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THE CIVIC REPORTS

HIS WORSHIP Mayor Miller had much upon which to compliment the various departments of his council, although the balance in the financial report appears on the wrong side of the account. The receipts were commendably large, the largest, we believe, in the history of the city, but not large enough to meet our yearly increasing expenditure.

The Finance Committee gave several reasons for the deficit, any one of which alone would have sufficed to account for it. Some of the chairmen of committees had unavoidably exceeded their estimates, some citizens had not paid their taxes before the end of the year. No doubt the year's experience will serve to avert similar reasons and similar results in future.

The City Councilors give much valuable time to their civic duties and the only remuneration they receive is the public commendation of His Worship at the close of the year. Too often they receive criticism as well as commendation, but on the whole their work is usually very satisfactory to those whom they serve for ought. We have a city to be proud of and a civic government with which little fault can be found. The electors rarely make a mistake in the selection of their civic officials and in the past as well as under the present regime the civic machinery has worked smoothly and satisfactorily.

We have a city to be proud of, declared by many visitors to be the most attractive city of its size in Canada. This is a reputation which necessarily costs something, but which all will admit is well worth the cost.

As mentioned by His Worship in his report we have had many visitors during the past summer, and we have reason to believe they were well used while here, and that they were pleased with their sojourn among us. It pays to have an attractive city, it pays to pay taxes to keep up its attractiveness and everyone is satisfied that every dollar of taxation is honestly spent and fully accounted for.

There will no doubt, as usual, be criticism of the financial statement, there are always those who can show to their own satisfaction at least how money could have been saved and something done that had not been done. Constructive criticism is always helpful, but criticism for its own sake does little good. The Mayor and Councilors are doing their best and they deserve full credit for what they have done during the past year.

What they need most is the hearty and willing co-operation of the citizens, the payment by citizens of their lawful taxes and whatever other assistance they can give. Although a small deficit was shown in the year's transactions, there were uncollected taxes at the end of the year to much more than make up the unfavorable balance.

MR. DUFF'S ELECTION.

WHILE we are not in accord with the policy of Mr. William Duff, nor are we entirely convinced that his vote falls on the question of Maritime Rights was wholly altruistic, yet his election under the circumstances is perhaps the best assurance possible that the recommendations of the Duncan Royal Commission shall be carried out in their entirety. Mr. Duff, who not long since sneered at Maritime Rights, saw fit, during the campaign which preceded Tuesday's election, to give the electors a pledge that if the Government did not implement those recommendations, he himself would resign his seat. In the face of such a threat the King Government would certainly think twice before precipitating the resignation of one of the party.

While we quite agree with a Nova Scotian contemporary in the opinion that the political atmosphere at Ottawa would be the purer for Mr. Duff's absence, we feel that in the interests of the Maritime times his election is the best thing that could happen. His electors, who are Maritime Rights men and women, may feel assured, will see to it that his pledge shall be carried out to the letter.

PATERNALISM

PATERNALISM, or looking to governments or corporations to do what we should do for ourselves, is the enemy of progress. There is much that we each could do if we would, but if it be a public duty we usually wait for the government or the municipality to do it. In the city there are street sides to trim, of course it may be the business of the street committee or the city to do it, but if we spend ten minutes on it the work is done and the city is by so much improved. In the country road-sides need a little trimming and dressing. This also may be looked upon as something the public or the government should do. The thrifty farmer who knows that the value of his property is enhanced by well groomed road-sides, does it himself. In the season of ruts and pitches a little time spent in mending them would make our country a better place to live in. Men have been known to wait for weeks for the government to mend a culvert or a hole in a bridge which could have been fixed for a few cents in a few minutes. This is not advanced as an excuse for government neglect, nor is it intended to place an obligation upon private citizens to do work which the government has a right to do. It is merely to remind us that we can do very much for ourselves which it would pay us better to do than to wait for others to do it. It has ever been true that the gods help those who help themselves.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Hitch your wagon to a star, but not to a falling star.

There is a possibility of having our ears nipped yet before the winter is over.

Sinners stand in slippery places these days, or at least do their best to.

