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Tears, Idle Tears

In a recent book of reminiscences, it is told that Mr. Lloyd George, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, while a guest of Beerholm Tree's at His Majesty's Theatre, drew the actor-manager into a discussion on the art of make-up and facial expression.

In this respect, if in no other, Premier Saunders and the Liberal leader in the British House of Commons have much in common. Premier Saunders can also weep to command.

It has been predicted that Premier Saunders, if he remains in politics, will shortly be returning to the Opposition benches.

First Come, First Served

A strange anomaly with regard to the prohibition situation was pointed out by Mr. A. F. Arsenault during the legislative debates.

To which the Hon. B. W. LePage promptly replied, "Do without it!"

Immigration Today

The withdrawal of the Dominion Government from the field of active settlement work is so radical a departure that its true significance will not be grasped for some time yet.

In some of the provinces, says the Financial Post, there is distinct antagonism to the coming of new immigrants. Strangely enough, this antagonism is most marked in the grain growing provinces of the West.

their own migration organizations in Great Britain and to a smaller degree, elsewhere. With Ottawa's co-ordinating agency definitely out of the field, this recent tendency is likely to manifest itself in greater degree.

There is not likely to be any uniformity of policy among the various provinces. Nevertheless, each province knows its own needs and its ability to absorb immigrants of different types, races and characteristics.

Gandhi at Dandi.

About India, far-off, complex, mysterious, it is not easy to be dogmatic, says an Ottawa contemporary. Yet, reading of Gandhi's march to the seacoast, the manner in which it was carried out and what happened upon his arrival, one cannot help thinking that it has been a singularly unimpressive performance.

The truth would seem to be that India is far from being united behind Gandhi. The Indian National Conference itself has oscillated from year to year since 1921 between the demand for dominion status and the demand for complete independence.

Gandhi, therefore, while having the executive committee of the National Congress supporting him in his scheme of "social boycott" and attack on the salt monopoly, has not behind him anything like a completely united, single-minded nation.

Mr. Wright's Volte Face

"Some years ago my hon. friend from Bedeque (Mr. Horace Wright) was bitterly opposed to the introduction of automobiles in this Province. I suppose he would condemn the men who were against his policy at that time as being very short sighted; yet he found out that he was wrong, and shortly after automobiles were introduced the hon. member himself bought a car and he has been using it ever since.

Notes By The Way

The look of relief on the faces of the Liberal members as they were released from their temporary duties Friday afternoon was really refreshing. Little, if any of the Government's prestige was salvaged after the stormy period, but the prospect of a few months ashore blotted out for the time being the recollection of the agony endured.

"Nova Scotia goes out of the prohibition column," says the Sackville Tribune, "but not back to the saloon. The new act which provides for liquor selling in the province permits the sale of alcoholic liquors by government stores but not even hotels are to be allowed to sell liquor to guests.

Referring to Premier King's ill-advised declaration that he would not give a five-cent piece for the relief of unemployment in Tory Provinces, the Moncton Times says "The Liberal Members from Ontario and Saskatchewan, it is reported, are much disturbed by the Premier's statement. It is true that Ontario does not give the King Government much support, but there are twenty or more Liberal members from the big province, and as things have been going they did not feel any too safe without this slap in the face from their province.

"It is said the Ontario and Saskatchewan Liberals will demand the resignation of Mr. King as leader before an appeal is made to the country. Mr. King became leader of the Liberals as a stroke of good fortune because the ablest man in the party was not acceptable to Quebec. Good fortune seemed to have followed him for a time, but he has lost all his horseshoes and is now out of luck, revealed in his true light as the weakest man ever called to the leadership of a great political party and the Premiership of a great country.

"For many years," says an ex-chance, "the Liberal Machine has been in control in Montreal when Mr. Houde went up against it two years ago there was little hope that he would be successful. But he won and later was chosen as leader of a rather feeble Conservative opposition in the Quebec Legislature. He now has been selected Mayor of the largest city in Quebec and in all Canada and has carried with him a majority of the City Council in spite of the opposition of Federal, provincial and civic Liberals. It was the most exciting campaign in the history of the city with the attempts to break up Houde meetings by crowds which resorted to the throwing of rotten eggs and other acts of violence. The Liberals made the fight against Houde. But Houde won and the people may form their own conclusions of the result in a city in which a few years ago a Conservative couldn't get a hearing."

