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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

THE Toronto Globe, the leading Liberal newspaper, although not always in accord with the doings of the Liberal Prime Minister, published in its last issue an excellent photograph of Hon. John E. Sinclair, who, it asserts, is expected to be appointed Minister of Fisheries. When the appointment will be made is not stated. In the meantime there is no Department of Fisheries, the Department of Marine and Fisheries being still functioning. There is a Ministry of Marine and Fisheries, a Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries and now a Prince Edward Islander, Mr. W. A. Found, has been appointed by Order-in-Council, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, a department which is non-existent so far as an independent Ministry is concerned. No provision has been made for a separate Ministry of Fisheries, and the former Minister is still at the head of a sort of double-barrelled department, one of which exists and the other does not.

Before the last election the people of this Province were led to believe that Hon. Mr. Sinclair had the appointment of Minister of Fisheries in his pocket, but evidently it was not so. Now The Globe intimates that should such a Ministry be created, Mr. Sinclair is the man for the job. On the face of it the announcement has a suspicious look. It may be that it is a notice to other aspirants for the proposed Ministry of Fisheries that if they expect the job they had better apply at once or forever after hold their peace.

In the meantime and pending the solution of the problem it may be said here that Mr. W. A. Found, both by personal qualifications and experience in the fisheries, is well qualified to act as Deputy Minister. The burden and the details in every Department naturally fall upon the Deputy. The Ministry of Fisheries has long been dangling in the air and has done duty during at least one election and by present appearances may be similarly used at another. Meanwhile the claims of Prince Edward Island for a place in the sun may be expected to be somewhat modified by the appointment of Mr. Found, a well known and worthy Prince Edward Islander as Deputy. We shall continue to await the development of events.

A DANGEROUS BRIDGE.

ALTHOUGH men have been employed on Wright's Bridge, some two miles east of this city on St. Peter's Road, since April that structure is still unfinished and still unsafe. In the first place the bridge is too narrow for two cars to pass each other and the approaches at either end are dangerously narrow, unprotected by railing or otherwise to prevent cars tumbling into the dangerous ditch. This, on an important highway leading to the city and bearing a large proportion of the traffic from the east is, to put it mildly, disgraceful. Yesterday, after the heavy rain of the previous day and night, the new road machines were engaged in some places scraping mud out of the gutter and piling it up on the middle of the road, which already carried more mud than was necessary.

Common sense would have taught those in charge that what was needed in the then condition of the roads was plaining, not piling more mud on. A split log drag would have done the work admirably, whereas the road machine only added to the obstructions complained of all summer. It is time the people expressed themselves more emphatically on what is being done to the roads.

RESPONSIBILITY.

EVERY human being who comes into the world, comes invested with a certain capacity for responsibility. As years and the duties undertaken increase the responsibility naturally increases, but no one can shirk its burden. This, we take it, is the first principle to be emphasized in the training of the young. If sane and normal they are increasingly responsible. The first responsibility is to do one's duty in whatever sphere of usefulness he may be employed. He or she must realize that their responsibility is to make the world better for their having lived in it. This, thoroughly understood from the outset, will emphasize the burden of responsibility. Probably the greatest responsibility that rests upon a human being is in those spheres in which the lives of others are concerned. A few days ago in our news columns a report of the wrecking of a Chilean warship off the coast of Chili was given in which nearly three hundred souls perished. The captain, through whose ignorance of the coast the disaster occurred, committed suicide. He, too late, realized his responsibility. The engineer of a passenger train carries a similar responsibility. The lives of hundreds depend very largely upon his skill and his knowledge of rail-roading. True in the case of the latter the responsibility is shared by those whose duty it is to issue orders for the arrival and departure of trains.

Responsibility, such as this, is a terrible burden and the fact that so few accidents, due to official negligence or carelessness occur, speak volumes for the care taken in seeing to it that men charged with such responsibility are prepared for their work. Instances might be multiplied of responsibilities in almost every department of human activity; the erection of buildings, the building of ships, the arranging of machinery in factories and other undertakings, on the safety which lives of hundreds, perhaps thousands, depend. Similarly those in charge of automobiles, motor boats, sail boats and other life-carrying devices bear a heavy responsibility. So strong is public opinion on this point that any negligence, which results in fatalities and serious accidents is charged against those who authorize irresponsible persons to perform such duties.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"The invariable result of a narrow way of life (says Sir Andrew MacPhail, in "Essays in Puritanism") is a wrong perception between good and evil, and a failure to recognize the relative and negative value of the various forms of wickedness which prevail in the world. Any given bodily action is in itself neither right nor wrong. It is right or wrong only when taken with the whole texture of events of which it forms a part. Every vice is the counterpart of some virtue. In a narrow community the virtue and the vice are confused, and the confusion results in prudery, which quickly passes into hypocrisy. A moderate consumption of alcohol is confounded with debauchery; an enquiring mind is evidence of atheism and proof of vicious living. Worse perversion of all, the dominant passion of humanity is regarded as being at one with libidinous."

