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WHEN WINTER COMES.

NOW that December is here it may fairly be assumed that winter is once more with us, or is in the very near offing. Many questions arise in this connection. There is the question of country roads, and the necessity of avoiding the old habit of cutting through fields rather than breaking the main road.

There is a law on our statute books providing that bells be used on all sleighs. This law has been flagrantly violated for some years both in city and country. Years ago anyone driving on the streets of Charlottetown without sleighbells was promptly escorted to the City Building by a policeman and compelled to disgorge the legal fine.

There is also the question of clearing the sidewalks. The law provides that the footpaths be cleared off after a snowstorm by the owner of the adjoining property. No doubt a better way would be to have this done by the city, as is customary elsewhere.

OUR FISHERIES.

AS reported in The Guardian, the Maritime Board of Trade at its recent meeting passed resolutions favoring the provision of transportation facilities for fishery centres in the Maritime Provinces. Prince Edward Island is in the centre of Maritime fisheries, but largely through want of proper transportation facilities these have not developed as they ought to have done.

A meeting was held a few days ago in Rustico at which the claims of the district for a railway branch were set forth. One of the Federal representatives, Hon. John E. Sinclair, was present, the other member for Queen's, Mr. Jenkins, being unavoidsably absent.

The New London and Rustico railway is a legend of past history. For the last half century this railway has been in the air. The line of the proposed railway was chartered and staked previous to several successive elections, but the railway that they looked for never came, although it has done good service during many election campaigns.

velopment, and that the claims of New London and Rustico, which have been brought specifically to their attention, will be pressed as part of our Maritime rights. There is now no longer any reason why Government excuses for neglect of this important matter should be received with "baited breath and whispering humbleness."

FAVOR SANATORIUM.

THE local branch of the Canadian Legion at its last monthly meeting urged the necessity of providing a Sanatorium for Prince Edward Island. This support, added to that of the Women's Institutes, the Daughters of the Empire, the Red Cross Society and other organizations, together with the press, makes the demand for a Sanatorium practically unanimous throughout the whole Province.

HORSE-SENSE.

THE reference of Hon. G. N. Gordon to "one-horse weeklies" and "squirr-gun editors" in suggesting the appointment of a Commission to investigate the Veniot-Whittaker matter, has elicited scathing comments from the independent weekly press throughout Canada.

The term 'one-horse weeklies' is not as inept as some appear to think. A local weekly newspaper has to work like a horse to keep going; it has to have the single-mindedness of one horse; it has to have the patience and endurance of one horse; it has to have horse-sense; it plows and harrows for the public, and carries burdens quietly and faithfully.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Says the Toronto Mail and Empire: "The only grievances we have against the Maritime Provinces are their superior cattle at the Royal Winter Fair."

Each season brings its own cares. During summer a more or less successful effort was made to regulate the auto traffic and keep it within safe limits. With the coming of winter this duty is replaced by that of regulating the sleighing traffic. One feature usually overlooked is the compulsory use of bells, which should be strictly enforced.

Notes by the Way

IN our fruitful Province it would be sound policy for our farmers to eat what they can and can what they can't. The eating part is well attended to, but we come painfully short on the canning, excepting lobster.

The Mail and Empire says, "The only grievances we have against the Maritime Provinces are their superior cattle at the Royal Winter Fair." Our silver foxes are also superior, but they are not cattle. They do not "part the hoof or chew the cud," but they wear \$500 coats.

Speaking of wintry weather, New York papers tell of the coldest November in many years. Snow has fallen throughout the State, ranging from light flurries to a heavy fall at Saranac Lake and six inches at Malone, where for the good part of a day the thermometer registered 14 below zero.

Liberal press discourses in constantly calling the party to which they are opposed the "Tory party" or "Tories," formed the subject of a note in The Guardian recently. Some other journals have since joined in the discussion. The Sydney Post, quoting The Guardian, says:—

There is point in the comment and significance in the practices in question. The nickname "Grit," which unsympathetic persons used to apply to the Liberal party two or three decades ago, has fallen into disuse chiefly because the Conservative press, not only in the Maritimes, but in all parts of Canada, has completely discarded it.

Why this contrast? Some might explain it by saying that our Liberal brethren are still fettered by an evil tradition which the Conservative press has outgrown. But this is at best only an evasion of the real question as to why such a difference should exist.

Mount Etna's recent eruption has been pronounced by the Volcano Institute of Italy to be the worst since 1669. The town of Mascali was first burned and totally buried by the lava stream. Next in its pathway was the town Nunziata, which suffered terribly.

A large Liberal delegation from this Province has gone to Ottawa, to interview members of the Federal Government on a number of matters of interest, to Prince Edward Island. The seven names published as included in the delegation indicate that the leading and directing forces of Island Liberalism have taken a journey westward.

