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FREE SCHOOL BOOKS.

The Government of New Brunswick has taken a long step forward in providing free school books up to and including the 8th Grade for the pupils of that Province. This provision is as from the beginning of the present school term, and as a number of the pupils had already provided themselves with books the price will be refunded.

The free school books would seem to be a natural concomitant of free schools. The purchase of these has always been a heavy burden upon the poor and especially upon large families, and has in many cases been a discouraging factor in giving the children the full advantages of our free school system. Objection might be raised by those to whom the purchase of school books is not a heavy burden that they have no right to provide school books for the children of other people, but this argument would apply with equal force to free schools. Yet education is recognized as a community and national matter—a matter to which all have a right to contribute and from which all must be benefited.

The movement in New Brunswick will be watched with interest, perhaps with envy, by some of the other provinces; and no doubt those of them which see their way clear to adopt a similar course will endeavor to follow the good example. It speaks well not only for the Government but for the financial position of the Province, and we congratulate the Baxter Government on their initiative and the sound business ability which enables them to carry out this program.

LABOR AND CHARACTER.

SOCIAL workers are emphasizing more and more the importance of recognizing labor as a beneficent factor in the development of character. It is upon the daily tasks of life, as these are performed well or ill, that the happiness of the individual and the welfare of the community ultimately depend. Discussing this side of labor in a recent issue of the Federal Council Bulletin, Mr. Whiting Williams says truly that a man's job is more than a means of livelihood; it is his contribution to society, the thing that gives him a place in the world of men. The tremendous connection between a man's daily job and what he thinks of the whole range of values, political, social and moral, is apt to be overlooked, Mr. Williams believes, by our spiritual leaders. He says further:—

"While the average pastor is perfectly willing to believe that his job is a highly constructive one, the performance of which gives him a spiritual thrill and makes him feel that he is contributing to the well-being of the world, he fails to understand that there is no member of his church who does not feel the same way about his job. He talks to his people as if they were doing things not worth doing, for the purpose of earning money. This means that he simply cuts himself off from touching the lives of the people where they live — namely, in their work."

This statement as applied to the individual life of a big city, may be taken with some reservation. Too often the daily grind, in sweat shops and huge manufacturing, is calculated to give anything but a spiritual thrill to the worker. But in the life of an agricultural community such as Prince Edward Island there is ample justification for instance upon the dignity of the humblest task well performed. Burns' universal popularity is due as much to his democratic emphasis upon this fact as to his undoubted poetic genius. Carlyle was inspired with the same enthusiasm, which he expressed in passages such as this:—"Consider how, even in the meanest sort of Labor, the

whole soul of a man is composed into a kind of real harmony, the instant he sets himself to work! Doubt, Desire, Sorrow, Remorse, Indignation, Despair itself, all these like hell-dogs lie beleaguering the soul of the poor dayworker, as of every man, but he bends himself with free valor against his task, and all these are stilled, all these shrivel murmuring far off into their caves. The man is now a man. The blessed glow of Labor in him, is it not as purifying fire, wherein all poison is burnt up, and of sour smoke itself there is made bright blessed flame!"

FIRST FRUITS.

THE first fruits of the recent Maritime conferences in Toronto and Montreal are likely to be reap- ed by the farmers of Gloucester County, New Brunswick. We learn from our New Brunswick exchanges that a carload of live poultry was shipped to Montreal last week. That Montreal was selected as the market for these birds was not only because it was somewhat nearer than Boston, but also because of the present effort to have Maritime goods find their market in Upper Canada, following the recent conferences.

The carload was arranged by the Maritime Poultry and Egg Exchange and the shipping of the birds was supervised by an official of the Provincial Department of Agriculture. The Montreal firm to which the carload was consigned sent its own representative to feed the birds in transit.

This will be a pointer to our farmers, boards of trade, and Department of Agriculture.

THE AGITATOR.

IT is a matter of common knowledge now that the alleged discontent among the miners who came from Great Britain to assist in the Canadian harvest was stirred up by a number of communist agitators who accompanied them directly for the purpose of making trouble. The movement of miners from Great Britain to Canada was engineered for the purpose of relieving congestion among laborers in the mines. The communist idea appears to have been to compel the mine owners by strikes or otherwise to increase wages. The relief proposed by the British Government in finding occupations elsewhere for the unemployed miners was a movement in the right direction, and so far as it has gone has already proved an advantage.

