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Notes By The Way

In a year of most abundant farm crops, when all the products of our fertile fields have had a most luxuriant growth, public attention has been called in very emphatic words by two eminent sons of this province, holding high official positions, to the depopulation of our Island homeland.

The report of these addresses tells that Sir Louis Davies "deplored as an astounding and depressing fact the falling off in our population, but he still looked forward to a bright future," as we all must do.

These grave deliverances of the Chief Justice of Canada and the Lieutenant Governor touch upon a most vital subject which the future welfare of our province depends. They show that the matter is regarded as one of grave concern to those holding high official positions in the land and should be reflected upon by every patriotic citizen with a view to providing a speedy and effectual remedy.

Nothing could more clearly indicate the increasing deterioration of the race than the growth of faddism. Every now and then a new reformer appears over the hazy horizon with a new fad calculated to revolutionize the moral, spiritual or physical condition of the race.

Immigration would be at best but a partial remedy for the exodus, although it is most desirable that settlers from abroad should fill up the place made vacant by the native born who have gone away.

Our governments, federal and provincial have an urgent duty to perform both in devising measures to check the exodus and for bringing in settlers from abroad.

These were noteworthy and efficient efforts to remove great disabilities without adding to the taxpayers' burden. For their inestimable service the Borden and Matheson governments should always be gratefully remembered.

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 expressed by its correspondents.

Fit y Five Years Ago

Sir.—I read with considerable interest, Mr. Cotton's article on "Fifty-Five Years Ago" dealing with Canadian and Prince Edward Island affairs. But I may be allowed to point out that Mr. Cotton is a little astray regarding details of the exhibitions held in Charlottetown in 1867.

I am Sir, etc. NEIL MCKENZIE, Canoe Cove.

P. of W. College Curriculum

Sir.—In my last letter I pointed out the importance of the mathematics and the sciences in this age and I argued that they should have as important a place in Prince of Wales' College as the languages have.

Now let us take two pupils, one bright in languages and weak in Mathematics and Science; and the second equally bright in mathematics and Science as the other is in the languages but he is weak in languages.

Here are two pupils, who are bright, but who have two distinct and useful types of mind. Let us see how they fare at Prince of Wales College.

The language man makes we will say 80 per cent in his subjects, but only 50 per cent in mathematics and science. The other makes 80 per cent in science and mathematics but he makes only 50 per cent in languages.

Logically he has failed. He has not failed through any fault of his own, but he has failed because God made him so and because he has not had a square deal.

Very regrettably we have to record that our present Government have so far reversed the prudent policy of their predecessors in office that the plant at Midgell has been closed down with no provision to replace it.

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languages and especially the classics are the pet subjects of the Principal, and he emphasizes them and devotes more time to them than he does to the others because he thinks the classics give a better mental training, an attitude which I very much question as being correct in the abstract, but which certainly does not take into consideration the mental endowments which God has given certain pupils whom he has created with mathematical and scientific minds.

EDUCATIONALIST

LONDON, Sept. 12.—The state of Prussia is going into business for itself, says a despatch from Berlin. To counter the activities of industrial combines, which

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A MUSICAL FEAST

Again the music lovers of Charlottetown are indebted to Manager Gallagher of the Prince Edward Theatre for a feast of good things. This evening the Boston Symphony Orchestra will open a two evenings season at the Prince Edward, a season of real music and real enjoyment to all music lovers. There is no doubt that this orchestra is the finest musical aggregation on the continent; it is the finest that music-loving Boston can boast of and that all music loving visitors to Boston make it a point to hear. It is gratifying to learn that already a large number of bookings have been received from Summer side parties and we have no doubt of other outside points will be well represented. That Charlottetown will appreciate and take advantage of the opportunity goes without saying as the musical circle in Charlottetown is a fairly large one.

We trust Mr. Gallagher's efforts to provide the best that is going in drama and music will be fully appreciated and that the patronage extended on this occasion will justify the bringing in of worth while performances. The character of a community is usually gauged by the patronage it extends to the best and we feel sure that in this case as usual the music loving people of the city will show their appreciation by being present.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY

His Excellency the Governor General of Canada has, by Royal Proclamation, designated October 9th as Fire Prevention Day in Canada. During the week previous to this date lessons on fire prevention will be given in the public schools, and in cities public meetings will be held to impress upon all the necessity of care in and around buildings with a view to preventing fires. It is a notorious fact that Canada's fire losses are the heaviest in the world. This is not creditable and every possible means should be taken to remove not only the stigma but the loss.

