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THE FUTURE OF COAL

A cheerful British prophet scientist, inspired no doubt by the turmoil in the coal industry and its uncertain future, predicts that "with in ten years the power monopoly of coal will be broken, not by political nor economical methods, but by the displacement of coal by oil". He goes on to say further: "Coal mines will disappear; the remaining coal measures will be carbonized in the earth, and the gases piped to the surface for conversion into gas for working engines that produce electricity. The residue of gases will be converted into motor fuel, heavy fuels for Diesel engines and tar. The pitheads will thus become electrified power boards for the country. Meanwhile, as the coal is becoming exhausted, shales will be distilled for liquid fuel and beneath the derelict coal mines borings will be made for oil." Who shall say that this cheerful prophecy shall not be fulfilled in the very near future? When we remember that almost within the memory of men now living coal was hoisted from British mines in buckets, carried on the backs of men and women to the nearest ports, and that its use as a fuel was forbidden in the cities because of the smoke nuisance. The step to the fulfillment of the above prophecy is but a short one. The coal supply is not only becoming scarce but its production is being seriously handicapped by labor troubles and monopolies. The conversion of coal in the earth to fuel, heat and light before raised to the surface is a question for the scientists, and nothing is impossible to science. The use of oil fuel for ships has been introduced within the past few years and already some of the greatest ocean liners are equipped with this power. It has been found far superior to coal both for power and speed, and its use has created practically a new era in shipping. This era is only at its commencement and within the next few years oil will no doubt take the place of coal on most of the world's steamships. It is interesting to note that last year seventy-eight million tons of oil was produced of which fifty million was for fuel, such as is used on steamships and other machinery. How the increase in the use of this fuel will affect the supply available in the earth we need not concern ourselves about. When the oil is exhausted some other means will be discovered, just as coal was discovered when wood fuel became exhausted or impracticable and as oil fuel has been discovered when the production of coal became too expensive and uncertain.

THE QUEST

Within the past fifty years the world has been literally flooded with labor-saving devices. Telegraph, telephone, dictophone, have

Current Comment

The Bell Government criminal basket has sprung a new leak. Some time ago we had occasion to refer to its utter inutilty for the purpose to which it was dedicated and now we have to return to the charge in the hope that the noise will wake them up, and that the administration of justice in this province may not be transformed into as big a farce as is the Government behind it. Twice, men, the same men, hardened criminals if you like, found it an easy task to walk out of this place, misnamed the Queens County Jail. The second time was a permanent walk out, for to all outward appearance no effort was made for their recapture, or at least they are still at large. The trifling cost of a long distance telephone message—the enormous sum of twenty-five

stronger than a loose meshed wire sieve will be required for the confinement of the promised and provided for, horde of occupants during the coming summer. Apart altogether from the Patriot's threatened Criminal Code upon the Guardian and Current Comment, and that intimidating interference of the "Justice Department", there are the vast number of intended victims of that "Cure all" act who of necessity must have ample accommodation provided for them. Of what force or effect for instance will any further threats be in stilling the voice of that troublesome "element", which Hon. Mr. Nash defied the "very Devil himself to meet", with the plain evidence before him that the jail is only an open thoroughfare, and in no sense a restraint upon human liberty? For this is what Queens County Jail appears to be under its present careless or negligent methods of management.

It was announced not long ago in the Government organ, that at the last meeting of the Executive provision was made or measures prescribed for the collection of unpaid taxes. These measures can only mean one thing, and that thing the Sheriff, as threatened on the floor of the House and in the columns of the Patriot, to be sent with the inevitable execution to those who will not or can not ante up. Now of what service can the Sheriff be with all his big seal documents, if he is without a place in which he can put his prisoner with some reasonable degree of safety. It is simply making an erment origin, for what terror his tax collecting process a farce, like everything else of Bell Gov. can impart to the derelict debtor or to frighten him into paying up, when the severest proposition he can put up to them is the most transient of residence in this frail and flimsy basket that can not be made to hold even water. Then again, is other kinds of lawlessness to abound and OUR INSTITUTIONS OF PUNISHMENT TO CONTINUE AS THE LAUGHING STOCK AND THE JOKE OF OUR PROVINCE? It is time for our people to wake up and insist upon a change.

