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ORATORICAL CONTEST.

IT is both gratifying and encouraging to find so much interest being taken in the Oratorical Contest, shortly to be decided in this province. School Inspectors, teachers, and other educators are taking a lively interest in the proceedings and the whole selection now points to a most successful and helpful contest. This movement is world-wide. Practically every civilized country in the world is participating in it. This Province is in it for the first time, and we have every reason to believe that its pupils will bring credit to themselves and their Province. We have four districts, namely, King's County, Queen's County, Prince County and Charlottetown. Each of these, as already explained in The Guardian, will have their representatives to appear before the final elimination judges who will select from them all, the one student who will face the rest of Canada to compete for the Canadian championship.

On Monday, the 9th instant, contests will be held in all the districts at their respective centres, namely: Montague, Charlottetown and Summerside, to select their three representatives, each for the final provincial championship.

Whether we shall succeed in securing the Dominion championship or not, the effort and the experience will be of inestimable value to those who try for it. Similarly in the different districts, while only one can win, the others will have the benefit of the experience and the contest. And besides this, there is the opportunity of winning one of the prizes offered.

This movement was originated by a committee of educationists with the object of reviving public speaking and oratory which in the hurry of these modern days has been sadly neglected. The hope is that public speaking, as a result of this contest, will become part of the regular curriculum in all our secondary schools and, from the interest taken in the present contest, there is good reason to believe that this shall be attained. Contests, whether in athletics or in games of strength and agility, have always commanded the keenest interest. Intellectual contests have unfortunately been too rare in this country, although quite common in England and Scotland, and the recent visits of oratorical clubs from the colleges of the old land have been one of the immediate causes for the present contest. The final contest will be held in Charlottetown in the near future and our people are looking forward to it with keen anticipation.

ALWAYS SUSPECTED.

THE Mackenzie King Government is always under suspicion. There is a feeling that if it is not in mischief it is either coming out of or going into mischief. The latest, and it is only a rumor current in Ottawa, is that the Government has decided to postpone, for another year, the payment of the amounts due on German reparations. The Commission handling this matter submitted its report some time ago, the amounts owing to firms, corporations and private citizens are long overdue, and in many cases urgently needed. The total amount runs into several millions, and the Government, according to its own financial statement, has the money. Then why not hand it over to those whose money it is? No reason has been given for the proposed delay, but the suspicion prevails, and it has not been contradicted that there are to be no payments for a year at least. Possibly the rumor is altogether unfounded. If so it only goes to show how little faith the people have in the King Government. It is constantly under suspicion.

DIVINE DISCONTENT.

FEW people, be their intentions ever so praiseworthy and their achievements ever so meritorious, are fully satisfied that their efforts have been all that they might have been. The striving after perfection, or as nearly as perfection, can be approached, is a worthy ambition and no man or woman is worthy of a place in the sun who does not possess this urge. Poets and writers whose works have won universal fame, are themselves not quite satisfied that the thing accomplished was all that it might have been. Grey's Elegy in a Country Churchyard, when first written, was a poem of exquisite beauty and thought, yet its author spent several years in revising, smoothing and correcting it. As a result of this careful preparation the poem has come down to us and will go down to future generations as one of the most beautiful poetic creations in English literature. Divine discontent, the urge to do better, to put forth the last ounce in the effort towards the best, was the source of the almost faultlessness of this splendid elegy.

There are those to whom divine discontent is a stranger, those who are satisfied with their own achievements, who, indeed, believe their work and their manner of doing it is the best there is, and that all other ways are faulty and inadequate, in other words, that they alone know how. These are among the world's hindrances and nuisances, self-satisfied but critical of others. They are those who get no further because they are satisfied where they are, who accept no one's opinions because they think their own opinions all that is necessary.

