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RESEARCH

The world's great task today is to find out, to take stock of what we have and how to use it. And the world's thinkers are busy at work on the task.

In economics also there is room for valuable research work and here also much is already being done. For instance, the many diseases to which plants of all kinds are subject have been materially reduced.

Along this line much yet remains to be done.

Wheat, one of the greatest products of our dominion is subject to many diseases, rust, smut, and insect pests. What would it mean to Canada, say, if a preventive for rust were discovered?

It would mean millions of dollars yearly. Some day a preventive will be discovered by some one who perhaps has devoted a whole life time to the task without remuneration or hope of reward and from his labors the world will reap a rich reward.

Across the Strait of Northumberland, in Miramichi, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia, there are salt deposits of enormous extent. One seam 400 feet in thickness extends for miles east and west. The salt is being mined for its own sake but within the salt and in chemical relation to it are potash and sodium, the principal ingredients in our modern fertilizers. What would it mean to Canada, to the Maritime provinces, if these ingredients could be separated and made available?

The labor of the research man is a labor of love. If it were not it would be valueless. The scientist cannot be hired, cannot be bribed, cannot be turned aside from his chosen task. Yet he cannot always afford to pursue it and, through his poverty progress is delayed.

Some day, probably, the love of research and scientific discovery will be self-sustaining and the secrets of nature will, one by one, be unfolded. Meanwhile progress must depend largely upon the gratuitous labors of devoted scientists who are in it for the love of it.

A DIFFICULT POSITION

The unanimous opinion of the civilized world as voiced by the executive of the League of Nations, says that Britain has the right of it in her difference with the Turks as regards Mosul. Also Britain could eat up the Turks if she chose. Nevertheless the position is difficult. If the Turks wish to fight, they will wreck themselves, there will be the hooking up of but meanwhile another vast expenditure will be forced on Britain, Minister—just to save the expense with no possible recompense, and with a certainty of creating great elections.

Notes By The Way

Maritime ports and railways have a stiff proposition before them in the effort to turn Canadian export trade in their direction. The agitation to that end has been prolonged with increasing intensity. Canadian newspapers have been as a rule sympathetic and cheerfully admit that a strong case has been made out and that the Transcontinental ought to be utilized along with the Grand Trunk Pacific to carry the grain and other farm products of the West to Canadian ports on the Atlantic seaboard.

But, the Government avoids taking any action or responsibility. There is a Railway Commission to regulate freight rates and the President and directors of the National Railways controlling the operation of all the National lines—let them see to it! That seems to be the government idea. Let George do it. But when the Maritime case is put up to Sir Henry Thornton his answer is that the grain pools have all to say about the routing of the grain exports from the West to the sea, and there we are!

There is a certain nether region that is said to be "paved with good intentions." Every mile of the Transcontinental Railway from Moncton to Winnipeg and the western extension thereof from Winnipeg to Prince Rupert was projected, graded, track-laid and equipped with the "good intention" of carrying Canadian products over all-Canadian rails to Canadian ports. Yet, two-thirds of this traffic has been diverted over other routes to foreign ports, at least it was so nominated in the bond, and while the agitation for carrying out the original good intention goes on, the diversion increases and nobody in any official position can be held responsible!

With easy grades eastward, 90 pound rails, long straight runs and most favourable curves—we are told there is no such road in America—and rock-ballasted with "good intentions," the Transcontinental begs in vain for the traffic it could handle easily and cheaply, but the traffic goes elsewhere and nobody is to blame. Must the million of exasperated Maritimers invoke the aid of the Imperial Privy Council or the League of Nations to solve the mystery and set this matter right?

DO ATHLETES DIE YOUNG?

There is a common belief that athletes die young. Like other beliefs there are enough deaths among young athletes to make a theory but fortunately the theory does not work out.

Daniel Chase, supervisor of the New York State Education Department has gone into the matter with thoroughness, and declares we must revise hitherto accepted notions on this subject. He says: "The occasional death of a former star athlete in the prime of life is used frequently to point the lesson that all athletics are harmful and dangerous. The harm usually comes when the athlete in later life ceases completely to carry on any form of athletics, and the lack of use of the muscles developed through his athletic competition causes degeneration and trouble. However, scientific studies disprove the prevailing idea that athletes die young."

WHAT WEMBLEY COST

The announcement that the Prince of Wales has donated £1,000 to help meet the deficit of the British Empire Exhibition held in Wembley Park near London in the Summers of 1924 and 1925 follows the disclosure of the amount of that deficit. The Prince of Wales evinced a keen interest in the Exhibition when it was being organized and held but he was not concerned in the financing of the enterprise. He has now by his voluntary contribution shown a willingness to share the cost of the Empire show.

OF COURSE IT SOMETIMES HAPPENS

That when things come to their worst they begin to mend. Sometimes but not by any means all ways this occurs. The absorption of our transportation and the stealing of our water and water power have gone on at an increasing pace for years, and with a weak and tottering government at Ottawa, Canada has no defence against external rapacity, aided by the grain pools of the West within our own border. It really seems that our best, if not our only hope for improved conditions lies in a change of control at the head of affairs.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It was a Merry, merry Christmas. Saturday was the day after the night before.

