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Well Merited Honour

While no official announcement has yet been made, it is understood that Hon. Charles Dalton will be appointed Lieutenant Governor some time during the latter part of this month, and that he will take office on or about November 29th. The outstanding services which Hon. Mr. Dalton has rendered to the Province make the appointment an eminently appropriate one. Known throughout the world as the father of the silver fox industry, he acquired, through his own initiative and enterprise, a substantial fortune which enabled him to carry into effect many benevolent, charitable and patriotic enterprises. Notable among his gifts to the people of this Province was the Sanatorium which he built, equipped and handed over to the Provincial Government. The fact that this splendid institution was later closed and dismantled was no fault of the donor's; indeed, it was a source of great disappointment to him that it was not continued as a permanent establishment for the treatment of a disease that has since taken such heavy toll of our population. Hon. Mr. Dalton's benefactions to St. Dunstan's University and to other educational and religious purposes, as well as his gift of a fully equipped ambulance car to the Canadian Red Cross, London, during the War, are familiar to all our readers.

It is fitting that under British democracy the achievements of native talent and industry should be recognized by the highest honours in the gift of the State. In this connection the following tribute, paid by Dr. Cyrus Macmillan of McGill University at a complimentary banquet tendered Hon. Mr. Dalton by the National Silver Fox Breeders' Association at Summerside on July 11, 1929, is deserving of mention:

"Like hundreds of other young lads of that period, he was the product of pioneer parents and ancestors, without riches and with little accumulation of the world's goods. His ancestors belonged, however, to God's toiling aristocracy, men and women to whom life was no day dream, but real and hard, disciplinary, and full of meaning, but at the same time the finest human material that ever existed on earth for a nation's agricultural strength. He was fortunate to be born in a Province which still remembers what our children too often forget, that this country was settled by pioneer courage, developed by pioneer enterprise, and blessed by pioneer religion. That tradition was the greatest inheritance he received."

The responsible office of Lieutenant Governor has been capably filled by the present incumbent, the Hon. Frank R. Heartz, since his appointment on September 3, 1924. In his successor we believe the Crown will have an equally popular and able representative, and one who, apart from other considerations, well merits by public service the honour soon to be bestowed upon him.

Industrial Revival

The latest announcement of Hon. Senator Robertson, Minister of Labor, will be gratifying to all who are interested in the industrial development of Canada. Already, since the Bennett tariff changes, new plants have sprung up and many industries, especially textile, are working increased hours and employing more hands. It is confidently predicted that by this time next year there will be established in Canada or in the course of establishment fifty or more new branch factories of British and American concerns. And this in addition to the stimulus the protective tariffs will have given local industries.

Of particular interest in this Province is the information received by Senator Robertson of a reduction in fertilizer prices. The National Fertilizers, Limited, advise that the prices on all brands of national fertilizers are approximately $2.00 per ton lower than they were a year ago. They state the chief reason for this reduction is the protection afforded by the imposition of a duty of 10 per cent. on fertilizers imported. And ian of Saturday while the duty is thus working beneficially to reduce prices of the Canadian product, it does not prevent the potato producers of this or any other province from importing fertilizer ingredients and mixing it for themselves if they desire to do so.

Scores of letters from various industries have been received by Senator Robertson, all indicating that Canada is on the threshold of an industrial revival. And better times for industry means better home markets for our farmers.

Resents A Show-Down

The local Liberal organ, muzzled mouthpiece of the Lea Government which suppressed all information with regard to the shocking discovery at East Point on Oct. 20th, for the first time yesterday makes garbled reference to the matter under the heading "Misrepresentations Exposed." The insinuation is that The Guardian misrepresented the situation by publishing the letter of a resident of King's County which was the means of bringing the astonishing facts to light. Just how much "misrepresentation" there was, so far as The Guardian is concerned, is known to our readers. Not only was Dr. MacLaughlan's letter, as quoted by the Patriot, published in yesterday's Guardian, but on the very day on which our correspondent's letter was received Dr. MacLaughlan was interviewed and his statement published on the front page in the issue in which the letter appeared. And not only the statement of Dr. MacLaughlan, but the statements of the Attorney General, the Commissioner of Police, and the Assistant Provincial Secretary were given the widest publicity. That this publicity had its effect is evident by the decision taken by the Government and announced in yesterday's Guardian that the skeleton, disposed of without inquest, identification or decent burial is to be disinterred and made the subject of a proper investigation.