The best has never yet been attained and never can be. Man is endowed with an irresistible urge to go forward, to explore the unexplored, to dive and dig into the deep. He is as yet only wading along the shore of an infinite ocean in whose depths lie hidden all the unrevealed secrets. One by one he is picking them up and adding them to the store of human knowledge. One by one they will continue to be revealed, but ever before shall lie the infinite ocean. Let us not be satisfied with what has been attained. Man is but a new-comer on the earth. He has come far, but he has farther yet to go. Behind him there lies but a narrow margin, mostly wilderness, before him an infinite field. Divine discontent is for the wise and the progressive, self-satisfaction for him who is going no further.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The streets of Charlottetown are in a very creditable condition at present, thanks to the vigilance of the street committee. Cleanliness on the streets is as important as cleanliness in our homes.

Although late in the season, there is general regret that the series of weekly lectures under the auspices of the Caledonian Club has come to an end. Not since the old days, when men and women had time to think, have such helpful meetings been held in the city. One more meeting, the last in the series, a musical festival, and it will be all over for this time. And, we understand, the best is reserved for the last.

Because the Hon. J. D. Stewart, like every other good citizen, declared he accepted the verdict of the electors in the recent contest, some Liberals pretend to assume that he accepted, along with the verdict, the policy of the Liberal party. This is a new political philosophy. If followed to its logical conclusion when a Conservative party is defeated by Liberals, the former automatically abandon their policy and become Liberals, and vice versa.

Notes by the Way

SUNDAY last was All Fool's Day by the calendar and because it was Sunday there was a notable and desirable absence of the fool tricks and practical jokes that have hitherto been characteristic of the day. Not that there are fewer fools in the world than there formerly were. There are probably more. And now as in the older days, there are occasionally those who are commonly reputed fools who are wiser than many of those who despised them. King Solomon in his time and Shakespeare at a later date, both of them with a deeper knowledge of human nature in all its moods, made particular studies of fools in their folly and of fools who sometimes uttered words of wisdom.

There is an Irish legend about King Solomon in his study of fools that we may be excused for outlining here. It runs like this: King Solomon had quarreled with his mother, banished her from his court and forbade the mention of her name on pain of death to any one who violated the command. And then his mother died and the people who had her in charge did not know what to do. The King must be informed, but who would risk the death penalty to tell him? At last they thought of one living in their locality and who was commonly reputed to be a fool, who might possibly be induced to undertake the perilous duty. To their surprise he readily consented. He set out at once, came to Jerusalem and the palace gate and in the manner and garb of a fool shouted to the guard at the gate, "Are you King Solomon?" They tried to drive him away, but he continued shouting, "I want to see King Solomon!" A commotion was raised. The King at his palace window inquired what it was all about. He was told it was only a fool making a disturbance. "Bring him in," commanded the King.

Once in the royal presence the fool's bearing and manner changed. He stood erect as if before an equal, as he said in measured words, "King Solomon, I have come to tell you that the first house you lived in is down." Solomon understood, and he replied: "I am reputed to be wise, and I perceive that among all my subjects there is not a wiser man than yourself." And he at once promoted the fool to high honor among his councillors.

Among the many fools described by Shakespeare was one in As You Like It, whose sayings are related by the melancholy Jacques. A motley fool, a miserable varlet was this one, and Jacques goes on to tell of the interview. "Good morrow, fool," quoth I. "No sir," quoth he. "Call me not fool till heaven hath sent me fortune." And then he drew a dial from his poke. And looking on it with lack-lustre eye. Said, very wisely, 'Tis ten o'clock.' Thus may we see, quoth he, 'how the world wags: 'Tis but an hour ago since it was but nine. And after one hour more 'twill be eleven; And so, from hour to hour, we ripe and ripe. And then, from hour to hour, we rot and rot; And thereby hangs a tale."

The melancholy and mangled wisdom in the fool's recital, befits certain features of the local situation here in Charlottetown. We are seeing in the quick changes from hour to hour how the political world wags; how the plots and plans of certain organizations are rapidly speeding from the ripening to the rotting stage. And thereby hangs a tale, as yet incomplete, but whose opening chapter was at once ridiculous and deplorable. And we are left to guess whether or not there will ever be another Bulletin to give us an inspired version of the episode.