In the days of the late Government one trifling incident occurred, but it never got a chance to be repeated, and the Opposition of those days were unlimited in their charges against what they called the "lax administration of justice", and were unceasing in their efforts to convince the people that the Conservatives were deliberately playing fast and loose with the laws of the land. It was especially noticeable in their charges in re prohibition act enforcement, and prominent in their discussions was their promises of an impartial and firm enforcement of the laws of the land. And this is their implementation of those promises. It is not in our line of policy to charge them, as they did their opponents, with wrong doings for political purposes, but how can the public look complacently upon their actions without adopting some interpretation of their own? There must be something behind this weakness, and what is it? We have attributed it to incompetence, carelessness and persistent neglect, but are we right? The merest tyro's in the management of public institutions like this might make one mistake, but would they repeat it on three different occasions within two years.

Some have found happiness but not by means of a mad rush, not through the attainment of wealth not through the piling up of debris which some day he must leave behind him. It has been well said that "happiness is a by-product". It is not purchasable, it is won, not directly as a prize is won by hard competitive work. It comes rather as the flower and the leaves and the grass come through the mellowing influences of warm showers and sunshine. It springs from the heart that is mellowed by kindly deeds, by helping others, by making others happy.

We seek happiness in wealth, in fame, in public and ostentatious benefaction, and to attain them we sacrifice comfort, home, love. We attain these or the measure of these only to find that we have left our happiness behind us and the wealth and the fame and the playdits are but ashes grasped by dying hands and the quest is over.

The world has gone mad in its quest for happiness, not because happiness is a far off goal that must be attained through struggle, but because it is seeking it on the wrong road, because in the feverish modern scramble it imagines happiness is something external and purchasable. It is not, it is inward and of the heart mellowed by kindly thoughts and, kindly acts.

THE OLD GARDENER SAYS

You can sow cabbage seeds in the open ground now and still have good plants for winter. It's a good plan to sow the seed in a row where the plants are to stand, but to thin out the seedlings use those which are removed to make as many additional rows as may be desired. If possible put your cabbages in a part of the garden which was used for some other kind of crop last season. And if you have a choice, use American seed rather than that which is imported.

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The Art of Living

The art of life consists in taking each event which befalls us with a contented mind and confident of good. This makes us grow younger as we grow older, for youth and joy come from the soul to the body more than from the body to the soul. With this method and art and temper of life, we live, though we may be dying. We rejoice always, though in the midst of sorrows; and possess all things, though destitute of everything.

James Freeman Clarke.

BROTHERHOOD

O Brother man! fold to thy breast thy brother; Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there; To worship rightly is to love each other. Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer. Follow with reverent steps the great example Of Him whose holy work was "doing good"; So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple, Each loving life a psalm of gratitude. Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangor Of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease; Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger, And in its ashes plant the tree of peace!

—Whittier.

Happenings Of The Week

However little I may be, At least I too, can plant a tree. And some day it will grow up so high That it can whisper to the sky.

And spread its leafy branches wide To make a shade on every side.

Then, on a sultry summer day, The people resting there will say—

"Oh, good, and wise, and great was he Who thought to plant this blessed tree!"

Far from being the princess of fairy tales who has nothing to do but sleep on silken covered rose beds, eat chocolate drops and play courtyards, Princess Juliana of Holland leads a serious and studious life. The princess has just celebrated her twelfth birthday anniversary, and school children of Canada probably would not want to change places with Holland's prospective queen if they had to follow her heavy course of studies, which include French history, arithmetic, geometry, algebra, geography, drawing, grammar, voice culture and violin playing.

In addition to this, because of her royal position and the fact that she will be queen some day and the ruler of Holland, no matter who her husband is, she is taught etiquette, court customs and the strict rules of conduct pertaining to a princess.

Her companies are very carefully chosen for her and she, like her recent predecessors in the House of Orange, has been taught that it is not becoming royalty to make a "stage play" for popularity. She frequently accompanies her father, the Prince Consort, or mother, on trips about Holland when her geography teacher goes along and instructs her at first hand in her own country's features.