The Guardian, according to the organ of the Lea Government, "has had a great deal to say" about this matter. That is as it should be, seeing it is one of such grave public interest and importance. What the people are wondering at is why The Patriot has had nothing to say about it!

Those Level Crossings

As announced in yesterday's Guardian, the sum of $166,000 is to be expended in this Province under the Federal scheme of unemployment relief. Charlottetown is to receive $5,000 for municipal improvement, the remainder to be spent on highways, road gravelling, etc., throughout the Province. It may not yet be too late to arrange with the Federal Government and the Canadian National Railways for undertaking work on dangerous level crossings with a view to eliminating the menace to life and property which now exists. The fact that Ontario is undertaking this work in co-operation with the railways and government establishes the precedent. Has the Lea Government made inquiries into this matter, which is surely of the utmost importance in view of the recent shocking fatalities near Charlottetown and at Traveller's Rest? There are many ways in which the federal appropriation can be expended usefully; but is there anything more pressing than the elimination of some at least of the level crossings which have taken such toll of human life since automobiles came into general use?

Editorial Notes

The Lea Government, says the Summerside Journal, may not have a ghost of a show but at least it has a real skeleton in the closet.

Better late than never. A coroners' inquest into the circumstances of the shocking discovery at East Point should throw some light upon the matters complained of in "Correspondent's" letter in The Guard-

Notes By The Way

According to the records, many bootleggers who have been sentenced to pay fines or suffer imprisonment have done neither, and the authorities sit supinely, twiddling their thumbs, and ask, "Well, what about it? Who is going to compel us to enforce the sentences of the Court?" Meantime, drinking is steadily on the increase, even openly in certain restaurants late at night and in the early morning. In the country districts the situation is no better; at one place on the north shore it is reported champagne and French wines are a not uncommon beverage, though not so popular as rum. There is practically no restriction; for one raid and capture there are numerous safe landings of bottleg. Is it any wonder a tragedy like that near Breadalbane occurs when there is practically no control of the distribution of alcohol? More boys are being done to death by the criminal negligence of the Lea Government in the enforcement of the Prohibition Law.

According to Mr. C. L. Burton, well-known here in connection with the Churches of Christ, war debts are the fundamental cause of the world depression in industry and trade, and Mr. Burton is an authority which even Mrs. (Dr.) Millar of Halifax will accept as a sincere and enthusiastic Temperance worker. Mrs. Millar blamed England's lack of prohibition for her present economic condition. This is what Mr. Burton, President of the College of the Churches of Christ, Toronto ascribes as the reason:

"Reparations paid by Germany to its former enemies, payments to the United States by Great Britain," he said, "are heavily increasing, due to the stacking up and compounding of interest. The impoverishment of England by the war debt paid to United States alone has been sufficient to cause a great crisis in commodity prices.

"Not only is this generation faced with economic disturbance by such a huge and continuous drain upon England, but it is planned to continue for more than two generations. Not only are there debts and interests to pay, but also are added the expensive forms of administration which have been set up for the settlement of these international obligations."

Cancellation of war debts, Mr. Burton believed, would help Canada, by restoring normal consumption in a number of other countries, and thus tending to enlarge demand there for commodities produced in Canada.

The ladies who heard Mrs. Millar can choose between her explanation of the cause of England's and the world's depression, and that of this earnest Christian and successful business man known to many in our midst.

