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UNWISE HASTE!

THE Mackenzie King Government are hastening to open to navigation the Hudson Bay route. It is stated that the well-known ice breaker "The Stanley," is even now on the marine slip at Halifax, in course of preparation for the strenuous work of breaking the ice floes in Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait, and that the alterations and repairs to be made in and for her will cost the country at least \$50,000. According to the estimates now before Parliament, no less than eight hundred thousand dollars are to be expended this year in the establishment of a patrol service to test the feasibility of the Hudson Bay Route Montreal and Quebec, Saint John and Halifax are large and unimpeded outlets for the products of the Western Provinces. Yet the Mackenzie King Government has endeavored to expend millions of the people's money upon the preparation of the Hudson Bay route, and to add still another detriment to the profitable operation of the C. N. R. and the loss of our summer and winter ports already available. It has been well said that "it is the half-wise and the half-foolish who are the most to be feared." Mr. Mackenzie King and those to whom his Government is pandering are not acting in the interests of Canada when, in view of all the circumstances and conditions they prepare for the immediate opening of the Hudson Bay route.

FULL STEAM AHEAD!

CANADA has been very fortunate in several of the years that are past. Good crops have been obtained by the industry and care of the farmers and the beneficence of Providence, and good prices have been obtained as a result of short crops and a strong demand in Great Britain and Europe. The members of the Government, led by Mr. Mackenzie King, are evidently acting in the belief that the good crops and the good prices will be continued in the years to come. Regardless of the heavy debts to be paid by the people of the country for railways built in advance of the country's requirements and necessitated to meet the costs of Canada's share in the Great War, they are launching out into various enterprises about which nothing is certain except the great cost that the people of the country must bear. For example, there is the Hudson Bay scheme upon which they have entered against the opinions of prudent seafaring men acquainted with the ice and other obstacles to be overcome, and there is the needless and costly embassy lately established in Washington to accentuate the "autonomy" of the Canadian Administration and the right of Canada to the position of equality with the Mother Country. Many millions of dollars are to be expended upon additional splendid buildings at Ottawa though the war which made additional offices necessary, is a thing of the past. All this expense, and more, is to make a show in the eyes of the world and to gain and hold the support of self-seeking and unpatriotic politicians, even though the results of the people's industry in future years are all uncertain, and even though the rights of the Maritimes as set forth in the Duncan Report, are still unsatisfied.

EGG EXCHANGES

THE example of the Egg Circles of this Province is about to be followed in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. It has been decided to procure a warehouse at Truro for the purpose of candling eggs. More than that an Amalgamated Egg Exchange has been established for the management of the egg product of the two sister provinces. It has also been decided to apply to the Federal Government for a Dominion Charter. The satisfaction obtained by farmers and traders here as a result of the operations

of P. E. Island Egg Circle has evidently impressed the farmers and poultrymen of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

It is stated, too, that incubators are coming in for more attention. A mammoth incubator, capable of holding seven thousand eggs for one "setting," is to be established and operated in Saint John. Plans have also been laid for the exhibition of New Brunswick poultry at the World's Poultry Show to be held at Ottawa in August of this year; and sales catalogues are being prepared, supplying a list of the breeders of registered poultry stock, and a record of the performances of the birds. Evidently the poultrymen of our sister provinces have determined to be no longer outdone in the poultry business by those who are on the Egg Circle here.

HORSES IN CANADA.

Lovers of horses will be glad to learn that these friends and helpers of mankind are not being driven out of the country by automobiles. Statistics for 1926 show that there were 3,558,800 horses then on the farms of Canada,—an increase on the number employed in the previous year. In 1901 the number of horses on the Canadian farms was only 1,786,138; and in 1916 the number was slightly less than three millions. Last year the number of horses was increased in six of the provinces of Canada, but there was a slight reduction of the number in Prince Edward Island, Ontario and Alberta.

