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Notes By The Way

The restoration of the Hebrew people and their re-establishment as a nation in the homeland of their ancestors has been a hope cherished for ages past.

It is true that the Zionist movement has led to a migration of Jews from many parts of the world to the Holy Land, but its volume has not been large.

What is of equal importance in estimating the future is the fact that the natural increase by propagation among the non-Jewish peoples in Palestine is 30 per 1,000 among the Arabs and other foreign tribes.

The price of bread has been advanced in Ontario, following the rise in wheat. It is explained in The Globe to mean that "the house wife will pay 8 cents for the 12-ounce loaf for which she formerly paid 7 cents."

That the birthrate in the United States fell off by one per cent last year, while the deathrate increased is announced from Washington. The total population of the Republic grows, by immigration, almost as rapidly as crime increases.

Hay making has begun in Charlottetown as well as throughout the country districts of the Province. A moderately large field north of Longworth Avenue was cut on Wednesday afternoon, yielding an excellent crop of best quality.

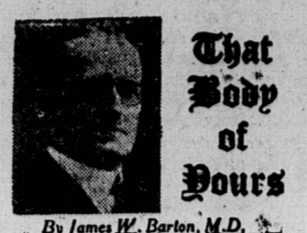
The United States Senate Committee appointed to consider the Tariff Bill passed by the House of Representatives, have now the bill before them. The majority members of the committee will re-draft the bill, sitting within closed doors while they do so.

Our little Province is prosperous in many ways, but the exodus which has continued during a quarter of a century past still goes on. The Bureau of Statistics estimates that during the past year our Province has lost 200 people in addition to the entire natural increase among the 88,000 who remain.

Something should be done, more than has been done or attempted, toward that end. If Canadian statesmanship is so unequal to the task as it appears to be, aid and counsel should be sought from wiser men in other lands.

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By James W. Barton, M.D.

EXAMINING YOUR OWN EYES

One of the first things that people from Britain and Europe notice in the United States and Canada is the very large number of individuals wearing glasses.

Perhaps you are prejudiced against oculists and optometrists and believe that they put glasses on in some cases where they are not needed.

Why not settle the matter for yourself in a very simple manner. Go to an optical house in your town or city or send to a wholesale optical house and purchase the little card that oculists and optometrists use in examining your eyesight.

Put the palm of your hand lightly over the right eye and read with the left; then put the palm over the left eye and read with the right.

Of course there are a number of tests that the oculist or optometrist uses, but the above will get you thinking about those important organs the eyes.

THE LAND WE LOVE

BY FRANK YEIGH

Till darkness lays a hand on these grey eyes And out of man my ghost is sent alone.

There I was tortured, but I can not grieve; There crowned and palaced; visible deceives. That storm of belfrid cities in my mind Leaves me my vespers cool and eg-lantined.

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The Public Forum

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VERNON RIVER BRIDGE

Sir,—I am not a resident of Vernon with an axe to grind, nor an active politician after some government scalp. On a distant point to notice that the buttresses on one side of Vernon River Bridge are badly, if not dangerously cut away and undermined.

Wouldn't it be the course of wisdom to give attention to this before the vibration and weight of some passing cars topples the structure into the deep waters with some consequent loss of human life; and wouldn't it be the essence of economy to repair and reinforce those buttresses now when they can be repaired in good weather and at moderate cost, rather than later on to fish the debris out of the river and in less favorable weather to reconstruct a practically new bridge?

This is a provincial highway traversed by motorists from all parts of the continent and the public should see to it that it be made safe for travel.

I am, Sir, etc.

Community Welfare

(Paper read at recent annual meeting of Women's Institutes by Mr. W. R. Shaw, Continued From Yesterday's Guardian.)

The third point I wish to deal with in Community welfare is education, not merely education in the schools, but a training that gives men and women stability, a proper conception of neighborly conduct, a correct interpretation of those principles underlying the successful operation of the greater issues of the time.

The support given at home to the teacher will also often determine the success attendant upon any school year. The school curriculum should be so designed to build up a spirit of respect for our loyalty to rural life, and every teacher should be thoroughly trained to not only teach the classics but an effective course in rural science as well.

The influence of one well educated man or woman in a Community who is able to conduct meetings, explain problems peculiar to rural life, to set an example by thoughtful application of improved methods, to accept the responsibilities of leadership, is important and necessary.

It is a splendid thing for a Community to have an objective. The construction of public halls, skating rinks, improvement of schools, any feature which carries a responsibility is an incentive. Without some peace and blue carrying a figure of the tomahawk signifying war. One large war-belt is said to have consisted of 12,000 beads of wampum.

