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WANTED, A REST ROOM.

ONCE upon a time a Charlottetown City Council, urged thereto by a general expression of public opinion, decided to build or otherwise procure a rest room in which visitors from the country or strangers in the city might find accommodation and an opportunity to get their hats on straight, wash their hands and otherwise prepare to go out and mingle with the citizens or their business in the stores or elsewhere.

Nothing has since been heard of it, at least from a city council, except an occasional echo of the above-mentioned public opinion which is still as strong on the subject as when first expressed.

Charlottetown is, we understand the only city of its size that is not provided with some such conveniences. It is not fair to our customers or to our visitors.

We invite them to our stores and offices. We like to see the city filled with them, and we accept their money cheerfully, but we owe them some consideration in return. We owe them a comfortable rest room in the centre of the city, preferably near the market.

We trust the city council will take this matter under consideration, and we feel sure that their good business sense will see the need of such accommodation as we have referred to. We are behind the times in this respect, and we cannot afford to lag behind.

OUR PROSPERITY.

DURING five months of the present year, according to statistics recently published, our imports from the United States increased by \$59,000,000 over those of the corresponding period last year. This increase has been in evidence during the greater part of the Mackenzie King regime, and it is still growing. It will continue to grow as long as the present fiscal policy remains.

The greater effect of this importation from the United States is shown in the Western provinces. The policy of the Government appears to have been shaped with the definite purpose of winning support there. Preferential railway rates have been accorded them, tariffs have been lowered to suit them, and the result is to be seen in the boastful attitude of the United States press with regard to Canadian trade. It has been pointed out in recent statistical statements issued by the United States Government that their export trade to Canada had increased enormously in the past two or three years. A few years ago Great Britain was the principal customer of the United States. Today Canada occupies that doubtful position, and our American friends are looking forward hopefully to an even greater expansion of trade with this country. They jubilantly refer to the magnificent wheat harvest of the Western provinces and confidently expect that they will reap out of it a corresponding profit.

They are manufacturing the agricultural implements for the Western provinces, including tractors, harvesting machinery, etc. In July last the number of American tractors sold in the Western provinces was 1800. The present tariff has made all this possible.

The London Morning Post, referring to Canada's fiscal policy, says: "Canada tried a policy of meekness. She turned the other cheek. Indeed, we might say of Mackenzie King that he offered himself in a still more humiliating position to the United States, but it was of no avail. If Canada, with her present strong trading position, were to adopt a more spirited policy, we believe she would find it more profitable."

The policy of meekness has formed a theme for the Hon. R. B. Bennett, who believes in so adjusting our tariff relations with the United States as to give Canadians an equal chance with foreigners in their own

market. When one considers what the effect would be upon Canadian industry of having the agricultural implements for the West alone manufactured in this country, the wisdom of the policy preached by Hon. Mr. Bennett and stoutly maintained by the Conservative party for the past fifty years will be easily apparent. The Conservative policy, enunciated fifty years ago this September by Sir John A. Macdonald, has been maintained in its entirety by the Conservative party and acted upon by the Liberals under Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It was only during the tariff tinkering years of the present regime and the kow-towing to Western Canada by the King Government, that demoralization fell upon Canadian industry.

Canada will in the near future have an opportunity to express its opinion on the fiscal policy that is driving Canadians out of the country, and we have no doubt that the verdict will be in favor of a radical change in our fiscal relations with the United States.

REFUSE TO LOOK.

SOME three hundred or more years ago an astronomer, by means of a telescope, which he had constructed, made some discoveries among the stars which were in conflict with the pre-conceived opinions of his day, and he was scoffed at. To prove the truth of his discovery he asked his doubting friends to look for themselves through his telescope. They refused to look, preferring to believe as they had always believed rather than take means to find out whether they were right or wrong.

We have learned much during these three centuries, but too many of us still refuse to examine our beliefs and our opinions, and find out for ourselves whether we are right or wrong. We have absorbed, by inheritance, by training, by environment or otherwise, certain opinions regarding matters which are literally important, but have not always troubled ourselves to find out for ourselves whether we really believe them or why we should.

Occasionally we come upon opinions which differ widely from those which we imagined were our own. As they are different from our pre-conceived opinions, we forthwith reject them and strictly refuse to look into their merits or demerits, just as our mediaeval ancestors refused to look through the telescope which might have convinced them they were wrong.

We are not all right, and not many of us always right. We need to ask ourselves why we hold certain opinions, we need to try to ascertain why others hold different opinions from ours. It is necessary for us, if for no reason other than to establish our own views, to see why others hold theirs. There is more truth in the world than we usually credit it with, more right in the views which differ from our own, than we are ready to admit. Let us not entirely ignore the opinions of others. They have as much right to them as we have to ours and, possibly, as much foundation. The thing is to find out, first why we hold certain opinions and what foundation others have for differing with us.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The frost is on the pumpkin. The gorgeous coloring of Autumn is beginning to manifest itself, but the greater glory is yet to come.

Potato digging is now quite general throughout the Province. Some of our city school boys are making money picking and sorting in the nearby farming sections.