Mayor Houde, Quebec, provincial Conservative leader, was thoroughly banqueted on Saturday night. He was guest of honor at no fewer than three banquets. Incidentally, he covered about 175 miles in order to attend all three functions. First he was among the distinguished guests at a banquet in honor of Ald. Dr. Lesage, held in Montreal. From there he proceeded to Sorel, 50 miles away, where he was a guest at a banquet tendered to J. A. L'Heureux, the former Conservative candidate in Richelieu County. And from there he drove to Magog, about 125 miles distant, where a banquet was in progress in honor of John T. Hackett, K. C., and where the guests anxiously awaited his arrival to complete their festivities. As leader of the Provincial Conservative Party Mayor Houde is growing in popularity.

Hon. H. H. Stevens, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, has been advised by the Mayor of Birkenhead that the Port of Liverpool has made a reduction of 33 1-3 per cent. in the landing charges on cattle, cutting them from three to two shillings a head. The mayor further notified Mr. Stevens that Birkenhead had maintained unimpaired its facilities for dealing with large numbers of live animals and marketing them. The Canadian Minister informed the mayor that the Canadian Government would do all within its power to promote the cattle trade between the Dominion and the United Kingdom.

Railway crossing accidents took a toll of 15 lives in August while 54 persons were injured. Figures issued by the Board of Railway Commissioners show that of the 39 accidents, 30 took place at unprotected crossings while only nine occurred where gates or other forms of protection were in use. Thirty-two accidents took place during daylight. By provinces crossing accidents were distributed as follows:

Ontario 16.
Quebec 10.
Nova Scotia
Manitoba 3.
Saskatchewan 3.
New Brunswick 2.
British Columbia 1.
Prince Edward Island 1.
Alberta none.

In accidents on the railways other than at crossings 38 persons were killed and 227 injured. One passenger was killed and 34 injured

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D

ANOTHER ADVANCE IN TREATMENT OF MENTAL CASES

You will remember that it is just a few years ago that once a patient entered the hospital for the insane, the asylum as it was called, it was thought that his life in his family, or in the community was ended.

Then physicians in these institutions began to study each case, and were often able to find out what was bothering the patient's mind and after straightening things out the patient returned to his home and his work.

A little later it was found that patients who "helped" about the institution, carpenter work, painting, or working out in the fields, began to improve and many of them were able to leave the institution cured.

Now all the larger hospitals for the insane have what is called occupational therapy where the inmates are taught various kinds of work—from simple basket weaving to real trades such as carpentry and printing.

Even in cases where a cure is not affected, the patient learns to take an interest in himself and his surroundings which means much from the standpoint of health and cleanliness.

Then a physician in New Jersey discovered that a case that had been in his institution for two years without any sign of improvement, was cured and able to leave the institution two months after some badly infected teeth were removed. This lead him to have the teeth of all the patients examined and since that time hundreds of cases have been able to leave that one institution as the examination of the teeth is now made in every case.

And now one more step is being taken, a step that is sensible that the wonder is that it was not taken many years ago.

In Ontario, Canada, it has been decided to establish general clinics in mental hospitals.

Although the regular staff have expert knowledge as to mental conditions they could not be expected to be able to make a complete examination of teeth, tonsils, sinuses, nose, throat, ear, eye, and other parts requiring special knowledge and equipment.

And so when a patient enters a mental hospital he may be overhauled by a surgeon, an X ray specialist a dentist, a skin specialist, a chemist, and others.

Then and not till then, will the mental specialist make his examination. He will not have to worry about certain body conditions that may be really causing the mental illness.

He will feel free to go ahead.

I believe that you will agree that this will increase the percentage of "cures" in mental institutions.

The Poets' Corner

SONG

(From Idylls of the King)

In Love, if Love be Love, if Love be ours,
Faith and unfaith can ne'er be equal powers;
Unfaith in aught is want of faith in all.

It is the little rift within the lute
That, by and by, will make the music mute,
And, ever widening, slowly silence all.

The little rift within the lover's lute
Or little pitted speck in garnered fruit,
That, rotting inward, slowly moulders all.

It is not worth the keeping: let it go:
But shall it? answer darling, answer, no.
And trust me not at all, or all in all.
—Lord Tennyson.

