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THE SCOTTISH GATHERING.

THE great annual athletic event, the Scottish Gathering, postponed from July, takes place on Wednesday next, the 24th instant, at Riverside Park, an ideal spot for such an event. More than ordinary preparation has been made for this year's gathering, and everything points to a most enjoyable outing. The usual athletic events will be contested, the usual Scottish dances will be staged and some of the Island's best terpsichorean artists will take part. There will also be abundance of pipe music and altogether everything that goes to make a successful and enjoyable gathering of the Clans and an enjoyable outing for all who attend is being done to make it a grand success.

We understand there will be a larger attendance from Charlottetown than usual as the drive to Riverside Park and the scenery after arriving there are among the most attractive in the province. The presence of so many visitors in the province at present promises to greatly swell the number in attendance, and it will give our visitors an opportunity to see some of the finest parts of the province and to see the prowess of our athletes and the gracefulness of our Scottish dancers. Plenty of eats will be provided, and the day will undoubtedly prove a most enjoyable one.

The Scottish Gathering is always an event anxiously looked forward to, and always enjoyed. We trust there shall be a large attendance and that the weather will follow the good old custom on excursion occasions of being exceptionally fine.

FURTHER FEDERATION.

THE annual meeting of the Associated Board of Trade which will take place next Thursday and to which we referred in Saturday's Guardian, suggests that the principle of federation and association of organizations having a common purpose might be carried further. The Boards of Trade have set a splendid example in this.

We have in this province, for instance, over four hundred Boards of School Trustees. These School Boards have a common purpose, namely the education and betterment of the children of the province. Each Board is doubtless doing its best, but each is handicapped by the fact that it is working alone with little if any knowledge of the methods pursued by its sister Boards, with no definite idea of co-ordinating or unifying the work done by all.

An Associated Boards of School Trustees would overcome many of the difficulties now encountered, would tend to eliminate much that is wasteful in our school system, and would make for a uniform system of education in the province.

In such an Associated Boards, as in the case of the Associated Boards of Trade, and as in the case in our Canadian Confederation, each body would be autonomous, would conduct its own business as it pleased, but with the advantage of mutual counsel and comparison with all the others.

Representatives from each school board, meeting in annual convention yearly, discussing questions of mutual interest, suggesting and receiving suggestions from others similarly employed in different parts of the province would do very much to unify and co-ordinate our school system. At such annual conventions so held, one or more prominent educationists would gladly lend assistance by way of addresses or otherwise and members of the Board of Education also would no doubt gladly lend their assistance. Our schools under present conditions are separate entities. By such

Notes by the Way

SAINT HELENA, the prison house of the great Napoleon, has been unfavorably criticized as a place of residence and as many persons have an interest in the lonely island because of its historic associations, they may be pleased to learn that it has found a resident defender, who has given a pretty picture of it. "We in St. Helena," he writes, "are prepared to offer many of the amenities of life and not a few of its luxuries. What do you want—Climate? Ideal. A temperature ranging in the valleys from 68 to 84 degrees in the summer months, that is from October to April, and from 57 to 70 degrees during the remainder of the year. In the hills there is about 10 degrees lower temperature. Freedom from taxation? Here we have it. Income tax is non-existent and customs duties, the main source of revenue very low.

"We offer golf, cricket, hockey, tennis, sea-fishing and bathing, bridge and pleasant society. We have at present, no motors and no motor accidents, but how long this state of affairs will last I am not prepared to say. The chief mode of transport is by horse, either ridden or driven. English is the only language and English coin is current. The people are civil and law-abiding and intensely loyal, and servants are good and contented."

Saint Helena is a rocky island, part of an extinct volcano, 47 square miles in area and located 1200 miles westward of the western coast of Africa and 4,477 miles south of Southampton, England.

