

### Notes By The Way

One of the better wedding stories has come through to us at last in a London newspaper. For some reason it was delayed, probably because nobody thought of mentioning it. Charles Topper, who is barber at the Jersey Street Turkish baths, where the prince was sweated since early youth, was sent two tickets by the Duke of Kent for his wedding—Abbey Services. Another client got in touch with the Topper and offered to lend his car. The car arrived, and Topper and Mrs. T. Topper dressed to the nines, prepared to go in. Suddenly Topper noticed that the face of the woman standing rigidly at attention with his hand on the open door, was the face of his exalted client. "Sh! Not a word," said the client, "it's the only chance I've got of getting a decent view of the show."

Dogmatic and persistent predictors of coming armed conflict declare that they are simply the result of the head of the state. But a true realism takes in the whole picture. There are counter-forces as work in the world today that make conflict certainly not inevitable. Some of these should be taken into account. They should be playing up the forces that are drawing people into an ever more compact bundle of human life. The will for peace might be made quite as dynamic as that of devastation and ruin.—Christian Science Monitor.

The purge of June 30 in Germany, the barbarous murder of Dollfus, the assassination of King Alexander, a realization of what happened in the Russian famine, and now the systematic butchery of "class enemies" in Russia have just closed the year's head of news. The liberal and the despotic—has been shifted during the year. The liberal western powers are no longer on the defensive. The despots are on the defensive. It is not such a bad prospect for the future.—Walter Lippmann.

Mr. Edwin G. Parkman, the well-known contractor and builder is today receiving the congratulations of many friends on the attainment of his 83rd birthday. Mr. Parkman, notwithstanding his years is enjoying the best of health and his athletic and boyish vigor gives no indication of the years in his credit. Although retired from actual duty for several years, he by no means spends his days in idleness as he still bustles himself with light carpenter work in his spare time. He is a hobby. He shows no evidence of breakdown, either mentally or physically and it is safe to predict for him many years of active enjoyment.—London Sunday Express.

Hundreds of arrests all over Germany. Nobody knows who is in prison, who free. Nobody can be sure who the village schoolmaster is. Hitler's Government professes to be a democracy. It has exaggerated. They made the same mistake on June 30. They came to many families the message: "Come, fetch the body. One thing is certain. After the year of Hitler is so rocky that he is arresting by hundreds the men on whose shoulders he climbed to power.—London Sunday Express.

The two men met in the public eye for the moment are Mussolini and Laval. Mussolini's father was a village blacksmith and his mother the wife of a cooper. Laval's father was a cooper. Laval was a bricklayer. Laval was the son of a village butcher and in his youth drove a hack and studied the classics while his customers. Even in Europe being born in a village and of poor parents are no invidious bars to men of genius. Rather they seem to be advantages. Ramsay MacDonald is another example.—London Advertiser.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling's 70th birthday last week was a reminder that celebrities are not getting younger. We hear of the nowadays of Mr. Kipling, even less than we do of Sir James Barrie, and these two contrasted literary personalities share a great deal of the same characteristics. The Army's Poet Laureate is even more of an oyster than the biographer of Thrums. After a period of poor health, Mr. Kipling is now better, though still obliged, like so many other people, to diet carefully. Formerly he and Mrs. Kipling used to winter in South Africa, but now they divide the year between their cottages on the Sussex downs and either the south of France or a Mediterranean cruise. Their married daughter and her husband are constantly with them.

The announcement that the executors of the late Sir Henry Royce's estate have in terms of his wishes decided to devote a tenth part of his estate to founding of two research fellowships for discovering a cure for the common cold and influenza will be universally welcomed. This is an act of real benevolence which we all hope will triumphantly achieve its purpose, for there are few indeed who are regarded as being both the least and the greatest of human. All things considered, however, the serious consequences of complications that often follow a cold there remain the loss of time and efficiency with which the milder types of his own sympathetic company than in the barbarous cruelty of his companions. Such an individual, by his enforced seclusion, may be saving the seeds for that serious disease known as dementia praecox, a mental illness so common to the youth of every land, and which is likely to incapacitate him for life.

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### Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act

(Moncton Times)  
A meeting of the boards of review for the three Prairie Provinces appointed under the provisions of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act met last week in Regina for the purpose of formulating a uniform policy of administration of the act, says the Calgary Herald.

The board of review is in the nature of an appeal court from the decision or lack of decision or inaction before the official receiver. They are given very wide powers to force upon creditors a compromise of their claims. It is well, therefore, that great care and forethought be given to the administration of the act before putting into force these powers and that it be made as uniform as possible in its operation.