Last year there were exported from Canada 1548 horses, valued at \$210,000. These were sent, for the most part, to the United States and to Great Britain, though markets for some were found in Bermuda, Germany and Newfoundland. In Canada, as a whole, there is likely to be, with increasing population, an increasing demand for horses to work on the farms.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

AS The Guardian anticipated, the Budget of 1927 does not please either the Free Traders or those who desire—in view of changed economic and commercial conditions—some changes in the direction of greater protection for agriculture and other home industries. Already the displeasure of Free Traders has been voiced in Parliament. Mr. C. G. Coote, representing a constituency in the Northwest, has submitted an amendment to the Budget, expressive of regret that no effective provision has been made for the reduction of the Customs tariff, and that, instead, direct taxation has been somewhat lessened. This amendment will certainly be defeated by a large majority. The Government's supporters in the House of Commons will, of course, vote against it whatever their private opinions may be; and the protectionist Opposition will also, of course, stand by their principles and beliefs.

The part of the amendment to which the Opposition would, without doubt, give their solid support, if it were detached, is that in which regret is expressed that no systematic effort is being made to reduce our national debt, the interest on which absorbs so large a proportion of the revenues of the Dominion. It is possible that an amendment to the amendment, to this effect, will be introduced. We shall see.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Some of Mussolini's measures are worthy of imitation. For instance he has lately ordered deeper cultivation of the soil by Italian farmers. It has been found that cultivation of the Roman Campagna to the depth of thirty inches has overcome the unfavorable conditions due to the volcanic origin of the soil,—and Mussolini has directed that the soil must be ploughed to that depth. Deeper ploughing might result in better crops here.

Notes by the Way

An official warning was issued some days since to potato growers in the State of Maine not to increase but to diminish the acreage they will plant this year. It points out that a few years ago one season of scarcity led to high prices and big profits to those who had potatoes to sell. This led many others to plant and also led the previous growers to enlarge their operations with the result of over-production and the collapse of the market. There is something in this warning which the potato growers in this Province might do well to consider carefully when laying their plans for the coming spring's planting. The laws of supply and demand are still in operation and over-production should be foreseen, if likely to occur. To be forewarned is frequently to be forearmed in such matters.

New expenditures are being provided with a lavish hand in Parliament. Twelve millions to Montreal harbor commission, \$35,000 a year for 20 years to the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto, \$250,000 where with to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation, half a million for construction of new public buildings in Ottawa this year, to be followed by a like outlay in years to come of an aggregate of fifteen millions—these are but a few of many items of new outlays and commitments upon which the Government has decided.

Ten thousand bonfires will blaze across the Dominion from ocean to ocean on next Dominion Day, we are told. Whatever, there may be in our "new status" as a Dominion since the London Conference, at least Ottawa is setting a new pace in expenditures and in commitments to further outlays covering many years to come. What with new expenditures at Washington, in Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal and elsewhere this year and new mortgages on the tax-payers for years to come, the Spenders at Ottawa have certainly set a new pace in spending.

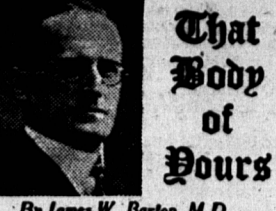
We are told that optimism is good and hope springs eternal in the human breast, but are there not times when optimism so-called runs mad at Ottawa and raises false hopes that must inevitably be dashed to earth again? It is true also that gains are always temporary and uncertain but expense never fails and almost always increases. What gain in revenue can be hoped for from the new expenditures and commitments above referred to? Not the blaze and glare of ten thousand bonfires—so soon consumed to ashes! will cause the Maritimes to greatly rejoice over their sixty year's experience in Confederation.

The House of Commons will go on debating for days to come, to what result we can only guess. The Senate, which has sanctioned everything so far done in the Green Chamber, has again adjourned, to wait for new business to come from below until March 9. Who would not be a Senator? And the Dominion has as many of them, whose lives are prosperously cast, as has the Big Republic beside us, also twice as many Cabinet Ministers. But the Washington Senators are busy men while Congress is in session and have to fight for re-election between times as our life-holding Senators do not. Again we ask, Who would not be a Canadian Senator? There are many able men in the Senate, but at least we have enough (in number) of Senators.

We in Prince Edward Island have escaped many storms and other serious casualties including the recent furious and fatal storm which ravaged a vast length of the Atlantic coast causing many deaths and great loss of property. We should be grateful that we were outside the region of these great disturbances. Our province has been in many ways a favored spot during the first half of the present winter.

