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A WORK OF VALUE

The Provincial Department of Agriculture has received from the University of Toronto Press a number of copies of "The Flowering Plants and Ferns of Prince Edward Island," by Mr. Blythe Hurst, Sr., of Brackley Beach, this Province. The article is reprinted in permanent and attractive form from the Transactions of the Royal Canadian Institute, Volume 19, Part 2 (1933), and first appeared serially in the notes of "Agricola" in The Guardian in 1929, this being one of many valuable contributions to botanical knowledge which Mr. Hurst under the pen-name of "Agricola" has made to this newspaper over a period of years. Since publication in 1929, other names have been added from time to time to the list as it now appears.

In a foreword to the present publication, the author explains that it is over forty years since the Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island published "A List of Prince Edward Island Plants" by Francis Bain, and almost a quarter of a century since a more complete list by John MacSwain appeared as a supplement to Spotton's Botany. A great many additional plants have been found in this Province within the last two decades. These now appear in the list, but no pretence is made to completeness, there being reason to suspect that further "finds" will reward the diligent searcher.

Acknowledgment is made by Mr. Hurst of valued assistance received from Mr. H. Groh, Botanist, Ottawa, who visited the Island in 1926, Mr. R. R. Hurst, Plant Pathologist at the Experimental Station, Charlottetown, and Mr. Harold A. Messervy, City Engineer.

Since its organization in 1849 the Royal Canadian Institute has done much for the encouragement and diffusion of scientific knowledge. The Institute was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1851, and in 1914 received the King's permission to add the designation "Royal" to its title. Its meetings have always been open to the public without charge, and in recent years have been devoted to the presentation of the results of scientific investigations in various lines by experts who have themselves contributed to the advancement of science. Through co-operation with the Institute after Mr. Hurst's list appeared in its transactions, the Toronto University Press has been able to reprint at a fraction of the cost which otherwise would have been entailed. This fortunate circumstance will make the pamphlet more easily accessible to the general student. A sufficient number of copies has been obtained by the Department of Agriculture to provide each school in the Province with this interesting and important treatise, and it is to be hoped full use of it will be made by our teachers in promoting scientific study of the flowering plants and ferns of the Province. It is indeed a matter for satisfaction that a work of this kind has been published in permanently available form, and under such auspices as the Royal Canadian Institute and the University of Toronto Press.

FARM CLUBS ACTIVE

Among the hopeful signs of the times in Canada is the increasing interest in club work for boys and girls under the general headings of live stock, field crops, poultry, gardening and for girls household projects. There are now 1,374 fully organized boys' and girls' farm clubs in Canada, with a total enrolment of 23,432, an increase over 1932 of 2,000 members. Twenty-eight club teams of two members each, representing every province in the Dominion, each of them provincial champions in their respective projects, will arrive in Toronto on Monday morning, November 20, to participate in a five-day program of interesting and instructive events. Under the direction of the Canadian Council of Boys' and Girls' Club run for civic office at the approach-work at the Royal Winter Fair, the Calgary municipal election.

The honor of representing Prince Edward Island this year goes to the Misses Mary Monaghan and Elsie Lund, representing the Mount Herbert Ayrshire Calf Club.

Competition in the various provinces has been very keen in the contests held to determine the teams that are now going to Toronto to represent their respective provinces in the national contests. These contests, made possible by the association of several business organizations with the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture, as members of the Council, have a far-reaching effect on club work. Greater interest is aroused, no small amount of direction is given to the activities of each local club and an opportunity is provided each year for a representative group of young people to obtain a broader vision of club work and of Canadian agriculture in general. The Canadian Council offers these trips as a reward for good work, and the members of these 28 teams have earned the right, by continued and careful attention to club activities, to represent their respective provinces.

A CAT LICENSE?

The Ottawa Humane Society has appointed a committee of four "to investigate the condition of cats in the city" and to report its recommendation of measures for improvement of the feline status. Cats, according to officials of the Society, frequently are abused, neglected and ill-treated, and the suggestion is advanced that they should be licensed.

Commenting on this announcement the Ottawa Journal finds that in the matter of cats, there are three classes of men and women. There are those—and they are mostly women—who give them a devoted little short of worship, call them by pet names, let them sleep on the bed or the best chair, speak admiringly of their intelligence. There are others, and they are in the majority, who tolerate cats, don't object to having one around the house, but are pretty hard-boiled about it and think a cat is able to look after itself. There is a third class of persons who like cats just as much as they like rattlesnakes, would prefer extermination to license. Some women have an unquerable fear of them; some men ask no better sport than a fair shot at a marauding feline from the kitchen window, followed by burial of the victim under the rose bush.

