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THE CHALLENGE

Whether we care to admit it or not the forthcoming Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa is largely the outcome of the challenge of the Five Years' Plan, and now the second Five Years' Plan of Soviet Russia.

and the Budget position will be correspondingly improved. In proposing the additional measures of taxation the Government has given consideration on the one hand to the ability of our people to bear the extra burden and on the other to the absolute necessity of placing our financial house in order.

SOVIET GRAFT

Even Soviet Russia, which is endeavoring to introduce a new civilization free from capitalistic domination, is finding its course obstructed and its progress interfered with by the dishonesty of officialdom.

NEW TAXATION

The long and anxiously anticipated Budget disclosing the taxation proposals of the Bennett Government show they are not so drastic as might have been expected.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Evidence of stricter enforcement of the liquor laws under the Stewart Government is furnished in yesterday's local Liberal organ.

The Liberal Premier of Quebec, Mr. Taschereau, though opposing the policies of the Bennett Government, is unstinted in his praise of the Federal administration's course in the matter of unemployment relief.

Our local contemporary complains that the Bennett Government is awarding mail courier contracts by tender. During the last session of the Legislature a good deal of time was taken up by members of the Opposition in insisting that the tender system was the only proper method of awarding government contracts.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The Opposition must take the responsibility for having blocked relief for four weeks on an insignificant point. But the Government must take the responsibility for governing—for getting results—for relieving the unemployed. The Government have a majority. They have legislation ready to their hands to make this majority effective.

For a country admittedly bearing the heaviest burden of taxation of any in the world to accept an additional load was in itself a surprising manifestation of the national British will to "pull through."

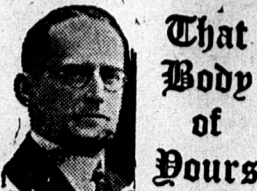
So long as a wild extravagance is not indulged in, we for one have no objection to Governments maintaining a higher standard of remuneration as an example to others, for though it may be held that such a standard is "fictitious," it must also be remembered that the screwing down of wages to the lowest possible level may be even more fictitious, for that wage is sometimes based on an excess of labouring population and not necessarily on prices and on profits received.

For at least a month the Oath of Allegiance will remain in the Constitution, and it is possible that during that time events in the country may modify the Government's purpose. President De Valera made an important statement on Tuesday. He said that his Cabinet stood for one Government and for one Army, and that as soon as the Oath had been removed, there would be no "reasonable excuse" for any defiance of the law.

A drizzle comes only when there is little or no ascent of air. A shower, on the other hand, requires a "vertical convection" or upward thrust of air of considerable strength. The shower covers a limited area and is of short duration because the "air obviously cannot be going up everywhere at the same time over a wide area."

We appear to spend far too much on other peoples' vegetables, says the Trinidad Guardian. We spend more than £100,000 a year on buying them from sources outside the Colony. We cannot, of course, hope to grow all of these ourselves, but if there is any portion of them that we can, the money could be much more usefully employed at home.

for the contract," was precisely the reason advanced by the local Opposition members for endorsing the tender system as the one which all Governments should follow invariably.



By James W. Barton, M.D. INFECTED TEETH CAUSE MANY AILMENTS

The fact that infected teeth and tonsils can cause a great many ailments is so well known that humorists do not now make fun of the medical profession by saying that when a doctor is in doubt about the cause of an ailment he blames it on the teeth.

Do you know that this knowledge that the teeth were the cause of many general diseases was not generally known thirty years ago? In fact the state of medical and dental opinion before that time was that general diseases occurred first, and were really the cause of bad or infected teeth.

It was in 1900 that Dr. William Hunter, London, England, stated that in his experience as a physician from 1880-1900, he had had his attention drawn to the importance of the teeth only from the point of view of mastication (chewing).

He then began to take a keen interest in the effect of dental disease and introduced the expression "oral sepsis," or infection of the mouth. His observations and studies led him to the belief that many of the general diseases were due to remark infection, and as he says "by a remarkable coincidence unknown to me at the time the chief disease and disorders which I found most frequently as being caused by dental diseases, were exactly the ones that were thought to occur before the infection of the teeth, and to be causing the bad or infected teeth.

