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ANOTHER LAUREL.

THE financial showing of the Province for 1926 is another laurel for Premier Stewart. He preached in season and out of season that the people of this province were too highly taxed, and ought not to have further burdens cast upon them. Taxation is a matter of comparison. What might be considered low in Ontario where the farmers have a ready market all the year round for their produce at a high price, would be high here, where the farmer's only chance of receiving a remunerative price is in the development of special lines for special markets, the bottom of which may fall out at any moment to our loss and well-nigh disaster. If the farmers are to be encouraged in mixed farming, which is our only security, they must not be overburdened with taxation, and what they have been carrying is heavier than their enterprise and circumstances warrant. Hence it was Premier Stewart's Government abolished the obnoxious Poll Tax imposed by the Liberals, and which they claimed was absolutely necessary to prevent the province being swamped in debt; the Premier stating: "We know we have not enough money to carry on, but we do not believe, as Mr. Lea believes, that the farmers are under-taxed and should have their noses held and be compelled to swallow their medicine. We believe," he urged, "that we have claims as Ottawa, which should be prosecuted until we get them, and that forthwith, and when we get these we shall be in a position not only to make ends meet, but to lighten the heavy burden, now carried by our main industry."

This was the argument with which he sought election, and he has not completed his term without substantiating his promise. He has gone after and succeeded in getting from Ottawa enough money not only to replace the obnoxious Poll Tax, but to provide means for adequately attending to all services and providing a comfortable surplus of over \$22,000 as well as reducing our liabilities by over \$18,000. No matter what the critics may say, and the Opposition is certain to be jealously, poignantly critical, the fact remains that the Stewart Government has made good even after abolishing the Poll Tax; and the reasonable prospects are that the farmer may obtain further relief from the Stewart Government's able administration.

ALCOHOL AND ITS USES.

WE are publishing by request articles on the danger of the use of alcohol. Everyone is agreed that this information should be imparted, and necessary instruction should be given to both the present and the rising generation on the subject. The trouble in the past has been that those who are or should be interested in this subject have rested on their oars, satisfied with spasmodic efforts. We believe Premier Stewart and his Government are perfectly at one with all efforts to spread the knowledge of the blessings of temperance and the evils of alcoholism, and part of their platform in connection with their proposed improved temperance legislation is to stress temperance teaching and to see that the public schools are properly provided with the necessary information on the subject. The aim and object of the Stewart Government is to develop a healthy public opinion on the subject, to get the people to realize fully the benefits of temperance, not by coercion merely, but by the only means that have permanent and lasting effects, conviction by knowledge. It is ignorance that is largely the mother of wrong-doing, and the way to remove ignorance is by

the imparting of knowledge, not spasmodically but regularly and continuously. We feel a new day is dawning for temperance in this province when the whole service of the Government, and especially of the Education Department will be utilized for the purpose of promoting a healthy public opinion against the use of alcohol for beverage purposes.

PROPOSED BUS SERVICE.

EVERYONE will wish success to the auspiciously inaugurated scheme to start a motor bus service for sight-seeing. It will fill a long-felt want. It was a great handicap to the tourist trade that there was such poor means of transit on the island. For instance, many summer visitors for the North Shore hotels, who leave the Borden train at Hunter River, rarely see Charlottetown and the South Shore because about the only opportunity of getting from the shore is by taxi at \$10 per day. Not a few tourists who have come to the city from the North Shore hotels, have expressed their unbounded surprise that no proper facilities were provided for connecting up the city with the summer hotels. Besides, the opportunities the buses will provide for citizens going for an outing to the shore or into the beautiful interior, will be certainly greatly appreciated. The handsome manner in which the professional and business men subscribed the \$3,000 to start the scheme is deserving of the highest praise, and we feel confident it will not be long before the balance necessary is secured to start the double service on the first of June or thereabout.

MURRAY HARBOR BRANCH.

