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THE NEW CAR FERRY

The Railway Department is now agreed that \$3,800,000 is not too much to expend on a new car ferry and necessary terminal facilities for Prince Edward Island. This shows the necessity of kicking for what you want. It will be recalled that the recommendation of the original appropriation of a million dollars was only made by the Minister of Railways on May 22, 1928, after sledge-hammer speeches by Colonel Cantley and Hon. J. A. MacDonald insisting that the Government implement the terms of the Duncan report with respect to the transportation claims of Prince Edward Island. The appropriation was joyfully hailed by the Liberal representatives in the House, and a telegram was at once despatched to the local Liberal organ to show the unflinching vigilance with which these gentlemen had been guarding the interests of the Province. Notably absent from their complimentary speeches to Hon. Mr. Dunning on that occasion was any reference to the specific requirements of the Province for a new car ferry service. They accepted the promise of a million dollar appropriation without any question as to the design of the new ship or the necessary terminal facilities that would be required to accommodate her. It was only several months afterwards, when The Guardian pointed out the urgent necessity of the public being fully informed with respect to the plans then under way, that pressure was brought to bear upon the authorities by the boards of trade and the work was held up while a delegation, headed by Premier Saunders, was despatched to Ottawa with a strong resolution, endorsed by the Maritime Boards of Trade, outlining the requirements for this service. As a result of this pressure, the plans were reconsidered and a new proposition was prepared including necessary adjustments at the terminals. As the matter now stands, the proposed expenditure on the service will amount to \$2,800,000 more than the original appropriation. Tenders are to be called shortly and it is expected that fifteen months will be required in which to complete the work. It is regrettable, in the circumstances, that our Liberal representatives had not the foresight to insist at the outset upon the plans of the new steamer being commensurate with the traffic requirements. As it is, a year has been lost and the work is not yet under way. It is evident, from the Railway Minister's speech in the House of Commons on May 30th last, that he is now fully convinced of the importance of providing the best possible transportation service, summer and winter, between this Province and the mainland. It is to be hoped, as Mr. MacDonald suggested, that no further time will be lost in acting upon this conviction.

THE TOURIST SEASON

Canada this year expects the largest tourist trade in its history, and every province is making preparation to attract a share of the traffic. In this Province many enquiries have already been received by the Publicity Bureau, and the prospects are that the season will be an exceptionally busy one. An unusually large number of visitors is anticipated even during June, although the heavy tourist season does not actually begin until the following month, when the roads are in much better condition. The seasonal advertising campaign carried on in the larger centres by the Publicity Association has begun. From enquiries received even before these advertisements appeared it is evident that the work of the past few years has borne fruit, and that Prince Edward Island is becoming widely known as an attractive tourist resort.

In view of the increased number expected, it is advisable that the Publicity Bureau be kept in touch with all available sources of accommodation. The hotels and summer resorts, it is expected, will be well patronized; but there are many visitors every summer who prefer the quiet of a country farmhouse and the plain home cooking that appeals to vigorous appetites. It is well to remember that every satisfied tourist is a boost for the Province.

A SPLENDID MOVEMENT

The Boy Scout movement is much in the public eye at present on account of the big Jamboree to be held shortly in England, at which several thousand Canadian boy scouts including three from this city will participate. Of the movement and its importance Sir Alfred Hopkinson, a member of the British House of Commons, said recently: "If I were asked what is the very best educational movement that we know of within recent memory, I should say without hesitation that it is the Boy Scout Movement. It is the finest kind of training that you can possibly have, and it costs the State practically nothing. The first thing that a Boy Scout learns is service. The second is observation, and he also learns the love of his own country. These boys, when they go out into the country—which I hope we shall preserve against all the horrible things that are overcrowding it at present—take care that they do not destroy bird life or flower life, while if they camp anywhere, they do so in a manner which makes the landowner where they camp recognize that these boys care about the beauties of the countryside."

A QUESTION OF POLICIES

The great difference between Conservative and Socialistic ideals, which was strikingly exemplified during the heat of the political campaign in Great Britain, was never better expressed than by Disraeli half a century ago, when he said: "In a progressive country change is constant; and the great question is, not whether you should resist change which is inevitable, but whether that change should be carried out in deference to the manners, the customs, the laws, and the traditions of the people, or whether it should be carried out in deference to abstract principles and arbitrary and general doctrines."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Department of Public Works will not be judged by the amount of rainfall this spring, but by the methods it employs to keep the roads in good condition. So far this spring the task has been somewhat difficult, but this is all the more reason for increasing vigilance.