One of the points that is sometimes forgotten is that the infected teeth produce poisons in the body that do not produce any symptoms for months, even years. When the teeth are removed there is still considerable poison in various parts of the body. Sir William Wilcox has pointed out that general disturbances in the body occur from poisons in the teeth, which have been located in the intestine, and these poisons are absorbed into the blood from the intestine, for in practically every case of this kind, examination showed a great many organisms similar to those found in the infected teeth. The ailments observed were stomach and intestinal derangements, heart disease, nervous diseases, eye complications, altered blood conditions, and rheumatic conditions.

With dentists, physicians, and surgeons all agreed that infected teeth can cause all these ailments it would seem like good health insurance to have a dental examination once or twice a year, and an X-ray examination of the teeth every two years.



FROM "THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS"

Take me away, and in the lowest deep There let me be, And there in hope the lone night-watches keep, Told out for me. There, motionless and happy in my pain, Lone, not forlorn,— There will I sing my sad perpetual strain. Until the morn. There will I sing, and soothe my stricken breast. Which ne'er can cease To throb, and pine, and languish, till possess Of its Sole Peace. There will I sing my absent Lord and Love— Take me away, That sooner I may rise, and go above, And see Him in the truth of everlasting day. —Cardinal Newman.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. FOR Bad Blood!

Canadian Gold and Currency

From Hansard

Speaking in the House of Commons on the relations of gold to currency and the business of the country, Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett recalled that it was late on a Saturday night last Autumn that the Bank of England decided to go off the gold basis.

"Now, look at what we had to do. It affords me an opportunity to tell this House, because the wisdom of what we did has been questioned. The message to us was in cipher. It was decoded late Sunday night. It was impossible in the very nature of things to gather our colleagues about us. A decision had to be taken. What were we going to do? What would you say about our country under similar circumstances? Well, the statement I made, as you recall, was perhaps in 15 words: I said . . . we would continue to meet our obligations in gold where we had promised to pay in gold. We had to do that or our credit was gone. We were deprived of the market for our securities . . . Upon what we said that night depended the credit of this country. Let us have no misunderstanding about it. The international bankers knew far better than some of the members of this House the terms of our Finance Act, our Currency Act, our Dominion Notes Act, our Bank Act. It is not necessary for me to do more than make that statement. They were aware therefore that technically since 1929 the country had been off the gold standard as the hon. gentleman has defined it, but we were still working under the provisions of the Currency Act which provided gold coverage in the terms enacted for our Dominion note issue. I said we proposed to meet our obligations in the terms of our promises, and we have done so. The only reason we assisted the provinces was to enable them to meet their obligations in the terms of their promises; that is all. Of course it does not follow that this means there is any difficulty in the situation of the provinces; it does not mean that they have become bankrupt. It only means this, that for the purpose of meeting obligations which they were not able to convert into gold at the time, we had to assume the responsibility of helping them, and we have advanced money for that purpose. That is the position in connection with the application on the gold standard to our country.

"The modern tendency is to believe that 40 per cent. is a sufficient average metallic coverage for bills. That is, instead of 25 per cent. up to \$50,000,000, and there after dollar for dollar, the modern thought is that if we have 40 per

cent. coverage for all our issues we will be safe. That is the generally accepted rule today, and you will observe that on the last day of January the total outstanding was \$170,000,000. Forty per cent. of that makes a total of \$68,000,000, and you will observe that while we did not have that \$68,000,000, nevertheless our coverage of gold so nearly approximated it that the credit of this country has steadily improved . . . This government has labored day after day and week after week, first to create and then to maintain a favorable trade balance; because we could not face the possibility of having to pay in the only medium that would be accepted universally, gold, an adverse balance which a year ago, Mr. Speaker, was \$103,000,000. We have converted that now until the favorable balance where gold is due to us is between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

"I do not ask you, sir, or this House to treat that as a great tribute to a government, because the Canadian people have done it. They have had to undergo many difficulties and many privations, and they have made many sacrifices to do so. It has inconvenienced many great merchants, but in the long run I am in the judgment of the House and of those who have given thought and consideration to the matter when I say that I believe if we had done aught other than that we would have fallen in our duty to this country at this time. I believe that will be the judgment of those who have given much consideration to the question. It may interest some of my hon. friends opposite, who should take an equal pride with us in the matter, to know that there are economists who say that the greatest single achievement that has been brought about by any country in the world since the depression has been that of ten million people in Canada, who have converted an adverse trade balance of \$103,000,000 into a favorable balance."

