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OSTRACISED

The Lloyd George Free Trade Liberals have ostracized the National Liberal Free Traders, and the Labor Party have similarly treated not only Lord Snowden, but Premier Ramsay MacDonald and Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas as well.

history at this session in a measure a most unprecedented. It may make or unmake front-benchers, according to the breadth of view exhibited in dealing with matters pertaining to the country's business which do not, strictly speaking, involve political policies.

COSTLY NEGLIGENCE

When \$45,000,000 worth of property is destroyed by fire annually in Canada—apart from forest fires—and when the lives of 350 men, women and children are also sacrificed in those fires, and when, in addition, it is known from constant investigation that 80 per cent of the fires are due to ignorance or negligence, there is real need of a campaign of education and of appealing to the public to co-operate in the prevention of fires.

The insurance which covers the fire loss is a burden on Canada which will continue until there is an end, or a great lessening of the negligence to which the great majority of fires are due. The fire loss in Canada is more than four times as great as in Great Britain, in proportion to population.

TIMELY ADVICE

A strong appeal for the elimination of party politics in ratifying the agreements negotiated at the Ottawa Conference is made by the Toronto Globe, leading Liberal newspaper. The Globe suggests that Parliament can set "a notable example for the world" and should do so, by declining to throw political obstacles in the way of accepting the trade agreements.

OYSTER FARMING

"Oyster Farming on the Atlantic Coast of Canada" is the title of a new bulletin which has been issued by the Dominion Department of Fisheries for the use of persons engaging in the commercial culture of oysters. The bulletin, which has been written by Doctor A. W. H. Needler, of the staff of the Biological Board of Canada, is based upon investigations and experiments which the Department has had carried on in Prince Edward Island for several years past.

Germany is the most dangerous element in Europe, says Everyman, (London.) In international affairs she will go bludgeoning through as she has always done. In spite of her unfortunate manner, she must not be given the sense of isolation, especially by Great Britain.

The issue is simple enough, says Week-end Review. Are nations to reply for their protection on the collective peace system or on national armaments? If they are to rely on the collective system, there can be no excuse for perpetuating the swollen national armaments which led to and followed the war.

Jamaica is an agricultural colony and as it is her ardent desire to sell more of her produce in overseas countries, to increase the volume of her exports, to enlarge the vision of tillers of the soil, and to increase the productive capacity of her soil, it is very necessary that she should follow the example of Trinidad and some other colonies in the Lesser Antilles and decide to appoint Trade Commissioners in Great Britain and the Dominion of Canada.

There are indications of increasing activity on the part of the Communist elements in Malaya. A week ago a gang of Hyam hooligans acting, it is inferred, under Red influence, caused senseless damage in the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. Cases heard at Seremban during the week indicate that the dissemination of seditious literature of a most dangerous character is being carried on up-country. Idle hands make mischief and it is perhaps inevitable that with a large number of unemployed in the country manifestations of this kind should tend to increase.

It is estimated that the sun is losing 4,200,000 tons of mass every second as a consequence of its radiation. This seems alarming until the sun's size is considered; a simple calculation shows that at the present rate its mass would decrease by only 1 per cent, in 150,000,000,000 years. The sun may, as astronomers declare have entered the declining stage of stellar evolution; yet evidently it has a long life ahead in which to keep the earth green and to warm the heart of man.

Eighteen years ago the Canadian Government established a sanctuary for the preservation of the pronghorned antelope in its native habitat in western Canada. An area of fifty-four square miles in southern Alberta about seventy five miles east of Lethbridge was given the name of Wawaskey Park. In 1915 another area known as Nemiskam Park was set aside for the same purpose. This park, with an area of eight and a half square miles, is fenced and a definite record of the work can be kept. The present herd of 425 antelope in this park represents the results of an interesting experiment.

The Japanese are realists, first, last and all the time. They are absolutely unwilling to discuss peace terms in Manchuria on a basis of restored theoretical Chinese sovereignty. Who can blame them? The so-called Chinese Government rules but a fraction of China proper. From year to year the situation goes from bad to worse. To talk of handing back Manchuria to China is to suggest extending chaos. The Manchurian question can be, and no doubt will be, settled in one of two ways. If the issue is left to force Japan will soon write the last chapter to the present Manchurian question. But the repercussions of such an action might well make the Far East the starting point of another world war. The better—and indeed, the only permanent—way of settlement is by conciliation, compromise and common sense.



By James W. Barton, M.D. HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE ONLY A SYMPTOM

You may undergo an examination for life insurance and are told that as your blood pressure is a trifle too high the examination will have to be postponed till some future day.

In the meantime you begin to worry about the matter, perhaps lose some sleep and are in poor shape physically when the date the doctor set for the examination arrives.