The next electoral battle to claim the attention of Canadians will be in Saskatchewan, where polling is to take place next Thursday. The campaign has been a strenuous one, and is being fought out, Western despatches say, on issues which have been created by the Opposition. Natural resources, highways, schools and scandals have provided the materials for the wordy warfare in which the opposing parties have been engaged for the past three or four weeks. Premier Gardiner has inherited the leadership of the Government from an unbroken line of Liberal politicians who have ruled the province since its birth in 1905, but is a less able and resourceful man than any of his predecessors. He is, however, an aggressive campaigner, and is making a stiff fight for the retention of office.

Notes By The Way

The birds are coming back from their prolonged stay in the south. It is yet too early and too cold for their nest-building work, which begins after the trees are in full leaf. The song birds are most vocal during the mating season and all their songs are songs of love. What is more charming to both the eye and the ear than the music which comes from the robins nested in an apple-tree when it is full of blossoms? The cruel and destructive birds are either silent or sound but a single note, which, by varied inflexions may have different meanings to them but quite unintelligible to us. We say, the crow caws, the raven croaks, the owl hoots and the eagle screams. None of them warble or sing.

Dogs are still abroad in our streets in defiance of the new orders of the City Council, not many of them as yet, but apparently their number is increasing and people are talking about them. Dogs are mainly a nuisance, except as playmates and in rare cases as protectors of children. But their barking and howling at night disturb the sick ones and those who are easily awakened, and by day and night their marauding habits and frequent fighting bouts destroy flower beds and disturb the public peace.

We have heard it remarked that no man or woman in Charlottetown needs a dog, and that if the yearly license tax were raised to ten dollars the dog nuisance would be speedily abated. Owners and those who have a fancy for dogs do not share these views, but they seem to be in the minority.

The British elections serve to remind us how many of the leading statesmen of the Mother Country have a world-wide fame and influence quite in advance of the standard among leading public men in Canada. Sir John Macdonald in his day was recognized as a man of imperial stature, but where is there now in Canada a statesman of equal eminence, who is recognized as such?

"Rich in saving common sense" was a phrase used by Tennyson in his ode to the Duke of Wellington and this quality is perhaps more prevalent in England and Scotland than it is elsewhere about the world. In this lies the hope that the United Kingdom will emerge successfully from the troubles and perplexing problems which existed before the election and to which the election result has added new features.

The changing fashions in dress, many of them rather imbecile, involve great cost to those who follow them. Humanity might learn a useful lesson from the birds in this matter. Many of the winged tribes of the air are very beautifully attired but all in a conservative fashion that has not changed in style or coloring in a thousand years. The birds have, however, an advantage over us poor humans in the fact that they grow their own clothing, each for itself and it costs them nothing, which we cannot do.

The lack of sunshine in this Province has been conspicuous during weeks past and frequent shower have delayed farming operations. In the time of the sturdy pioneer settlers there was a rule among many farmers not to stop team work in the fields until the rain was coursing down the horses' sides and briskly dropping from their bellies. Field workers are more careful now not to work in the rain.

Sunstroke from excessive heat in Ontario were reported recently. Our own province and the Maritimes generally have not been afflicted in any such fashion.

Will Lloyd George hold the "balance of power" in the new Parliament as some of his followers assert? At this distance it seems that his party was utterly defeated in the election, and of the three party leaders he was the one most distrusted and discredited. Before the election the Liberal party was said to be solidly united and confident of victory. One would think in view of what has happened that British Liberals might soon be looking out for another leader.

THE LAND WE LOVE

JESSE KETCHUM BY FRANK YEIGH Q. Who was Jesse Ketchum? A. Jesse Ketchum stands out as one of the most generous citizens of Toronto, and whose benefactions are still active after almost a century. He was a resident of Toronto, when it was York, in the early years of the nineteenth century, and prospering for that day, established a fund for an annual distribution of books and bil-

An Attic.... Salt-Shaker

Many of the best World War stories are now being told for the first time—in print—in the reminiscences of return warriors. One such is about a negro driver who was bringing the ration cart (the kitchen) up to the front lines to feed the 3rd Battalion of the Machine Gun Corps, A. E. F., who were holding a very hot part of the line south of Verdun. It was a dark night. The driver—new to the job—got off the right road and was observed driving along No Man's Land. Both front lines were electrified by the rumbling of a cart midway between the lines!