The news from Washington is again disquieting to our farmers, and especially to our potato growers and others who have been finding some market for their products across the border. Washington is a "bad-weather" quarter to which we must constantly look for trouble in our trade relations. Nor is the danger removed by the fact that we now have a full-plledged Ambassador there. It would seem to be perhaps increased if rejudged from the recent news.

The ultra-high crowned hat is likely to disappear by the spring. Its place will be taken by round-crowned felt hats in two or three colors with bound brims. Some of the newest of these snow-crowns buttoning on to the brims larger brimmed hats are already shown in velvet and panne, but do not seem to prove "wearable."



By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE REAL HEART TEST

A professor of medicine makes this statement "We hear much today of the ravages of tuberculosis and cancer, but data from the United States Bureau of Census shows that in the total registration area of the United States, the death rate from kidney and heart disease is almost twice that of tuberculosis and cancer combined. And when we remember further that what has been called heart disease, that is heart murmurs, and little heart irregularities are not really serious and do not cause deaths, we can get some idea of the prevalence of heart disease proper. It was really the Great War that gave physicians an opportunity of actually testing out heart conditions.

In the United States and Canada all cases of heart murmur and irregularities were weeded out as far as possible. In France and England, where the need for men was most urgent, men with murmurs and irregularities were found to stand the preliminary training as well as their comrades who possessed normal hearts.

Then when the real hardships of war were undergone most of these men with the above conditions were able to do their work as well as the others.

The test of the health or strength of the heart was how it acted when it was given work to do. Also those returned from the front, because of heart conditions, were carefully sorted out, according to the fatigue and breathlessness shown by doing certain exercises.

And the treatment of these conditions, that is where the heart was not damaged by infection of some kind, was graded physical exercises.

The point therefore is that despite the increase in heart ailments due to infection, the treatment in severe cases is proper food, suitable work, sufficient rest, and a fair amount of amusement.

Removing sources of infection such as teeth and tonsils is the first thought. And for all cases, graded physical exercise under competent supervision means prolongation of life, according to Dr. Robinson, of Montreal, Dr. Colton of London, England, and many other research workers.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

February 23, 1927

THE PERFECT WAY:—As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried; he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God? It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. Psalm 18:30-32.

PRAYER:—May we Lord, strive to be perfect even as Thou art perfect.

GETTING THINGS DONE

From the time of man's beginnings in the dim primordial ages through the chronicle of progress in its slow, unfolding stages, Man has fought and toiled and struggled, under captains, under kings, For his hopes and for his longings and a world of better things. And whenever his achievement has been near to what he planned You will find it grew from slugging at the task he had in hand, Holding always to the maxim—though by time and chance perplexed— "If you do the job before you, you'll be ready for the next!"

Every leader, every prophet, has his secret of success. Some are plodders, trudging forward, some are gamblers, more or less, Bucking fate, the hard-faced master of life's never-ending game, Risking hope and faith and knowledge as they play for wealth or fame, But whatever be their method, one of safety or of daring, There's a common homely virtue in which all of them are sharing; Though beset by difficulties and by circumstances vexed, Yet they do the job before them—and are ready for the next. Maxims of success are many—you can boil them down to one, That the man men choose to lead them is the man who gets things done; Who will take the job he's given, be it trivial or sublime, And will give it all that's in him till it's done—and done on time! This is "copy-book palaver—worn and wearisome and trite?" Well, you'll generally notice that the "copy-books" are right! "Lives of great men all remind us," of this homely little text, "If you do the job before you, you'll be ready for the next!"