"Life is a hard grind," said the emery wheel. "It's a perfect bore," said the auger."

"It means nothing but hard knocks for me," sighed the nail.

"You haven't as much to go through as I have," said the saw.

"Let's strike," replied the hammer.

"Cut it out," cried the chisel, "here comes the boss."

And awl were silent.

A "Boswell" Find

Colonel Ralph Heywood Isham is responsible for the announcement that what is called a new treasure-trove of manuscripts is now on its way to New York. The "find" thus indicated includes 107 pages of "The Life of Samuel Johnson" and the whole of the manuscript of "The Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides," both by James Boswell, of whom Macaulay has said that though Boswell had neither wit nor humor nor eloquence, and was a vain, pushing, curious coxcomb, he has nevertheless written the most interesting biography in the world. The circumstances under which this holograph material was found illustrate how large a part sheer accident or luck plays in the discovery of such literary treasures. As the story goes, Lady Talbot, the wife of Lord Talbot, who is a descendant of the biographer and owns the Castle Malahide, last summer, planned for her guests a game at croquet. To further this game she set two servants rummaging in an old damp dungeon in which she remembered to have once seen some mallets and balls and wickets stored away in boxes. In one of the boxes they found old papers, musty, yellow and crumbling with age. These have turned out to be the manuscripts above alluded to. Colonel Isham of the United States is an ardent collector of Boswellian relics. He describes the new "find" as priceless, but refuses to say what he himself has given to become possessed of this old material. Incidentally the colonel mentions that a New York collector offered the sum of $80,000 for the sixteen pages of Boswell's "The Life of Samuel Johnson" which heretofore have been considered all that remained of the original document. The hundred-odd pages now so strangely brought to light, along with the 682 written pages comprising the entire original of "The Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides" may reveal some points of interest about James Boswell which have not yet found their way into print. At any rate, it is understandable that this latest literary discovery should have aroused keen interest in literary circles where the mention of Boswell's name sufficiently carries its own signification without any further comment.

A Striking Success

When so much is being said about the unenviable plight of the farmers, it is refreshing to read about one farmer who, starting with only $1300 eight years ago, has achieved a degree of success so astounding that it has not only made him wealthy but in addition has achieved for him a Cabinet seat in the Dominion Government. Hon. Robert Weir, Minister of Agriculture, is that man, and his story, as related in the current number of McLean's Magazine, shows what can be accomplished when a highly trained mind is directed upon the problems of farming. Says M. Grattan O'Leary, author of the article:

"In 1921, Weir, overworking, broke down in health. The doctors told him he must give up his white-collar job, he had been an actuary for an insurance company and later a school inspector—and get out into the open—farm or ranch. Weir, then forty years of age, abandoned the career for which he had prepared himself, got together $1,300, bought a weedy quarter section in Northern Saskatchewan in the triangle formed by the Saskatchewan and Carrot Rivers, began life anew.

"Eight years of farming have brought him astonishing success. Today he is a wealthy agriculturist. The original quarter section of 160 acres has grown to Hereford Park, a farm of 1,120 acres, and the Weir stock carries off blue ribbons in Western Canada's fairs. The Weir horses take down the money on a score of race tracks. Weir applied to agriculture the trained mind of the actuary, of the scientist. By study, by mastery of the science of agriculture and livestock breeding, he turned his acres into a farm laboratory—a laboratory which brings him large dividends in years when farming is unprofitable.

"Agriculture in 1921-22 was passing through one of its worst depressions; pure bred horses, supposed to be giving way on Western farms to combines and tractors, could be bought at bottom prices. Weir bought them, proved that they are as hardy as scrub horses, made them yield him rich profits. Last spring for example, he plowed 230 acres with a pure bred four-horse team then won blue ribbons with three of them at Edmonton, Calgary and Saskatoon. In 1922 he bought a pure bred mare for $225. In 1929 her progeny won $3,000 in cash prizes on the fair circuits. Two of Weir's geldings were unbeaten on the tracks.