Now that the Antigonish-Guy's-boro bye-election is over we may patiently await the opening of Parliament on the 8th of February.

A gentleman kindly offered assistance to a young lady who fell on the ice and was clawing in the air with feet and hands in an effort to get up. She refused the proffered assistance with a "no, thank you. I can do this myself."

The western part of the province had its trees and telephone poles beautifully and picturesquely silvered last week. It made a truly beautiful picture in the moonlight, but it was hard on the telephone and telegraph companies.

There is a civic bye-law demanding that bells be used in driving with horses and sleighs. Time was when a driver forgot his bells he was hailed to the police station and compelled to deposit a fine of two or three dollars, and as a consequence few of them forgot it. Today the unbelled sleigh goes whizzing by over the snow-padded streets, a menace to pedestrians. Why should this law be permitted to be so peremptorily violated?

Notes by the Way

HOW soon we forget the dates of recent great inventions. Edison invented the moving picture camera in 1889. He has also said, "Whoever controls the motion picture industry controls the most powerful medium of influence over the people." This may be an exaggeration, but the medium is very powerful and the control of the industry is vested in the United States. That is why we can't get British films and subjects in Canada. American controls the film market of the world because it is the home of the industry owing to the inventions of Edison and Eastman, the Eastman Kodak Company having a monopoly of certain essential features.

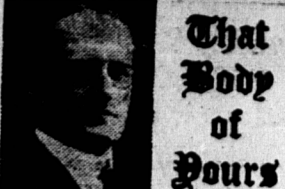
A big film costs from \$250,000 to \$500,000. Lord Riddell tells that there are today some 50,000 cinema theatres of which 20,000 are in America and 4,000 in the United Kingdom. American producers and distributors will not exhibit British pictures in America and have invaded Great Britain and Europe and are engaged in a campaign to buy up European theatres and crowd out local producers. Nearly all European producing concerns are either fighting for their lives or living by permission of American interests. It is noted that there are two classes—those who have given up the fight and have sold out to Americans and those who are fighting for elbow room by alliance with Americans, that is, producing films with American stars, money, photography and local labor. Meanwhile American film stars count their fortunes in millions.

Canadian business in trade and transportation is closely interlocked with that of our southern neighbors, sometimes in an embarrassing way. It seemed all right enough for Canada to make provision that imports from England which share in the British preference must come direct and enter Canada by a Canadian port. Hitherto much of this trade had come in through United States ports on its way to Central and Western Canada. This does not suit our neighbors, for reasons that we can easily understand and hints have been thrown out that the Washington government has a chance to make reprisals. A large volume of both the export and import trade of the States passes through Canada from year to year via the Lakes and Saint Lawrence route as well as between Portland and Montreal by rail.

This point should have been considered by our government before taking action and legislating as it did and it may become a matter of negotiation between the two governments. The British preference has its beneficial features, and it has been extended from time to time, opening the gate much wider than it was opened on the adoption of the preference in 1897. Complaints have arisen in Canada that the preference has been the means of closing many Canadian factories in the textile and boot and shoe trades, while Progressives would open the gate still wider to British competition. And the present trouble with our neighbors across the border is closely connected with and grows out of the preference.

Speaking of great fortunes rapidly accumulated, nothing can exceed the record of Henry Ford and the wonderful industry which his genius for money-making has established and developed in his own country and has carried into many other lands. The inside story of the Ford Motor Company as recently given in outline in the press tells that the original company was organized late in 1903, and that although it was capitalised at \$100,000 it had only \$28,000 in actual cash. Henry Ford himself put in \$10,000 worth of old machinery by which he obtained control of the company with 51 per cent of the stock. Patents, contracts and notes and accounts receivable made up for the rest of the capitalisation. Yet only sixteen years later the company which Ford organized had paid out \$96,000,000 in dividends and now it earns \$275,000,000 yearly and pays \$34,000,000 yearly in taxes.

The beam wireless system between England and Australia has been tested in actual working with satisfactory results, giving a maximum speed of 225 words a minute in each direction. And it is noted that the "beam" can be adapted to telephonic communication at small expense. This gives the highest promise of linking up the capitals of the over-sea Dominions with London in one vast good while to come.