It appears from the statement given out for publication that every effort is to be made to encourage voluntary settlements before any compulsion is brought to bear. The present proposal is ready to adopt any reasonable suggestion that will give a debtor a chance to carry on and meet his liabilities even to the extent of a reduction in his liabilities and it is difficult to see in proper cases may be expected from them.

The act if properly interpreted and applied to the strained relations between farmers and creditors will not doubt prove to be a wise extension of the bankruptcy law. By the Bankruptcy Act itself the liabilities and debts of a bankrupt and although he may take advantage of it and make an assignment or make a proposal for an extension this way was very seldom done.

It must be noted that neither the drought nor the economic difficulties of the past three or four years or both are the whole cause of the present plight of the farmers. One of the chief causes of their difficulties during these serious times is the effect of the unwise and unwise legislation which has been in force in this province for ten or twelve years. This legislation was directed entirely towards limiting the rights of the creditors and the rights of the farmer and it was made indiscriminate in its application it has tended almost wholly to destroy the farmers' credit including the credit of those who were able to get it if the legislation had not been in force.

Farm Creditors' Act states that "it is essential in the interests of the Dominion to retain the farmers on the land as efficient producers." And the board in their statement recognize the fact that the act is to be interpreted however, that this interpretation will not be strained so as to force compromise on creditors of farmers who are able to meet it or inefficient and for whom any compromise will be futile. It would be no kindness to the Dominion that the credit of the farmers should be retained on the land at the expense of their creditors. A wide discretion and care should be exercised by the boards to see that the credit of the farmers is not injured by a milk and water policy of bolstering up this class of farmer who would be better off if land. A wise administration of this act along the lines indicated will do much to re-establish the credit of the farmer by giving confidence to his creditors that their interest will be protected, whereas a weak, over-scrupulous view of some farmers' difficulties may only tend to further hamper the general recovery of the farming industry by decreasing the farmers' credit.

It is necessary to visualize not only the teeth needing attention, but the entire patient as a living human being, an individual endowed with certain physical and psychological characteristics in an environment where disappointments are his common fate.

We know the psychological value of teeth, strongly advertised in various advertisements; we are advised over and over again of the social and business value of good looking teeth.

We are aware how crooked teeth, or the absence of a tooth, or the presence of decayed teeth may cause backwardness, shyness; we instinctively feel that physical imperfection carries with it a certain amount of moral, if not intellectual taint; there is no doubt but that defective teeth may embarrass a young person to the extent that he, or she, may shun society.

There is an immense value in the correcting of deformities, for nobody cares to be exposed, decayed or deformed teeth, not to speak of the embarrassment it causes to the sufferer; anything that will give an individual a feeling of inferiority towards the other members of his group will predispose him to a mental disorder, any kind of organic inferiority is a serious mental menace, which is ever coming up before the handicapped individual, and threatening his personality.

The young person in need of orthodontia, who is allowed to grow up with a receding chin, or other bony deformity, which makes him, or her, the butt of all the cruel jests of his playmates, is already having cut out for him a pattern of reaction to life; which can do him no good; he tends to shrink away from people, to become aloof and self-centered, finding more solace in his own sympathetic company than in the barbarous cruelty of his companions. Such an individual, by his enforced seclusion, may be saving the seeds for that serious disease known as dementia praecox, a mental illness so common to the youth of every land, and which is likely to incapacitate him for life.

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### PUBLIC FORUM

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#### FOR CLEANER POLITICS

Sir,—I am one with your Christian correspondents in his plea for cleaner politics. Personally I have indulged in reprisal phrases of which I am by no means proud, but forced to resort to them on the commission of fighting fire with fire, or opposing the devil on his own ground.

What a difference it would make if we could measure up to the status of statesmen in discussing party and political issues, and deal with public issues upon merit, freed from the stench of slander and misrepresentation?

Although too much in evidence this disease of political filth is not pandemic. It is largely a habitant of North America, yet we have statesmen who soar above it, carry their campaigns as in England upon the platform of statesmanship in the environment of cleanliness and honor.

There is nothing gained by the discharge of partisan stunk bags? An ounce of pungent truth and fact will go further in impressing an electorate, than a whole avalanche of falsification, and rumor, and office made scandal, no matter how adroitly invented or blatantly broadcast. And the muckraker and roorback broadcaster invariably learns that the rebounding his himself harder than the person at whom he aimed it.

I am, Sir, etc.  
CAMPAIGNER.

