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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink."

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Home Truths For Wheat Growers

An international approach to the wheat problem, through a quota system carried back to the individual farm by each prairie province, involving a policy of regimentation in sharp contrast to the "free-trade" prejudices of many of his hearers, was urged the other day at Regina by a prominent authority on agriculture, Mr. C. W. Peterson, editor of Farm and Ranch Review.

Returning from an extended study trip in Europe Mr. Peterson reports finding Canada the only country which has apparently failed to grasp the significance of the profound changes in national and international economy that have taken place in the past decade.

The bonusing of wheat growers at the expense of the Dominion Mr. Peterson declares to be "not a policy but merely another form of relief." It contributes nothing towards solving the problem and is in principle absolutely indefensible except as an emergency measure.

Of the Turgeon Commission report, which cost the taxpayers over a hundred thousand dollars, Mr. Peterson says: "It is a timid, colourless document. It embodies much useful information but it fails completely to deal constructively with the central issue."

Interesting are the quotations given from a circular issued by a Rotterdam company, in which it is pointed out that subsidies are now paid to export wheat producers in fourteen countries; that no country can produce wheat at a price arrived at in free competition without government assistance, and that continuation of this system will result, sooner or later, in "a breakdown, when a complete chaos will reign in the world of wheat."

It is Mr. Peterson's belief that the solution of the problem lies absolutely in the hands of the "Big Four" exporters: Argentina, Canada, Australia and United States, who in the past fourteen-year period have contributed 86 per cent of the world's total wheat imports, and who can, within limits, exercise complete control of market prices.

Highly significant, says Mr. Peterson, is the fact that outside North America and Australia, the world's wheat is produced almost exclusively by the lowest type of peasantry: white, black, yellow and brown, leading a veritable slum existence. "This is the class of competition Western Canada faces in the world's markets and the problem confronting us today is, whether our efficient wheat producers shall before long be compelled to conform to the same slum standard of living in order to remain in business."

This is a far cry from the "free trade" doctrine to which our western Canadian wheat-growers have adhered, but the facts seem to be with Mr. Peterson when he declares that Canada must become reconciled to drastic emergency policies, and that the laissez faire attitude, "so highly recommended by our greatest classical economists, is as dead as Caesar's Wife."

The "Iron Lung"

Lord Nuffield, the manufacturer in a big way of a popular motor car in England, is adding to his public beneficences (said now to amount to 65 million dollars), the provision of an "iron lung" to every hospital in the British Empire. The gift very properly has been widely praised, but some of the expressions of appreciation are perhaps misleading.

Religious Freedom

What is happening to the Jews in Germany, says an exchange, might soon be the fate of Christian communities also—that is no fantastic supposition, but a real menace. In fact, the religious persecution is already well under way, with Catholics and Protestants being brought under the harrow. Totalitarian intolerance extends to all creeds disapproved by the godless regime. There must be only one brand of belief in the Reich—belief in the divine mission of the self-styled Aryans and their infallible Fuehrer. Neo-paganism is the official cult, and whatever comes into conflict with it is contemptuously swept aside.

Hitler deliberately creates violent prejudices and then plays them for all they are worth. He is able to do this by his elaborate system of propaganda and the perversion of the youthful mind. He is less successful with the mature, who think for themselves and realize the evil of Nazi methods. That there is in Germany a strong public sentiment which regards such dragging as hateful and inwardly but deeply resents what is being done to the children by an unscrupulous dictatorship, is well understood. In spite of the rigid censorship, significant reports are coming out of the country, revealing the hollowness of Nazi claims to practical unanimity among the German people. The opposition is none the less strong because of its enforced silence.

Editorial Notes

Austerlitz this date, 1805. Wasn't Democracy's face red in Halifax yesterday when Premier Campbell—of all persons—protested his affection for her! "Perpetual Motion" is an apt description of the Campbell government — as one comes another goes apinching.

Sleighs are being once more put in ship-shape, and Old Dobbin harnessed-up to make a prospectively lengthy Winter fit for democracy. A couple of big rotary ploughs could have kept the roads East and West to Borden open all winter.

With December come thoughts of those long neglected friends and correspondents at a distance to whom we must drop a line, and a card, and, perhaps, a little gift.

Many commercial travellers who came here by car have gone home by train, leaving instructions to have their autos forwarded, when possible by rail.

Who was it, again, who indignantly repudiated Canada being entitled to be described as Our Lady of the Snows? This year, for more reasons than one, the term is peculiarly applicable. "The gates are mine to open. And I abide in my Mother's house." Said Our Lady of the Snows.