As a matter of fact there was very little discontent among the miners who came over. The great majority of them were quite satisfied with the positions they obtained and with the wages paid. The agitators, it is true, stirred up a few who were easily stirred and succeeded in persuading them to go back to Great Britain. The stories of discontent among and the ill usage accorded the miners were circulated throughout the British Isles for the purpose of preventing further migration, but the inwardness of these stories has been so entirely exposed that it is not expected that much harm will result from them. The agitators have been found out and thoroughly discredited.

It is to be regretted that even in Canada the agitator is still a force and there are always those who are ready to be turned from the path of common sense and honest labor by soap-box orators and mischief-makers. The agitator should be put in his place and for the Canadian brand of agitator the place is outside of Canada.

When conditions are obviously wrong it is perfectly proper to express discontent and to seek by legitimate means for a remedy. Unquestionably there has been discontent among the employed not only in Great Britain but in Can-

Notes by the Way

FINLAND has a prohibitory law, which as in the United States, was first enacted as a war measure. But Finland was then a part of the Russian Empire. And the Finns had been well educated in temperance principles before that. They are, moreover, a strong and enlightened race of people. Alfred Pearce Dennis tells about them in the latest issue of Scribner's. He visited Finland in July last. To Mr. Dennis' pen we are indebted. He tells that they are a stalwart people, strong in their love of liberty and although they had been for centuries subject to Russian despotism, education is so general among them that illiterates are about as scarce as hen's teeth.

The Finns gained their liberty after the war and set up a Parliament of their own. They were the first Europeans to grant complete suffrage to women, and are democratic enough to boast that a barefoot legislator sits in their Parliament. To these people Prohibition had come overnight by edict of the Czar, but it was continued by the will of the people as a legal enactment and at first it worked well. However, the difficulty of enforcement soon became apparent. Finland is set in the midst of an archipelago of thousands of small islands. It has a long coastline, deeply indented and fringed with a heavy forest cover, giving every facility for liquor smuggling. And the fishermen soon turned liquor smugglers, whole villages of them, while alcohol grew more plentiful and fish scarcer.

The captain of the rum-chasing fleet told Mr. Dennis that his patrol boats usually capture five or six smuggling boats per week. This is only a trifle to the smugglers, so numerous are they, and up to all the tricks that are known to illegal traffic on this side of the ocean, along with one or two more which we need not describe. Smuggling is so easy and profitable that it has killed the home-brew industry, which before prevailed. Potato alcohol can be brought into Finland cheaper and better than the domestic grain alcohol can be illegally distilled.


In 1922 a commission was named to study the effects of the law, in view of the heavy cost of enforcement. The commission sat for four years and its labors were enormous. One of the three ponderous volumes containing its report gives the result of 9,000 questionnaires addressed to the business and labor organizations, captains of industry, welfare officers and the like. Taken all together the responses indicated that 31.4 per cent. judge the results as beneficial; 31.3 per cent. judge the results harmful rather than helpful to temperance; 37.4 per cent. judge that Prohibition has neither improved nor worsened the situation. The replies also indicate that the drink evil has increased among the youth of the country, while the hard drinkers show less than their former addiction to alcohol.

In one respect the appraisal of Prohibition by the people of Finland closely resembles that in Prince Edward Island. The wets say that Prohibition, designed to reduce alcohol consumption has increased it; that it has bred a class of law-breakers and converted a population of honest fishermen into sneaks and smugglers, and that the state's liquor excise revenues have been flung away to enrich the bootlegger. The dries respond that patience is needed, that the right thing has been done and that right will prevail. The law-respecting Finns do their best to enforce Prohibition, as Mr. Dennis thinks. Many who voted for Prohibition in Prince Edward Island are far from doing their best either to enforce it or to obey it.

The spiritualists in England are combining to assert their rights. With so many notables in their ranks including Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir Conan Doyle and others, they are unwilling to have their mediums classed with fortune tellers, fakirs and other disreputable who are liable to arrest and punishment under the present law. They want

ada, but the remedy lies not in magnifying the discontent but in seeking a solution. A movement at present in England seeking co-operation between employed and employers is in the right direction, for neither labor nor capital can succeed by coercing the other. Mutual good rather than the good of either must be the dominant factor in the dispute between labor and capital.

That Body of Yours



By James W. Barton, M.D.

GOOD NEWS FOR SUFFERERS WITH INDIGESTION

Perhaps you have been a sufferer with indigestion for some time and after "doctoring" yourself have consulted one or more physicians regarding the ailment.

Finally you have had an X ray meal and learn that you have no cancer or ulcer.

You are relieved in mind but still suffer with indigestion.