THE resolution adopted by the Legislature, ably moved and seconded by Mr. J. A. Macdonald and Mr. Norman McLeod respectively, urging the completion of the standardization of the existing railway by the widening of the Murray Harbor branch, and the surveying of other parts of the province for the purpose of railway extension, was both necessary and timely. When millions are being voted for new railways all over Canada in most inaccessible and sparsely populated areas, the needs and requirements of a well settled and highly developed province like this ought to be pressed upon the attention of the railway authorities. It is unnecessary to stress the point, the facts were well set forth in the debate, and we hope the Government will push the matter with its well-known determination and resourcefulness to a successful issue.

AMPLY JUSTIFIED.

SOME people are mightily concerned about the Maritime Conservative members opposing the appointment of the Royal Commission on Maritime Rights. But why did they oppose it? Because they said they could convince the Government of the justness of their claims if they were given the opportunity. They were not given the opportunity, but the Government went to the enormous expense of a commission which recommended exactly what the Conservative M. P.'s said would be the case. The Duncan Report amply justified the attitude they adopted

EDITORIAL NOTES.

One hundred thousand pounds sterling, or practically half a million dollars, has been anonymously contributed to St. Andrew's University "in appreciation of the progress made in development of the university." It was founded 500

Notes by the Way

Dux femina facti. That is Latin, which has been Anglicised to mean "A woman was the leader of the deed." Wherefore we begin today's notes with a suggestion made by a lady to the writers. She says that our Central Square is in one respect disgracefully untidy, and if the women could have their way things would be put right. Well, we asked, what was wrong with present conditions and what would the ladies propose in order to put them right?

"What is wrong and untidy?" came the answer, woman-like, of another question. Well, for one thing, we were told there's beauty and ugliness order and disorder set side by side in the Square. Thanks to Mr. Newbery, Mr. Patton, and others, we have beautiful flower plots, a fountain and so on, and close beside them the County Market, with a truckmen's stand and carcasses of meat and piles of hides in front and a hay and straw market behind the building, all unattractively and making a blot on the landscape.

We admitted that there is something incongruous about this. But what would the ladies do about it if they were in charge? The answer was in substance, take the Market Building and make a Public Library Building of it; have the Library on the floor where the country produce and butchers' stalls now are; keep the public hall above. The basement might be retained as now for billiards, pool and bowling. The Library proper to have a waiting room and a reading room where newspapers and magazines would be kept on file.

We objected that the City owns the Market Building and would not be willing to part with it. To this objection the answer was that the City has but little income from the Market Building after providing for repairs, heating and other incidental expenses. Some day in the not distant future all the public buildings on the Square will be heated from the central plant. The Government, Legislature and Civil Service want more office room and the present crowded Library is needed by them.

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FOR THE SCRAP BOOK

A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS

Saturday, March 26th. Whitman died, 1892.

The March hare took the watch and looked at it gloomily; then he dipped it into his tea and looked at it again; but he could think of nothing better to say.

Youth is the time to go flashing from one end of the world to the other both in mind and body; to try the manners of different nations; to hear the chiming of bells and country; to circumnavigate the metaphysics, write halting verses, run a mile to see a fire, and wait all day long in the theatre to applaud "Hernani."

At the Play.—The tears that we shed at a play are a type of the exquisite sterile emotions that it is the function of Art to awaken. We weep, but we are not wounded. We grieve, but our grief is not bitter. In the actual life of man, sorrow, as Spinoza says somewhere, is a passage to a lesser perfection. But the sorrow with which Art fills us both purifies and initiates. One can feel so much, and no more. And how can it matter what pleasure life tries to tempt one, or with what pain it seeks to maim and mar one's soul, if in the spectacle of the lives of those who have never existed one has found the true secret of joy, and wept away one's tears over their deaths who, like Cordelia and the daughter of Brabantio, can never die? —Oscar Wilde.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "there is no necessity of me going." Say "of my." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: patriot. The a as in "day" is preferred to a as in "at." OFFEN MISPELLED: benefited. SYNONYMS: ostentation, display, pomp, parade, show, splendor, magnificence grandeur. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: discretion.



By James W. Barton, M.D. THE NEEDS OF LIVING TISSUES

Dr. Alexis Carrel removed some of the tissues from one of the lower species of the fish, and has kept these tissues alive for a number of years. These tissues multiply so rapidly that it is necessary to remove large portions from time to time, as they would otherwise overflow the vessel in which they are growing.