Such items as the Chignecto Canal, the perpetuation of the narrow gauge on a large proportion of our railway mileage, representation in the Federal Cabinet, how the exodus can be stopped and immigrants brought in to replace our sons and daughters who have gone away, seem to be of greater importance than an additional Judge. There was a time when a provincial delegation to Ottawa meant something substantial.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

WHAT OUR WORK SHOULD GIVE US

You and I have ourselves and our families to help and support, and that perhaps fills our minds and our hours to a very considerable extent.

Howbeit as you have this life to live anyway, why not get all the enjoyment, the satisfaction, the "kick," as our young friends call it, that may be yours.

Dr. Glenn Frank, President of the University of Wisconsin, tells us that as we all have to work, there are four necessary things to our work that make or will give it that completeness that is worth while.

First, the work should not be so easy that you are not learning something and overcoming something every day. This makes it a sort of daily "adventure."

Second, enough variety that it taxes your brain but is not too difficult for the mind or body.

Third, a sense that the job you are doing means something to the world; is helping the world's progress.

Fourth, to like and be liked by your fellow workers.

Your natural question is what has the above to do with that body of yours.

Well just take all four of Dr. Frank's suggestions and see how that body of yours enters into every one of them.

First how much "adventure" is in your spirit in the morning, if you have overreached the night before or slept badly? Why you don't even want to go to work.

Second, there must be a certain amount of routine in all our work, and how "deadly" that becomes when that body of yours is below par from indigestion, constipation, an abscessed tooth, headache and sore feet, or other conditions.

Third, the thought that you are doing may not even enter your head the way you are feeling.

Fourth, if you are feeling below par, you can readily guess how small things will annoy you, and you may be more or less of a "crab" to those about you with whom you work.

And so as you and I go about the task of living and try to keep in mind Dr. Frank's four suggestions, our first thought should be about our bodies, about our health, because health gives or takes away from us our ability to measure up to the above suggestions, and thus get from life all the wonderful gifts she has to bestow.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Cork Mats

Cork mats substituted for the old bath mats will absorb water and are very pleasant to stand on during cold days. They also will effect a great saving in laundry and are easily cleaned.

Pimples

To remove pimples from the face, wash daily in hot castile soap suds. Rinse in hot water and then in cold water.

Hot Chocolate

In making hot chocolate, a bit of butter should be added when cream is not used. Milk alone does not make it rich enough.

The Land We Love

By Frank Yeigh

ANIMAL LIFE IN THE ARCTIC

Q. What animal life has been discovered in the Arctic? A. Strange animals with strange habits were found in the Canadian arctic regions by Dr. R. M. Anderson, the Federal Government Zoologist, who recently returned on the Canadian Government steamer Boothie, from an expedition as far north as Ellesmere Island.

The little Auk, said Dr. Anderson, was found in great numbers. It is a small web-footed bird resembling the penguin and congregates in large colonies of several thousand birds. The birds are easily captured by Eskimos with fish nets. The white whales which are about 12 feet long also fall an easy prey to the natives who drive them in schools into shallow bays where they become stranded by the tide.

That was in the Borden and Matheson Government days. But for one such delegation then we should have no Car Ferry at all, \$100,000 less subsidy than we now receive, and only two members in the House of Commons. Now, under Liberal rule delegations to Ottawa, have usually turned out to little better than a joy ride at the expense of the Province, and otherwise simply "much ado about nothing."

Beveridges Lincoln

And now Lincoln is being subjected to "scientific biography." The legend of the all-but-perfect man which has been created by scores of writers and thousands of orators is being broken by the modern biographers, who seek the naked truth only. George Washington, around whom an aura has hung for over a century, has lately been subjected to the same devastating inquiry, and some of the tinsel has been ribbed off. Defenders of the new style hold that, though old beliefs may disappear, the man is finally revealed as more human and his standing in the end more enhanced. Perhaps, but it is a bit shocking for admirers while the transformation process is in progress.

Lincoln has been maintained on a pinnacle not only by United States but by European writers. Lord Charwood, who wrote one of the best of the short biographies, preserved sympathy and dignity. Carl Schurz produced a book of spirit and sustained interest. Albert J. Beveridge, former United States Senator from Indiana, began an exhaustive life, which was carried only to 1858 before his death.

The two Beveridge volumes describe an era as well as the formative years of a great man. The Kentucky frontier life of the thirties was probably no more refined than the Californian life of the fifties so vividly pictured by Bret Harte. The people were hardy, brave, and "reasonably honest," but also coarse, quarrelsome, ignorant and superstitious. They were general and folks believed in witches and charms. The development of a man like Lincoln from such environment will never cease to be a miracle.

