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ANXIETY.

There is much anxiety in this Province and elsewhere throughout Canada regarding the terrific hurricane which swept the coast of Florida last Friday night and Saturday morning, a report of which was published in yesterday's Guardian. There are many Prince Edward Islanders and other Canadians at present in Florida, and their friends will anxiously await news from them. There have also been very heavy Canadian investments during the recent boom in Miami, a boom which, like many others of a similar kind, was greatly overdone and which left in its wake financial losses second only to the wreckage left by the hurricane. No particulars at all have yet been received by people directly interested here and all will hope for favorable news in the near future. Florida so far as we can recall, is not subject to disturbances of the disastrous character recorded in this instance, but in tropical and semi-tropical countries, hurricanes and cyclones may be expected at most at any time. The climate in Florida, particularly along the south-east and east coast is beautiful in the extreme, but there are few tropical countries that can be trusted to behave themselves the year round. Blest, indeed, is the land where, when one retires for the night, he has pretty definite assurance that he will rise in the morning approximately near where he went to bed the night before. In the tropics with all their beauty and all their salubrious climate there is no such assurance at any time of the year. We have our disagreeable climatic conditions here occasionally, but there is much satisfaction in living in a country which has never known devastating storm or flood, which has never been torn up by a hurricane, nor had its crops halted or burned out. We would profit much by cultivating contentment and appreciation of our blessings for they are more abundant in our little garden province probably than anywhere else in the world.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The most casual observer, if he thinks at all, cannot fail to observe and to admit that political corruption in Canada has grown to alarming proportions. Those who can look back over a period of fifteen, twenty or thirty years can trace this growth from the days when any politician offering a quid pro quo for a vote would be kicked out of doors, to the present day, when respectable men and women, as well as the hoodlums of the street, will bargain for the highest price payable by either party for a vote or the combined votes of the household. This has been done in Charlottetown and in many parts of the province during the last and several previous elections. It was not done altogether in secret. There was no shamefaced acceptance on the part of the respectable or unrespectable electors, no sheepish look on the countenance of the "lady" or "gentleman" offering the bribe. The transaction was as open and above board as the purchase and sale of a case of eggs or a cargo of potatoes. As the latter case there was haggle over the price; there was refer-

other side and the purchaser was obliged either to pay the higher price or let his opponents have the price. This state of affairs is not confined to either party. Both are equally guilty or, rather perhaps, victims of the system, a system which has developed so amazingly during recent years that seriously-minded men and women are really alarmed. It has been said, and we shall not here stop to question the accuracy of the statement, that no constituency in Canada today can honestly elect an honest candidate of either party. This is a very serious outlook to face but, sooner or later, it must be faced, otherwise we shall reach a crisis which may restore the country to sanity, but at what cost we do not care to look into at present. Coincident with this condition another danger has arisen, all a part of the political rottenness which accompanies the election of representatives. Who can set bounds to the present smuggling and bootlegging business? What is the attitude of respectable men and women towards it? It is common knowledge that liquor is being landed along the coast of the Atlantic and the St. Lawrence; common knowledge that respectable citizens make no bones about buying a case or a keg of smuggled liquor because they can get it at half or less than half the price of legally sold liquor. And the smuggling is not confined to liquor or to the seaboard. The 3,000 miles between Canada and the United States is exploited by smuggling adventurers on both sides of the line who are assured of a return cargo in either direction. Smuggling has within the past few years fallen into the hands of organized companies and today is a greater menace to Canadian business even than tinkering with the tariff. It is proven that a great many mercantile concerns in Canada were put out of business in the past few years by competition with imported goods which escaped the customs duty. Where will it end? The late Government withdrew the Mounted Police from the border because they did their duty and so imperilled the Government. Now that they are again entrusted with power, will they effectively police the border or will they yield to political exigencies? We shall see!

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Exhibition today. Everybody going who is not in the harvest fields. It is pleasing to note that there is more painting of residences in this city at present than usual. It is a healthful epidemic and many are catching it. A great outbreak of the epidemic will make the city more beautiful than ever. The Autumn flowers are more luxuriant in city and country than has been the case in many years. This is no doubt due to the plentiful moisture throughout the Summer and early fall. It is unfortunate perhaps that Exhibition and harvesting thrive under different kinds of weather. When the weather is fine the farmers attend to the harvest and cannot attend the Exhibition. When wet they could come to the Exhibition, but the rain hurts the Exhibition, and there you are!

Notes by the Way

Speaking of the Liberal Leader and the coming Imperial Conference, the Toronto Globe points to the importance of that assembly, and the desirability that Canada should be represented thereat. "A number of questions of extreme importance to the Dominions," it says, "will come up for consideration at the Conference, and probably for some measure of decisive action. Among these that of defining Dominion status on several very controversial points will be vital to the future relationship of the Motherland and the daughter States overseas and to the relationship of those States to each other. The question is one, in fact, involving the foundation upon which the Imperial Commonwealth will hereafter rest."

