MAKES NEW BLOOD CELLS

When Drs. Minot and Murphy were able to prove that the eating of calf's liver was a cure for that formerly incurable ailment, pernicious anaemia, immediately all over the world the use of calf's liver became so enormous that the supply was not equal to the demand.

Accordingly the price went up from ten or fifteen cents to as high as a dollar a pound. Unfortunately it was many months before investigators discovered that cow's, pig's and lamb's liver was just as effective. And to complete matters and make it possible to get the benefit of liver anywhere, anytime, extracts of liver are now manufactured which give the same results as fresh liver.

This ailment is due to the fact that the red corpuscles of the blood, which carry nourishment to every part, are not only lessened in number, but the amount of food material—haemoglobin in each little cell is lessened in amount.

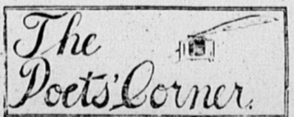
Thus the individual becomes pale and thin, and wastes away in a few months or within one or two years at most. Blood from another person injected into his blood vessels might help him for a few months, but practically every case formerly was fatal.

However Drs. Minot and Murphy realized that the liver contains substances which help the bone marrow to manufacture fresh strong red corpuscles when many of these in the blood are worn out, broken down, or lost by bleeding, believed that if some extra liver substance were supplied to a thin blood individual it would likewise make the red marrow in the bones manufacture more red blood corpuscles.

And their belief was rewarded by seeing this simple method save many valuable lives throughout the whole world.

The latest thought is that pernicious anaemia is due to some organic defect in the bone marrow which causes it to manufacture corpuscles that are not perfect in structure. The liver seems to have the power to control the amount and kind of corpuscles manufactured. Hence the value of extra liver in the diet.

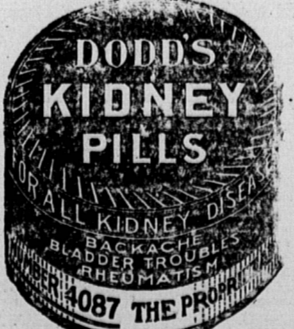
The great test of education is whether it enables us to sit down by our own fire and by ourselves for a couple of hours, and then rise up with a sense of companionship each has found in himself—Ramsay MacDonald.



There are deeper pools than hide The silver fish's gleaming side; Deeper seas than ebb and flow Over crumbling wrecks below.

Never think that love knows all. Be love great as earth is small; Though his sight is swifter far Than eyes of hungry eagles are.

Though his nimble senses dive Where none has dared and come alive, You will ne'er enrich his chart With the soundings of that heart. —Claude Collier Abbott, in the Nation and Athenaeum.



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That Body of Hours

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.

THE OTHER SIDE

Sir,—Your contributor "HUMANITY" makes an appeal for sympathy for the families of two alleged Prohibition violators serving a jail sentence.

There is not a spot in Canada where charity abounds more abundantly than in this Province, and cases such as he describes are never neglected—when brought to the attention of the proper authorities, in a proper way. This pardoning of magnified and misstated conditions is therefore liable to be interpreted as an attempt to discredit the law, rather than secure sympathetic relief.

The offenders referred to, the writer is advised, are not Prohibition Act convictions, but are in jail under Federal law for having and operating an illicit still. Instead of "a quantity of beer," as stated by "Humanity," there was a five gallon still in operation, with "Mash" capable of producing alcohol and spirits. And this "still" was operated within immediate proximity to a public school, and almost within the shadow of the sacred cross of the church. The seizure was made following complaints from several families whose children attended the school.

"Humanity" has made no appeal on behalf of those children, nor on behalf of the larger number of the victims of those law-breakers. Not a word for the wives and children from whose bread winners this traffic has filched their earnings in exchange for unlawful booze. Is it essential that these innocents must suffer cold and penury and starvation in order that the wives and children of the guilty may enjoy life's comforts from the gains of an unlawful traffic?

What a travesty upon justice it would be if "in the legal machinery to make provision for the helpless mothers and little ones," "Humanity's" suggestions were carried out? Legal machinery only deals with offenders—and none other. If law provided for all the dependents of convicted criminals what an invitation it would be to those of loose morals to commit crime in order to get comfortable jail board for themselves, and a living for their families at the same time. It would even be an inducement to the otherwise honest unemployed when under the pressure of desperate want.

When one of these wives, objecting to the husband's arrest, asked what they would live on if deprived of support, the reply was that there are several dollars spent in "that mash" which would have bought considerable bread. Is law to be amended to allow those men to buy more mash with the children's bread money, and to sell more home brew, to impoverish more homes, that from the proceeds the illicit distillers may maintain their families?

There is no question as to the duty of government and community to care for the indigent, regardless of offence or cause, and there is little danger but that it will be done, as in this case it is receiving attention. But instead of revising laws to encourage offences, they should be made stricter—the lash is again coming into prominence—to make jail less inviting, and to compel "husbands young and able bodied" to earn for their wives and children an honest living.

I am, Sir, etc., REAL HUMANITY

We may, if we choose, make the worst of one another. But we may also make the best of one another. We may forgive even as we hope to be forgiven. We may put ourselves in the place of others and ask what we should wish to be done to us and thought of us, were we in their place.—Dean Stanley.



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"A MASTER SINGER"

Sir,—Every now and again there appears in the columns of The Guardian, something which, from its intrinsic merit, one feels should be reserved: Such is the fine and illuminating editorial on "A Master Singer" in the issue of Dec. 9th. Sir William Watson, the veteran poet, has, it appears fallen on evil days. A sensitive man—and a poet is necessarily such—is inclined to bear the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune perhaps not with tranquility but always with silence, hence Watson's poverty was not generally known. Now that it has come to light, his countrymen, (whose everyday religion, according to Dean Inge, is Justice,) may be trusted to lighten as far as they may the remaining days of the poet. The case presents a certain parallelism with that of another master of verse, Francis Thompson, whom his friends rescued in his latter days from the direst poverty.

Watson was seen as well as bard, perhaps another gift to the true poetic temperament. In 1877, in his indignation at the indifference which Europe manifested towards the Armenian massacres, he wrote the prophetic lines, entitled "Europe at play."

"O listless audience, met to see The last of the grim tragedy On that terrific stage afar, Where burning towns the footlights are— O listless Europe, day by day Calloously sitting out the play!

So sat with loveless countenance cold, Round the arena, Rome of old, Pain, and the ebb of life's red tide, So, with a calm regard, she eyed Her gorgeous vesture million-pearled, Splashed with the blood of half the world.

High was her glory's noon; as yet She had not dreamed her sun could set! As yet she had not dreamed how soon

Shadows should vex her glories' noon. Another's pangs she counted naught; Of human hearts she took no thought; But God, at nightfall, in her ear Thundered His thought exceeding clear.

Perchance in tempest and in blight On Europe, too, shall fall the night! She sees the victim overborne, By worse than ravening lions torn; She sees, she hears, with soul un stirred, And lifts no hand and speaks no word, But vaults a brow like those who deem

Men's wrongs a phrase, men's rights a dream. Yet, haply she shall learn too late, In some blind hurricane of Fate, How fiercely are alive the things She held as fool's imaginings; And though circuitous and obscure, The feet of Nemesis, now stir!"

This law of retribution is not merely the idle imagining of a poet, the Divine ledger has a trial balance which exacts the uttermost farthing and neither individuals nor nations escape. It is true that the good may suffer, for pain is of the nature of a first step to a higher plane, as the ancient dramatist strove to show in the book of Job; but it is the inexorable law that the evil must suffer for the evil committed, and all history shows it. Nemesis

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