Now this doesn't mean giving life to tissues, but it is an interesting study of life itself, because these tissues are really alive. However, the big point for you and me, as Sir Wm. Arbuthnot Lane points out, is that Dr. Carrel has found it necessary not only to supply the juice of living tissues, but also he has to wash his preparations daily to remove the products of digestion by the cells. If drainage of these products were not taken care of, the cells would die.

Similarly perspiration must not be impeded. Anything that stimulates perspiration, especially exercise (which means waste matter) helps to rid the body of wastes. Similarly also with wastes from the kidneys. And what is most important, the wastes from the intestine. It is the wastes from digestion, the decomposition of food wastes, which if left in the intestine too long, set up a poisoning of the system. You see, the blood circulating everywhere, when it reaches the walls of large intestine draws to itself some of this poisonous waste, and the blood carrying these poisons, goes to the muscles of the body, and the stimulation of the intestine, so that its muscular walls pass the waste materials along, is accomplished by food, and by exercise.

Foods that have coarse material or roughage in them like cereals and other fruits, which squeeze the liver and the gall bladder, send the bile down the intestine, where it stimulates the intestine to work. The bending likewise acts directly on the muscles of intestine, and stimulates action. Remember then, like the tissues Dr. Carrel is keeping alive, your tissues need food, and what is just as important, need drainage also.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

March 26, 1927

THE FAVOR THAT IS LIFE:—Long unto the Lord, O ye saints of us, and give thanks at the remembrance of his goodness. In his mercy he has not forsaken us, nor will he let us go, nor will he forsake us. Remember then, like the tissues Dr. Carrel is keeping alive, your tissues need food, and what is just as important, need drainage also.

A GREAT TRANSFORMATION:—Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: for thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness. Psalm 30:10, 11.

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There are our loved ones in their rest; They've crossed Time's river; now no more they're in the bubbles on its breast. Nor feel the storms that sweep its shore. But there pure love can live—can last. They look for us their home to share; When we in turn away have passed.

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The Editor will accept the opinions of correspondents.

GROSS MISREPRESENTATION

Sir,—A poster displayed by the Temperance (?) Alliance represents the late Cardinal Bevin of Quebec as opposed to government control and gives a quotation attributed to him.

This is gross misrepresentation—Cardinal Bevin never made any pronouncement either for or against government control. The quotation in question is from a pastoral letter written by the late Cardinal Bevin, illicit stills and bootlegging in the Province of Quebec.

CENSOR

A SELFISH "ABSTAINER"

Sir,—In my short letter on the Temperance question, I made no reference to stealing, robbery and other crimes. I tried to show that it was neither the temperance people nor the drunkards that prevented the enforcement of the prohibitory laws, but that the trouble was caused by the "moderate" drinking class. Did abstainer disprove my statements? No! He is an abstainer because it is good for him and his family. He does not abstain because his example is liable to make drunkards of others cause crime, pain and woe, help to fill jails and penitentiaries and cause fellow beings to die by the hangman's noose. He does not like scripture. No wonder. The scripture does not encourage people to do what is liable to ruin others.

"He says "all movements have proved it is bad to attempt to compel others to think or do as you do". A strange doctrine certainly. No person can be compelled to think another, for that is convinced against his will is of the same opinion still. But it is certainly right to do everything possible that is right and proper to persuade others to do right.

That is what the great Teacher did. That is what His apostles did. That is what preachers, missionaries and all Christian workers do. Why does not "Abstainer" go in and work even at the eleventh hour instead of encouraging the drinking of rum in so called moderation? "Abstainer" says the prophet (Hab. 3:15) did not condemn the giving of drink but the purpose for which it was given. A strange interpretation surely! The first part of it is very plain, the latter clause is not so and is not always quoted. Many passages are figurative, and must be interpreted in the light of reason. A literal interpretation of the subordinate clause is unthinkable, unreasonable, unnatural.

To me, it means woe to anyone that makes a beast of his neighbor by giving him rum. Let "Abstainer" read the next verse and see if the prophet gave any encouragement to people to drink rum. I am, Sir, etc., "FEETOTALER."

