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The Fiat Goes Forth

As we predicted from a perusal between the lines of our contemporary's editorial remarks ament the vacant Bursarship at Falconwood Hospital, a political appointee to the position has already been chosen, with or without the consent of the Executive Council as a body, and the requirements for the position are being changed to suit the said nominee's particular qualifications. This is evident from the editorial announcement in Saturday's Patriot, which, by the way, fully bears out the charge made by Hon. Mr. Butler that the provincial administration is being dominated by an autocrat of the would-be-Mussolini type.

Consider, for example, the laudatory references to "the man who is to be appointed at the next meeting of the Council." This phrase is perhaps the most extraordinary that has issued from an inspired government organ since the Province secured the right of democratic representation in Parliament. What authority has the Liberal organ, or the Premier himself for that matter, to say what the Council will do or will not do at a meeting which has yet to be held? Has the Council no will of its own? Has its mind to be "made up" for it, and its decisions all "cut and dried" in advance? Or is the announcement above quoted intended as a hint to dissatisfied Council members that they must come prepared to knuckle under to the "dicta" of the "boss"? In any event, we are now assured in advance of the Council meeting and irrespective of any opinion that body may hold that a certain prospective nominee with alleged qualifications in medicine and dentistry—and apparently without any qualifications otherwise—will be appointed bursar, or business custodian, of Falconwood, "at the next meeting of the Council." So that's that.

Whether the said appointee's professional qualifications are such as to entitle him to a raise in the \$1,000 salary of his predecessor, or whether his skill in medicine and dentistry, minus his business inexperience, are considered to be worth only the aforesaid \$1,000 a year, has not yet been divulged. In any event, the meaning of the Liberal organ's statement is unmistakable. It means, to Liberal party supporters and Government members who may have opinions of their own in the matter, that the fiat has gone forth. Sir Oracle, through the party press, has spoken; and when he opens his mouth let no dog bark! It means, in a wider than partisan sense, what a certain American plutocrat meant when he said of the anticipated reaction of the public to a notorious financial scheme then under way: "The public be damned."

American Investments

The Portland Oregonian in an editorial commenting on the outcome of the Dominion election says: "Large investments of American capital in Canadian industry please the business sense of the Canadians, yet wound their national pride."

points out, it is more than likely that one effect of the steps which Mr. Bennett has promised to take will be the investment of more American capital in Canada. Our tariff, so far as we have used it, has worked that way in the past. Where it has shut out American goods, it has encouraged the American manufacturers to build factories in Canada and to make goods for the Canadian market on the Canadian side of the boundary. These factories have employed Canadian workers and these workers have spent their earnings in Canada.

Prisons For Sale

Steps are being taken by the British government to dispose of eighteen more prisons which are no longer needed. Already eight have been closed, and this will make a total of twenty-six in England and Wales to be removed from active service since the Great War. In making this announcement in Parliament the Home Secretary explained that: "More and more of these places are becoming unnecessary, partly because we have fewer wrongdoers, and partly because we keep people out of such places unless it's absolutely necessary to put them there."

The Acting Premier

During the Western absence of Mr. Bennett, Sir George Perley is the Acting Prime Minister. This, surely, is as it should be. For although time does not seem to wither nor custom stale Sir George, he is one of the elder statesmen of Conservatism, with all of the wisdom of experience in the problems of public life. More than a quarter of a century ago, he entered the House of Commons, and in the years that have intervened he has served Canada with ability and distinction in both domestic and Imperial spheres.

Today, at an age when most men seek rest from the conflict, and with the material things of life to give him leisure, Sir George keeps on his armor, willing to share with younger men the responsibilities of office. It is something, one thinks, which all of us should honor. Something which, in this day of an apathetic democracy, sets a shining example that is worthy of praise and emulation.

Editorial Notes

Some of the Canadian correspondents at Cardington seemed surprised at the lack of demonstration on the part of people in England over the successful completion of the round trans-Atlantic trip of the R-100. Emerson wrote that the highest applause is the silence that accepts merit as the most natural thing in the world. The observation, says an exchange, seems pertinent in the instance of the R-100.