The new year will have a little excitement to start out with. Three bye-elections in this province on the 14th, the opening of parliament on the 7th and the search for a seat is difficult. If the Turks wish to fight, they will wreck themselves, there will be the hooking up of but meanwhile another vast expenditure will be forced on Britain, Minister—just to save the expense with no possible recompense, and with a certainty of creating great elections.

STILLMAN CUT OFF WITH TWO RINGS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—James A. Stillman, former president of the National City Bank, received bequests of only two rings in the will of his mother, Mrs. Sarah C. Stillman, it became known today. Miss Josephine E. Tucker, friend and companion of Mrs. Stillman, shared largely in the estate, with bequests of jewelry and other valuables to members of the Rockefeller family.

THAT BODY OF HOURS

By James W. Barton, M.D. CLEARING UP FEARS

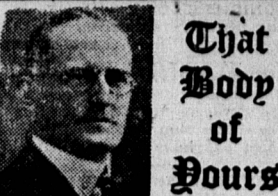
During murder trials where the defence lawyers put up the plea of insanity or mental "unbalance," the word psycho-analysis is used frequently, and perhaps you wonder just what it means. The name explains itself, because psycho-analysis is just an analysis, or examination, of the mental processes.

Sometimes you have found yourself in deep thought about a matter that you hadn't thought about in years. You wonder whatever started you thinking about it all, and then gradually you trace back your thoughts step by step until you get to the point where you began thinking about this particular matter.

Now in a person with a sick mind, one who is in fear of the dark, the open places, high places, the water, fire, and so forth, the psychoanalyst questions and questions until he gets to the starting point of that particular fear. He can't always get it, just as you sometimes fail as you try to remember the time you found your disliked lemon pie, custard, apples, olives and other articles of food.

The psychoanalyst in questioning these mental cases tries to take the patient's mind back step by step, or as some one has well put it, to "unwind" or untangle the threads of thought, and when this is done to try and have the mind wind itself correctly.

This means removing fears, oppressions of various kinds, or actual obstacles from the patient's mind, and to develop his natural courage or strength of mind. Like everything else psycho-analysis has been sometimes overdone, but the idea behind it, that is the unwinding or disentangling of the brain's wrong viewpoints, must appeal to us all as being only a common sense method of treatment.



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Still, Mr. Hyndman will not admit that it is impossible for there to be a minimum amount of five millions of dollars sent out of the Province each year. He claims that his source of information are authentic, but fails to name them. Since the population of Prince Edward Island is 88,815 and it is usual to count five to a family, this would give 17,768 families and this amount divided into five millions gives \$281.47. In other words, Mr. Hyndman might tell us that on an average every family in Prince Edward Island sends at least \$281.47 away to the mail order houses each year. No matter how well Mr. Hyndman may believe this himself he will have some trouble in convincing the people that each family sends at least this amount of money out of the Province each year.

Further, he says that he pays twenty-five dollars taxes on his farm and his firm pays five thousand for the privilege of carrying on business. Does Mr. Hyndman wish to give the impression that the five thousand is made off his farm, and his business is entirely a service to the community and does not repay anything? The reverse is the case, as his farm is his hobby. About four-fifths of the five thousand taxes are percentage taxes and only a small percentage of the total income which was made out of the people who buy into the game. So it is just another example of the people paying the taxes indirectly. If Mr. Hyndman represented local insurance companies instead of being in competition with them it would be a good example for the people to follow in this Buy-at-Home campaign.

Mr. Hyndman asks this question: How much does the mail order house contribute to the roads, education and local government works in this Province? We would answer this question by asking another: How much do the insurance companies he represents contribute to the roads, education and local government works in this Province, with the exception of the five thousand dollars he mentioned? The answer to both these questions would be the answer he gave to the former—Not one cent. I cannot see how the local merchants can complain about the mail order houses not paying provincial taxes because they are to blame for Eaton's not having a branch in Charlottetown now. If Eaton's had a branch in Charlottetown they would be subject to the same tax for doing business and the same percentage taxes as the other business places here.

Then Mr. Hyndman wonders what the word "producer" means. Webster says a producer is "One who produces, especially an agriculturalist or manufacturer." And that the word "produce" comes from the Latin word producer, I mean to lead forth.

Instead of saying that the farmer is an important cog in the wheel of life he should have said that the farmer was the important cog because this service that he talks about is more easily dispensed with by the farmer than anybody else the farmer can if necessary live on what he produces.

We would also like to ask Mr. Hyndman what provinces are contemplating putting a tax on mail order business, and what province has prepared a bill to be presented at the next meeting of the Legislature? I am, Sir, etc., etc."

BUY AT HOME

Sir,—I had certain reasons to believe that the Board of Trade did not approve of further discussion on this subject through the press. But I see a long letter from the worthy president, Mr. Hyndman. I will admit he is an able writer. With due respect and consideration to the arguments he uses that have a bearing towards strengthening his contention, I take exception when he tries to make the public believe that all the tax on mail order business, and what province has prepared a bill to be presented at the next meeting of the Legislature?