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A Political Prohibitionist

The Hon. Dr. Grant, member without portfolio in the Saunders Government, delivered his swan-song in the Legislature Wednesday afternoon. The Doctor expects shortly to be leaving provincial politics to participate in the Dominion election. He felt, he said, like a man who is about to leave his neighborhood, or was about to die, and who wished to make his peace with all men before he departed. Dr. Grant has a genius for selecting similes, and in this instance we believe he chose a significantly appropriate one.

Possibly because he felt free from the obligations assumed when he contested the provincial election on the Saunders prohibition ticket, Dr. Grant gave expression to some drastic criticism about temperance conditions in the United States. "So far as I am concerned," he said, "I am not particular whether I make a break or not. I am telling you there is no prohibition in the States. You can buy your cake and take them into the house and make grape wine and get as full as you like. It is not against the law there to make grape wine, beer and moonshine so long as you don't sell it."

Canada the Prize Exhibit in the "Sucker" Class

The following editorial is from a Liberal newspaper, The Montreal Herald, and is so strikingly honest it must convince even the Patriot. The U. S. Senate is expected to pass the tariff bill today. It will shut out a further \$75,000,000 worth of imports from Canada. Canadians must indeed be fools if they do not recognize that this is a final notice from Uncle Sam that he does not desire to trade with Canada. All he wants is to use Canada as a dumping ground for surplus industrial and agricultural products, but as for exchanging products with Canada—well, don't be silly.

The American tariff policy is the acme of selfish, grasping soulless materialism. It is made the adjunct of the modern policy of mass production. To produce more than the American nation can consume and ship the surplus abroad, even if it sold at the cost of production or under, will keep the wheels of industry running at high tempo and provide more wages and purchasing power at home, especially if the people who buy from Americans are not allowed to sell to them.

It is a beautiful scheme so long as other nations remain in the class of "suckers." We do not doubt for a moment that Canada is regarded by Americans as the prize exhibit in the "sucker" class. Fancy the sneering contempt with which these American tariff makers must look at the trade figures relating to Canada! The figures are almost unbelievable. For instance, for the last 30 years there has not been a single year in which Canada's trade with the United States has not shown a serious adverse balance. And the astonishing fact is that while the United States has been raising the tariff against Canadian goods, and making our adverse balance worse and worse as the years go on, Canada has been buying greater and greater quantities of goods from the United States. For years past our adverse balance of trade with the United States has been equal to the value of the whole wheat crop of the Dominion. Tabulating the figures of our trade with the United States, we find that from 1901 to 1929 inclusive the trade was as follows: Imports from U. S. ... \$12,584,871,888 Exports to U. S. .... 7,237,808,995 Adverse Balance ..... \$ 5,347,062,893 Just imagine it. Five thousand, three hundred and forty-seven millions of dollars poured by Canada into the United States without being

offset by the purchase of a single cent's worth of Canadian goods by Americans! Fancy what the expenditure of even half that amount in our own country would have meant in building up our population and developing the vast territories which are our heritage! Are we to continue in the "sucker" class of nations? Are we to take this further blow at our trade lying down? If we have any spirit at all we will demand of our Government an immediate increase in the duties on commodities that we can produce ourselves or that we can buy from peoples willing to buy from us. Duties on American iron, steel and coal and their products should be drastically revised. Against every class of American agricultural product we should put a duty admittedly designed, like theirs, to be prohibitive. We can easily get all the agricultural products we need, semi-tropical or early season, from the British West Indies and other parts of the British Empire.

Let us frankly accept the challenge the United States has thrown down. Let us refuse to be an adjunct of the Stars and Stripes. Let us build up our trade with nations willing to trade with us, and thus not only extricate ourselves from the ruinous situation in which the United States is placing us, but incidentally expand as never before the ocean shipping for the development of which we are so fortunately placed by nature and by our priceless membership of the British Empire.

Hopelessly at Sea

Hon. Mr. LePage in the budget debate: Did you ever hear anything more contemptible when the sick were suffering in that late date and after the Opposition were in Government for four years and never moved a hand to get that \$100,000,000. In order to try to damage the good name of our Minister of Agriculture they will stoop to nothing. The Stewards Government was asked for a Sanatorium when they were in power and they never did anything.