Cleopatra's Needle

(The Daily Mail)

The millions of Londoners to whom it is a familiar landmark on the Thames Embankment have come to regard it as something almost everlasting. It stood in Egypt when Abraham walked the sands Queen Cleopatra saw it and Moses played round it when a child.

Three thousand years of the sun and sand and rain of Egypt left it undamaged, but fifty years of the London atmosphere have been too much for it. It was erected in its present position in September, 1878.

Experts who examined it lately discovered that the edges are becoming blurred, the stone is rotting, the surface is becoming pitted, and it is feared that in another few years its familiar outline will be altogether lost unless some means can be found to save it, or it is removed to a more friendly air.

The London County Council has ordered a special inspection to be made at once to find the extent of the damage.

Sulphuric acid is the agent at work. It comes from the sulphur in chimney smoke. Mixed with the damp air this forms the acid which settles in the fogs on the stonework and gradually eats it away.

Mr. Alan E. Munby, the architect who has made a special study of the subject, said to the Daily Mail that in his opinion the only way to save Cleopatra's Needle would be to wash it down with clean water from those pipes at least once a month.

The Lindbergh Case

(G. K.'s Weekly)

It is natural, in any discussion of the Lindbergh kidnapping case, to concentrate upon the amazing hysteria of the American people, or on the inefficiency of the police, or on the political power of the gangsters. This incident, very near a tragedy from every point of view, and perhaps ultimately a tragedy in fact, takes one's breath away with the burlesque comedy of its unfolding. But behind all the accidental parody of civilization which is a part of the story, we see a major crisis of American history. Colonel Lindbergh had earned for himself a unique position among his countrymen, and after he had survived one temptation of power after another it seemed that he could be counted upon not to lower in any respect the dignity of his people. If he had seen his child as a hostage to civilization, and refused to treat with criminals for its recovery, we believe that his heroism would have been superhuman; but it would have been heroism, and that example would have stiffened the wavering forces of discipline she had come to transact business,

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pine in the world. In fact he has called in the gangsters and given them a confidence that could not be given to the police. Considering all the complications of that tragedy no man can blame him; but had he taken another course all men would have praised him more.

Illegal Divorces

(Toronto Globe)

In a highly important judgment handed down on Wednesday by Mr. Justice Orde the public has been warned that most United States divorces are illegal when obtained by Canadians. "There can be no doubt that the Nevada divorce cannot be recognized in Ontario as valid," said the Judge. "Crawford was domiciled in Ontario, and his domicile was also his wife's. The Nevada courts had therefore no jurisdiction which the Ontario courts will recognize."

When the Woodsworth court bill was before the Federal Parliament The Globe repeatedly pointed out that the growing practice by Canadians of obtaining divorces in the United States was actually illegal, though temporarily winked at by the law-enforcement officers in some sections of Canada. Mr. Justice Orde's findings support that view.

Canadians who obtain pseudo-divorces in the United States, which have no legal sanction in Canada, and who afterward go through forms of second marriages are liable to prosecution for bigamy. The Attorney-General's Department should take effective steps to give adequate publicity to the Orde judgment, and to its implications.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A WALK?

SYDNEY, N. S., April 7.—Mrs. Alex Corbett, going from Carney's Lake, New Waterford, to Sydney, missed the city bus the other day. Instead of waiting for another, she walked the fourteen miles into Sydney in less than three hours. She is seventy-three years old. A week or so ago she hiked thirty eight miles in one day. Upon her but it would have been heroism, and that example would have stiffened the wavering forces of discipline she had come to transact business,

was twelve miles out in the country at Spains, Mira Ferry. Mrs. Corbett walked to Spains, and continued on to New Waterford. The next morning she was the first one up and milked fifteen cows. Three or four years ago Mrs. Corbett entered a free-for-all walking race from Glace Bay to Sydney and kept the younger generation hoping to match her hiking stride.

"Stick it another round!" whispered the second encouragingly. "Remember that the bloke in the other corner feels worse than you do." "If he feels worse than I do," muttered the battered one, "I've won!"

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