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It Is To Laugh

Our local contemporary is achieving fame as a sure back-fire prophet.

And now the Imperial Oil Company has played a real mean trick on our contemporary.

Political Amenities

At the opening session of the British House of Commons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Conservative leader,

"But they do not mean a referendum," interrupted an alert Labor member.

"No, they do not mean a referendum," agreed the Conservative chief-tan, when the laughter aroused by the Laborite's sally died down.

"The words mean," continued Mr. Baldwin, as he waved one hand, towards the Prime Minister and one towards Mr. David Lloyd George,

"But we shall wait until the echo of the osculation has died down," concluded Mr. Baldwin, "before we say what we shall do."

This amusing passage-at-arms, so characteristic of British public life, refers, of course, first to Mr. Baldwin's proposed referendum on food taxes, which he has now dropped;

and, secondly, to the recent negotiations between Mr. Lloyd George and Premier MacDonald looking to a change in the voting system, so that the Liberals may have an improved chance at the next general election.

It may be judged from Mr. MacDonald's reference to "electoral reform" that the Liberal leader is going to have his way. British public men may carry a crushing load of difficult problems, but they still retain their sense of humor.

Germany's Miracle Airplane

The reports from Germany about a new airplane now being manufactured in secret which is expected to fly from Berlin to New York in five or six hours at an altitude of 35,000 or 40,000 feet have been received everywhere with scepticism.

It is interesting, however, to speculate on what flight at such tremendous speed will mean if it ever becomes a reality.

Notes By The Way

How long will you live? That question alludes to all. Firm in the brain of every person is the conviction that death is inevitable.

A lady writing in the New York "Hunko-dori" has been trying to explain "hunko-dori," and to settle the derivation of the word.

Canadian scientists are noted for their modesty, but we have rarely seen that virtue so carefully concealed as it is in an article in the current issue of Natural Resources.

"Earnscliffe"

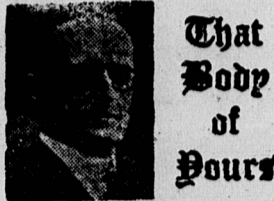
When the opportunity was let slip of acquiring "Earnscliffe" once the Ottawa home of Sir John Macdonald, and preserving it as a national memorial to that greatest of Canadian statesmen, expressions of disappointment were heard from many quarters.

Editorial Notes

Masks and dark lanterns can now be laid away for another twelve months. Citizens with moveable door-steps will be able to sleep 0' nights.

During the past few weeks William Randolph Hearst's personal experiences have provided his chain of papers with a series of sensations. The "thrills" included ejection from France, narrow escape from injury in a San Francisco explosion and made defendant in a \$5,000,000 libel suit.

The Lea Government gives no indication of its intentions with respect to opening the two remaining constituencies now without representation in the Legislature. Had Second Prince returned the Liberal candidate, the road maintenance in the Cardigan district and another "battle" would be on.



That Body of Yours

By James W. Barlow, M.D.

ASTHMA AND RHEUMATISM

Many years ago I noticed in taking the history of patients during a physical examination that often the father of the patient had a history of rheumatism and the father's father had a history of asthma.

In other words it appeared that rheumatism and asthma were in some way related.

This of course had been known for years before I discovered it for myself.

In Great Britain it was found that although infested teeth and tonsils were most frequently the cause of rheumatism, dampness in the home was also a big factor.

They observed that many patients who had asthma showed symptoms of rheumatism.

Positive reactions were found not only in most persons who had bronchial or asthmatic symptoms, but also in those who showed only rheumatic symptoms.

It was also discovered, that most of the patients lived in damp unhealthful homes.

Now this does not prove that rheumatism is caused by the mould organisms.

However research men feel that in view of the above that asthma and rheumatism are closely related in so far as their cause is concerned, and that the mould organisms are a part of the cause.

In Great Britain rheumatism is very prevalent, and an organization to fight it was established some years ago, which has spread to other countries.

Physicians working on these cases report that most cases come from damp unhealthful homes.

Now the point is that although infection may come from any part of the body, asthma and rheumatism may often be due to homes where there is too much dampness.

So search for the cause of your asthma or rheumatism—teeth, tonsils, sinuses, gall bladder and intestine. Go all over the body in your investigation, but remember that a good clean dry cellar, a home where the sunlight can penetrate, may be the means of preventing asthma and rheumatism.



JOHN-A-DREAMS

When I, said John-a-Dreams, By hyre and barn and fence Do wander in the beams

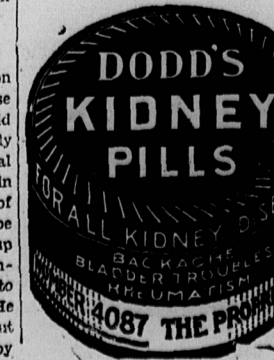
Grey flittermice do shriek And fly the owl. A hinge Upon a gate doth creak.

