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Western Poets Belittle Technique

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 7.—According to a literary authority who spends several months of each year on the Pacific coast, the Vancouver poets—and they are legion—are too prone to belittle technique and style, with the result that their output, while frequently abounding in beautiful thought, usually lacks clarity and distinction.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OF OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say "it is difficult to size up his worth." Say "to estimate."

HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK

By ROBERTA LEE

When troubled with dandruff, try rubbing pure olive oil into the scalp for a few nights. Shampoo the hair every two weeks and rinse well in cold water.



The Farmer

I can always count on Champions—they're dependable. That's why I use them in all my engine-driven farm equipment as well as for my own car.



Champion is the better spark plug because of its double-ribbed platinum core—its non-fuse construction and its special analysis electrodes.

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 of correspondents.

WELL BRED STOCK

Sir.—The exhibitions have advertised the products of P. E. Island, and directed the attention of breeders on the Continent to our cattle, sheep, poultry and other things.

ENCOURAGING HOME INDUSTRIES

Sir.—The folly of sending away thousands of dollars every year for things that can just as well be made here, must be evident to everyone.

A CANADIAN

BLUEBERRIES AND CRANBERRIES

Sir.—It is to be hoped that the movement towards blueberry and cranberry culture in this Island will be carried out to success.

EGG LAYING CONTEST

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THE SEA-GULL COMPARED WITH LATEST SEAPLANE

LINES BY GERALD GRIFFIN, IRISH POET

Historic.

The following poem written by Gerald Griffin, the Irish poet on the Sea-Gull as in its flights off the coast of the County Clare, Ireland, in years gone by, furnishes a striking portrait of what we now see passing over the Eastern waters of Canada, especially here in Prince Edward Island.

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Veteran Sea Captains Reunion

SEARSPORT, Me., Sept. 8.—Fifteen veteran sea captains, the last survivors of that remarkable group of Searsport men who commanded the famous American square-rigged vessels that once sailed the seven seas, sat around a dinner table here recently and swapped stories of their adventures.

The host of the occasion was Wingate F. Cram, treasurer of the Bangor and Aroostook railroad, who entertained his old shipmates at Alderswamp, his summer home overlooking Penobscot Bay. The guests formed a group such as could be assembled nowhere else in Maine and probably not in the whole country. They represented a profession that carried the United States flag to every port in the world where a sailing vessel could go.

All 15 were veterans who began going to sea when they were small boys and whose fathers and grandfathers followed the sea before them. Besides the host, those seated around the table were Captain Albert N. Blanchard, Captain Isaac Carter, Captain Albert G. Closson, Captain Benjamin F. Colcord, Captain Henry G. Curtis, Captain Nathaniel F. Gilkey, Captain Myers, Captain Amos Nichols, Captain Daniel C. Nichols, Captain James B. Parse, Captain Andrew M. Ross, Captain Joseph D. Sweetser, Captain William R. Gilkey, and Captain Charles M. Nichols.

They are men past middle age and now retired from the sea. Some are now engaged in different occupations, while others are passing their declining years in the substantial homes overlooking the harbor from which they sailed during the active years and which was such a welcome sight to them when they returned from voyages to distant parts of the world. They are friends and chums, these old skippers, and most of them have known one another from boyhood up; not only that, but each knows the history of the others, where they have sailed and the adventures that they have had.

The eldest of this remarkable group is Captain Dan Nichols, now 84. The youngest is Captain Joseph D. Sweetser, president of the Searsport bank, who is 60. The average age of the former skippers is about 70, but few show their age. Most of them are stalwart, sturdy, straight as arrows and bronze of face. Most of them were owners of the vessels which they commanded and which they helped to build in the once busy yards of Searsport, and all are prosperous. One, Captain Al Blanchard recently sold a thriving stowage business in New York so that he could come back to pass the remainder of his days in the little Maine town by the sea.

One of the best known members of the group is Captain Benjamin F. Colcord, who turned to public life after he retired from the sea and has since served in both branches of the state legislature and in the executive council. But Captain Colcord is not the only one of the skippers who can talk politics, for all of them are familiar with state affairs and have their opinions on the issues before the public. As was to be expected, however, most of their conversation at their reunion related to the adventures at sea and many were the thrilling stories that were told.

The record of Searsport as the home of ship captains has been equalled by no other town in Maine. It was one of the great shipbuilding places of the state for many years, and it was for that reason that the young men of the town began following the sea. The first ships built here were schooners, but later the business turned to square riggers.

The Marine Journal of March 1906, in commenting on the town's remarkable record as the home of deep sea masters, said: "Searsport has been represented on the high seas by 143 captains of full rigged ships, who were either born in or were residents of the town while in command of those ships. The year 1885 was the banner year for Searsport. Thirty-nine of her captains were in command of full rigged ships engaged in the China and San Francisco trade and 38 were in command of bark, brigs and schooners, making 77 skippers in active service. The smallest ship in the fleet was the Vista, 400 tons, commanded by Captain P. H. Flint, 3288 tons, Captain E. D. Nichols, Captain Phineas Pendleton, 3rd, and the late Captain John W. McGilvery commanded the most ships, having been master of eight ships each. Captain Andrew S. Pendleton is in command of the ship Arvan, the last wooden ship built in the United States. Is there another town on the coast of Maine that can surpass this record?"

Twenty-Five Cents Worth Of Land

(By British United Press) LONDON, Sept. 3.—Nearly one quarter of an acre of good farmland was knocked down to a bidder for 25 cents at an auction at Cheltenham recently.

This deal, which caused much surprise at amusement, occurred at an auction of properties in the Swindon Estate, near Cheltenham. The land was in an out-of-the-way spot, and it was decided to offer it without reserve. A Boulton, a man of about 70, who lives at Cheltenham, had already bought other pieces of ground offered twenty-five cents as a joke. There was a roar of laughter, and the auctioneer sought for a higher bid. No other offers were forthcoming, and the lot was knocked down to Mr. Boulton.

Even prices throughout the season. Until this system is adopted it will be impossible for the fox ranchers to realize for themselves full value of the article they are producing in such large quantities at the present time.

Advertisement for Chevrolet Ruggedness. Features a large image of a Chevrolet truck and text: 'Rough Treatment Demands Chevrolet Ruggedness'. Includes a list of prices for various models and the name 'A. HORNE & CO. PRINCE MOTORS MATTHEW & MacLEAN, LTD.'.

London Letter

By Temple Chambers. (British United Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 9.—A remarkable thing about the four protagonists in the Irish political crisis is that not one of them possesses the two qualities traditionally associated with Irish politics. Not one of them is either a spell-binder or a 'twister.' Perhaps Mr. de Valera comes nearest to being the former, but as might be expected of the man who once declared his intention of 'introducing idealism into mathematics,' his speeches, delivered with an almost painful brogue, are ultra-argumentative.

Mr. Tom Johnson uses words sparingly, as Englishmen are, at any rate by tradition supposed to do, and rather conveys the impression when speaking that every word contains a hidden as well as an obvious significance. Mr. Cosgrave is a good speaker, but Mr. Redmond is not the speaker that his father was, but his style is essentially that of the House of Commons back-bencher.

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