Notes by the Way

SUNDAY last was St. Swithin's Day. The good Saint lived and died in Winchester, England, and from A. D. 852 to 862 was the Bishop of that diocese. When he died, he was, at his own request, buried in the churchyard at Winchester, "where passers-by might tread above his head and the dews of Heaven might fall upon his grave." On his canonization a century later, the chapter resolved to remove his body to a shrine in the cathedral, but this purpose was hindered on account of a rain which lasted 40 days from the 15th of July. Hence arose the popular notion that if rain falls on that day it will fall at the same place on every day for 40 days. Wet weather in England frequently occurs about the middle of July, and is not infrequent in our own Province at the same season, but very few persons would care to wager that rain will fall in Charlottetown every day until the 25th of August.

The organ and apologist for the Saunders Government is authority for the statement that "to date twelve licenses have been suspended or cancelled of operators who have been guilty of operating a car while under the influence of liquor." We would like to know how many have been operating cars while "under the influence" during the same period who have not been found guilty by the courts. Common report and belief are that the number of those who have been guilty of this offence has been very much greater than the number whose licenses were suspended or cancelled. If prohibition really prevented intoxication, there would not be half so many of these cases of in-toxicated drivers. Nearly all of the "hit and run" cases have a close connection with booze.

A general election in British Columbia will be held tomorrow. At the beginning the campaign was a quiet one, but toward the close the contest has become more exciting. Both the Liberal and Conservative leaders and their press respectively profess confidence of success. And almost anything may happen in a British Columbia election. Forty-eight members are to be chosen and there are three times that number of candidates in the field, including Independents and Labor. That is quite usual, although the leading parties are the same as in other provinces.

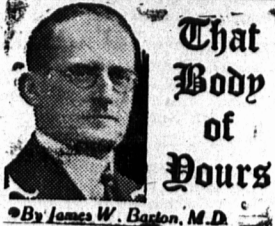
In some past elections the standing of the two parties was as follows: In 1912, Conservatives, 40; Liberals, none. In 1916, Conservatives, 38; Liberals, 2. After the election of that year, Liberals, 37; Conservatives, 9. In 1924, the party standing was, Liberals, 25; Conservatives, 14. In the House recently dissolved there were 24 Liberals and 16 Conservatives.

The Prime Minister is Hon. John Duncan Maclean, who is a native of Culloden, Prince Edward Island. Hon. Simon Fraser Tolmie, who leads the Opposition, was Minister of Agriculture in both the Borden and Meighen Administrations at Ottawa. He represented Victoria, B.C., in the House of Commons since 1917, and a few months ago resigned his seat in that body to lead the Conservatives in his native Province. It is evident that both parties have able and resourceful leaders and at this distance and with polling day so near it would be useless to predict what shall be the result.

Since Saturday afternoon much rain has fallen in this Province, which will be of great benefit to the growing crops of grain and potatoes. Their growth had been somewhat, but not greatly checked by several weeks of comparatively dry weather and summer heat. The rain fortunately came in good time.

Premier Ferguson's speech at the banquet given him by the Canadian Club in London has been the subject of much favorable comment. That was of itself no new experience to him, but as The Mail and Empire remarks, there was a note in it that made it the more agreeable to his London hearers, because of it being a little old-fashioned. In the last dozen years addresses have been delivered in the British capital by many persons holding high positions of trust in Canada. Most of these addresses might be searched in vain for any trace of this note. Premier Ferguson spoke of himself as a citizen of the British Empire and the British Empire he called it, not that inexpressive alias "the British Commonwealth of Nations."

"The miners," says the Toronto paper, "who are trying to fasten the latter term upon the association of virile communities under the Union Jack, are for the most part the politicians who are busiest in their efforts to empty the word 'commonwealth' in that label of everything the word connotes. They would have



By James W. Barton, M.D.

THAT DISAGREEABLE WORD

One of the words that you dislike to hear or see in print is "dis-ease," and yet as Rufus Cole points out man's first interest in disease undoubtedly arose from a desire for relief.

When he had discomfort or "dis-ease" he thought it was due to some superhuman agency and called on the gods for relief from his discomfort or dis-ease. He wanted to be at ease.

Later he found that certain plants, roots, or brakes gave him ease.

The priests were the first physicians because they were supposed to get help from the gods with which they gave ease of comfort to the patient.

Naturally when it was found that earthly things like plants, roots, brakes and berries gave relief, the priests were also the ones who administered them to the patients.

However there had to be the next step, and that was to find out what was causing this dis-ease to the patient and so they tried to find out all about the formation of the patient's body—atomy, the various processes going on—physiology, and what happened to the body when something went wrong—pathology.

And of course as there were various degrees of pressure and temperature and physics became essential.

To this was added later the knowledge regarding the little organisms, good and bad, that are normally in the body, and others that get into the body from outside. They are called bacteria, and so bacteriology became a subject to be mastered.