Government buildings were gaily decorated in celebration of her birthday anniversary and a number of children called at the palace singing old Dutch songs.

The social event of the season was the dance given at the Country Club, on Thursday evening by His Honour the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. McKinnon. The guests numbering about two hundred and twenty-five, many from different parts of the Province, were generally welcomed by the host and hostess who were attended by the Governor's Secretary, his aides and their wives, all doing their utmost for the pleasure of everyone. Many very handsome gowns were worn. Mrs. McKinnon looking exceedingly nice in shimmering black satin with over dress of black and midnight blue sequins, with black

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silks net trimming, a most effective combination among the many bright colors worn by the gay young dancers. Charming partners, a good floor and enticing music, with a brilliant moon peeping in through the open windows, made an ideal setting for dancing and the program was much enjoyed. Dainty refreshments were served at a late hour. Mr. McGregor the Scotch comedian and Miss Thomson who were also in attendance, added much to the enjoyment of the affair.

The Nurses graduation exercises Tuesday evening, a public event which is always anticipated with pleasure, was even more largely attended than in previous years, the young graduates being not only favorites in their profession, but also in private life. With their esteemed Matron, Miss McKinnon and their associate nurses they presented a charming appearance as they received their diplomas and class pins from His Honor the Lieut. Governor and were handed exquisite bouquets of roses and carnations from Mr. James Tait by Miss Irma Tait. The graduates: Miss Lily J. Davidson, Miss Estelle G. Henderson, Miss Fidessa M. Reeves, Miss Doris M. Toombs and Miss E. L. Compston were then addressed by Dr. Johnson, who congratulated them on their success and gave admirable advice for future years. A pleasing program also added to the pleasure of the occasion which was followed by an informal jollification at the Nurses' Home where friends and relatives met in happiest congratulations.

Mrs. W. K. Rogers, with Misses Pauline and Enid Rogers returned Wednesday night from a holiday visit to New York and Boston. Miss Ella Gordon of Ottawa whose marriage to Mr. Sinclair Sutherland formerly of this city takes place at the capital very shortly, has been the guest of honor at several social functions during the past week including a delightful dinner party and dance at the Rivermead Golf Club a few evenings ago.

Among the out of town guests at the dance given by the Governor and Mrs. McKinnon on Thursday evening were Mr. Hood and Mr. Messias of the Bank of Montreal.

Miss McKinnon, Lady Superintendent, P. E. I. H. and her graduating class 1921, with the graduate nurses in the field, had a merry supper party at the Victoria Tuesday evening. Later in the evening they were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Jenkins at "a luncheon shower" tendered one of their members, Miss Ann McKinnon in honor of her approaching nuptials. A huge wheelbarrow, artistically decorated was wheeled in front of the fireplace in the drawing room where Mrs. Jenkins received the guests. The bride-to-be opened the numerous parcels and read the original compositions, causing much merriment. A very enjoyable dance followed and supper was served at midnight's witching hour, the dining room being decorated in honor of the occasion with smilax and orange blossoms and many gay streamers. After bouncing the guest of honor

Friday and Saturday

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES. RHEUMATISM, BRIGHT'S DISEASE, DIABETES, BACKACHE, GRAVEL, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, INDIGESTION, OBESITY, URIC ACID, SANDS, GRAVEL, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, INDIGESTION, OBESITY, URIC ACID.

THE PUBLIC FORUM This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

"A Suggestion"

Sir,—As is the custom in many larger cities, might it not be beneficially adopted in this fair Province, to give both those who have the care of the children of the Protestant Orphanage, and the children themselves, a much needed change by making arrangements that all the children be, for a portion if not the entire summer vacation, guests in the many good Christian homes throughout the Island. Perhaps it would be best to have two children, as guests at a home, this would avoid lonesomeness. The writer believes that if the idea is agreeable to those in charge, plans for the execution of the scheme could easily be carried out by the clergy of the Island. I am, Sir, etc., READER.

and the genial Dr. and with three rousing cheers for both, the guests numbering over one hundred, reluctantly said "good-night".

It is regrettable that this week saw the departure from Charlottetown of Mrs. John Reay who with her two little girls, Dorothy and Phyllis left last Wednesday morning to return to her home in L.

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