The fine sprigs of heather placed at the plates of the St. Andrew night diners in the Canadian National Hotel were the gift of Miss Donaldson, Paisley. Miss Donaldson's father and the late Mr. James Paton were great friends and each year while he lived he sent Mr. Paton a box of purple and white heather which was passed over to the Caledonian Club for their banquet. Since the passing hence of these two fine Scotsmen, Miss Donaldson has continued the gift, which she sends to Mrs. Paton who, in turn, passes it over to the Caledonian Clansmen.

In the last six months 1,000 acres in England for the cultivation of tomatoes and salad greens has been put under glass at an expenditure of \$2,500,000, the British Ministry of Agriculture reports. "This development is ascribed to two causes. One is the scaled tariff protection which home tomato-growers now enjoy in the earlier months of the year, this preventing disastrous breaks in prices. The other is the fact that the true nutritional value of home-grown fruits and vegetables is now widely appreciated. Tomato culture in glass-houses advanced from 1,561 acres to 1,709 acres, as compared with the previous twelve months. Other crops raised in glasshouses advanced from 1,081 acres to 1,409 acres."

As a practical gesture at the inauguration of a safety-first week in Wembley Borough, London, the other day, Mr. Leslie Burgin, Transport Minister, gave a "walking license" to fifty-two children present. Each license has a blank page for endorsement for "dangerous walking." Children from 5 to 7 have a red license, from 7 to 11 a yellow license and from 11 to 15 a green license—with rules and a cycle permit, to be signed by a parent and head teacher, allowing them to ride to school. The scheme has been organized to cut down the accident rate in the area—which now has averaged nearly one a day among school children. Later, licenses will be given to all the Borough's children. If the scheme succeeds in reducing accidents, it may be adopted nationally.

While authentic advices from Paris divulge the fact that an umbrella is now styled "un chamberlain—not pronounced, however, as some would have it, "jaime Berlin"—other reports have come to hand to show how the Parisian initiative has spread to the Continent. A Lisbon caricature depicts the British Prime Minister in evening dress, playing the violin in the "international quartet"—with his umbrella still hanging over his arm. And The Times of London prints this contribution from Michael Peto: "In Belgium, where I have been motoring about in different parts of the country and talking to friends for the past few days, devotion to Mr. Chamberlain has taken a rather piquant form. It is now considered correct for a Belgian gentleman always to be seen carrying an umbrella, which is colloquially called 'un chamberlain'. They are being bought in the shops of the largest towns in thousands; and his name, very easily pronounced in the French language, is universally employed, instead of 'un parapluie'."

NOTES BY THE WAY

A magazine article advises against over-exercise. It was Chauncey Depew who said he got tired by "acting as pail-bearer for my friends' exercises."—Brockville Recorder and Times.

Mr. W. Gallacher, M.P., for West Fife, caused laughter in the British House of Commons by referring to an occasion when Mr. G. B. Shaw had taken the oath in order to testify the qualifications for standing bail. "The magistrate," he stated, "said to Mr. Shaw: 'Are you worth £200?' Mr. Shaw cocked his head slightly to one side and said: 'Why I won't say that, but I have got £200.'—Exchange.

Advertising lineage in newspapers has shown a healthy growth in recent weeks, and this is regarded as the most reliable business barometer. No doubt you have noticed it. Advertisements are larger, and there are more of them. The reason advertising volume is accepted as a good harbinger of business prospects is because merchants advertise more when they have more to sell. It is a natural upturn. They have learned that when business starts to expand the business firms that advertise get the best of the new trade. —Pictou Times.

This country has had many compliments from Canada, but nothing quite so engaging as that voiced in Toronto on the eve of Armistice Day by Ian Mackenzie, Dominion Defence Minister—that the United States is "the finest neighbor nation any country ever possessed." In the expressive eloquence of the day, Uncle Sam might reply: "You're not so bad yourself, John Canuck." Both countries are a credit to proportion, both are tactful, both are intelligent. Their methods of life and action are the same. They are good neighbors because both regard peace as the supreme end of international relations. —Buffalo News.

Newfoundland's entrance into the Dominion has always been politically sound, but economically difficult. Yet curiously the Old Colony has persistently kept out of the Dominion's affairs. It is ever assents to union with the Dominion through economic stress. A paradox, but a fact. —Sydney Post-Record.