Lincoln preserved some of the uncutness of early life almost to the day of the Presidency. His aristocratic wife was shocked, as countless judgments which warped the "collarless and in his 'sock feet' he opened the door to visitors. For many years he addressed court and public meetings with his trousers held up by one suspender. His home library as a boy had few volumes, and so unsympathetic was his father that he thrashed the boy soundly for "fooling himself with education." He struggled on, despite parental warnings, took an interest in politics, and with the physical help of the Clergy Grove boys in Springfield, Ill., then a dirty sprawling Capital, he was soon in the Legislature. His friends included young ruffians and in politics he answered "craft by craft and guile by guile." The Beveridge picture is not a pleasant one, at least of these early days. The famous declaration formed against slavery during Lincoln's visit to New Orleans in 1828 is declared to be at least "not pure." His own attitude against slavery was not that of a crusader. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" stirred public sentiment as nothing else had done, and when years later President Lincoln was introduced Harriet Beecher Stowe he asked:

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

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WHO IS HE?—For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground; he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.—Isa. 53:2.

PRAYER—Lord, we would see behind mere externals and know the truth.

WHAT MOTHER THINKS

While walking down a certain street in town the other day, I heard a littleurchin Turn to his friend and say: "Say, Jimmie, lemme tell youse, I'd be happy as a clam if I only was the feller dat Me mudder thinks he is."

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say "I never saw anything to equal it." Say "I have never seen."

OPEN MISPRONOUNCED: alienate. Pronounce al-yen-ate, both a's as in "ate," not al-ee-en-ate.

OPEN MISPELLED: ally and alley; often confused.

SYNONYMS: inability, incapacity, incompetence, impotence, disability, disqualification.

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: INSCRUTABLE; incomprehensible; unfathomable. "It remains an inscrutable mystery."

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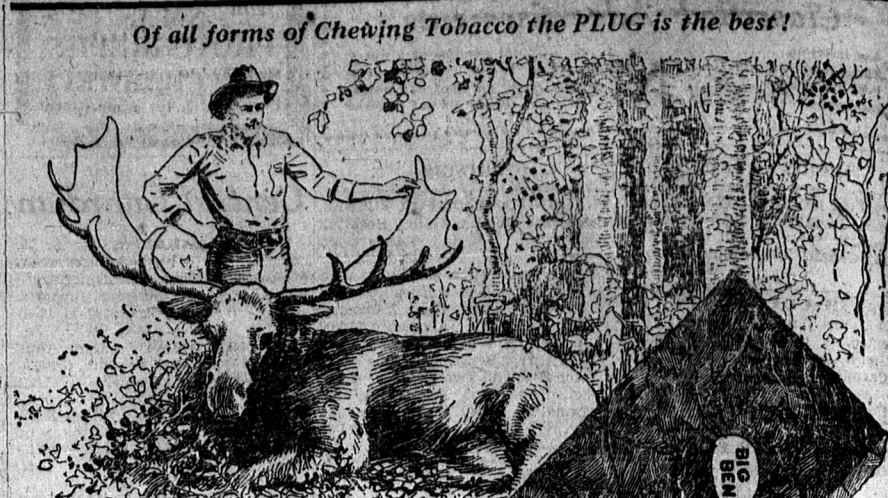
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Are you the little woman who made the big war? "The greatness of Lincoln" says the London Times in analyzing the Beveridge book, "has long been acknowledged by all the world, and the revelation of his imperfections, so far from detracting from it, will but confirm the general judgment. He was great because, in spite of his imperfections, he was able to rise to the height of a great opportunity when at last it came. He was great because, amid the welter of confusion into which the country had fallen, amid all the prejudices and passions which warped the judgment of lesser men, he could keep an equal mind and judge men and affairs with an impartial eye. Great was Lincoln. Great may be the Beveridge biography, but it is a thousand pities that the author did not live to describe the career to the end and reveal the period of stress, of triumph, even of martyrdom.—Exchange.

THE SEA

"It is strange to think how limited is one's knowledge of the sea, which covers the greater part of this world of ours, and forms, for us Islanders, a so familiar and significant portion of our environment. What does the landsman know of it?" So asks Dr. R. Lloyd Praeger in The Corrhill Magazine, and then proceeds to answer his question by stating: "The sea contains a vast population, beside which that of the land sinks into insignificance; but where is the food supply for these countless hordes? Seaweeds

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. When making alone the first formal call of the season, how many cards does a woman leave? A. One for each woman in the house.

Q. May a letter of introduction be requested? A. No; one should wait until it is offered.

Q. When should a daughter's name appear on the invitation to tea? A. When the daughter participates in the receiving.

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