It is a year since the ashes of Elias Carman were brought from the rural centre in Connecticut, where he died and where he had composed his last verses, and interred in his birthplace Frederickton, N. B., and now plans are completed for the erection there this autumn of a statue to him. Carman was in the front rank of Canadian poets and his verse had a wide appeal. It is fitting that a monument to his genius should be raised in the country where he first saw the light and where he got the impressions for his earliest songs.

Notes By The Way

Last year's consumption of cigarettes in the U. S. reached a total of 119,000,000, or nearly one thousand per head of the population, men, women and children, and a record for all time. On the basis of taxes paid the consumption in the first half of this year shows a further increase of one and a half per cent. The revenue to the Government is equal to \$450,000,000 a year.

The fortunes of war play strange pranks. A noted British general who passed through the war without a scratch was killed in a motor accident.

Only really big men who are at the head of affairs can afford to be brusque—and the remarkable thing about it is that they are not. On their way up through the ranks these men have learned that it pays to be polite. Reporters have noted, in their news gathering, that the great figures in business and public affairs are the easiest to approach. If they have nothing for publication they say so in a kindly way. They have learned that it is not good business to be uncivil, and a great many underlings would be wise to arrive at the same conclusion.

The story of the \$40,000 one cent stamp now on exhibition at the National Philatelic Exhibition in Boston is a striking example of the manner in which supply and demand regulate prices. The postmaster of the colony of British Guiana, finding that his supply of stamps was exhausted, called in a printer, and with his aid succeeded in producing a fairly respectable stamp of the denomination required. A few days later the regular supply arrived and the makeshift stamps were destroyed. Now sixty years after, the only known copy in existence is in the possession of Arthur Hind of Utica, New York, who paid \$32,000 for it and who now values it at \$40,000.

J. Arthur Thomson in an inquiry into the significance of Animate Nature says there is no getting past the fact of Beauty. Whatever we make of it, the Beauty of Nature is a joy for ever to many, not only to the cultured but to the unsophisticated who never heard of the aesthetic attitude. Man's contemplation and disinterested delight in the beautiful is well-nigh the best of him; and it is a reasonable and verified belief that we get at something in this way which can be reached by no other, certainly not by scientific analysis or by logic.

Anything that can be done next week or next year can be done now, says an Exchange.

That is a rule to which there are few exceptions.

When a man says: "I am going to start saving money next year," you can put it down that he will never have a bank account.

When another man says: "Next summer I am going to get out in the country more and take more exercise," you can be sure he will never get out until the doctor scares him half to death.

The time to begin to form a new habit or to discard an old one is now. If you can't do it now there is no reason to suppose you will be able to do it a year from now.

A lot of young men who are making \$150 and \$200 a month tell themselves that they will begin saving when they are just whistling pretty tunes.

The London Engineer says that in 1831 Michael Faraday, following up the work of Volta, Orsted and Ampere, began, or rather resumed, in his laboratory at the Royal Institution experiments on the induction of electric currents, and on August 29, 1831, made the discovery in which lies the origin of the dynamo and starting point of the utilization of electric power for the purposes of man.

All hope that the turmoil on the Northwest Frontier of India was a minor uprising was brushed aside on Saturday by publication of the official communique from India. Heavy reinforcements are being rushed to the Peshawar front.

The vital importance of Peshawar has been repeatedly stressed. From Peshawar a few British officers can control the stupendous mines and mechanical traps that await the would-be invader in the famous Khyber Pass. But with Peshawar lost, control of the Khyber defense is lost, too.

A United States paper says: "In the good old days a man who could carry the liquor without showing it was called a gentleman. Now he is called a bootlegger."

That wild animals possess a sixth sense or intuition that works beyond the scope of the ordinary senses has been demonstrated on occasion. This sixth sense is not always active else it



By James W. Barton, M.D.