One keen amateur cameraman has been busy recently in referring to Mr. Lloyd George, who has secured a color-filming of his garden at Autumn's foliage in the garden at Churt. As many of the shrubs and trees were planted originally with an eye to their color value, he has secured an effective picture. Mr. Lloyd George has an impressive library of his own films many of them in color. Holidays in Jamaica and the South of France have provided him with some of his subjects. Last Spring he made a film of his orchards in blossom. —London Sunday Times.

Alas and alack, the once virile West is going sissy. Out on the plains where men were men they have had to establish a date bureau. The University of Saskatchewan has set up a date bureau through which handsome young men will be able to make dates with the hardy men and women of yesterday and what they would think of such goings on. Those were the days when men and women were men and women. No boy friend ever had to ask a date bureau to get him a girl friend. Now he has to go to a date bureau to get a date bureau. —Windsor Star.

A lively controversy is raging in Ontario County, N. J., over the suspension of mosquito control in the W. P. A. and the C. C. C. Mosquito haters blame the suspension of local duck lovers, who, in pulling the strings in Washington to end attacks on the insects. Eradication, it is pointed out, tends to drive ducks away as the birds thrive on the larvae. There are some who believe in Ontario County, but old-timers deprecate the entire controversy as silly and not established on solid premises. While both are in the air, they assert, it is impossible to tell the mosquitoes from the ducks, the latter being only slightly bigger. Consequently, it is going too far to assume the mosquitoes are disappearing. The only infallible method is to wait until the two are when you are bitten. You can be reasonably sure it was not done by a duck. —New York Times.

Whatever the reason, we seem to be in process of producing a generation of giants in contrast with those preceding it. It is nothing new nowadays for a boy or girl in his teens or her teens to reach a greater height than his or her parents. Some actual tower over their parents. Child growth charts here in to fit the sizes in clothing marked for its age, and in the United States it has been found necessary to enlarge these sizes so that they may be equally true of the country finds, indeed, after an exhaustive study of American youth during recent years has become broader-shouldered, slimmer-waisted and has increased his average height by two inches. This is equally true of the youth of this country for there has been a noticeable increase in the height of young people and apparently without heredity exerting much influence in that regard. Perhaps the greater attention which is paid to youthful diet, the way in which young people are under medical supervision from the time of their birth, the outdoor lives which most of them lead, the amount of cod liver oil, spinach, milk, fruit juices and other healthful and building substances which most of them consume from day to day, is having its effect upon growth. —Brockville Recorder and Times.

It is appropriate that King George, like his ancestor (Edward VII as Prince of Wales) will approach the United States by way of Canada, and unlike him, will return to Canada at the end of the visit. Although it is indispensable to the part that Great Britain desires to play in Europe that we should feel ourselves to have the moral support and sympathy of the United States, we understand and respect the reasons that deterrens America to avoid direct entanglement in the affairs of the Old World. It is quite possible for Englishmen and Americans to

That Body of Hours by James W. Barton, M.D.

PAROXYSMAL TACHYCARDIA VERY RAPID HEART BEAT - NOT SERIOUS IN MOST CASES

The term paroxysmal tachycardia is when the heart rate suddenly becomes rapid and after a variable time—a few seconds, hours, or days—just as suddenly goes back to its normal rate. During an attack the heart rate may go as high as 250 beats to the minute and then drop to a rate of 72 to 76. The cause of this very rapid beating of the heart is unknown but something—shock, worry, disappointment—interferes with the "starter" of the heart beats and the beat gets out of its regular rhythm or regularly. Fortunately the great majority of cases occur in the two heart chambers—the auricles—which receive the blood, not the ventricles—ventricles from which the blood is pumped to lungs, and to all the other parts of the body. This auricle type is not dangerous. Dr. W. Forrester in Canadian Medical Association Journal states: "Paroxysmal auricular tachycardia is found in healthy adults of all ages. Heart disease may or may not be present. This very rapid beating may be just for a few beats or it may go on for as long as six days. Attacks lasting a few minutes are much the commonest. Neither exercise nor drugs makes any change in the rate whereas in a normal heart or a diseased heart, drugs and exercise affect the rate. Most persons feel discomfort during an attack—a fluttering in the chest or pounding in the neck. Usually no treatment is necessary. Professional medical doctors without treatment. Many of these individuals have learned some method of preventing or shortening an attack by stimulating the vagus nerve by swallowing a lump of sugar, or by pressing firmly on the large blood vessels in front of neck which can be seen to bulge if watched closely, or the drinking of ice water, or by bringing on a vomiting spell, often stops an attack. Quinine has been found most useful in quinine (not quinine) and it can be given by mouth, 5 grains every hour for ten hours. As this very rapid heart beat naturally alarms the individual, Dr. Connell suggests that its lack of danger be explained, thus preventing anxiety. Only a small number of cases commonly seen require any treatment whatever.