It is, adds the Journal, an old grievance of dog-lovers that their pets are taxed and restricted while cats are permitted to roam at large, destroy birds, hold nocturnal trysts on the back fence. Cat fanciers reply that there is as much reason for licensing caged canaries as the domesticated tabby. Their well-behaved pets, they say indignantly, don't run around nights, don't chase birds, have no bad habits, in fact they are members of the family in good standing. As for the cats which indulge in these objectionable practices, they must have been badly trained, like some children, and should be pitied rather than blamed.

If the plan of the officials of the Ottawa Humane Society were adopted presumably a date would be fixed after which all cats found without license tags would be liable to imprisonment and destruction. Then the war would be on, and one suspects the cats would not have the worst of it. Stray dogs at least can't climb trees, dash merrily along fences and from roof to roof, or take refuge in spots inaccessible to the most diligent officer.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The city of Calgary has secured a ruling from the Alberta Supreme Court to the effect that recipients under the direction of the Canadian Council of public relief are not entitled to Council of Boys' and Girls' Club run for civic office at the approach-work at the Royal Winter Fair, the Calgary municipal election.

Notes By The Way

As they contemplate the appalling situation created largely by their own folly, public men in every sphere of government come along and ask what is to be done about it. Some of the more reckless spirits' hint at confiscation now that the ordinary sources of taxation are pretty well dried up. Others talk about the need of an economic enquiry. The blame, however, cannot be placed altogether on those who have the direction of public or municipal affairs. The bulk of the taxpayers are always more ready to back up politicians who put forward attractive spending programs than they are to support those who recommend retrenchment.

Regina reports that out of the great wastes of the north wild ducks are coming down to the prairie lands in millions—"great fat mallards that have fattened on mild rice and other foods natural to the country." In the Quill Lake region they are in greater number than can be remembered by the oldest inhabitants. They blacken fields everywhere and some of the flocks are so large that they literally shut out the light from the sky. The arrival of the birds in such multitudes should relieve the apprehensions felt in some parts of Saskatchewan the last couple of years that the drought, which dried up lakes and ponds was killing off the duck population. Nature, apparently, is setting things to rights.

Canada comprises 27 per cent of the total area of the British Empire but not more than two per cent of the population. Canada has natural resources and agricultural lands comparable with those of the best parts of the world and when it gets two or three times the present population many of her problems will become a thing of the past. Empire preferential trade will be a help in this direction.

France will have a balanced budget, after all. Premier Sarraut secured the overwhelming support of the Chamber on his first appeal for a vote of confidence. When he told the Chamber that France was in bad need of industrial codes similar to those instituted by President Roosevelt in the United States in order to bring about economic recovery, he stated no more than the bare facts. Mussolini in Italy was ahead even of Roosevelt in some directions. France will adopt methods suited to her own immediate requirements, "improving her defensive means from day to day," as the Premier put it.

Too much of Herr Hitler's teaching has been frankly warlike. Violence, repression and barbarity play too great a part in Nazi methods. Mr. Boothby who knows Germany sympathetically and well, and who returned from there only a few days ago, said in a speech last night that Germany was in the grip of something very like war fever.

Hitler has done something more than reverse the peaceful policy of the late Gustav Stresemann; he has defied the pacific will of the whole world. And it is not possible to foresee where his defiance will end. It may well be that the curtain has been rung up on the first act of that tragedy which Mr. Baldwin recently described as the end of the civilization we know.

One of the disquieting signs of the time in Washington is the report that the Recovery Administration is being stoutly urged to invoke the provisions of the Recovery Act under which the President is empowered to restrict or even to forbid imports that seem to be interfering with the progress of recovery. Such a move would represent a further step toward the complete economic isolation, toward which we have already made preliminary advances with our new codes and our new currency policy. It is a step the Administration may well approach with extreme reluctance, for by taking it we would at once interfere with the success of the new policy of reciprocal trade agreements the State Department inspired by the President himself, is seeking to work out with our South American neighbors.—Baltimore Sun.

American cities are facing the advantages, and perhaps the necessity, of a new financial policy. This is the pay-as-you-go plan. C. E. Rightor tells the International City Managers' Association at Chicago that hard times has shown municipalities the utter mistake of carrying the accustomed loads of indebtedness. In difficult times a city with 25 to 40 per cent of its budget going to service indebtedness is forced to heap disproportionate hardships upon its employees. Paying debts out of current revenue rather than out of future income is the answer. If a city borrows \$100,000, it is better to pay off with 10



By James W. Barton, M.D.