Turning away from fools and their foolishness, we reach the ground of more important changes and prospects. A little bird brings tidings that Premier Saunders has been sounded from Ottawa as to whether he would accept the vacant County Court Judgeship for Prince County, his for the asking, and that his reply has resulted in a decision to hold over the appointment until the close of the Legislature session here; that in the end, for divers reasons, he is likely to accept the offered promotion and that this is entirely in accord with the desires of one or more of his present Ministers who aspire to the Premiership, and are quite confident that



By James W. Barton, M.D. MAKING SURE ABOUT TUBERCULOSIS

About four years ago I spoke about the examination of a tuberculosis suspect by two physicians. The patient had been coughing for months, had lost some weight, had an occasional night sweat, sometimes but not always a slight evening temperature. However there were no organisms of tuberculosis found in his sputum, and the X ray examinations did not point directly to tuberculosis. One physician stated that it was not tuberculosis because there was no organism found, and the X ray report was negative. The other physician declared it to be tuberculosis because of the symptoms mentioned above.

The one who considered it tuberculosis said "If I'm wrong and he hasn't tuberculosis the rest and food at the sanatorium will do him good anyway, whereas if I'm right and he doesn't go to the sanatorium until the signs are more pronounced, then it may be too late to help him. In any case it is likely to be a severe battle to save him." The patient went to the sanatorium and remained fifteen months. He is alive and strong. The advice therefore given by me some years ago, was that it was better to call it tuberculosis even if it were not tuberculosis, because the rest and care would be safe treatment anyway.

However in these days with more accurate methods of examination, the more effective handling of the X ray, the better work with the microscope, it is usually possible to make an accurate diagnosis and thus save the individual, who really is not tuberculous, from having to undergo all that quite properly is required by sanitarium treatment. As a Western physician wisely states "to condemn a person with the name of having tuberculosis, with all that it means to the family life, to the patient's business or career, the bad effect upon him mentally to be called tubercular, when a most careful examination might reveal that there is not tuberculosis is most unfair, and a reflection on the profession." So the point is that where a cough persists for any time, where there is loss of weight and a tired feeling, the family doctor should be first consulted. If there is any doubt he will likely call in a lung specialist to confirm his diagnosis.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: "A red and blue box" means one box; "a red and a blue box" means two boxes. OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: dis-sensible. Pronounce the ss as in "kiss," not as z. OFTEN MISSPELLED: conciliate; one l. SYNONYMS: scorn, hate, dislike, abhor, detest, loathe, despise. 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: IRRESOLUTE; not resolved; wavering; hesitating. "Her nature is somewhat frivolous and irresolute." they could fill that post and lead the party more to the party's satisfaction than the present incumbent. Should this prove true we shall have a new Administration and several by-elections in the Provincial arena in the not distant future.

ASHES OF ROSES TOILET PREPARATIONS Here is a line of Toilet Preparations that will please the most fastidious. These toilettes are made in France by the well known firm of Bourjois & Co., and are unsurpassed for their excellence and delicacy of odor. We carry a complete stock of Perfume, Toilet Waters, Bath Salts, Face Powder, Talcum Powder, Compacts, Rouges, Bath Bricks, Cold and Vanishing Creams, Toilet Soap, Lip Stick, Flaconettes, etc. Call in and look it over. E. A. FOSTER, Central Drugstore, Sunnyside. Use Dr. French's Vermicide Capsules for Your Foxes

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HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK By ROBERTA LEE

A Cleaning Suggestion

If a damp cloth is spread over the furnace register while sweeping and dusting a room, the dust will cling to it instead of going down through the register to circulate later through the room.

Curdled Custard

Custard will not curdle if the custard cups are put into a pan half filled with cold water instead of hot water. The custard will heat more gradually, will be firm and without a drop of whey.

Brass Ornaments

After scouring the brass and irons or other brass ornaments, until they have taken on all the polish that will adhere, apply a thin coat of varnish and they will keep bright for years.