By James W. Barba, M.D.

TELLING THE PATIENT THE TROUBLE

The question is sometimes asked, "Should a physician tell a patient the whole truth about his condition?" As a matter of fact this isn't a question that can be answered by a Yes or No.

In these days when we recognize more than ever, that the mind is a big factor in the treatment of folks that are ailing, the condition of the patient's mind as well as his body must be taken into consideration.

A well known physician recently stated to his brethren "In the treatment of illness we often employ suggestion, because suggestion is in every bottle of medicine, or in every other means we use. That is if we are really to be of help."

In illness the mind is not at its best, it shares to some extent the effect of the illness on the body proper. This suggestion has an even greater power on the mind of the sick individual, than when he is well.

Therefore he should be encouraged to hope or recovery no matter how ill he appears to be.

The family should be made fully acquainted with the seriousness of the condition, so that if certain things should be settled or arranged there will be the time and opportunity therefor.

However as you know, even in health, the sight of good food attractively served stimulates the appetite, and on the other hand depressing emotions actually interfere with the nerves that stimulates appetite and digestion.

Therefore when the patient is fighting for his life it is the proper thing for the physician to give him every help possible by a hopeful manner.

Fortunately almost every patient has faith in his physician, and this counts for much. Where the family would like another opinion, even when the patient is more than satisfied with his doctor, they would do well to ask the regular physician to bring in a consultant rather than make a change of physicians at this critical time.

Making a change when the patient has full faith in his present advisor might result in serious consequences.

FOR THE SCRAP BOOK

A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20th

"St. Agnes Eve—Ah, bitter chill it was! The owl for all his feathers, was a cold"—Keats.

THE CITY DEAD-HOUSE

By the city dead-house by the gate, As idly sauntering wending my way from the clangour,

I curious pause, for lo, an outcast form, a poor dead prostitute brought.

Her corpse they deposit unclaimed, it lies on the damp brick pavement.

The divine woman, her body, I see the body, I look on it alone.

That house once full of passion and beauty, all else I notice not, Nor stillness so cold, nor running water from the faucet, nor odors moribund impress me.

But the house alone—that wondrous fair house—that delicate fair house—that ruin!

That immortal house more than all the rows of dwellings ever built!

Or white-domed capitol with majestic figure surmounted, or all the old high-spired cathedrals!

That little house alone more than them all—poor, desperate house!

Fair, fearful wreck—tenement of a soul—Itself a soul, Unclaimed, avoided house—take one breath from my tremulous lips,

system in the comparatively near future.

Co-operation In Production And Trade

(W. L. Cotton)

The value of co-operation in production and trade has been demonstrated in the operation and success of our Egg Circle and Poultry Association, our Live Stock Association, our Potato Growers' Association, etc. Evidently it is worth while to continue to co-operate. That which promotes the prosperity of individuals in the community promotes the prosperity of the country as a whole; and the more wealthy people there are in the country, the better for the people who are not wealthy.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that co-operation in respect to production and trade will be maintained and extended to additional lines of activity. Accurate and easily understood book-keeping, as well as absolute honesty in the conduct of each co-operative Association is of great importance to its continued success. There must be mutual confidence as well as practical interest and activity on the part of the members, or there cannot be permanent success on the part of the co-operative association.

The continued improvement—advance towards perfection—if the live stock of this Province is one of the ends to be sought and gained by means of co-operation, as well as the fullest and best use of a "disease-free area" there must be improvement of the quality of its live stock. Prince Edward Island may become a centre of interest for the wealthy breeders of other parts of the Continent and of the world at large if only its farmers and breeders co-operate practically and prudently in the breeding of pure-bred animals. No doubt the money will be made and wealth obtained by the growth of potatoes of the finest quality; but much more money and wealth will be obtained by those who can produce live stock of the highest quality in all the various breeds. When breeders can supply animals that can be purchased from them at prices ranging from two to ten thousand dollars, Prince Edward Island and its farmers will look up and prosper. The excellence of P. E. Island grown potatoes is now recognized in the best markets, and the highest prices are paid for them. But the finished product of our dairymen, horsemen, sheepfarmers, etc., are in an altogether higher class, and will be even more remunerative.

