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T. B. HOSPITAL CLAIM

In a letter to our evening contemporary, the Hon. W. M. Lea contends that The Guardian was incorrect when it stated that the Federal Government asked him if \$100,000 would be sufficient to compensate the Province for the alterations and extensions of the Dalton Sanatorium. He says: "Mr. McCurdy asked me what sum I had in mind, suggesting was it \$25,000, \$50,000 or \$75,000. This was merely sounding us to see what claim if any, we were considering."

It is pointed out that in Prince Edward Island the government's grants are the big item, \$284,313 out of a total of \$458,477; "but the Island can scarcely be taken as a talking point for conditions there more resemble a municipality than a Province."

Notes By The Way

The Canadian Good Roads Association began yesterday its 16th annual session, and for the first time the meeting in Charlottetown. Almost everybody is interested in the roads and wants better roads than we have, such as other provinces possess.

During the year 1928 a vast improvement was made in the highways of several provinces. With better roads have come better and more motor cars, and greatly increased road traffic.

Motor cars and trucks make up a large share of the vehicles engaged in passenger and freight traffic on the roads. Of these cars in proportion to population Ontario has one to 6.6 persons, British Columbia second with 6.8, and Saskatchewan third, with Alberta fourth, followed in order by Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The federal Department of Agriculture over which Hon. W. R. Motherwell presides, appears to be convinced that Canadians have rather voracious appetites, which he suggests might be controlled so that by eating more beef we might make a home market for Canadian cattle and take the sting out of the Yankee high tariff against our cattle.

There was a time in France when the poor people there complained that they had no bread. "Why don't you eat cake?" was asked by some who were better fed than the poor, but alas, where there was no bread there was also no cake.

That Body of Ours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

GALL BLADDER PAIN IN DIFFERENT REGIONS

I spoke recently about one of the old medical writers calling the liver the "king of organs," owing to its importance to the health of all the other organs and tissues of the body.

Now it has been found that a great number of individuals have gall stones and have no symptoms. Nature seems able to do her work even with this collection of stones in the gall bladder.

However when some pain occurs in regions mentioned above, and this pain is severe, and sharp, it is well to keep the thought of gall stones or an inflamed bladder in mind.

In former days the physicians and surgeon had to go by symptoms only, but the use of the dye test now gives an accurate picture of the condition of the gall bladder in 98 to 99 per cent of the cases.

What is my thought? It has been found that whether you are young or old your chances of a successful operation in every way, depends on how long the condition has existed. The shorter the time you've had the trouble, the better the result is likely to be.

If then you have sharp attacks of pain that you think of as severe "indigestion," have considerable gas formation, it would be wise to consult your doctor as to the possibility of some gall bladder disturbance.

In the meantime, eating less food, and cutting down on fats and pastries would be good sense on your part.

Great Wall Of China

(The Gazette, Montreal.)

Apropos of rumors that Soviet emissaries are inciting the Mongols to revolt against China, it is interesting to observe that one of the most ancient and remarkable monuments in the war-stricken region was built for the express purpose of keeping out the Tartar hordes.

Reference, of course, is made to the Great Wall of China. It is, indeed, one of the wonders of the world. With characteristic hyperbole the Chinese name it "The Wall Ten Thousand Li Long."

The exaggeration is not needed. The Great Wall is the fortified frontier of eighteen Chinese Provinces. It covers twenty-two degrees of longitude. Its length in a straight line is about 1,285 miles, whilst if its curves are taken into the reckoning, the masonry stretches over fifteen hundred miles, and through rough mountainous territory that even to this day has been but poorly mapped.

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It was in the third century B. C. that the menace of the barbaric hordes inhabiting Northwest China called into action the device of the "First Emperor," Shih Hwang, who conceived the notion of constructing a solid barrier of masonry along the entire northern frontier.

Amongst the protectorates thus marked off were Mongolia and Manchuria. The Chinese people from time immemorial were an agricultural nation. The Mongols and Tartars were of another class. They were nomadic warriors, and superb horsemen.

THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK LEIGH

FRUIT GROWING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Q. What is the history of fruit growing in British Columbia?

A. The history of fruit growing in British Columbia is as follows:—In British Columbia commercial fruit-growing is of comparatively recent origin; but the development of commercial orcharding has been very rapid, especially during the last ten years.

Eight Students of Cambridge University, in England have chartered a Norwegian sailing ship built for seal hunting, to use in a geological expedition to Greenland.

Slave trading still flourishes in the countries bordering on the Red Sea, more than 2,000 humans from East Africa having been sold in the various Arabian markets in the last year.

Struggle At Geneva

(Manitoba Free Press.)

Geneva: What promises to be a very interesting struggle between "wets" and "drys" is rapidly developing both on the surface and behind the scenes at the League of Nations. Beginning more than four years ago, a group of international advocates of world prohibition, through the process of boring from within, has now managed to involve not only the League Assembly and Council in the prohibition question, but has more or less permanently placed the problem of alcoholism and its ramifications on the agendas of three committees—Economic, Health and Child Welfare.

The most remarkable feature is that the progress thus far realized has been achieved through the efforts of the single prohibition state member of the League—Finland. It is true that Foreign Minister Hjalmar Procope, the standard-bearer of the Drys, has had the support of the Swedish and Polish delegations to the Assembly, and in the Council has relied to some extent upon the backing of his Polish colleague, Foreign Minister Zaleski; but in the main the diplomatic strategy has originated from the youthful statesman or his political colleagues in Helsinki or Lausanne.