"Premier King," says the Sydney Post, "gave the House of Commons a curious explanation of why he abstained from voting on the Ontario divorce bill, when the first division took place on its second reading. He admitted that he absented himself deliberately from the Chamber when the vote was being taken, his alleged reason being, that he did not wish, by his example to influence other members of the House in their attitudes towards the measure. He modestly added that perhaps he was "assuming too much" in thinking that others might be influenced by his example, but he decided in the circumstances, he ought not take any chances in the matter."

One can only marvel at the mentality that can produce such reasoning. It is curious indeed, that it did not occur to Mr. King that in shirking his duty as a public man, he was setting an example, and a most craven and unworthy one, to the other members of the House. If it was right and proper for the Prime Minister to dodge the vote on such an embarrassing question, why should the private member—the humble back-bencher, not feel justified in following so illustrious and conventional example? In point of fact a



That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

ANOTHER CAUSE OF COUGH.

An office employee found himself coughing considerably and yet he did not appear to have any 'cold'.

The cough grew worse, and finally the other employees began to think about the possibility of tuberculosis in his case.

Finally one of them suggested that he see a good doctor and get examined as the medicines he had been taking did not seem to be of any help.

He consulted a good practitioner, who went carefully over his lungs, but could find no trouble there.

Meanwhile the patient was losing weight, looked pale and haggard and the cough grew worse.

A lung specialist was then consulted who after a careful examination reported the lungs sound.

This report was verified by another lung specialist. Still the patient continued to cough and spit up considerable matter that was not at all like pus.

Finally it was suggested that he consult a nose and throat specialist to see if the trouble was above the neck, not below it.

The nose specialist discovered that the antrum or sinus adjoining the nose was in an infected condition.

As you know the sinuses adjoining the nose are openings in the bones of the face, which are supposed to admit air. They act as a sort of sounding box for the voice.

As they are connected directly with the nose and throat they are lined with the same moist mucous tissue and can become inflamed and thrown off a mucous discharge similar to that from nose and throat.

It was this discharge, dropping into the back of the throat that was causing the cough. This discharge would go down the throat during sleep and so affect the stomach that the appetite was affected.

By draining the sinus out and enlarging the opening so that it could drain itself properly thereafter, the patient got rid of his cough, and regained his appetite and general health.

The point then is that a chronic cough may not always be due to a lung condition, nor to any trouble in the nose and throat, but may be due to a sinus condition, which because of its face is not painful is overlooked by the patient and often by the doctors also.

The Poet's Corner

A tiny traveller in the blue, Having forgotten care, He wings his brave adventure through

The pure and buoyant air; And ever on the upward quest, His heart with bliss abrim, He sings to one upon the nest.

That all is well with him. So rare a song—the final word, It seems, in sheer delight! (Listen, oh God, to a free bird, Hymning the joy of flight!)

Shut in a prison low and strait, With his bright eyes grown dim— He'll see no more his breeding mate, Who died for lack of him. He scarce may flutter his cramped wings,

He has no friend—save Death! Yet from a breaking heart he sings, As though—earth far beneath— The wind's exultant voice he heard, Or rested on its might! (Listen, oh God, to a caged bird, Hymning the joy of flight!)

—M. Kendall in "Cornhill"

large number of the members did take their cue from the excellent Mr. King as is evident from the fact that over 80 others absented themselves from the division in question.

It is to be feared that Mr. King's ideals of public responsibility require radical revision. When a measure of such far-reaching importance as the Ontario divorce bill comes before Parliament, it is surely the duty of the leader of the House of Commons to weigh it on its merits, to consider it carefully, to reach a decision, and to show the courage of his convictions by his voice and vote.

The Prime Minister of Canada should not hide his views on such a question for fear of influencing others, but should courageously proclaim them for that very purpose. A Premier in hiding when the division bell rings is not an inspiring spectacle."