MAKING DRUNKENNESS DISRESPECTABLE.

Sir,—As there are so many observers and Alliance people giving their opinion and advice on liquor control I think I might offer a few suggestions. In the first place the Temperance Alliance were in too much of a hurry coming out with all their "whereas" and "therefore resolved". To my mind they showed indecent haste in trying to get in ahead in the controversy about the example set by nine tenths of all Canada before them. They remind me of those wise fools who tried to keep the autos from running in this Province.

The various provinces that have adopted government control feel like going back to prohibition. If the Temperance Alliance continue in their present state of mind when they go to the polls at the coming election they will have the grim satisfaction of being able to boast of the help of every smuggler and bootlegger and moonshiner in the province who look on prohibition as legislation as their best friend, and why shouldn't they? It has made many of them rich if it didn't make them respectable.

Now, as regards trying to offend the T. A. clerical or lay I have no intention or desire, for Byron tells us in Beppo that we must not quiz the clergy, and as regards the laymen there are many of them above suspicion like the late Mr. Caesar's wife but they are looking at the liquor or lecture or advice would equal it as a restraint and that provision must be included in any liquor control law, or I won't vote for it. I have just read your editorial on Government Control and it certainly pleases me. You are right, begin at home at the mother's knee, the place where I

Happenings Of The Week

The visit to the Pacific Coast of Their Excellencies Viscount and Viscountess Willingdon, will be made the incentive for a number of semi-official and public social events for Their Excellencies will be the ball for which the Hon. R. Randolph Bruce, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia and Miss Helen Mackenzie have issued invitations. The ball will be held at Government House, Victoria, on the Evening of March 25.

His Majesty the King will open the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation next Dominion Day by touching a signal in London, immediately after which the new carillon for the tower of the Parliament Buildings will ring out and be broadcast, to let all Canada know of the nation's sixtieth birthday. This was practically approved by the National Jubilee Committee, which met in the House of Commons recently with His Excellency the Governor-General presiding.

The Lieutenant-Governor has issued invitations to the members of the Legislature for a dinner at "Edgewater" on Thursday evening next.

Mrs. W. A. McLaren entertained at a prettily arranged three table bridge on Tuesday evening.

The Queen Mary Needlework Guild met for sewing yesterday at the home of Mrs. J. A. Matheson.

The many friends of Mr. W. H. Prowse will regret to learn of his serious illness in Pictou where he and Mrs. Prowse are visiting.

Miss Beatrice McKinnon entertained very delightfully at a mixed party on Tuesday evening.

The ladies of the Eastern Star held a delightfully arranged mixed bridge and forty-five party on Thursday evening in the Pleasantry situated rooms of the I. O. O. F.

PROHIBITION IN RELATION TO POVERTY OR WEALTH

Sir,—Our last letter dealt with some of the results obtained through the enforcement of prohibition in the United States, particularly in respect to the increased values of real estate, increases in erection of residential buildings and working men's homes, sales of small houses, purchases of more and better furniture as well as automobiles.

Regarding the effect of prohibition in reducing poverty in the United States since the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment the investigation ordered by the Committee on Alcoholic Liquor Traffic resulted in the following report being submitted by the Subcommittee:

"There are fewer paupers in the almshouses of the United States than there have been in 20 years. The number of paupers per 100,000 of population is the lowest in the history of the country, according to the United States census of almshouses."

Family Life and Children

The Committee finds and reports upon conditions of family life under prohibition as follows: "The National Association of Social Settlements, at its convention in Toronto last summer, attributed to prohibition the improvement in family life and the better provision of food, clothing, etc., made to their families by men formerly irregularly at work.

The chief beneficiaries of the dry law in America are the small children, according to Theodore A. Lothrop, general secretary of the Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children; twice as many children today would be victims of improper bringing up because of liquor if the dry law were not effective."

Prohibition has enabled charitable organizations to take \$74,000,000 per year from funds formerly used to support cases of drink caused poverty and use this money in constructive welfare work."

Effect on General Health

The committee reports as follows: "The general health of the nation has greatly improved under prohibition. The death rate fell from an

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