The Globe goes on to say:—"It is imperative, therefore that the Premier of Canada should not only be present, but that he should clearly and precisely define the position which his Government will assume on this great Empire issue. It is all the more necessary and urgent that Mr. King should do so since the impression has been given even by some of his own followers that he is lukewarm in his attachment to the Imperial connection, or at least that he is not inspired by that ardent devotion to the Empire and its interests which Canada's partnership in such a Commonwealth of British Nations calls for. The attitude, therefore, which he will assume on the dominant question of the Conference will be awaited here with interest, and not without concern."

Mr. King did during the campaign give valuable assurances that "he would do all in his power to maintain Canada's proud position as one of the great self-governing nations within the British Empire," but this statement issued in the heat of an election is an oracular deliverance capable of diverse interpretations and must be read in the light of his past line of action which has constantly tended to weaken our British connection and lead to entire separation. No one need wonder that Mr. King has not revived the Globe's "concern."

Mr. King has in his following every disloyal and anti-British element in Canada, and those elements are looking to him to assume the "double mandate" referred to in our notes of yesterday, which alleges him with Hertzog, the Boer Premier of South Africa in his prohibitive attitude at the Conference. It remains to be seen whether and how far he will prove true to his recent loyal protestations, or yield to the wishes of the baser elements in his own party.

At this writing it appears probable that Mr. Meighen will resign the leadership of the Conservative party. Whether his resignation will be accepted or not will depend largely upon whether or not he desires to retain the leadership. There are some reasons why he may insist upon the acceptance of his resignation. Speculation is alert as to the probable choice of his successor in the event of a vacancy occurring. Among those mentioned in this connection is Hon. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario.

We are told that Mr. Ferguson has not been asked officially whether he would accept the honor if it were offered him, but that he has been "sounded." His friends believe he would accept it in due time the position should be offered him by a representative convention of the party. No immediate decision is expected, and it is anticipated that Mr. Meighen, if he desires to retire, will remain leader until his successor is chosen.

Premier Ferguson is accredited with first-class ability, a natural gift of leadership, personal popularity and a fund of platform humor. He is a good mixer and has recently acquired very friendly relations with Premier Taschereau of Quebec, and the Government and people of that Province.

It is thought by Mr. Ferguson's many admirers that under his leadership the Federal Conservative party would gain increased support in both the Provinces by the St. Lawrence and the Lakes, which just now seems to be an absolute necessity. He is, however, not so generally known in the Maritimes, or on the Prairies or the Pacific Coast as Mr. Meighen has been.

And should Mr. Ferguson be offered and should he accept the chance to enter the Federal Arena as Leader of his party such action would create a rather formidable vacancy in the Government of On-



That Body of Yours

THE BLOOD IN HEALTH AND ILLNESS

Over a century ago a celebrated British surgeon noted that in blood collected from patients with inflammatory ailments, the little corpuscles settled to the bottom of the vessels more quickly than in health, and the rate of this "settling" was in proportion to the severity of the infection. Just why this was not further investigated I am unable to say, but in 1917 and since that time, throughout Italy, Germany and America, more investigations have been made as to just why this early settling of the corpuscles takes place in ill health.

For instance in normal individuals, the time required for all the corpuscles to settle down is from 8 to 16 hours in women, and from 10 to 20 in men. However there are great variations in this, and research men tell us that only individuals in which the settling takes 3 hours or less should be considered as not normal.

And so they classify cases into four groups. First, 30 minutes or less, second, 30 to 60 minutes, third, 60 to 120 minutes, and fourth, over 120 minutes. Where it is 30 minutes or less it usually means an acute pus condition, but where it is over 120 minutes, there is not likely to be any pus. Now how can this knowledge be made useful in medicine and surgery? Well in pneumonia it would show 30 minutes, and in tuberculosis or abscessed teeth, it would be 60 to 120 minutes.

Thus a physician would know immediately if it was only 30 minutes that he had an acute condition to treat. Further, if a second test showed the blood settling in even less than 30 minutes he would know that the case was taking an unfavorable turn, whereas if the second test took longer than 30 minutes he would know that the patient was likely on the way to recovery.

There are other methods of ascertaining the above information, by the temperature, heart condition, number of white corpuscles and so forth, but this settling of the corpuscles, or "sediment" test as it is called, is just one more aid. Also where other symptoms might seem to conflict, it should help to confirm the diagnosis. It may not always be often necessary, or in some cases it may not be advisable to make it, so don't feel that you or yours are being neglected if this test is not made.

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: "Fish" is a collective noun, as well as singular. "How many fish did you catch?" OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: devastation. Pronounce dev-as-ta-shun, the e as in "he," accent third syllable. OFTEN MISPELLED: acclimated. Two e's. SYNONYMS: loyal, true, devoted, faithful, staunch, constant, trustworthiness. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: APPREHEND; to lay hold of, grasp mentally; perceive. "Their efforts to escape had been apprehended."

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And so McGill men and women from every State in the Union, and from all the provinces in Canada as well as in other parts of the world are being invited to be in Montreal from October 6th to October 9th next, to renew old friendships, see the changes and improvements that have been made in the University buildings, and participate in the honoring of distinguished graduates and the entertainment provided.