Dr. McMillan: We didn't destroy the one that was there, as you did. Hon. Mr. LePage: that is an old story, and it has been threshed out and there is not a bit of wheat in it. Hon. Dr. McNeill (in the budget debate): And now they (the Guardian) find fault because the present leader of the Government is going to get something for the Dalton Sanatorium included in his claims when he presents his case to Ottawa. That is quite right, when he is presenting his case, to show all the claims; and I have no doubt that there is a possibility under McKenzie King might consider it because he has been very generous with this Province.

Dr. McNeill must have been "speaking through his hat," or he is entirely ignorant of the fact that the Government, of which he is a member, has lodged no claim for the Dalton Sanatorium. According to the Patriot of the 27th ult. Premier Saunders stated in the Legislature that the "pamphlet" handed to the Patriot by the Acting Premier, Mr. Lea, and published on the 21st of January last, was substantially correct. If the "pamphlet" is substantially correct, the "memorial" filed on the same day by Premier Saunders at Ottawa is substantially wrong, because both documents are as far apart as the poles.

The fact of the matter is that the Government is hopelessly at sea on the subsidy question. Either they do not understand the question at all, or if they understand it, they are trying to mix and muddle it so that nobody else will understand it. It will not do for the Government to state that the "pamphlet" was the work of Mr. Lea personally, because the Patriot, when publishing it, stated it was the result of several months' work on the part of the Government. Anyhow, the Acting Premier gave it to the Patriot as a Government document, but failed to give it to Mr. Saunders to be filed at Ottawa.

Notes By The Way

When legislators or debaters (not always the same) meet one is certain to hear a good many misquotations of epigrammatic expressions from classic literature; indeed the number of current misquotations in general use is far greater than most people realize. Advocates of absolute correctness shudder at the liberties taken with original texts and the occasional resulting lapses into the ludicrous. Take for example Butler's famous lines—

He that complains against his will of his own opinion still, which are thus interpreted: "Convince a man against his will and he's of the same opinion still," or "Persuade a man against his will," &c., which is not quite so meaningless, for although a man may be persuaded against his will, he cannot be convinced.

A much quoted line of Shakespeare's, "All that glitters is not gold," has been rendered, "All is not gold that glitters," and "All that glitters is not gold." Glitters evidently does not appeal. "The play's the thing," quoted oftentimes with approval by critics, actually requires the succeeding sentence "Wherein I'll catch the conscience of the king," to complete its meaning. "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet," is really preceded by the words "That which we call," but it is seldom so used.

That quotations from the Bible should be mauled is surprising, but it is true. Here are a few: Correct—"It is not good that man should be alone"; incorrect—"It is not good that a man should live alone." Correct—"Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea like a man's hand"; incorrect—"A cloud no bigger than a man's hand." Correct—"In the multitude of counselors there is safety"; incorrect—"In the multitude of counselors there is wisdom."

Correct—"There is no new thing under the sun"; incorrect—"There is nothing new under the sun." Correct—"That he may run that readeth it"; incorrect—"He that runs may read it." Correct—"The laborer is worthy of his reward"; incorrect—"The laborer is worthy of his hire."

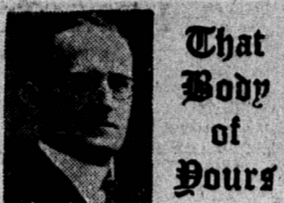
It is a remarkable fact that Shakespeare is more misquoted than any other writer. "Though this be madness, yet there's method in it," becomes "there's method in his madness." "Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows," is rendered, "Misfortune makes a man acquainted with." "Tis an ill wind that blows nobody any good," is the general way in which Thomas Tusser, who lived in the sixteenth century is misquoted. Tusser wrote: Except wind stands as never it stood, It is an ill wind turns none to good.

Lord Brooke wrote more than three hundred years ago, "And out of minde as soon as out of sight," which is now reversed in "Out of sight is out of mind." "She and comparisons are odious," wrote Dr. John Donne, and he is variously interpreted. Even Ben Jonson, speaking of Shakespeare's "small Latin and less Greek," has "little" substituted for "small." Milton's "human face divine" gets "form" for "face," and "all" is adopted for "neighboring" in the famous line, "the cynosure of neighboring eyes." "The busy hum of men" in the same poet's "L'Allegro" has "haunts" for "hum."