The apple crop in this Province is said to be below average this season. This is all the more reason why as many of them as are available should be on sale in our stores.

Notes by the Way

SPREADING lies and misinformation about Canada has already begun in England by the few hundred returned miners who were sent back because they declined to work at fair wages. The press is made the vehicle for spreading their tales of woe and is backed up by kindred malcontents in the Motherland. Even so respectable a magazine as The Empire Review gives a very unfavorable impression of the Dominion in an article, "What's Wrong with Migration?" And The Pictorial Review is quoted in cable news as publishing an article containing such absurd statements as the following:

The country has to be awakened to the fact that it is far from impossible, and equally far from improbable, for Canada to be lost to the British Empire. Saskatchewan postage stamps, which used to be in English and have the King's head upon them, are now bi-lingual, and the King's head has been removed.

This is really funny to Canadian readers, who all know that no Province of Canada issues postage stamps. They are issued by the Dominion alone, and, for the convenience of our large French-speaking population, are made intelligible to both English and French.

Ignorance of Canada is far too common in England, and it is deplorable when those who write for publication indulge in making a display of their ignorance in articles spiced with malignity. We must put up with it for the time, knowing that in the end the facts will be made known and the situation cleared up for truth is mighty and will prevail.

And all is not right with our immigration problem in Canada, as The Guardian has frequently observed. There is in many places in Canada a degree of anxiety and alarm over the flood of immigrants from Continental Europe, that are being dumped into the Dominion by various agencies. This multitude of aliens so vastly outnumbers the English-speaking newcomers. The sense of alarm on this score has moved Right Rev. George E. Lloyd, Bishop of Saskatchewan, to sound a note of warning. He affirms that this flood of European continentals is a grave peril to Canada, especially in the Prairie Provinces.

Bishop Lloyd points out that the railway agreement given by Premier King two and a half years ago has resulted disastrously and ought to be cancelled, and a quota plan similar to that in vogue in the United States with regard to foreign countries. During four months, April, May, June and July, of a total immigration amounting to 86,710 only 27,982 were of British stock. If this ratio of British versus foreign immigration is continued, Bishop Lloyd declares that our British connection and even the British language in Canada are in jeopardy.

A new flying machine which the inventor calls an autogyro has crossed the English Channel at a speed of 100 miles an hour. This contraption is unlike anything that has yet soared in the air. It can rise perpendicular from the ground, move forward or backward at the will of the pilot, and when it alights comes straight down from aloft, alighting as gently as may be desired. The autogyro was piloted on the way from Croydon Field, England, to Le Bourget, France, by J. De La Cierve, its inventor. More will be heard of this machine in the not distant future.

"Woodman spare that tree," was a song that was popular long ago when it was first published about the middle of last century. And Joseph Howe, in his tribute to Our Fathers, mentions that they quelled the savage and spared the tree that casts its pleasant shadow over the pathway. Not always did the pioneer settler spare all the trees that should have been spared. Had they done so there would not now be the want of shade trees about so many of the homes in Canada. There is some lack of shade trees about the dwellings in the rural even of Prince Edward Island. Our city has an abundance and in a few cases a super-abundance of beautiful and ornament shade trees which grow luxuriantly.

Our trees in the city in many places need pruning. The branches hang too low over the sidewalks, obscuring the street lights at night and much in the way of the umbrellas of pedestrians in rainy weather. When the leafy branches are loaded with rain they hang much lower than when they are dry, and tall folk have to stoop and creep along as best they can, under penalty of receiving a copious showerbath. A few days' work with pruning and clipping appliances would effect a great improvement by removing the obstructive branches. Will our alert Street Committee take the hint?

Describes Visit to This Province

A gracefully written account of "Odyssey in the Maritimes" by Mr. Hector Charlesworth appears in the current issue of the Toronto Saturday Night.

The writer begins with a description of his impressions on crossing the Straits:—"Cape Tormentine, New Brunswick, is but nine miles from the harbor of Port Borden almost at the same time as the Prince Edward Island, and between the two points two great ice-breaking steamers ply winter and summer, though at times masses of drift ice coming down Northumberland Straits make the voyage difficult. This is an obvious error, as only one of the ferries is an ice-breaker. These vast ferries carry great trains of freight cars, for the "Island" is one of the most productive agricultural areas in North America and its per capita trade and accumulated wealth would fill certain sections of Canada with envy. As I looked down into the sunlit green waters at Tormentine I saw hundreds of violet and pink jelly-fish, great and small, that gave a tropical suggestion to these waters. The red soil and intense green of Prince Edward Island itself produced a most vivid colorful effect as we approached Borden. On the ship in addition to freight cars were automobiles whose license plates bore the proclamation "Black Foxes and Seed Potatoes," staple industries of this garden province."