#### THE OFT REPEATED DECEPTION

Sir,—The Patriot continues to parade the result of Federal by-elections; its latest an imposing column of 9 Liberals and 1 Conservative. There is nothing criminal in this. But why lie about it? Why classify them as "Liberal wins" for the abject purpose of misleading its readers? It knows the claim to be the absolute truth. It knows that they were not all Liberal gains. It knows positively that almost all of them were nothing more than the return of Liberal candidates to take the seats of former Liberal candidates who had passed out.

That they did gain a couple of seats is not disputed. But why not tell the truth as to the remainder? What is there to gain by the deception? It is nothing new for two or three seats to go against a government in by-elections. It occurred often in the days of the great Laurier. Nor was it a marvel that in the heart of a world wide depression, while the Prime Minister was in Europe on Canadian business, the Liberal Government was able to make adjustments, while the poorly equipped individual will probably fail to make the necessary balances.

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5.—Or in the Domestic Life: There is an inability to maintain a normal, domestic relationship, family quarrels, infidelity, desertion, divorce, cruel abusive treatment is evidenced.

6.—Or again in the Social Life: There is a failure to adjust to the life of the community, in society, church or politics, conflict with the laws, criminality, alcoholism, drug addiction.

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### KING'S STRANGE CASE

In addition to the large quantity of immoral or indecent books dealt with during the calendar year, hundreds of foreign language publications alleged to be of a treasonable or seditious character were received by the Examiner of Publications and the proper action taken thereon. The records show that during the past year 2,214 letters regarding doubtful publications were received and dealt with.

In its duties in this connection, the Department of National Revenue is fulfilling a vitally important function, and it will have behind it the support of all right-thinking people. It is acting as a bulwark against a class of literature which is not wanted in Canada, but with which we would be inundated but for constant governmental vigilance.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Real reciprocity, and not of the jug handled variety, will be the result of the present negotiations between Ottawa and Washington.

The poor showing made by Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King in his speech on the address may be due as much to the state of his health as to the paucity of his policy. The Leader of the Opposition is reported to be far from well.

Certain of the Liberal back benchers argue that now the Liberal party is in funds due to the millionaire Hon. Vincent Massey having undertaken re-organization, the first step to secure their return from "the Valley of Humiliation" would be the restitution of the \$600,000 involved in the Beauharnois scandal.

Underhand agitation is still in progress to supplant Mr. King in the Liberal leadership. The claims of two likely substitutes are being canvassed—the Hon. Ernest Lapointe and Hon. J. L. Ralston. A popular English speaking Quebec member sponsors the former, and a well-known Maritime member the latter. A canvass was recently made by the Maritime members for support for Mr. Lapointe with the result that not one vote in his favor was promised.

Terming it the "finest organization for boys in the world today," Hon. H. A. Bruce, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, opened the campaign for the extension of the Boy Scout Association in Canada. "The whole duty of a father to his son has not been discharged until that boy has been encouraged to join the Boy Scout organization," said the Lieutenant-Governor. "That organization will make a true, loyal, honorable, useful man of any boy. It will make him in a word, a good Scout."

Referring to leadership it may be mentioned there is still a strong determination among the rank-and-file to get rid of Mr. King. The sorest point with them was Mr. King's declaration in Parliament that the whole Liberal Party was "in the Valley of Humiliation" over their participation in the Beauharnois scandal. The back-bench Liberals say they wouldn't mind if Mr. King had said the Liberal leaders were compromised, but decline to have the whole membership involved in a scandal in which they had no active participation.

The new treasurer wrote a letter and 50 per cent of those in arrears to the church paid up; he wrote another letter and all but one paid. Finally he wrote one more, and the last man sent in his cheque. Shortly afterwards the pastor was invited to dinner at the man's home. "You have a new treasurer at the church now, haven't you?" inquired the host. "Yes," answered the pastor, undecided as to how his parishioners felt towards him. "He writes a nice letter," remarked the host, "except that he can't spell." "Is that so?" said the minister. "Yes; he ought to be corrected on that," said the host seriously. "He spelled 'skunk' with a 'c' and had two 's' in 'lousy'."

Hon. Mr. Caban informed the House that on November 26 last the Commissioner of Franchises, Colonel John Thompson, began to send the voters' lists to the King's Printer, and of the total of about 6,000,000 names on the lists a total of 1,000,000 have already been set up in type even though the Government has been obliged to have the printers give right of way to printing of departmental documents to be submitted to the House. At the present time the lists were being printed at the rate of 15,000 names daily, and this basis, Mr. Caban stated, the completion work should be completed early in April and the printing finished by the middle of April. Then came the revision called in last year's legislation, so that it would not be until after May 15th that the voters' lists could be regarded as available for electoral purposes.