"To prove conclusions orthodox," in Butler's "Hudibras," should be "And prove their doctrine orthodox," and "daggers-drawing" for "daggers drawn," by the same author. The famous couplet affecting the timorous soldier runs thus: For those that fly may fight again, Which he can never do that's slain, also from "Hudibras."

John Morris, 1637-1711, wrote "like angel's visits short and bright," and Robert Blair, 1699-1764, had it "like those of angels short and far between" and Thomas Campbell adopted the sentiment in "Pleasure of Hope" as "like angels' visits, few and far between." The man who quotes generally says "like angels' visits, few and far between."

Matthew Prior's "Fine by degrees, and beautifully less" gets "small" for "fine" and his "virtue is her own reward" is always quoted with "its" for "her." Addison's "The woman that deliberates is lost" is spoiled by "hesitates." Congreve's "Nor hell a fury like a woman scorned" is misquoted as "hell has," &c. Pope's "A little learning is a dangerous thing" is given as "a little knowledge," which renders it perhaps less meaningful; and his "welcome the coming, speed the going guest" has the more elementary, or both, and shows that they have absolutely no sense of proportion.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Ours COLD FEET

When you hear of an individual as having cold feet, it is of course an odd way of saying he is scared or afraid.

Now as a matter of fact when you are afraid or scared your feet do actually become cold and this is likely the reason for the expression cold feet. When something frightens you the little nerves controlling the blood in the feet make these blood vessels contract or partly close, and so very little blood goes to the feet. The large blood vessels in the abdomen enlarge and take in nearly all the blood in the body, and thus there is very little left for the feet which are a considerable distance from the body.

Now it doesn't have to be a sudden shock or fright that cause cold feet. Grief, worry, anxiety, or nervousness, of a prolonged nature, can act in a similar manner. It is thus only natural to find that these neuroathetic individuals who worry about themselves, although they have no organic ailment, suffer greatly with cold feet.

The circulation of blood in the feet has an important bearing on the general health of the individual, and if you suffer with cold feet in winter and perspiring feet in summer, it is worth your while to try and correct these conditions. As you know the body is manufacturing heat all the time, even when you are at rest. This heat, circulating by means of the blood, should keep all parts warm, including the feet. Yet if you sit or stand quietly in cold weather, particularly with light stockings and tight shoes, the amount of heat you are losing from the feet is more than your body is manufacturing.

On the other hand hot applications to the feet, in the form of a hot water bottle, the electric pad, or hot foot baths, will actually raise the temperature of the body.

Thus we see the wisdom of heat to the feet after exposure to cold or dampness. And yet even if you stand or sit during cold weather, and your shoes are not light you may withstand the cold and have warm and comfortable feet, if your heart muscle is strong, and your blood vessels have been trained to keep slightly dilated. The way to get this strong heart is by any form of exercise, walking, and particularly games. And for those who are not able to exercise, warm applications to the feet will aid the circulation, and by taking blood from the head to the feet often prevent sleeplessness. Don't suffer with cold feet.

THE LAND WE LOVE By FRANK LEIGH

THE MONTREAL TERMINAL Q. What is the projected Montreal Terminal? A. The projected Montreal Terminal involves an expenditure of \$50,000,000 which when completed will transform the down town section of the city by a new central station for the Canadian National Railways, office buildings, tunnels, etc. Only electric locomotives will be used. 17 miles of new lines will be needed to coordinate existing systems and lines. It is one of the great undertakings in view in Canada in the near years.

Young, in his "Love of Fame," writes: Where's nature's end of language is declined, And men talk only to conceal their mind.

This is misquoted in a variety of ways. Gray's Elegy may live forever and erroneous quotations, too. "They kept the noiseless tenor of their way" is quoted by ninety-nine out of a hundred persons with "even tenor." Cowper's "Variety is the very spice of life" invariably has the "very" omitted. Crabbe's "Be there a will, then wisdom finds a way" finds acceptance as "Where there's a will there's a way." Burns' "some wee short hours" is enlarged to "the wee short hours"; Wordsworth's "the good die first" is given with "young" substituted for "first." One could go on almost indefinitely quoting popular misquotations, and there is this to be said in defence: many of the misquotations are more apt and appropriate than the original; if they were not so they would not continue to be used so generally as epigrammatic expressions.