Modern Etiquette By ROBERTA LEE

Q. If a woman has been unable to obtain a lower berth on the train, and a man who has obtained one offers to exchange, may she accept with propriety? A. Yes, and at the same time show genuine appreciation of the courtesy.

Q. Is it customary to put the year on wedding announcements? A. Yes.

Q. Should the musicale be formal or informal? A. It is formal.

The Land We Love By Frank Yeigh

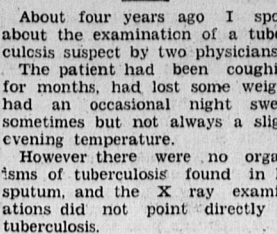
The First Cunard Steamer

Q. What was the first Cunard steamer? A. On July 4, 1840, the Britannia, the first vessel of the Cunard Line, sailed from Liverpool to Halifax and Boston. Sir Samuel Cunard, the founder of the Line, a Nova Scotian, was knighted for his work in connection with steam navigation. The Britannia was a side-wheeler and made her maiden trip in 14 days—a record that made a great sensation.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

April 3, 1928 BEWARE—Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm. Envy thou not the oppressor; and choose none of his ways.—Prov. 3:30, 31. PRAYER—Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God. "SHE IS NOT FAR!" She is not far away, the fulsome Spring. Whose deep, fresh beauty waxes the earth's desire; Unseen as yet, new life is blooming Drawn from the darkness by her growing fire. She is not far, the singing streams attest, Echoing songs that never shall grow old; Season of all most beautiful and best, The earth is flooded with her

That Body of Ours



By James W. Barton, M.D. MAKING SURE ABOUT TUBERCULOSIS

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.

OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS OF SECOND DISTRICT OF PRINCE

Sir,—Just a few reminders of events that have taken place in O'Leary and district since the election of 1927 and which the writer wishes to bring to the notice of the representatives of the 2nd. District of Prince, particularly the Hon. Mr. Dennis for his careful personal—lest he forgets to mention in his speech and the draft address—which we are all looking forward to with interest. Please do not forget to mention that the Lime Stone Crusher which you and Mr. Saunders shed so many tears over is still in the back yard of Kennedy & Co., O'Leary, uncovered—unpainted—unvarnished—and the Hoisting Chain still dangling in the air. This has no doubt been overlooked by your government.

Do not forget to acquaint the electors with your mineral or oil borings on the O'Leary road during the past summer. Re the prohibition question, you will no doubt take the same attitude as the representative of the 1st. District and say conditions in that respect are improving.

Would remind you of the several street fights you were an eyewitness too in our village this past winter, and not an uncommon sight to see drunken men on our streets any day—also wish to remind you re the Liquor Inspector, who during a recent hockey match confiscated some rum and on going to place it in the hands of the proper authorities found it had evaporated, but still some of your supporters will claim that the act is more workable.

Also acquaint the electors, particularly the aged and infirm of which you have many, with a synopsis of the Old Age Pension scheme with which you so ably hoodwinked them during the campaign, and suggest you write them individually enclosing checks, if convenient. Re the New Road Act, which is meeting with such favor in the country, would advise you to explain it more fully to your electors, as

spendthrift gold. She is not far . . . around some distant hill Where faintly-budding birches blur the sky With green, transparent tints . . . she lingers still Waiting for Pan's shrill pippings, clear and high.

A Woman's Privilege as Well as a Man's THERE is not a reason in the world why women—in business or at home—should not enjoy the same banking privileges men do. In fact, they do at all branches of The Canadian Bank of Commerce. If you open a Savings Account at this Bank, every courtesy, and consideration will be extended to you; and you will find the practical business experience gained in this way extremely helpful. A Savings Account is very convenient; and, once begun, with regular deposits and interest added, soon grows appreciably. It means greater enjoyment, comfort and confidence.

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they feel as you are practically the father of the child, they contemplate honoring you on your return from your arduous duties with a supper of chicken (not yet hatched). Also do not forget there are facilities in your district such as you

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