In these later years we are learning about the glands of the body which regulate the speed and strength of certain processes in the body, the speed of the heart, the force of muscular action, the growth of bone, the accumulation or non accumulation of fat and so forth.

These glands are called endocrine glands, and so endocrinology is now a subject studied by medical students.

Thus you can readily see that if an individual is to get ease, to be free from disease, and he places himself under the care of one who has studied the human body from the above standpoint, his chances of securing relief should be all that can humanly be expected.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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THE REJOICING OF GOD—My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.—Prov. 23:15.

PRAYER—Would that we might pray become Thy children, Lord, in character and conduct.

AN UPHILL CLIMB You may be ill and you may be sore With aches and bruises and pains galore Perhaps you are groggy, and halt and lame, But keep right on, for it's all a game Where like as not you are booked to win Right now, in spite of the shape you're in.

Your brain is weary, your thoughts are dead, Each step is heavy as lifting lead; The sun is under a passing cloud—Don't let them measure you for a toad. But hang on now, tho' it may be hard, For your next hand holds the winning card.

If you have played at a losing game Until the colors all look the same, You'll feel more joy when your luck has turned, And look on life, which you may have spurned, Through eyes that glow with the glorious light That comes from winning an uphill fight.

nothing in common between Britain and the Dominions. . . Mr. King and Mr. Lapointe take every occasion to advertise their view that Canada is as complete in its national individuality as is Britain and is utterly cut off from political connection with the Mother Country."

SPRINGFIELD. Nine members met at the school-house for the June meeting of the Springfield Women's Institute. After the regular meeting, papers were read. The next meeting will be held at the school-house.

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DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say "ain't I invited?" Say "am I not."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: affluence. Accent first syllable, not the second.

OFTEN MISPELLED: hypodermic.

SYNONYMS: doubter, unbeliever, skeptic, agnostic, atheist, infidel.

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: CONSUMMATION; the utterance of peace between the two nations was the result."

HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK By ROBERTA LEE

Food Chopper If the food chopper slips when screwed on the table, place a piece of coarse sand paper (rough side up) under the clamp and it will not work loose.

To Whiten Clothes To make clothes white when laundering, add a liberal quantity of saleratus to the water in which the clothes are soaked.

Substitutes for Whipped Cream As a substitute for whipped cream, add a sliced banana to the white of an egg and beat until stiff. A few drops of vanilla improves the flavor.

Modern Etiquette By ROBERTA LEE

Q. What is the exception when bits of food may be placed on the tablecloth? A. When individual dishes for celery or hard breads are not furnished it is permissible to lay the pieces that are not eaten on the table.

Q. Is it ever permissible to speak of a man by his last name; as "Jones" or "Brown"? A. Never; always say "Mr. Jones" or "Mr. Brown."

Q. What is an old custom that is kept by most brides and bridegrooms? A. That part of the cake be put away in a tin box and sealed to be opened on some future anniversary.

The Land We Love By Frank Yeigh

LUNDY'S LANE

Q. What is the history of Lundy's Lane? A. The town of Lundy's Lane near Niagara Falls was the scene of the last battle in the War of 1812-14, fought on July 25 of the latter year. Both sides claim a victory but the fact that the British forces held the ground finally after repeated attacks and the Americans fell back is held to be good evidence.

Others claim it was a drawn battle but in any case it ended the conflict.



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The Public Forum

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A PRIVATE ROAD

Sir.—In your issue of June 8th there appeared a letter written by some individual with lots of gall and little brains and styling himself "Car Owner."

In said letter this silly person attempts to score the government for the disgraceful condition of the bridge leading to Beach Grove Inn. Now does this individual know that the bridge and roadway in question do not belong to the Government but are privately owned by three persons, and when built were only intended to serve the people who built them and paid their good money for this short cut to Charlottetown.

Now I may say for the benefit of "Car Owner" and all who use this road and bridge as a short cut from North River that this bridge was purposely left in the disgraceful condition in which "Car Owner" found it, in order to discourage traffic. Beach Grove Inn was not open for business and the writer who has had to put up the money personally for building this bridge and roadway most surely objects to having it used as a public highway, and further will not by any means tolerate it being used as such.

This roadway is for the exclusive use of Beach Grove Inn, Lewis' Burke's and Tweedy's, and any persons who may be pleased to call on business or otherwise at any of the before mentioned places, but absolutely not to be used by the public as a short cut to link up the two roads. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

I am, Sir, etc., R. H. STERNS.

WHY A RETURNED SOLDIER LEFT

Sir.—When I was in Charlottetown yesterday I was handed a clipping from your paper of about the second instant containing a letter from Wilbert Arsenault under the heading "Why a Returned Soldier Left Canada."

Mr. Arsenault writes a good letter but he has left out some very important facts.

First, he blames this Board for the purchase of the farm at Abram's Village that he was settled on. He states that he was depending entirely on the Board to protect him.

Second, he gives you the impression that in 1923 he called a sale of his own property to evidence. Others claim it was a drawn battle but in any case it ended the conflict.

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