The Public Forum

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

THE SPAHLINGER TREATMENT

Sir,—In reply to an inquiry in your issue of the 19th Inst. regarding the Spahlinger treatment of Tuberculosis the following may be of interest. From time to time the public press, especially in England, has published enthusiastic reports concerning an alleged "cure" of Tuberculosis developed by Henri Spahlinger of Geneva. So favorable was the newspaper comment that a report was made on it by the Science Committee of the British Medical Association. In the statement of this committee published in the British Medical Journal of April 24th, 1926, it was strongly emphasized that it cannot endorse this or any new method until after a full and independent test. The conclusions they reached were: (1) The remedy is secret and the exact methods of preparation have never been fully published. (2) No investigations carried out under strict experimental conditions which afford direct and convincing evidence of curative action have been published. In a review of the Spahlinger Method by the editor of "Prescriber" it is stated that (1) Those who have visited Geneva invariably return with a favorable opinion of the treatment, (2) At the same time the attitude of these observers is purely one of enthusiasm; no one seems to have presented any scientific facts or logical data, the best that is reported being "wonderful cures." (3) There is something very mysterious about the whole business which will have to be elucidated before we can expect to get much further. Recently Dr. Thomas Nelson published in the London "Lancet" the records of ten patients injected by Spahlinger personally with his vaccine between November, 1913, and November, 1914. The majority of these patients received over twenty injections. Of the ten patients concerned, eight had tuberculosis of the lungs, one tuberculosis of the spine and the other tuberculosis of the skin. After ten years the patients with disease of the spine and the skin were still alive. It is of course well known that these forms of tuberculosis are not especially fatal. One of the patients with tuberculosis of the lungs could not be traced but died, two dying within a year after the treatment. Incidentally, Dr. Nelson emphasizes the fact that these cases were all of the chronic type but not immediately or especially hopeless. They were of the type of cases in which an arrest of the disease with a return to reasonable health might have been expected if there were any advantage.

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By W. L. Gordon

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FOR THE SCRAP BOOK

A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd. (Keats died, 1821, in his 25th year.) He has outsoared the shadow of our night; Envy and calumny and hate and pain; And that unrest which men miscall delight. Can touch him not and torture not again. From the contagion of the world's slow stain He is secure, and now can never mourn A heart grown cold, a head grown grey in vain. —Shelley.

"The stifled hum of midnight, when traffic has lain down to rest, and the chariot wheels of Vanity, still rolling here and there through distant streets, are bearing her to halls roofed in and lighted to the due pitch for her, and only Vice and Misery, to prowl or to moan like night birds, are abroad." —Carlyle.

Thought—The life of man is a self-evolving circle, which, from a ring imperceptibly small, rushes on all sides outwards to new and larger circles, and that without end. Every ultimate fact is only the first of a new series, every general law only a particular fact of some more general law presently to disclose itself. The result of today, which haunts the mind and cannot be escaped, will presently be abridged into a word, and the principle that seemed to explain nature will itself be included as one example of a bolder generalization. In the thought of tomorrow there is a power to upheave all thy creed, all the creeds, all the literatures of the nations, and marshal thee to a heaven which no epic dream has yet depicted.—Emerson.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. ALL KIDNEY DISEASE. RHEUMATISM. BRIGGS'S DYSPEPSIA. DIABETES. BACKACHE. 1087 THE PHARMACY.

ages in the Spahlinger preparation. In the Journal of the American Medical Association of January 22nd ult. it is stated editorially that the method must not be considered as in any way established or worthy of scientific consideration at the present time. It is hardly necessary to point out that in the long history of medicine no discovery of any value to humanity in alleviating suffering or prolonging life has ever been kept secret, but has been given without reserve to the profession and public. (Sgd.) F. W. TIDMARSH, M.D. The Polyclinic, Charlottetown.

KING'S COUNTY AGAIN

Sir,—There is an old saying to the effect, "When you have no case abuse the attorney on the other side." No more striking example of its application could be found than the latest effort of "Observer" in the Guardian of Feb. 17th. "To secure attention" he says "a writer must bring his utterances within some measure of the truth," and then proceeds to show with much vituperation, how little he has profited by his own lesson. My object in writing, which was to call attention to certain undesirable features in connection with the administration of the Prohibition Act in this County, was such as to invite it to the support or at least the favorable consideration of all who desired to amend these conditions. The wrath displayed by "Observer," while it gives no evidence of repentance, is at least proof that the truth has again struck home. "I have never concealed the fact," he modestly asserts, "that we have not as yet reached perfection." What a magnanimous soul it is, to attempt no concealment in a matter so glaringly obvious! What his standard of perfection may be, I do not know.

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