Drop from the shaken spray The fluttered leaves do cry That I am even as they

And when the loud winds rake The leaves with teeth a-grind, I wonder do I wake

Or do I wander blind And ghostly as the wind? —Wilfrid Thorley, in The Observer.

Hon. William Graham, Secretary of the Board of Trade when he said that if the European nations "think that by signing a tariff treaty they have got us bound and gagged they will very soon discover that they have made a great mistake."



Inter-Empire Trade

(Specially written for The Guardian)

The vast supply of coal, the geographical position and the deficiency in agricultural resources have combined to favour and force an industrial development in the British Isles.

On the contrary the majority of population of the Overseas Empire is employed in agricultural products and the production of raw materials required by Great Britain to supply her deficiency in the former and the latter for use in the production of her manufactured goods.

Over the four years (1924-5) reviewed by Mr. L. St. Clare Grondona in his recently published book "Empire Stock Taking" he states, "production within the empire seems to have exceeded requirements of the Empire in wheat, oats, barley, rice, tea, cocoa, coffee, copra, rape, palm-kernels, linseed and castor seed; wool, lute, rubber, hides and skins. On the contrary, production within the Empire seems to have been less than requirements of the Empire in maize, beef, (frozen and chilled), mutton and lamb, bacon and ham, fish butter, cheese, preserved milk, eggs, fruits, (fresh, canned and dried); wines, tobacco, cotton, hemp and flax, timber (especially softwoods) and certain minerals.

There is also a large deficiency in the supply of mineral oils from Empire sources.

The imports by the United Kingdom of foodstuffs (including drink and tobacco) were valued over the same period (1924-5) in the annual average of \$219,600,000 and raw materials at \$305,000,000—a total of \$524,600,000.

Mr. Grondona did not find it possible to dissect the exports of the overseas Empire into foodstuffs, raw materials and manufactures, but he is of opinion that Great Britain would not be able to absorb the whole of the surplus output of the overseas empire.

Overseas Empire Exports

During the quinquennium 1924-8 exports from the overseas Empire had an annual average value of \$1,038,000,000; and of these exports \$272,652,000 worth was purchased by Great Britain and \$559,348,000 worth by Foreign Countries, while \$215,000,000 worth was distributed among the countries of the Overseas Empire.

Overseas Empire Imports

During the same period the imports into overseas Empire countries amounted to a total annual average value of \$981,240,000 and of such imports \$369,005,500 worth was obtained from Great Britain and \$487,880,260 worth from Foreign countries while the remainder valued at \$127,562,240 represents an interchange of commodities between the overseas Empire countries.

Overseas Trade of the United Kingdom in Food, Raw Materials and Manufactures:

Foodstuffs

Great Britain imported an average value of \$519,411,000 worth from overseas during the period 1924-8. \$324,188,042 was paid to Foreign Countries as against \$195,422,958 to Empire countries.

Raw Materials

An annual average of \$305,000,000 worth of raw materials was imported into Great Britain during the same

period. \$223,310,506 was paid to Foreign countries and \$81,758,492 to Empire Countries.

Manufactures

An annual average of \$286,570,000 worth of manufactured goods was imported during 1924-8 \$263,539,780 was paid to Foreign countries and \$23,030,220 to Empire Countries.

It will be noticed that for the imports of foodstuffs, raw materials manufactures Great Britain paid an annual average of \$1,111,250,000—of this sum \$211,038,330 was paid to Foreign countries as against \$200,211,870 to overseas Empire countries.

As against the total average annual imports amounting to \$811,038,330 in value from Foreign Countries, Great Britain only exported \$897,097,980 worth of goods to Foreign countries, thus showing a visible trade balance in disfavour of Great Britain of no less a sum than \$413,940,350 annually.

As a matter of fact the average visible trade balances between the United Kingdom and the Chief Foreign Countries for the period 1924-8 are in disfavour of Great Britain in every case, except Japan, Brazil and Greece to the extent of \$23,231,000.

On the contrary the average visible trade balances between the United Kingdom and the Chief Overseas Empire countries for the same period is in favour of Great Britain to the extent of \$31,427,000 and in favour of the overseas Empire countries to the extent of \$69,603,000 or on the whole an annual average visible balance of \$21,824,000 in favour of Great Britain.

The following table shows some exceedingly interesting "per capita" purchases by Empire and Foreign countries, the more so in view of the geographical positions of the countries noted in the table in relation to the United Kingdom.

But as Mr. Grondona states:

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