work each in their own hemisphere, for the same ideal. The recognition of this truth is aptly symbolized by the fact that the King will enter the United States by way of Canada. His visit therefore is in the first place a pledge of mutual co-operation between his subjects in North America and the great people who are their closest neighbours in the many practical questions that concern them both. That will not prevent it from being also a declaration of the confidence and esteem that the whole British Empire feels towards the United States, as one of the impregnable bulwarks of peace and justice in an illogical and warlike world. —The Times, London.

BEAVERS DEFEAT HALIFAX TEAM (C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) SAINT JOHN, N. B., Nov. 30.—Saint John Beavers continued their winning ways at the expense of the Halifax Garrison Club in an exhibition hockey game tonight. The score was 7-2. The teams will play here again Friday night.

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The Poets' Corner THE TWO ARCHDEACONS

(Recently the Venerable Archdeacon Frederick George Scott, of Quebec, addressed the Trinity Memorial Church Educational Club. He was introduced by Trinity Memorial's Rector, the Venerable Archdeacon John M. Almond. The two Archdeacons are friends of long standing, both having been noted Great War padres. The day following the address at Trinity Memorial Archdeacon Almond received from Archdeacon Scott the following poem.)

Two Archdeacons on the stage. One shows youth, and one shows age. One is dark and one is fair. One is bald and one has hair. Everyone with eyes can see Each has got the C. M. G. Both can duck and both can run. So they thought the war was fun. One writes poems, one does not. One is Almond, one is Scott. One has eyes with piercing gleam, One looks always in a dream. Both wear garters now and then Just to show they're Clergymen. Woe to Bishops should they dare To provoke this dauntless pair! But of this I am most certain: When they slip behind life's curtain They will never, never go Where they'll have to shovel snow. —Montreal Star.

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

MEDICAL AID Sir—Medical aid is something that is getting sadly neglected in our neighborhood. We were very fortunate for many years in having two highly respectable and professional medical doctors who never faltered at any call night or day and in all kinds of weather, to administer to the sick. Like the rest of us they grew old, and one of them was called from our midst to his heavenly home a few months ago. I refer to the late Dr. Murcheson of Bonshaw who administered to the sick up until the day of his own death. This leaves his brother, Dr. Murcheson of Clyde River to look after the whole territory, which would task the ability of a much younger man. Dr. Murcheson is getting up in years and cannot be expected to get out at night or in stormy weather, which, of course, places many families in a very serious position, especially in winter and in stormy weather, when we cannot go to town or even get a doctor from town. There are many things which can and might happen at any time to a member of any of these families, and how can they get medical assistance if there is no doctor in their neighborhood? This is something our Health Department should take into consideration. For instance, here is a territory of perhaps forty miles with some five hundred families, and if a doctor was placed in the centre of this territory there wouldn't be more than a seven mile drive to the furthest house in the whole neighborhood. There is a great opportunity here for some young, enterprising medical doctor to step in and build up a practice for himself, and be of service and help to these people. I am taking this liberty to call the attention of the people in this

HIGHER STANDARD BOSTON (CP)—Speaking of women in public life The Transcript says editorially that those of the sex who have sought elective offices have raised for themselves higher standards of service.

OLD BANKING HOUSE LONDON (CP)—London's oldest bank C. Hoare and Company which has been carried on for about 260 years, was brought to public attention recently by the death of Alfred Hoare, 88, a former partner. Custom for a member of the Hoare family of sleep on the premises each night has been carried out for 242 years.

NINE DEAD IN FLOOD CARACAS, VENEZUELA, Dec. 1 (AP)—Nine persons were killed today when rain-swollen Maqueta River floods swept the town of Maqueta. Two persons were missing and 20 others were injured. Hundreds of families were made homeless and 80 houses were destroyed.

INDIANS INDUSTRIOUS THE PAS, Man. (CP)—Indians of this district are becoming farm conscious, according to S. Lovell, Indian agent. Three hundred bushels of wheat were threshed by reserve Indians this fall and enough potatoes grown to supply them with food for the winter and seed for next spring's planting.

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