East And West

The grain-growers who met in Saskatchewan recently and decided to form the Saskatchewan Farmers' Political Association, which is to hold a province-wide convention at Regina on April 2, are late in the day in thus launching into class politics.

The Farmers' party or Progressive party, which had carried on throughout the decade in three western provinces, has had a record that should not warrant the farmers of Saskatchewan in forming up as an occupational party. In the general election of 1921 the total number of Progressives returned to Parliament was sixty-four. In the general election of 1925 the Progressives returned numbered twenty-five, and in the general election of 1926 the purely Progressive members were but thirteen.

The former Progressive leader Mr. Crerar, is now minister of railways in the Liberal Government, his successor as the political head of the Progressive party, Mr. Forke, was taken into the King Government after the general election of 1926, and has lately been appointed to the Senate by the King Government. As these two ex-leaders of the Progressive party drifted into the Liberal party, so the Progressives as a whole always stood by the Liberal Government in times of critical divisions.

This record of subservience to the Liberal party and of rapidly waning strength in Parliament should tend to warn off the Saskatchewan farmers from organizing as an occupational party.

There are, says the Toronto Mail and Empire, many evidences that between the western farmers and eastern Canada, but on both sides better knowledge of each other has been at work to bridge any gap that formerly seemed to exist. The western farmers who are holding their wheat for better prices have the good wishes of eastern Canada, and no part of the country will be better pleased than the east if in this contest between our wheatholders and the importers on the other side of the Atlantic our farmers win out.

The wheatholders cannot but be favorably impressed with the east's support of their cause. Assuredly that eastern sympathy has not escaped the notice of Saskatchewan public men. Hon. W. B. Willoughby, a resident of that province, expressed his belief that "The pool has moderated the opinion of people in the west that the people of the east are trying to exploit them. I do not think the east has any such object in view, and I think the pool, with its opportunity for propaganda and instruction, has a peculiarly good chance of getting acquainted with the general trend of business throughout Canada, and that the individual farmer is very much more amenable to a proper and honest presentation of the case of the industrialists and financiers than he has been heretofore."

The hope of the country lies in the building up of mutual confidence between the farming population and the rest of the people, between the west and the east. Mutual suspicion can do no good, but does positive harm. It plays into the hands of self-seeking people, scheming to get into Parliament at whatever cost. Surely the serious-minded members of the Progressive party, who believed that the salvation of their industry could be wrought by the creation of an independent party, are sadder and wiser men, having been humbugged out of their votes by persons of no particular aim except their own elevation. Sectionalism was becoming less and less a menace to the country, as a common national interest became stronger. Whatever happens to the new political organization in Saskatchewan, it is hoped that as Canadians the people of the east and the people of the west, and the people of all occupations will go on developing a really fraternal fellow-citizenship.

CAPTAIN NICKERSON DEAD

WINTHROP, Mass., April 12—Capt. Jethro W. Nickerson, well known sea captain who retired three months ago after long years of service with the Bay State Fishing Co., died at his home here April 2. He was a well known figure along the Atlantic Coast and twenty years ago was master of his own schooner the Flora S. Nickerson.

At the start of the World War he was on the Bay State Fishing Company's schooner Comber, which went abroad, and he enlisted with the other seamen and served as an ensign in the United States Navy.



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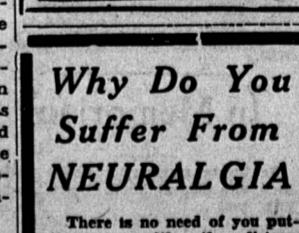
THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK LEIGH FORT YUKON Q. Where is Fort Yukon? A. Fort Yukon stood at the mouth of the Porcupine River where it was built in 1847 for the Hudson's Bay Co. by Alexander Hunter Murray. Although it was then on Russian territory the H. B. Co., maintained it until the sale of Alaska to the United States when they were ejected in 1869. The Company then built Rampart House as a substitute on the Porcupine River and where an extensive fur trade was carried on.

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