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The report of the Economic committee, however, has been held back as a result of pressure exerted by M. Procope, who came to Geneva under orders from the Finnish cabinet, after the Madrid Council. Procope warned the Economic committee that unless the draft report were altered, as a member of the Council he could assure them that it would not be unanimously accepted.

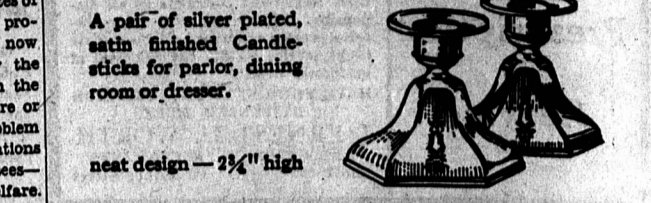
The committee—consisting of such economists as Dr. Trendelenburg, secretary of state in the Stresemann cabinet; M. Serruys, ex-minister of Commerce of France; M. Stucki, director of Commerce of Switzerland; M. DiNola, Italian economic expert; Sir Sidney Chapman, of the British Board of Trade, and others—refused to postpone the submission of their findings. As the committee does not reassemble before the September Council, the campaign in the Assembly may alter the situation completely.

Some Pertinent Questions.

In its suppressed report the Economic committee states that if the Council wishes it to continue its studies further it should ask every state member of the League to supply detailed information as to what products enter into the contraband trade, and why? What efforts are being taken to suppress the traffic, and why are they not successful? What bilateral or pluri-lateral treaties have been negotiated? Are their workings satisfactory, and if not, why not?

In other words, before becoming more involved in such a controversial matter, the committee wants to know if the population of countries with prohibition want the reform badly enough seriously to assist themselves in making it a reality. For example, the Finns are to be asked, "Is prohibition a success?" And if they cannot make it a success themselves, why is the entire world to be asked to assist them in imposing upon themselves a regime which a portion of their population obviously dislikes enough

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to render the laws null and void. The Economic committee likewise shows a reluctance against becoming involved in the "hot pursuit" controversy. It recognizes that insurmountable difficulties are encountered by dry countries, especially Finland, in combating rum-running. The practice of a rum-runner of changing its registry a half-dozen times a year and facilitating its illicit business by seeking the protection of foreign country which is not a party to the Helsinki convention, is deplored.

While France and Italy are sticking to the "boater" style of straw hats this summer, fashion leaders of England have abandoned it for cooler head coverings. An American fruit and Railway company in Costa Rica carried 134,413 passengers and 4,222,796 bunches of bananas last year. Traffic on the Costa Rica Railway of which miles of track, bridges and culverts were washed out by rains last November, expected to be resumed soon.

Whooping Cough

Is dangerous and must be treated promptly if serious complications, such as bronchial pneumonia, hemorrhages and heart affections are to be avoided. The speedy control of coughing spells and spasms is most essential. At the same time the throat and bronchial tubes must be cleared of phlegm and mucous matter which cause distress in the day time and sleeplessness at night.

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RUTHLESS COMPETITION.

A recent market report in the Montreal Gazette contains significant information with respect to further importations of a product which has already seriously affected the dairying interests of this country. The report reads: "Cable information states that sales of New Zealand butter to Halifax, covering August to March period of the coming season, now total over 400,000 boxes. It is expected that total shipments to Canada, including Vancouver, will amount to more than 600,000 boxes for the season. As a consequence of the Halifax sales early London shipments will be considerably reduced."

At 56 pounds to the box, the shipments of New Zealand butter may be expected to total 33,600,000 pounds. Every season the competition is becoming heavier, and the end is not yet.

SCHOOL GRANTS IN MANITOBA

Prince Edward Island is not the only Province that is grappling with the problem of public school financing, as evidenced by a recent article in the Manitoba Free Press, in which we are informed that the Manitoba Trustees Association at its last annual meeting created a committee with instructions to report upon the whole question of the financing of the publicly controlled schools of this province. As the system now obtains, the schools are financed through government grants and through municipal and district levies, of which the last two provide the heaviest proportion. The controversy arises over the differing abilities of various municipalities and districts to meet this tax, as for instance, the difference in assessable property in a long settling municipality and in one on the pioneer fringe.

The Poet's Corner

PHILANDERING

Maureen, achuala, ah! why such a frown on you! Sure, 'tis you own purty smiles should be there. Under those ringlets that make such a crown on you, As the sweet angels themselves seem to wear, When from the plothens in church they look down on you, Kneeling in prayer.

Troth, no, you needn't, there isn't a drop on me, Barrin' one half-one to keep out the cowlid; And, Maureen, if you'll throw a smile on the top o' me, Half-one was never so sweet, I'll make bowid. But, if you like, dear, at once put a stop on me. Life with a scowlid.

Red-haired Kate Ryan?—Don't mention her name to me? I've taste, Maureen darlin', whatever I do. But I kised her?—Ah, now, would you even that same to me?—Ye saw me! Well, well, if ye did, sure 'tis 't' true. But I don't want herself or her cows, and small blame to me. When I know you.

There now, aroon, put an ind to this strife o' me, Poor frightened heart, my own Maureen, my duck; Troth, till the day comes when you'll be made wife o' me, Night, noon, and mornin', my heart'll be bruck. Kiss me, achuala! My darlin'! The life o' me! One more for luck! —William Boyle.

Stockings are being made from peat by a new process invented in Ireland. A pleasant medicine for children is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator, and it is excellent for driving worms from the system.