YOUR ADVERSE LEGIONS

"The experience we call disease is just like a quarrel; a conflict between a particular set of qualities of a human being, and an equally particular set of adverse forces in his surroundings or environment.

These forces may come from the four corners of the universe in the form of physical violence, violence from organisms, chemical violence, and violence due to misguided or misdirected thinking."

In the above vivid words Dr. Geo. Draper gives a simple but striking picture of disease.

Now the word disease is unpleasant to the ear, but it means simply that one is not at ease. And you and I despite the above "adverse forces" of health were meant to be at ease, and to be free from disease or illness.

Now all we can do in regard to physical violence is to look before we cross a street, in fact "watch our step" at all times.

Similarly with chemical violence whether that comes externally from burns or internally from wrong eating habits.

In regard to organisms; they are in the air in immediate neighborhood of those afflicted with various illnesses, and it is up to us to keep beyond range of these organisms. Or organisms may be in the food we eat.

And wrong and unhealthy thinking can so affect the whole body that it cannot be in a normal condition.

However, despite these legions of adversity, and despite their tremendous activity and power, you were given forces with which to fight them, and so be free from disease, and enjoy life.

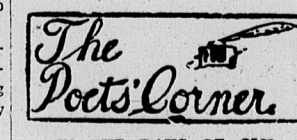
It of course is wonderful to be well born, to have had parents who were strong physically, mentally, and morally. This gives you a fighting front to the legions of adversity, that "fends" them off to a great extent.

However this very heritage of good health may be the means of having you take chances—eat anything, anywhere, anytime; go on working or playing without proper sleep; or because you were born strong take little or no exercise.

For this very reason the individual who always has had to watch his health, because he wasn't strong, often outlives and outworks his "adverse legions" and prepares to defend himself.

The thought then is that as your most precious possession is your health, if you are going to retain it, to enjoy life to the full, you should not only recognize these adverse legions about you, but remember gratefully that you were given the forces with which to combat them—the will to watch food, sleep, and exercise.

These are your only weapons, but they are really all you need.



IN THE DAYS OF OLD

In the days of old, Lovers felt true passion, Deeming years of sorrow By a smile repaid. Now the charms of gold, Spells of pride and fashion, Bid them say good-morrow To the best-loved maid.

Through the forests wild, O'er the mountains lonely, They were never weary Honour to pursue: If the damsel smiled Once in seven years only, All their wanderings dreary Ample guerdon knew.

Now one day's caprice Weighs down years of smiling, Youthful hearts are rovers, Love is bought and sold: Fortune's gifts may cease, Love is less beguiling, Wiser were the lovers. In the days of old. —Thos Love Peacock.

would be impossible for a hunter to approach his quarry. But evidence shows that once in a while a sense of danger has been conveyed to a hunted creature while the hunter was yet far off, unheard, unscented and unseen.

New York paper declares that the bulls and bears on the stock market seem to have declared an armistice owing to the shortage of lambs.

That Body of Ours

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. This Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

L. M. MONTGOMERY'S IDEAS

Dear "Outsider"—I am an "Insider" and have just read "Magic for Marigold" by our own Lucy Montgomery. You defend the usefulness by saying she is writing of the "semi-pioneer" of thirty years ago. I belong to those mothers of thirty years ago. We hardly called ourselves "semi-pioneer" individuals. Two hundred years ago would sound much better, and so resent this imputation. I feel we are being caricatured in a very uncharitable vein. You are therefore jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

We were, thirty years ago, a richer body of men and women. There was no stock-market to suppress our saving quality. We certainly were more hospitable than the present generation and it did not need the Great War of 1914 to bring out our sympathetic qualities, or "open our hearts." I doubt if we had any "Aunt Harriets." If a weary traveler stopped at our farm, he was never questioned as to ways and means. He was fed and gladly given a bed; even clothes. Who thought of being paid? I'm afraid our Lucy Montgomery is laughing up her sleeves and using us as a gay "piece de resistance," very uncharitable of her. You call our views narrow and that we "were at the greatest distance from polite fashions and civilized manners." If we had all these qualities as Miss Lucy claims would our present generation of boys and girls be what they are? Aren't they a splendid type of manhood and womanhood? And when they do leave the Island, taking with them all their inherited good qualities, a—? come back, what do they bring with them? So, dear "Outsider" you again wrong us as to the Island.