After an interesting historical sketch of the Island Mr. Charlesworth says:—"One sees miles and miles of potato fields, but these aristocratic tubers are not for consumption. They sell at prices an epicure would shrink from, for Prince Edward Island has wrested away from the State of Maine a large part of the seed potato market of the Southern States which must turn to the North for disease-free seedlings. The black foxes industry, once the source of crazy speculation, is now on a sane and normal basis. The madness which placed values of \$30,000 on a single pair of foxes has ended and hundreds of fox ranches are running on a profitable basis now that the water has been wrung out of the earlier speculation. I saw a number of these ranches and learned that one of them entails a considerable capital investment in plant. They are quite different from the stinking kennels one sees in Ontario. The area is wired down through the friable red soil until blue clay is struck, for the black fox will burrow out of any ordinary soil and it is necessary that the pups be bred in a natural state if the pelts are to be of fine quality. The importance of the industry was indicated by the fact that while I was in Charlottetown a perjury trial was in progress which was the outcome of an elaborate fox-stealing conspiracy.

"Foxes and seed potatoes are not however the exclusive industry of the Island farmers. Their egg business is said to be the most efficient example of a co-operative industry in America, with the most meticulous attention to quality and grading. Draught and roadster horses are exported in large numbers also. In their devotion to the horse, the farmer population would not, until comparatively recently, permit a motor car on the Island, a sore deprivation to the prosperous residents of Charlottetown and Summerside, and to tourists who have for many years loved the Island for its magnificent surf bathing on the beautiful beaches of the North shore."

The historic associations connected with the Legislative Building at Charlottetown are described and a brief account is given of the delegates who attended the Charlottetown conference which eventually led up to Confederation. "Hanging in the chamber where these notabilities met," says Mr. Charlesworth, "is a photograph of the group taken after adjournment, which provided the famous painter, Robert Harris, a Prince Edward Islander, with many likenesses for his famous picture 'The Fathers of Confederation.' A more unique memorial of the occasion—the most unique in Canada, in fact, is a bronze plaque in low relief showing the five leading protagonists, Macdonald, Cartier, Tupper, Tilley and Gray of P. E. I. in various types of Roman costume. In the kilted skirt of a Praetorian guard Sir John A. Macdonald looks as one might say, 'very nifty.' Prince Edward Islanders are anxious that the Federal Government should take over this chamber and its relics as a national shrine. At present the local administration is thrifflily using it as a business office.

"Apart from its historic legislative buildings, Charlottetown is notable for its spacious homes embowered in flowers. Its Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Frank R. Hertz, a man of princely hospitality, resides in a beautiful mansion of his own overlooking the great harbor, and uses Government House only for special occasions. But let no one think that the vice regal office in so small a province is a sinecure. The annual military camp was assembled while I was there and what with various official functions His

Honor was obliged to change his clothes four times during the course of a day in obedience to the traditions of his office. The most striking of all the local buildings is the Cathedral, one of the most beautiful edifices of its kind in Canada, erected by the devotion of a considerable part of the population. The lines of its grey stone exterior are Gothic but not ponderously so, and the interior is dazzling in the glow of its vari-colored marbles. Though not vast in comparison with the great Notre Dame Cathedral in Montreal this interior gives a remarkable effect of spaciousness and dignity.

The author then describes his departure by the S. S. Hochelaga to Pictou, and his impressions of other parts of the Maritimes.

That Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

REGARDING THE HEART ACTION THROUGHOUT THE DAY

The usual test for the action of the heart is to have patient lie down, then sit up, then stand, then walk or run a certain distance, then rest two minutes, and then see if heart is back to the number of beats it was at the very beginning.

Now this test is fairly accurate and the test of having the individual jog a few steps, and then rest two minutes was the usual test for an army recruit. If the heart was back to the same number of beats as before the exercise, the recruit was actually accepted even if the rate was a little faster or a little slower than the rate usually considered normal.

However the medical profession is trying always to get everything down to a scientific basis, and so the recent invention of Dr. E. P. Boas of New York City is worthy of our interest. As you know it would be impossible for a physician to be with a patient all the time. Dr. Boas has developed an instrument "that will record automatically the number of heart beats over a long period of time even in a person who is indulging in exercise, running, walking, coughing, laughing, or moving about in any other manner. In ailments like the severe form of goitre the rate of the heart may be very rapid. In other ailments, associated with weakness of the heart, the rate may be slow."

Now you can readily see that when a patient is examined, and the physician is uncertain as to just how much actual exercise he gets from his daily round of work or play, he can, by attaching this instrument and getting an account of the activities for that particular day, get more, or perhaps less, exercise.

While the increase of the pulse rate from certain work could be permitted for a certain time, the physician may prescribe a rest period for a few minutes afterwards. He is thus in a position to say, whether or not the heart reserve is sufficient for the daily habits of the patient. The use of this instrument should certainly put the prescription of exercise on a scientific basis.

The Land We Love

Canada's Governor-General. Who have been the Governors-General of Canada since 1867? The Governors-General of Canada since 1867 have been: Viscount Monck, 1867-1868. Baron Lisgar, 1868-1872. Earl of Dufferin, 1872-1878. Marquis of Lorne, 1878-1883. Marquis of Salisbury, 1883-1888. Baron Stanley of Preston, 1888-1893. Earl of Aberdeen, 1893-1898. Earl of Minto, 1898-1904. Earl Grey, 1904-1911. Duke of Connaught, 1911-1916. Duke of Devonshire, 1916-1921. Baron Byng, 1921-1926. Viscount Willingdon, 1926.

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