THERE SHOULD BE NO WORRY ABOUT HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE IN MOST CASES

One of the mistakes physicians (including myself) have made in the past was in letting the patient know his blood pressure, particularly when the pressure was high.

Now to have blood pressure above normal may be the best thing possible for you, as your blood pressure rises because it needs to rise to overcome various obstacles and supply every part of your body with blood.

Similarly with temperature. Many patients with an increased temperature are very anxious to get the temperature lowered by the use of drugs—aspirin, phenacetin, acetanilid, acetone, quinine—when as a matter of fact the increased temperature simply shows that the body is fighting some ailment.

Stranger Than Fiction

(Exchange)

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Little less unusual is the incident reported from Algoma where, it should be said, they don't take their wolves very seriously. Except in the matter of sheep and hens they are about as dangerous as rabbits, in the opinion of the Soo Star. At any rate in this case a wolf raided a flock of sheep and had his teeth set in the neck of one of them. Then came to the defence a courageous ram. With powerful head in strategic position for attack he launched himself, caught the marauder's terrific broadside blow, and broke the wolf's neck.

Birds and animals perpetually are getting themselves into the day's news. Thus a German saloon-keeper bought a parrot from a sailor. That was all right, but one day the parrot screamed "Down With Hitler" and trouble arrived swiftly. The owner was fined and the bird executed. In London a man leading a llama through the streets to advertise a theatre was fined sixty cents for being "drunk while in charge of a llama." One wonders whether there is a schedule of fines for such cases made and provided, and what the penalty would be for the intoxicated custodian of an elephant or a kangaroo.

And then there is the resolution passed by the city council of Parma, a suburb of Cleveland, that henceforth no dog shall bark within the corporation limits, under pain of expulsion.

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The pride I trampled is now my scathe, For it tramples me again. The old resentment lasts like death, For you love, yet you refrain. I break my heart on your hard unfaith, And I break my heart in vain.

Yet not for an hour do I wish undone The deed beyond the grave, When I was a King in Babylon And you were a Christian slave.

—W. E. Henley.

"Muriel," said little Archie at the breakfast table, "did Mr. Wilkins take any of the umbrellas or hats from the rack when he went home last night?"

"Why, of course not, Archie," replied Muriel with a laugh. "Why should he?" "That's just what I'd like to know," said Archie, "because when he went out I heard him say, 'I'm going to steal just one,' and—why, what's the matter, Muriel?"

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That Body of Yours

Quo Vadis?

(Financial Post)

What, asks modern youth (probably more out of devilment than to satisfy intellectual appetite), is the purpose of civilization? Where are we going? What is it all about? There are various answers proffered by those who know (or believe they know); by those who pretend (even to themselves) to know; and by those who definitely do not know, but like to hear themselves talk. The common denominator of these replies is a vague statement to the effect that the purpose of civilization is to make life more tolerable for all and to raise the general standard of culture by "n" per cent. From the modern thesis, through the agnostics to the atheists, there seems to be a general consensus of opinion that homo sapiens is striving to construct a thoroughly comfortable world, inhabited by a race of super-intelligences. Would it not be better to base one's philosophy on the century-old principle that material discomforts, trials, and even suffering, are not in themselves evil, but essential factors in training spiritual character, in order that personality may fit itself for existence in some super-material sphere?

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Nature's Lighting Effects

(Edmonton Journal)

Nature's seasonal lighting effects are never more striking than in the autumn. The eye revels in the wonderful radance that bathes the whole landscape but too often fails to note the subtle way in which nature adjusts her colors to the seasonal swing of the sun. The tree that in mid-summer cast a grateful shade over doorway and window in autumn helps light the home with its reflected glory as the sun softens its former brilliance.

The green landscape in summer absorbs in some measure the sun's glare that is a feature of that season. And the eye is "grateful." Autumn days bring a softer sunshine that often is hidden behind dull skies. Then it is nature brightens up all outdoors with a lavish outpouring of gold and russet and red. It is as though she sought to compensate us for the shortening days. And as winter lengthens the hours of darkness, she changes her lighting effects again and spreads a white reflector over everything so that dim daylight seems bright and the night not too intensely black. The extraordinary "fitness" in nature so often passes unremarked. It is a commonplace and so goes unnoticed. But imagine our unhappy state if nature reversed things—put dazzling white leaves on the trees in summer and spread a deep green snow over the land in the dark days of winter!

FACES ASSAULT CHARGE

KENTVILLE, N. S., Nov 12—Charged with assaulting a 17-year-old school girl, Leo Francis, 30-year-old Indian of Cambridge, was taken into custody today. The girl was attacked early last week in the downtown section of Kentville, but her attacker fled before help arrived.

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