### A NATIONAL BULWARK

The National Revenue Review reports that an increasing degree of success attended the efforts of the Department during the past year in the way of preventing the importation into Canada of indecent or immoral books, magazines, photographs and similar publications. Efficient and constant co-operation of Collectors throughout the Dominion with the official Examiner of Publications at headquarters resulted in large quantities of indecent publications being intercepted. Many of these were prohibited importation by official memorandum, after examination. Many others were either seized and destroyed, or shipped back to the exporters.

The question is asked sometimes how the Department succeeds in preventing a flood of indecent publications from entering Canada. Collectors of Customs and Excise, Officers of various organizations and citizens generally, constantly forward samples of imported books and other publications concerning whose character doubt may exist, to the Examiner of Publications at headquarters, and during the calendar year 1934 that official examined 1,024 publications and recommended that memoranda prohibiting their importation be issued to collectors in the case of 59 individual titles. Shipments covering 510 individual titles were returned to the exporters in other countries. Official memoranda are issued to collectors only in cases where the importations of such publications are considered to be of a general nature. In many instances importations of obviously indecent books, periodicals and photographs are ordered to be seized without such memoranda being issued, as their importation is not regarded as likely to be general.

### That Bone of Bores

By James W. Barton, M.D.  
PSORIASIS — WHITE PATCHES ON SKIN — CURED BY FAT FREE DIET

In skin ailments the patient is not usually interested in the cause or usual course of his ailment but what will cure it in the shortest possible time.

This psoriasis—white patches resembling mortar on the skin—is known to exist for years, disappear for months or years and then return. It is so embarrassing that anything that will cure it is eagerly sought.

Until recently the usual treatment was arsenic internally (Fowler's solution) and ammoniated mercury on the white patches themselves.

Some months ago I spoke about the treatment of Dr. O. Grutz, Leipzig, by cutting down on the fat foods—butter, cream, lard, bacon, and fat meats—which had brought about a number of cures in old standing cases of psoriasis.

Recently he reports further success with this treatment, advising that also cutting down on coffee cakes and other baked foods containing fats, fat fish—eel, herring, salmon, pork, mutton, goose and duck.

He permits the use of lean meats, soups, and vegetables providing they are prepared without fat, fruits and berries, preserves and fruit juices and various breads that have been prepared without fat.

On such a diet overweight patients with psoriasis frequently lose weight, and thin individuals have been known to gain weight.

It would seem that just as many individuals put on excess weight by eating starchy foods—bread, potatoes, sugar, so some individuals are attacked by this skin ailment—psoriasis—when they eat even the ordinary amount of fat foods.

Dr. Grutz reports that in some patients the results of cutting down on the fat in the diet is noticeable after two or three weeks, while in others six weeks or even several months is necessary to show the effects.

In some patients the white patches increase in size but are less in depth shortly after the treatment is started, but treatment should continue as persistence brings about a cure.

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THE FROSTED PANE

One night came Winter noiselessly and leaped Against my window-pane. In the deep stillness of his heart I heard The ghosts of all his slain.

Leaves, and ephemera, and stars of earth, And legions of grass— White spirit is loosed from bonds of mortal birth, He drew them on the glass.

—Charles G. D. Roberts.

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### "Jimmie" Thomas To The Lords?

(Ottawa Journal)

A London cable tells of the likelihood of "Jimmie" Thomas going to the House of Lords. It would be a real Horatio Alger ending for an extraordinary career. Welsh, like Lyjod George, "Jimmie" Thomas began life as a draper's assistant, became an engine cleaner, is now the Right Honourable J. H. Thomas, Secretary of States for the Dominions. Powerful in the Railwaysmen's Union, Thomas has represented the old town of Derby in Parliament for 25 years. The other day Derby had a celebration for its "Jimmie" and the Duke of Devonshire, presiding, handed him a purse of \$15,000, whereupon "Jimmie" returned the money with a request that it go to charity. It was characteristic of the man.

A Labor man, "Jimmie" Thomas was never a Socialist, and although he followed MacDonald and Snowden, he never quite aligned himself with the Independent Labor Party, leaning to the left. He was in reality a trades unionist of the American school, had much more in common with men of the Samuel Gompers type than with reformers like Keir Hardie. Yet he was a good politician; perhaps too good. More popular than profound, taking nothing too seriously, he had a knack of friendship with his opponents, was as often to be found—and as much at home—at Lady Astor's dinners as in trades union halls. Lord Birkenhead, one of his boon companions, wrote of him that he called every Duke in England by his first name.

In the Lords, its austere and historic surroundings notwithstanding, "Jimmie" Thomas would be at home. More than that, and to some of us more curious, England, for all of its supposed allegiance to tradition and caste, would want him to feel at home.

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