NEITHER side knew to whom the cart belonged and dared not fire or send up flares to ascertain, reminiscences Captain Wendell Westover (in "Suicide Battalion.") but as the cart approached an American patrol, one of the men sneaked up, grabbed the bridle and questioned the driver in a whisper. "Who are you? Where you going?" "Why I'm takin' the grub up to 'd' 3rd Battalion." "Hell, don't you know where you are, you fool? You're out in No Man's Land."

"I'm what?" "You're almost in the Boche trenches." The driver leaned tensely forward and pleaded with the mule. "Mule, does you-all hear dat? Right turn, double time! Git us out o' this. We done got way in bad."

WHICH reminds me of what President Wilson said was the best negro



That Body of Hours By James W. Barton, M.P.

HEALTH THE BIG ASSET IN BUSINESS

A successful energetic salesman expected a promotion at a certain date and wondered why he did not receive it.

He kept quiet for some time and then saw another salesman step into the coveted position.

As his relations with headquarters had always been satisfactory and pleasant, he frankly asked the reason as to why he had been passed over on this occasion.

The president of the organization said "It was simply a matter of your health. Although you did as much work, in fact more work than our other salesman, there are times when you have to quit work entirely on account of your attacks of indigestion, and there are times when your presence would be absolutely essential to the success of our business."

This "indigestion" was discovered later to be due to a stomach ulcer, which had been caused by infected teeth.

Some changes in the head office of another company gave a promotion to an employee in a distant city, and he was instructed to return immediately to the head office.

His physical appearance was rather disappointing to his superior as he had put on many pounds in weight, and seemed a little leisurely or lazy in his actions.

The suggestion was made to him that he get busy, and get rid of his surplus weight as it was tending to make him somewhat sluggish.

He simply smiled, paid no attention to the advice and in six months was again emaciated that he would have to "buck up" if he wanted to even "hold" his job.

The idea of further promotion was not even thought of. After another three months as he had paid no attention to the advice to get himself into better shape physically, he was "let out," and a more "active" man secured for the position. Industrial institutions are now requesting their employees to consult the health department of the institution at regular intervals.

CHATTY WEEKLY BUDGET OF STORIES ABOUT FAMOUS PEOPLE

war yarn he had heard during his stay in Paris. It is quoted by J. F. Essary in "Covering Washington." A group of negro soldiers were in a front line trench on the eve of an attack. A white officer approached one of them and asked: "What would you do, Jim, if you suddenly saw the whole German cavalry coming straight at you?" "What would I do, boss?" repeated Jim. "Why, I sure would spread the news through France."

APROPOS the World War, here is an amusing little incident chronicled by Winston S. Churchill (in "The Aftermath"):

At one session of the Paris Peace Conference, Lloyd George introduced to the Council of Ten the Prime Ministers of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Mr. Hughes, "the vibrant Australian Labor Premier," Clemeenceau, the French "Tiger" said to him: "Mr. Hughes, I have 'eard that in early life you were a cannibal." "Believe me," said the Australian premier, "that has been greatly exaggerated."

A LONDON literary man boasts that he has just returned from a short vacation during which he visited New York and Philadelphia and never left England! The answer is that he passed through New York, a village in Lincolnshire, and Philadelphia, a village in Durham. The great illusion.

"IN one of my beautiful productions there were two beautiful ladies," observed Herbert Beerbohm Tree one day (chuckles J. B. Booth in "Mater and Men.") "They were very beautiful, but one was thin and the other was not so thin. They quarrelled at rehearsal."

"Please remember this said the thin one, 'holy, I am the star!'" "Yes," said the other beautiful lady, eyeing the star's long slender figure, "but you'd look so much better, dear, if you were a little meeker."

BRONSON ALCOOT—father of Louisa M. Alcott of "Little Women" memory and himself not unknown to literary fame—told Daniel Chester French, the sculptor, this story which Mrs. French passes along in her "Memories of a Sculptor's Wife":

He (Alcott) was at home one morning teaching his children when the town constable, Samuel Staples called to take him to jail for non-payment of taxes. "He wouldn't support a government that protected slavery."

"Very well, Samuel," said Alcott "if you will wait a moment until Mrs. Alcott can put some food in a basket—the prison fare is too rich for me, being a vegetarian—I will go with you."

SAMUEL duly, or rather dutifully, waited and soon Mrs. Alcott had the basket ready. Then Alcott and Samuel walked slowly down to the jail. Arriving there, the matron said she was sorry but Mr. Alcott's cell was not made up yet. So back home to his teaching went Alcott telling Samuel to come and get him when he was ready. Presently Samuel called again and said that Squire Hoar had paid the taxes so he couldn't take Alcott to jail.