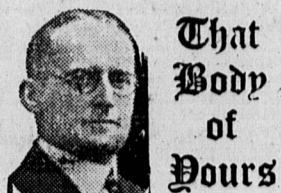
Premier Ferguson at a recent picnic outlined an extensive program for the benefit of Rural Ontario. This includes better road facilities for those parts of the Province not served by the present trunk lines, secondary schools for all rural children, and an extension of hydro-electric light and power to all farm communities. The cost of motor licenses will be reduced and the gasoline tax proportionately increased. It is now understood that the Ontario Premier will not in any case be a candidate for the Federal Conservative leadership at the coming convention in November.

Much that is delusive has been written and printed about the "balance of trade." Statistics showing the commercial exports and imports of a country, if they show such exports to be greater than the imports, it is set down as a "favorable balance," and if the imports are of the larger value than the exports it is called an "adverse balance." This sort of balance takes no account of the "invisible trade" that is going on and increasing from year to year. The United States has a "favorable balance" of commercial trade, as Canada also has, but while this balance in favor of the Republic amounts to \$377,000,000, American tourists are estimated to have spent abroad \$761,000,000, of which \$200,000,000 was spent in Canada. Canadian tourists are believed to have spent in the same period about \$10,000,000 in the States.

The date November 3rd has been announced for the opening of the Conference of Provincial Premiers at Ottawa. All the Provinces except Quebec and Prince Edward Island have submitted proposals for discussion, some of which may be referred to the law courts. A large and comprehensive agenda has been prepared. Although it does not include the question of federal and provincial water power rights, it seems likely that either Ontario or Quebec will raise it during the session of the Conference. The expected duration of the meeting had been a week, but may yet be considerably extended.

The vote in the Irish Free State Dail was a tie, because of the absence of two members, John Jinks, a Redmonite, and T. S. O'Connell, a Labor member, and who thus saved the Cosgrave Government from defeat. There is some speculation as to whether the defeat is only postponed until the Dail reassembles in October or whether in the meantime some sort of coalition may be agreed upon that will enable the Government to be carried on. Mr. O'Connell, one of the absentees referred to, was in Canada recently and attended the Educational Conference in Toronto.

The credentials issued by the Central Conservative Association to the delegates already chosen for the big Conservative Convention are described as quite classy, and not unlike stock certificates. Every one is numbered and a book record is kept so that any certificate issued in the jurisdiction can be easily traced. The same procedure is being followed in all districts and these make returns to the headquarters at Ottawa. The certificate for delegates is printed in blue on a white background, that for alternatives is printed in green. The certificate sets forth that at a convention of Liberal Conservatives in the constituency and province named therein, Mr. Mrs. or Miss, So and So, "whose signature is attached to the certificate"



By James W. Bacon, M.D. REMOVING THE SPLEEN

It is only common sense for us to think that if certain organs are a part of our body, there must be some use for them, and that their removal by surgery is rather open to question.

In regard to the appendix, there can be no question that retaining an appendix with pus formation, means peritonitis and probable death. The chances of an ordinary catarrhal condition of the appendix becoming a "pus" case the next time, is the reason that it is removed even after one light attack. In fact if the abdomen is opened for any reason whatever the appendix is usually removed.

Similarly with tonsils. When tonsils, which act as filters, fall to do their work, they are now removed to prevent possible rheumatism and heart disease.

Dr. W. H. Mayo, of the Mayo Clinic has been talking recently about removing the spleen in certain cases.

As you know the spleen has the job of breaking up the worn out red corpuscles, and then the liver uses the fragments to help make up bile and coloring matter.

Often when trouble starts in the spleen, it increases in size, and does its work too well, with the result that it destroys not only worn out blood cells, but good red blood cells also.

What does this mean? That anaemia, thin blood, particularly the serious kind known as pernicious anaemia, is found with enlarged spleen.

Another job done by the spleen is that of filtering out harmful organisms from the blood. Those which it cannot destroy it sends ordinarily to the liver for destruction.

Sometimes it is unable to destroy these organisms, or even send them along to the liver, with the result that they multiply and cause chronic ailments like anaemia and tuberculosis.