The Public Forum

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AUTO TAX

Sir,—There has been considerable discussion in the press concerning the auto tax, and also a good deal of discussion among people generally who have not written to the press. Some favor the reduction of the license fee and others oppose it. In the case of the auto tax we have got an annual tax of \$20.00 or more on a light car with a similar tax on a truck car. If a man does not possess both a truck and a car he is not allowed to take even a trip to the mill in his car unless he also has a truck license for that car. Why should this be? The answer comes from the Premier, "We need money to carry on the affairs of the Province." What do they do with such money added to the 5c or more per gallon gasoline tax? They buy worthless snow ploughs to clear a road from Summerside to Charlottetown no matter how much snow it throws in the people's gate-ways. Evidently the interests of Summerside and Charlottetown are paramount.

Another question I would ask is why the Post Office goes to all the expense of bringing our mail by aeroplane while we do not get delivery any more promptly than formerly? If the introduction of this service is merely to keep abreast of the times and appear progressive the promoters ought to bear the expenses as the ordinary tax payer does not benefit one iota. The feeling of many of the tax payers in the country today is that if instead of so much backbiting, slander, etc. in the Legislature the parties would get together and devise some means of reducing the expenditure and make both ends meet it would be much better for all concerned. I am, Sir, etc., TAX PAYER.

MILKING THE COW

Sir,—If I had a cow to give such milk, I'd dress her up in the finest silk. And feed her on good oats and hay. And milk her twenty times a day.

There are four or five of those cows in the prohibition ranch. To all appearance they are giving the kind of milk which pleases the dairymen, and sufficient to satisfy the treasury without need of milking "twenty times a day." These cows, the merchant princes of the bootleg trade, are kept safe from the winter frosts and summer scorchings of prosecution. To put any of them out of business would be literally "killing the goose that lays the golden egg."

And why? Because they supply the booze for the hundreds of bootleggers, men, women and children, sharks and degenerates, which infest the whole Province. They stand behind those smaller sellers and pay their fines, and those fines supply the rich creamy milk so delightful to the mediums of enforcement. Complain if you will, that those "higher ups" are not brought to justice, and the answer is, "They are paying the fines of their bootleg customers, and we are getting it out of them in that way." But what a method! It is disgraceful to sustain an outlaw cow in life and luxury to milk a revenue out of it in this way.

Is that prohibition? Winking at the big operator to buy himself sending out turn peddlers to demoralize the country, merely to get the dollars and cents from the smaller channels to provide funds for the craft? If that is it, better establish a license system direct and confine the whole business to those who pay the cash. I am, Sir, etc., LITTLE BROWN JUG.

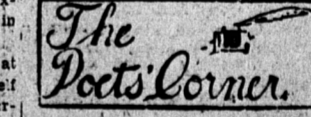
ALBERTA'S OIL PRODUCTION SHOWS REMARKABLE INCREASE

CALGARY, Alta., April 3.—Oil production in Alberta in 1929 more than doubled production of the preceding twelve months, the Department of the Interior has reported. Last year the total reached 696,155 barrels—almost exactly the estimate for the year, which was an even million barrels. The Turner valley was by far the greatest producer. It supplied 281,221 barrels, of which 208,741 barrels were naphtha and the remainder light crude. Wainwright produced 12,332 barrels, Ribstone 2,839, Striff 1,433 and Red Coulee 1,328. Comparative production during the past five years in Alberta follows: 1925—699,152 barrels; 1926—489,531; 1927—332,133; 1928—219,598; 1929—696,153.