That the great majority of fires are the result of carelessness is generally admitted. Usually the loss of someone's carelessness falls upon others and certainly the fire losses fall upon all. The cost of insurance is based upon risk and the risk in Canada must be in proportion to the amount of fire loss. The remedy for carelessness is carelessness and we can acquire general carelessness only by everlasting watchfulness. Inspection, if efficient, would be a preventive and would become all the more effective if every act of carelessness were followed by punishment. Fire traps are to be found in every city and their existence is the result of carelessness on the part of the authorities as well as of the individuals immediately concerned.

WEST INDIES TRADE

A supplement to the September letter of the Canadian Bank of Commerce emphasizes the value to Canada of trade with the West Indies. The British Crown Colony of Trinidad and Tobago consists of the two islands bearing these names and include several small islands adjacent to them. The population of the colony is 362,780 of which 130,000 are East Indians. The colony exports and imports very largely and there is every reason why Canada should share largely in both. Last year the colony imported from Great Britain goods to the value of £2,182,025; from United States \$3,397,803 and from Canada £1,252,099. Our exports to the West Indies consist of grain, wheat flour, manufactures, canned and salted

meats, iron and steel and other products of the sea, the soil, the mines and the forests.

"In view of the desirability of increasing the trade relations between Canada and the West Indies says the Bank letter, it is important that due regard should be given on each side to the requirements of the importer—to see that goods are up to sample, that deliveries are prompt, that all complaints receive attention and that claims are promptly settled. One cause of complaint is the frequent omission by the Canadian exporter of certificates of origin, when goods shipped to Trinidad are entitled to the preferential rate for goods of British Empire origin. The proper packing of goods for this market calls for constant care; it must be remembered that the climate of Trinidad is extremely hot and humid and that certain classes of goods are particularly liable to deterioration on this account."

DANGEROUS FADS

Nothing could more clearly indicate the increasing deterioration of the race than the growth of faddism. Every now and then a new reformer appears over the hazy horizon with a new fad calculated to revolutionize the moral, spiritual or physical condition of the race. The revolution in every case is to be a gentle and entertaining one; the path upward, whether in quest of moral or spiritual advancement, is to be along the lines of pink teas, cheerful, artless and enjoyable evenings, and generally not far removed from the old paths trodden by fortune.

We have before us a government bulletin issued in bulk and distributed broadcast among the innocents, explaining in detail and with copious illustrations a new method of making buttermilk! The title is "Why and How to Use buttermilk," and we are told that "buttermilk can be very simply made from skim milk in the home by allowing the milk to sour naturally at the ordinary room temperature until it curdles, then shaking vigorously until the curd is broken up." Then follows a half tone cut of a beautiful young lady vigorously shaking a glass fruit jar and producing the "buttermilk." After the vigorous shaking has produced the desired result the remains are strained so as to remove the curd; what is left is supposed to be "buttermilk!" There will be a print of it, if all goes well.

Fancy a man or woman reared and educated on real buttermilk, the product of real cream, sitting down to a drink of that sour milk wash!

But this is not all. Recipes are added—also with elaborate detail—for the making of "buttermilk punch," "buttermilk waffles" and buttermilk other things, in which orange juice, lemon juice, eggs, mustard and similar drugs are used in grains or fractions of grains, and the manner of "savouring" is also laid down with scrupulous nicety. Again fancy a man or woman taking a night cap or a "dooch an' dooch" of stuff like that!

Buttermilk, that is, real buttermilk, is real cream from which the greater part of the butter fat has been extracted and it is one of the most wholesome beverages the skill of man or woman has produced. Scientists of repute who know what buttermilk is, claim it is the most wholesome article of diet, a specific for rheumatism, for indigestion and many of the other ills that flesh is heir to. But a decoction made out of skim milk, such as the above elaborate specified miscarriage, would be something to make the angels weep, if they had ever tasted real buttermilk.