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AS OTHERS SEE IT

The forthcoming liquor plebiscite in Nova Scotia has caused a more than ordinary interest in the result of the plebiscite in Prince Edward Island, and the press comments in this connection are various and interesting.

Considering the intensive campaign conducted for prohibition and the entire absence of any Government Control organization," says the Post, "the relative closeness of the result cannot but be regarded as significant of a striking popular reaction against the existing law, which, ten years ago, had the support of eighty per cent of the electors who then recorded their votes."

The Glace Bay Gazette (Liberal) is frankly sceptical of the result as decisive of anything:

"The plebiscite," it says, "leaves matters exactly where they were. It was hoped on the one hand that the people would decide to fall in line with the upper and western provinces of the Dominion and give Government Control a trial; and on the other it was felt that a more pronounced expression of opinion in favor of the existing dry law would strengthen the hands of the Government in its efforts to give it more effective enforcement."

The Acadian Recorder (Liberal) contents itself with quoting the views of the Charlottetown press. The Halifax papers are shy of editorial comment one way or the other. The Herald (Conservative) confined itself to covering the news of the prohibition campaign and election returns, while the Chronicle (Liberal) sent a special writer here to size up the situation. The conclusion of the Chronicle man was that the dry campaigners, despite strenuous efforts, failed in their object to secure a telling verdict, and that they would have to "change their act" if they hoped to create any popular enthusiasm in Nova Scotia.

In the Forum columns of the Chronicle the fight over the Nova Scotia plebiscite has begun, and the Island "victory" is being discussed pro and con. F. H. Bell, replying to a prohibition correspondent, suggests that people are becoming indifferent to the situation, not because the law is in any way efficient, but for a completely contrary reason.

"The plebiscite in Prince Edward Island," he says, "where apparently less than 50 per cent of the electorate thought it worth while to go to the polls, is the best proof of this. People no longer are keen to have the law repealed because it no longer is operative."

"No doubt," continues Mr. Bell, "the result of the plebiscite in Prince Edward Island will be hailed as a wonderful triumph. The people of the Island will smile and go on just as they have been doing, which, from what I hear, is so near the open and unrestricted sale of all kinds of liquor as to be almost indistinguishable from it."

In other provinces press comment on the Island plebiscite is less in evidence. The Montreal Gazette politely suppresses the vote to mean that prohibition enforcement is meeting with more success on the Island "than would be possible in the other provinces."

There were nominations for by-elections this week in five Federal constituencies, without any change in their previous party allegiance. In Frontenac-Addington, vacated by the death of the late Dr. Edwards, the Conservative nominee, Dr. William Spankie, was returned without opposition. In Laprairie-Naperville, previously represented by the late Roch

Lancot, the Liberal candidate Vincent Dupuis, was elected by acclamation. Both constituencies are party "hives," in which contests could only have been factious fights.

The three remaining constituencies, all of which have their polling on the same day, July 29, are the arenas of mere family quarrels politically-speaking. In Lanark, which is hopeless territory for Liberalism, the official Conservative candidate, T. A. Thompson, is facing two opponents who belong to his own party, and who have taken the field in protest against the manner in which the nominating convention was called and conducted.

The returns of the last general election, says the Sydney Post, explain why the Liberals are not trying to win Frontenac-Addington or Lanark, and why the Conservatives are allowing the Liberals to fight it out between themselves in Prescott and the Quebec constituencies. The records of these five ridings in 1926 show the following majorities for the respective parties: Frontenac-Addington, Conservative majority, 2,644; Lanark, Conservative majority, 3,214; Laprairie-Naperville, Liberal majority, 1,357; Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Liberal majority, 3,543; Prescott, majority of high-est of two Liberals over Conservative, 1,340.

There has been little in the record of the by-elections held since 1926 to show how the political tide is running. As a rule, by-elections in Canada go with the Government, though this rule has not been much in evidence in the past two and a half years. In these five constituencies both sides are merely holding their own.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS, a United States publication, says "there is no public man anywhere who is more highly esteemed at Washington than Mr. King, the Canadian Premier."

"This is all very nice" of course, for Mr. King," comments the Moncton Times; "but as the head of the Government in Canada he might well run the risk of being less highly esteemed in the United States by legislating in the interests of the people of this Dominion. Canada is the country in which Mr. King should strive to be most popular."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Last evening's band concert on Queen Square was a reminder of the time when public concerts were given twice weekly throughout the summer. Let's hope the band-stand will be kept in use during the remainder of the present season.

One doesn't indignantly bawl out a guest who spills tea on the tablecloth, says the Hamilton Spectator, which adds that neither does a hospitable city prosecute visiting motorists who innocently fracture minor by-laws.

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