After all, the protective duties of the United States, and all the other foreign countries, will not operate to the exclusion of products of the best kinds. The fact that large quantities of P. E. Island potatoes are sold for seed in the Southern States and in New York and other large cities for daily consumption in the wealthiest families, proves that excellence of product is the most important consideration for the P. E. Island farmer. To obtain such products should be the aim of every farmer whether he devote his attention to live stock or to roots and vegetables; and by co-operation with his fellow-farmers this aim will be most effectively realized.

A majority of the electors of Canada having voted at the last election for the political party in whose policy it is to abolish the protection which brought prosperity to the country in the past forty or fifty years, the people of this province must, of course, stand ready and prepared for the loss of some of their home markets. Already, in view of the fact, that the volume of products sent to the nearby and distant markets of Amherst, New Glasgow, Vancouver, etc., has been greatly reduced. Consequently it will, in the future, be necessary to go to a system of inter-imperial trade with outside and more distant countries is indeed the avowed policy of the Federal Government.

There is, fortunately ample scope to take one tear drop aside as I go for thought of you—house of madness and sin, crumbled, crushed, House of life, creaking talking and laughing—but ah, poor house dead even then, Months, years, an echoing, garish'd house—but dead, dead, dead!—Walt Whitman.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: We "introduce" people who are equals, "present" a person to a superior.

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: real. Pronounce real, the e as in "he," a word of two syllables.

OFTEN MISPELLED: peritonitis. SYNONYMS: arrange, assort, classify, group, array, adjust, collocate.

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: CONCERNED; mutually planned or agreed upon. "It will require concerted action."



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The Public Forum

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A HOUSEKEEPER'S QUESTION.

Sir,—I am one of those who prefer to buy the things I want from the home merchant, and I like most of all to supply the family with good food of home production. But I find that our Island cheese becomes mouldy very quickly and would like to know the cause. Can the cheese makers supply any information on the subject? How is it that factory cheese will not keep as well as cream cheese? Can cream cheese be made in our Island factories?

I am, Sir, etc., HOUSEKEEPER.

January 19th, 1927.

Canada's Home-owners

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—Canada has 2,901,512 private families according to a recent report of the Bureau of Statistics. Of this number 61.91 per cent own the houses in which they live while 38.09 per cent of the homes are rented.

Prince Edward Island leads the provinces with 80.73 per cent of owned homes, while Quebec is next with 65.26 per cent.

Ontario is seventh on the list in the 63.35 per cent of the total while if rural homes only are considered there are 76.36 per cent owned and of the urban 54.38 per cent owned.

In our world-wide Empire for the development of a trade that will be materially profitable to the people of all parts of the Empire. Situated at P. E. Island is whose policy it is to abolish the protection which brought prosperity to the country in the past forty or fifty years, the people of this province must, of course, stand ready and prepared for the loss of some of their home markets. Already, in view of the fact, that the volume of products sent to the nearby and distant markets of Amherst, New Glasgow, Vancouver, etc., has been greatly reduced. Consequently it will, in the future, be necessary to go to a system of inter-imperial trade with outside and more distant countries is indeed the avowed policy of the Federal Government.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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WHERE, MAN FINDS WISDOM?—But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. Job 28:12, 13.

PRAYER:—We rejoice, O Lord, to know that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

THE TRUE TEST You can laugh at the world—it's a funny old world—You can laugh at the people you meet, You can laugh at the antics you see on the stage, You can laugh at the folks on the street, You can laugh at the one who is fussing about, Or the one who is taking a rest; But with all of the topics that merit merriment make, Can you laugh at yourself? That's the test.

Imagine yourself about twenty feet off. Just taking a quizzical look, And seeing yourself as the others would see, As you would appear in a book, Observe how you sit, how you stand, how you smile, And how at the table you eat, You'll seem quite as queer to yourself I am sure, As half of the people you meet.

And why are you not, may I ask, if

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