Your doctor has suggested a test meal of toast, which he will withdraw from the stomach again in an hour. He wants to get an idea of how much work your stomach's muscular walls do and how well your stomach juice, with its hydrochloric acid, does its work.

You have likely heard of the test meal or breakfast that is given to a patient and then removed from the stomach one hour afterwards by means of a stomach tube.

The usual meal has been what is known as Ewald's test breakfast, consisting of 1 1/2 glasses of water.

Latterly, ordinary alcohol has been used, and just about the time this was becoming popular, another research man has been able to show that ordinary cabbage juice was better than either the toast or the alcohol meal.

Dr. W. Orlovski uses a little over a pint of fresh undiluted cabbage juice and a very thin tube, and after withdrawing the cabbage juice from the stomach he is able to examine it with much less difficulty than when the toast or bread meal is used.

The tube is so thin that the patient is able to swallow it easily and let it remain in place until the cabbage juice is withdrawn from the stomach again.

Further, as the juice contains no solid particles it can be withdrawn easily and rapidly through the small tube.

The digestive juice and the cabbage juice mix together and can be easily filtered, and substances such as mucous, pus, or blood are readily recognized.

The amount of work done by the stomach and the stomach juice can be estimated.

So now that it is only cabbage juice you have to swallow and a law amended. They won't form a party as yet but will not vote for any political candidates who are opposed to changing the law.

A week hence we shall know how the Nova Scotian elections have gone, and who's on top over there, Rhodes or Chisholm, and in about five weeks the big Presidential contest across the border will be decided.

Time passes quickly. Will our potato warehouse be ready in time? And how will tuber prices rule during the next six months? These are questions that are bigger than politics to half our people just now.

With rum ships coming and going, is ours "an Island entirely surrounded with water" as we were once told so emphatically?

Fifteen nations have outlawed war; forty other nations may raise a ruckus at any time, and who can prevent any one of them doing so?

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Daily Lessons in English

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say "I think he done very well." Say "did very well."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: hyp- notic, o as in "of" and accent second syllable; hypnotism, o as in "no" and accent first syllable.

OFTEN MISPELLED: emphasis (sis), emphasize (size).

SYNONYMS: cancel, deface, annul, destroy, revoke, oblitrate, abrogate, expunge, erase, abolish.

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: SALIENT; prominent; conspicuous. "Let me give you the salient points."

HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK

By Roberta Lee

Garbage Can

Put a piece of pitch in a new garbage can and slowly let it melt enough to cover the bottom of the can. It will dry hard, making the can last much longer and be much easier to clean.

Cleaning A Light Fur

Mix 1 pint of flour, 1 tablespoonful of fuller's earth, and 1 pint of bran. Rub into the fur thoroughly, then shake well and rub again with bran alone. Shake fur once more and follow by brushing with a soft clean cloth.

Boiled Eggs.

Boiled eggs will continue to cook if left in hot water, even though the fire is turned off. To keep them warm until needed, pour the water off, replace eggs in hot pan and replace cover tightly.

very fine tube is used, you should be only too willing to let your physician learn the cause of your indigestion.

The Land We Love

By Frank Yeigh

Canada's Present Population

Q. What is Canada's present population?

A. The population of Canada according to the latest estimate of the Canadian Government Bureau of Statistics is 9,658,000 distributed as follows: Prince Edward Island, 86,400; Nova Scotia, 547,000; New Brunswick, 415,000; Quebec, 2,647,000; Ontario, 3,229,000; Manitoba, 655,000; Saskatchewan, 851,000; Alberta, 631,900; British Columbia, 583,000; Yukon Territory, 3,500; Northwest Territories, 9,200. When the last decennial census was taken in 1921 the population of the Dominion was computed at 8,788,000 so that the increase since then is 870,000.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

September 25, 1928

THE FOOLISH—Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!—Isa. 5:21.

PRAYER—O Thou Omniscient One, be Thou our wisdom.

REFLECTIONS

How often have I gazed with upturned face And wondered at the miracle of night, That vast immeasurable vault of light, And marvelled at the swift, unending race Of blazing suns and stars aloft in space; Yet known behind them all there A Power, which ordered and controlled their flight; And even this small earth could mark and trace. When I consider this infinity, A nameless terror clutches at my soul, Thinking of One whose unperturbed eyes These myriad, myriad stars of ours can see, And knows them fragments of a mighty whole, A little light in the eternal skies. —W. A. Lee.

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19 Patterns to Choose From!

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Thursday