The removal of the spleen in many of these cases greatly benefits or cures the patient, who otherwise would progressively grow worse and die. The liver in these cases seems to redouble its energy, in order to do the extra work put upon it when the spleen is removed.

FOR THE SCRAP BOOK

A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS

Tuesday, August 23rd

The farmer prays for rain. The washerman for sun; If prayers were not in vain, The world would be undone. —Chimes.

To demand a system of morals from Science is to invite cruel disappointments. Men believed, three hundred years ago, that the earth was the centre of creation. Nowadays we know it is only a coagulated drop of the sun. We know what gases burn at the surface of the most distant stars. We know that the universe, in which we are a wandering speck of dust, is for ever in labour, bringing to birth and devouring its offspring; we know that heavenly bodies are ceaselessly dying and being born. But wherein has our moral nature been altered by these prodigious discoveries? Have mothers come to love their little ones better or less ardently? Do we appreciate the beauty of women any more or any less in consequence? Does a hero's heart beat any differently within his bosom? No, not by the earth great or small, what matter is that to mankind? It is always great enough, provided it gives us a stage for suffering and for love. To suffer and to love, these are the twin sources of its inexhaustible beauty. Suffering, pain,—how divine it is, how misunderstood! To it we owe all that is good in us, all that makes life worth living; to it we owe pity, and courage, and all the virtues. The earth is but a grain of sand in the barren infinity of worlds. Yet, if it is only on the earth creatures suffer, it is greater than all the rest of the universe put together. Nay! It is everything, and the rest is nothing. —Anatole France.

is....., was elected a delegate to the Liberal-Conservative Convention at Winnipeg. This is attested by the signature of the secretary and chairman of the local convention."

While the plans are not yet completed a session of three days is anticipated, the first day to be given to the careful registration of delegates and the preliminary work of committees. The second day is expected to be devoted to the presentation and adoption of a party platform. The selection of a party leader, addresses of prominent men of the party, and a final public rally are expected to take place on the third day. All of which will be subject to change after "the" delegates are assembled.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

August 23, 1927

A PINE CROP.—The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that he planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. Psalm 92:12, 13.

PRAYER.—Lord, send upon us constantly, sunshine and showers of blessing.

FISHERMAN OF WORDS

He dragged his net in a sea of words and drew Up slippery, brilliant things with dripping jade And silver fringe; he threaded these and made A song of April rain. Then staring through The catch like crystal frozen bitter blue, A ghost rose up whose words were a sapphire blade. And there were words that marched like a wild parade Of flags, and words that smacked of a salty brew. Some at his touch were liquid steel, then cold

As slag and smelling of sudden death; some clicked Like bones, a man was born and named who picked His way in Heaven and Hell. Others he sold For bread. O fisherman of words, what sort Of net hauls in this drift, from what strange port? —Ruth Langland Holberg, in The New York Sun.

The Land We Love

By Frank Yeigh

A SIX MILLION DOLLAR PIER

Q. Where is the Six Million Dollar Pier? A. The new six million dollar pier of the Canadian Pacific Railway has been officially opened in Vancouver. It is 1,140 feet long, and can be used for docking on either side by the largest C. P. boats afloat. A promenade extends its length. The Pier represents the latest word in construction and demonstrates the growing marine importance of Vancouver.

HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK

By ROBERTA LEE

A Window Screen Hint

Dampness may be kept from the bedroom by fastening a piece of thin Angora flannel to the frame of the window screen. This admits the air but excludes the dampness.

Hives

For hives, try a teaspoonful of milk of magnesia two or three times daily. Or dissolve one teaspoonful cream of tartar in a half glass of water and take before each meal.

Making Frosting

During warm weather, when making frosting, place the white of the eggs on ice for a few minutes before using them.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't use the vulgarism "the limit" to express the extreme of any situation or condition.

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: gill (measure), pronounce jil; gill (breathing organ), pronounce gil, as in "go."

OFTEN MISPELLED: colonel. SYNONYMS: insolvency, bankruptcy, failure.