You may be an excellent Latin scholar—a thorough Epicurean on food and vitamin, but on "Legs"—thick Legs, dear me "No." Ten times "No. Hoot man! A Kingdom for a pair of Legs—a dainty pair of fairy feet, dancing their toes into the heart of a man. Mark Antony lost his Empire when he looked at the fair Cleopatra's limbs. I have yet to find a Beauty Contest throughout the world that will award its prize to thick ankles. I do not agree with you "Outsider" that "thick ankles are more likely to become the progenitors of a sturdier race." I do say however, that thanks to the present generation of good physical exercises, long walks, etc., we do have a sturdier race.

I am afraid Miss Lucy Montgomery has a lot to reckon with, if she is poking fun at the "semi-pioneers of thirty years ago."

I am, Sir, etc.

AN INSIDER

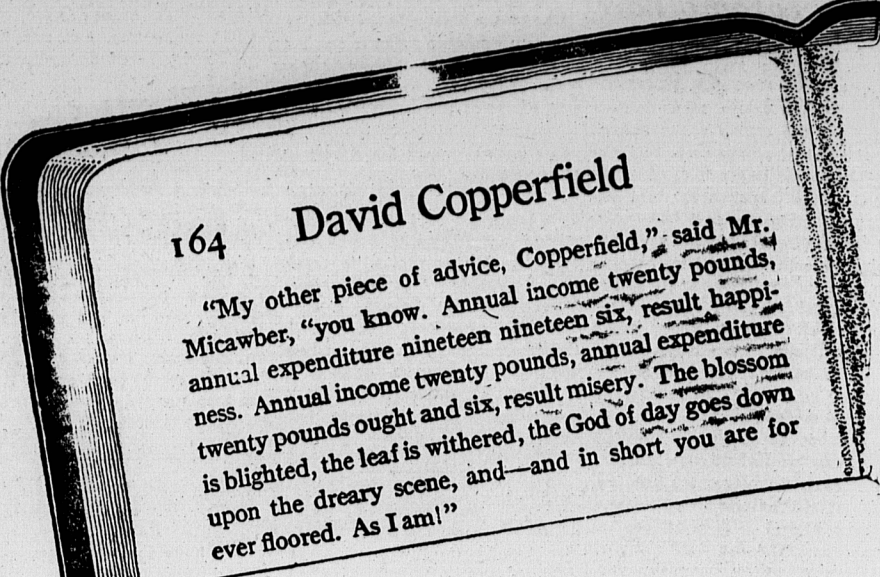
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THE BELGIAN CENTENARY

Belgium is ranked as one of the smaller states of Europe, but the size of this kingdom is no criterion of the place its stirring annals hold in the history of the European continent. Traditions of this cockpit of continental struggles hark back to Cassian days and any reference to the famous Commentaries will show that the folk listed as "Belgi" included Celts and Teutons, and their habit covered a large part of Gaul and some counties in old England. The history of the Franks is that of the Netherlands, ere they became split up into those duchies out of which the name Flanders arises, a medieval signal of superiority. Centuries afterwards, these little states came under the domination of Spain and shared the falling fortunes of that dynasty. The next epochal stage of Belgian history came after the fall of Napoleon, when Belgium, after being ruled for some months by an Austrian governor-general, was united to Holland. Prince William Frederick of Nassau

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Whither are you heading?



164 David Copperfield
"My other piece of advice, Copperfield," said Mr. Micawber, "you know. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery. The blossom is blighted, the leaf is withered, the God of day goes down upon the dreary scene, and—and in short you are for ever floored. As I am!"

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