"His farm is unique—unique for the West. He owns registered Plymouth Rocks, Shropshire sheep Berkshire swine. They told him that Shropshire sheep would not thrive in Northern Saskatchewan. Weir proved they were wrong. He increased his original flock to 100 head and made them net him a fat dividend cheque annually. And so with Berkshire swine.

"Weir has been a breaker of agricultural images, of precedents. He has produced Gopher oats so promising that experts believe it will supplant the well-known Banner variety. He has evolved a yellow-flowered alfalfa so hardy and thick-cropped that it may end the reign of sweet clover. He is, in short, the sort of successful Western farmer who can make a good profit with wheat at a dollar or less, with beef at six cents; the kind who has won success and held it when the prairies were feeling the hardest pinch within a decade. There are those who point to Hereford Park as a model farm, as the answer to many problems which beset Western agriculture today.

"What contribution will such a man make to the ills of Canadian agriculture? Thus far, at this time of writing, he has given no statement of policy, revealed no plan of campaign. He has, however, shown something of his vigor. Within a week of accepting office he attacked the problem of opening the British Market to Canadian cattle. He went after a $15. ocean rate; is said to have got it. For the first time in three years, at all events, Canadian cattle moved through Atlantic ports for the British markets. Weir aims to ship 15,000 head this year."

Wealthy Father: So you wish to marry my daughter? How much money have you?

Young Jones: Er—about three hundred pounds.

Father:—I said money, not loose change.

Old Gentleman (counting stones on little girl's plate.) I see, my dear, that you are going to marry a rich man.

Little Girl: Yes, but I had to swallow two stones to get him.

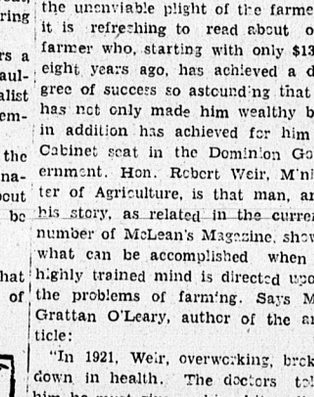
A layoff actor approached Benny Ryan saying:

"Hello, pal, lend me a nickel, will you? I want to call up a friend."

"Heres a dime; call up all your friends," Ryan answered.

Maud:—Bob told me I was the eighth wonder of the world.
Ethel:—What did you say?

Maud:—I told him not to let me catch him with any of the other seven.



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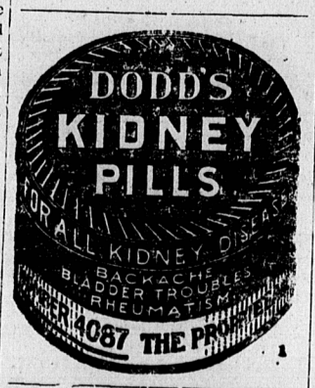

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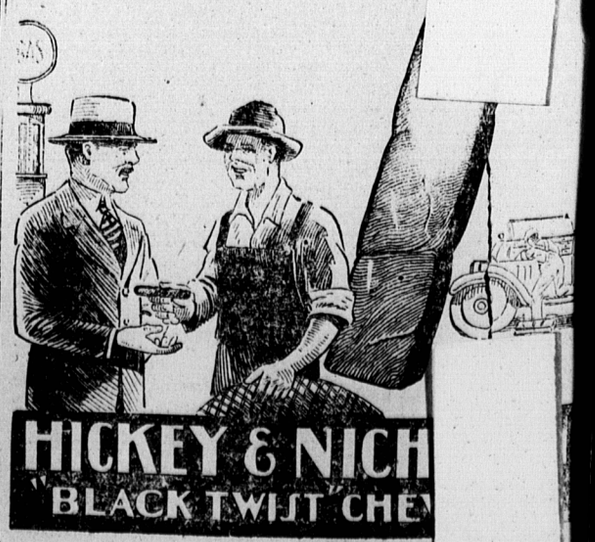

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