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: HEREDITARY; deriving by inheritance. "He overcame many of these hereditary traits."

Headache

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From School To College

(BY W. L. COTTON.)

In these holidays, the question, how to improve our public schools to the end that the greatest good may be obtained by the greatest number of our boys and girls at the least expense? should engage the attention and thought of parents and all others who are interested in the future welfare of this country.

Anne of Avonlea, in one of Lucy Montgomery's novels, said: "What I want to get out of my college course is some knowledge of the best way of living life and doing the most and best with it. I want to learn to understand and help other people and myself, and her famous friend, Mr. Harrison nodded and said, "That's the idea exactly."

I call, therefore, a complete generous education that which fits a man to perform skillfully and magnanimously all the offices, both private and public, of peace and war," was a statement of John Milton.

Bearing in mind the conditions which prevail in this Island Province of Canada, these remarks seem to be applicable in respect to our public schools and Prince of Wales College. To enable the men and women of the future to do their duty in the state of life into which it has pleased God to call them, should be the object of parent, educators, Boards of Education, and those who manage the affairs of the country.

The homes of the children and the public schools in which impressions are first of all made upon youthful minds, are, of prime importance. As the twigs are bent the trees are inclined. The ideas and habits obtained from parents in the homes and from teachers in the elementary schools have the strongest influence over the conduct of those who will in the future promote the welfare of this country. For both, the rules laid down by a leading teacher of the olden time may even now be applicable:

1 Begin everything with prayer. 2 Do everything in order, following the course of nature. 3 One thing at a time. 4 Often repeat the same thing. 5 Teach everything first in the mother tongue. 6 Proceed from the mother tongue to other languages. 7 Teach without compulsion, do not beat children to make them learn. 8 Uniformity of teaching, also in school books, especially grammar, which may with advantage be made comparative. 9 Teach a thing first and then the reason of it. 10 Let everything be taught by induction and experiment.

Most of these precepts are borne in mind by all good parents and good teachers. The well-known statement of Lord Bacon that "reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man," is of universal applicability; and it must not be forgotten, in this Democratic age, that "next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained."

Popular education—i.e. the education of the mass of the rising generation necessarily ends in the higher classes of the public schools. To take the college course there is, for the great majority of young people, neither time nor money. Yet it is of high importance that a college course shall be provided and that it shall enable those who can take advantage of it to be leaders in the activities by which the products of the country are increased and the welfare of the people promoted. Many persons doubt the advisability of devoting the most important years in life to the study of the dead languages, so necessitating the neglect of subjects of education by which the student is fitted for the more practical duties of life and the development of the resources natural to the country.

The conditions in which men and women lived when the classics were written are now wonderfully changed; and it is doubtful whether the mental training which their incultation involves cannot be supplied by the study of branches of learning that are more closely in accord with the spirit of this age and better calculated to promote the development of the country in its present circumstances. We are not of those who think with one of the characters of George Eliot, that "College mostly makes people like lawyers, just good for nothing but to hold the stuff that is poured into 'em." But their practical value to the youth of the country, may, possibly be enhanced by some changes in the course of study now followed. Perhaps the Board of Education will, in the near future, consider this matter. In any event, it is true that "no inheritance can supply the want of a virtuous education," and to impart such education in conjunction with information that that will be beneficial to the future of the Province should be the objective of schools and colleges alike.

Frozen Egg Industry No Longer Mere Sideline

(Canadian Press.)

OTTAWA, August 22.—Owing to increasing demand the frozen egg industry is no longer a sideline but must be conducted on a self-contained basis. I. H. Hall, of Winnipeg, said in an address to the world poultry congress. In the West increased demand had followed the practice of daily salting of under-grade eggs before they had deteriorated and higher prices were being obtained with less loss. The egg-breaking business had benefited by general improvement in the quality of eggs, he said, but this had increased the cost of breaking-stock and reduced the available supply.

Mr. Hall said proposals to protect Canadian frozen egg producers by restriction of imports from the Orient were premature, because the demand was in excess of the domestic

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