A Pekingese Discovery

Amongst archeologists the question as to what quarter of the earth we are to explore for the cradle of the human race has been long a matter of keen debate. Profound interest has been aroused in scientific and lay circles by the recent discovery at Choukoutien, near Peking, of no less than ten fossilized skeletons, said to be those of primitive men who lived on earth a million years ago. These human relics were found in a limestone matrix, whom which they have been successfully deluded; and a large share of the credit for this remarkable find is due to Dr. Davidson Black, a Canadian paleontologist, who has been investigating, with others, this Choukoutien cave, under the aegis of the Rockefeller Foundation and Geological Survey of China. By far the most important item of the find made is a perfect human skull, and the group of experts who have examined this specimen are agreed that the "Peking Man" excels in interest and antiquity all previous finds of prehistoric vestiges ever made. Exploration of this locality has been going forward for some years past; and three years ago, Dr. Black, upon the discovery of a tooth and later of two skulls, one of an adult and the other of a child, came to the conclusion that they represented a new genus and species of the human family. The relics more recently unearthed are said to justify his verdict. Careful measurements of the cranium and facial bones of the skull have convinced Professor Black that the "Peking Man" was a thinking being, standing erect, and existing somewhere about the beginning of the Great Ice Age. The position of the fossilized skeletons, as found in this limestone cave, is held to be indicative of a communal life among these remote ancestors of the human family. Dr. G. Elliot Smith, one of the leading British anthropologists, regards this Choukoutien find as unique and epoch-making, the most momentous discovery in the whole history of fossil man. He gives his reasons for this dictum. "The chief points brought out by an article he writes upon the subject are that the Chinese specimen enables anthropologists to resolve their doubts concerning two other Pleistocene men, namely the so-called "Ape Man" of Java, and the "Dawn Man" of Pitdown, Sussex. The "Peking Man," different in type from both, it is affirmed, enables us to "make the acquaintance of a hitherto unsuspected relative." Dr. Elliot Smith avers that the find now made will establish upon a sure foundation the most primitive phase of the history of the human family.

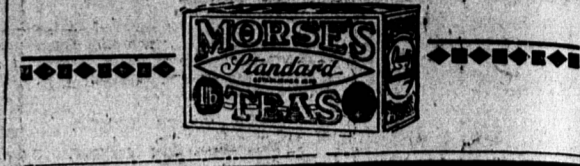
Other scientific experts, however, do not speak in so confident a tone. Sir Arthur Keith reserves his judgment about the discovery, awaiting further disclosures. Mr. Fallaise, of the Royal Anthropological Institute, pronounces it a find of very great importance, but thinks it would be premature to pronounce any definite opinion. Sir Arthur Woodward, of the Geological Department of the British Museum, remarks that, "If it does not prove that Central Asia was the scene of the beginning of the race, at least it shows that some of the earliest relics of man are to be found there." Much stress is placed upon the fact that the Choukoutien relics were found in a limestone matrix and not in gravel drift, as was the case in previous finds. Prior to this Peking discovery, actual fossil remains of human races existing during the Glacial Period revealed the existence of two very different types of humanity, exemplified in the Pit-



A REVOCATION

What should I say? Since Faith is dead, And Truth away, From you I fled? Should I be led With doubtfulness? Nay! Nay, mistress! I promised you. You promised me, To be as true As I would be. But since I see Your doubt's heart, Farewell my part! Thought for to take 'Tis not my mind; But to forsake One so unkind; And as I find So will I trust. Farewell, unjust! Can ye say nay? But that you said That I always Should be obeyed? And—thus betrayed Or that I wist! Farewell, unjust! St. Thomas Wyal, 1800-1513

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down skull, the Neanderthal "more brutal-looking" specimen, and the Japanese relic described as "a sort of ape-man who stood erect." What may fairly be inferred is that the Pekingese "find" is an advance upon former anthropological treasures unearthed. But, judging from information now broadcast, it seems certain that the latest discovery is bound to revive sharply the discussion as to the exact relation of primitive man unto the Simians or Jungle Primates, and also teases up the question as to what part of our globe shall be considered as the "cradle of the race." Severally, the claims of Asia, Africa and Europe have been urged to this distinction. The question is far from settled. Ascertained, however, is the outstanding fact that man lived on earth at a remote period covering vastly more generations than the historic cycle of which we have closer survey. And somehow he managed to carry on, although the most formidable weapon he possessed against the huge beasts of swamp and forests suggests that its effect would be about as marked as the flinging of a tin tack against the chassis of an automobile. That primitive man had a large and resourceful brain seems incontestable.

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