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The Public Forum

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BARKING

Sir,—From time immemorial dogs have barked at the moon. What causes them to do so is not known to a certainty, but it is significant that the brighter the orb shines the more vociferous are the canine howlings. It is comforting to be assured that the midnight "kecklers" have not in the least dimmed brightness and glory of the orb of night.

In like manner are great and good men and women barked at by a species of human canine—a species which, though having lost the prore position and candal appendage, yet retains the characters of the original animal. But, as in the case of the moon, these latter howlers cannot tarnish the fame or dim the lustre of the innocent objects of their unholy wrath.

Does not your contemporary the Patriot show great want of discretion, if not disrespect for the King, by giving place in its columns to tirades against the Governor-General—tirades that are false in word and conclusion? The editor knows well (few know better) that had conditions been reversed and a Conservative government been in the same position as the King government with a vote of non confidence or censure under consideration, it would be wrong to grant a dissolution to Meighen or any other premier. Would not the Patriot hold up to horror and contempt such an action? And it would be justified in doing so. I challenge the Patriot to deny that it would denounce such an unconstitutional proceeding. Granting them that it would be wrong in the case of a Conservative government, how in the name of common sense can it be right in the case of a Liberal one? "O Consistency thou art a jewel!"

Again, granting that it was proper to allow King a dissolution under the circumstances when would it become improper? In other words how many times should he or any other premier be allowed a dissolution when faced by defeat in parliament? When is it proper for a government to resign? Now, I am not a politician, but by reading and observation, I learn that when a government is defeated either at the polls or on the floor of the House, it is constitutional for that government to resign.

Had King taken his medicine like a white-man and stood up till he was knocked out, which result was a certainty, would he not have had to resign? Did running away from the vote make any difference? It is simply folly to say that the result of the election proves that Lord Byng was wrong. Had he done otherwise he would have disgraced the high position he occupied—the representation of the King.

If he an evil to refuse to resign a government when threatened by defeat, surely it is a greater evil to condone wrong doing by countering the voice of parliament. Lord Byng was obliged to make a choice, and a sober and conscientious world will say he chose aright. I am Sir, etc., CONSISTENCY

The vote of the 14th did not show disapproval of Lord Byng's action, even allowing that to have been the only issue. Quebec remained exactly as it has been in the past. The English speaking provinces gave a majority against Mackenzie King, whether it is on the constitutional issue, scandal issue, or general issue.—Ed. G.

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An Idyl of the Cool Canadian Woods

Born here in Prince Edward Island, the "only real island there is," L. M. Montgomery, author of "Anne of Green Gables," and the Emily books is an ardent lover of the clear lakes and woods and the bluff Northern Coast. In her new romance "The Blue Castle," she has set an idyllic love story in the heart of the tall Canadian pines, on such an island as haunts the nature lover's dreams. With this new novel, published by McClelland & Stewart, Toronto, the author breaks definitely into the field of adult literature. As everybody knows, recognition first came to L. M. Montgomery in 1908 when her "Anne of Green Gables" was published. Before that she had taught school, done a little newspaper work and had written dozens of stories and sketches for the magazines in the United States. In 1911 she married Rev. Ewen MacDonald and went abroad for a long trip afterwards settling at a manse in Leaskdale, Ontario, where she lived until her recent removal to Norval, Ontario, near Brampton. L. M. Montgomery definitely creates the problem novel, and writes, as she says, to provide fresh and sane entertainment, portraying the kind of people she knows, who have ideals of "loyalty, upright dealing, kindness of heart, a sense of responsibility, a glint of humor, and a little decent reserve." This is a large order, but that she is capable of handling it, one need only to open her new book and fall under the spell of the heroine and the Blue Castle she builds of her dream.

Valancy Striding, the heroine of "The Blue Castle," has passed twenty-nine years of mouse-like days in the bosom of a dull and proper family. Her only release comes from her dreams of a shimmering blue castle in Spain. One day she finds that she has incurable heart disease, and from that moment she determines to have one fling before she dies. In her passionate search for romance she is swept into a sudden marriage with a mysterious young tramp from the Canadian woods. This queer match lands her on a delightful island in a remote Northern lake, among pines, squirrels, and cardinal flowers. How she, isolated from her familiar past, meets new and baffling problems, and steers the craft of her life through obstacles is a story told in the author's happiest and most sympathetic manner.

Convocation in the afternoon, when special honorary degrees of LL. D. will be conferred on two distinguished sons of McGill. On October 7th there will be lectures, clinics and exercises by the different faculties and in the afternoon a garden party at Macdonald College, while the evening will be devoted to fraternity and group dinners. On Friday morning there will be a general meeting of Graduates Societies, and in the afternoon the University sports at the Molson stadium with a big Re-union dinner in the evening. The Saturday morning meetings with the various Faculties will bill, the proceedings concluding in the afternoon with a football match between McGill University and its old rivals of the pigskin, Toronto University. Notifications of attendance from nearly a thousand graduates and students from the four corners of the earth have already been received by W. D. McLennan the executive secretary of the Graduates Society, McGill University, and these are being added to daily, so that the 1926 Re-union is likely to be as big a success as that which marked the centenary of the birth of James McGill, the founder of the

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