"I told him," added Alcott indignantly, "that I did not know what right Squire Hoar had to pay my taxes!"

AT a Court Hall in Berlin some years ago, Princess Daisy of Pless—one of the two daughters of Colonel Cornwallis West, the other being Constance, Duchess of Westminster—sat between two distinguished old gentlemen, one of whom asked her why she and her husband, Prince Henry of Pless, were staying at a hotel instead of "our own big ugly palace in the Wilhelmstrasse" (Berlin).

"I replied," says Princess Daisy (in her memories) "because my husband preferred it as in our palace were no bathrooms."

"Mein Gott!" said one of the old gentlemen, "must be absolutely have a bath every day?"

THE gossip that Queen Alexandra, consort of Edward VII, beautified herself by a liberal use of emerald on her face, was all poppycock, according to Princess Daisy of Pless. On Alexandra's sixty-fifth birthday, Princess Daisy wrote in her diary: "She (Alexandra) does not look a day older than fifty, and has a lovely figure and a straight back, and fresh red lips that are not painted, as one sees they are always moist. And I have seen her at Cowes in the pouring rain, and she certainly is not enamelled—and all that nonsense as people say."

— BY — W. ORTON TEWSON

"I UNDERSTAND that in these days most children call their parents by their christian names, "chirups Princess Daisy of Pless. I see nothing wrong in this, although I must confess to having been mystified by two mites, both of whom were less than five years old, always telling of 'Jane and James.' These I imagined to be dolls, ponies or dogs, until one day to my astonishment I learned they were their parents."

That's nothing! I know a small boy who always calls his grandfather "Old Bean."

HOW one of Bourne-Jones' ous paintings—"Love Among Ruins"—was accidentally and entirely destroyed is told by E. V. Lucas. "The Colvins and Their Friends. It had been sent to be reproduced by photogravure in Paris, where in spite of a printed warning on the back that it was painted in water-color and would be injured by the slightest moisture, it had been washed over with white of egg and every part of the surface so touched was destroyed."

QUITE recently I came across a mention of Fergus Hume in a newspaper. The name won't mean anything to the younger generation but old-timers will recall his famous thriller—"The Mystery of a Hansom Cab." It sold in hundreds of thousands and it was the subject of a popular music-hall song which was sung and whistled all over the world. The chorus ran: Stop the cab! Stop the cab! Whoa! Whoa! Whoa! Somebody hold the horse's head and don't leave go.

Nevertheless, they had to confess, although they made a grab, they couldn't discover the Mystery of the Hansom Cab. Happy days!

WHAT I started to say is that Fergus Hume—he is still writing, it seems—a lawyer's clerk in Melbourne, Australia, when he wrote his famous story. He sold the copyright for fifty pounds (\$250) and never received a penny more although over a million copies of the novel were sold. But, as he says: "I was glad enough to get fifty pounds in those hard-up days."

THE deadliest thing Sewell Stokes can find to say (in his book "Pilloried!") about Sinclair Lewis is to print his posthumous work, writings Lewis tells against himself "in order to show his modesty!"

During a lecture tour an admirer came up to him (Lewis) with her autograph-book and asked for his signature. On reading what he had written the girl turned to her friend and said: "There, Ethel, give us your rubber. I thought it was Hugh Walpole, but

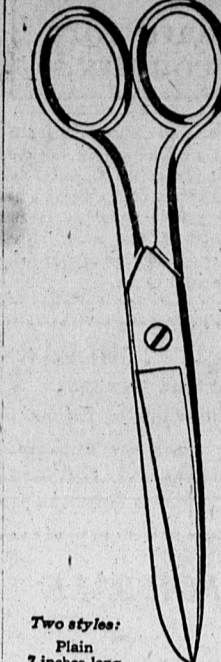
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The Poet's Corner LUCIFER IN STARLIGHT On a starred night Prince Lucifer arose. Tired of his dark dominion swung the fiend Above the rolling ball in cloud part screened, Where sinners hugged their spectre of repose. Poor prey to his hot fit of pride were those. And now upon his western wing he leaned, Now his huge bulk o'er Africa's sands careened, Now the black planet shadowed Arctic snows. Soaring through wider zones that pricked his scars With memory of the old revolt from Awa, He reached a middle height, and at the stars, Which are the brain of heaven, he looked, and sank. Around the ancient track marched rank on rank, The army of unalterable law. —George Meredith.

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