If the examining physician has found your heart and kidneys to be sound, as is likely the case or he would not have you return, the chances are good that the high blood pressure is due to some temporary condition which may or may not have passed away by the day of the second examination.

In other words, unless the high blood pressure is due to the blood vessels being hard, it is only a symptom of some condition in your body that needs to be corrected. The pressure of the blood is high in order to overcome some condition, just as your temperature rises, your heart beats faster, and your lungs breathe more rapidly when any ailment is attacking the body.

Now although the high blood pressure helps the body while these conditions exist, nevertheless, this continued high blood pressure, just like a continued rapid heart beat, is bound to be "wearing" on the walls of the blood vessels, and lead to trouble.

The Bright Fan

(Montreal Gazette)

The sinking of the grain carrier Bright Fan in Hudson Strait on Saturday cannot be construed as anything but a serious setback for the new route upon which so many millions of public money have been spent. The vessel, outward bound from Churchill with 263,000 bushels of wheat for consignees in the United Kingdom, fell victim to one of the formidable dangers with which navigation in those northern waters has always been attended, and which will always present themselves no matter what safeguards are provided and maintained.

The loss of the Bright Fan confirms the worst fears of those who, knowing the hazards of the Hudson Bay route, looked askance at the expenditures made in an attempt to outfit nature in one of her most dangerous aspects. It is true that a similar disaster may not occur again for a considerable time, and the hope is that it will not; but the risks remain and the odds are adverse, and however isolated these major and minor mishaps may be, the risks must always be taken into account. The shoe pinches most severely, from a business point of view, in the effect of these risks

That Body of Ours

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 HOSPITAL AS AN ECONOMIC UNIT

Sir—We have been in the past looking at the benefits of hospital service almost entirely from the philanthropic and altruistic viewpoint. There is, however, another important feature that we seldom hear mentioned—the economic value of the hospital to the state.

It is recognized by political economists, the world over, that the best economic asset the state can have is, STRONG HEALTHY CITIZENS. In producing STRONG HEALTHY CITIZENS the hospital plays an important part.

Dr. Louis Dublin, the famous statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, calculates that in the United States a capital value of about \$9,000 may be set upon the average male child at birth, and about \$4,600 on the average female. His method is to capitalize the excess of their probable future earnings over their costs of maintenance through life.

If Dr. Dublin's deductions are correct, and we have no reason to doubt them, this one operation, which could not have been performed without hospital service, provided the family of five reach the expectation of life, will have added in the aggregate an economic value of about \$345,000, to the state, or more than sufficient to build the Hospital, the corner stone of which will be laid today.

The erection of the new Prince Edward Hospital, which when completed will rank among the most modern hospitals in the Maritime Provinces, was made possible by the generous donations of the people of this Province, and will stand, in years to come, as a monument to the altruistic and philanthropic efforts of the people of this generation.

The total amount subscribed to the Campaign Fund of 1930 was \$195,994.80. The amount paid in to date is \$112,172.82 leaving a balance of \$83,821.98 still due on pledges.

The public are aware that the Hospital is now in course of construction, and necessarily funds are urgently required to carry on the work.

The Finance Committee wish to impress upon the subscribers the urgent need of paying the amounts due on pledges at the earliest possible date, and hope to receive a generous response to its request.

I am Sir, etc. W. F. TIDMARSH Charlottetown, P. E. I. Oct. 10, 1932.

upon hull and cargo insurance. Normally, these rates are very much higher than those prevailing in the St. Lawrence route, and the Government has been endeavoring latterly to secure more favorable terms for Hudson Bay shipping than underwriters have been inclined to give. These efforts are believed to have met with some success, based upon the navigation record of last year and upon the provision of such safeguards as have been available. The sinking of the Bright Fan is bound to be a factor in the future determination of this question of insurance. That it will not help the route goes without saying. More likely than not, it will revive the proposal that the Government itself take over the insurance of grain vessels trading out of Churchill, a proposal which should receive no consideration from a Government which has any conception at all of its responsibility to the taxpayer.

The Poet's Corner

NASTURTIUMS Leaves luxurious, large, Hung like moons on the stalk, Sprawling from marge to marge, Fringing my garden walk, Supple and sleek you twine Facing the tranquil west, Velvety veined, each line Breathing of warmth and rest.

Then when the waiting earth Thrills at the touch of spring, Stung into sudden birth, Up to the light you fling Passionate-hued like fire, Petal and pointed horns, Restless as sharp desire, Dainty as virgin scorn.

So should the singer go, Drinking the friendly air, Calm, unimpassioned, slow— Then in a moment rare, Losing the pent desire, Thrilled with a reckless may, Break into fury and fire, Sparkle and flash with light.

—A. C. Benson.

Sponging On Shopkeepers

(Victoria Daily Colonist)

The tradesman has to pay for his goods. He has to rent or pay taxes on store premises. He has to pay wages and the cost and the upkeep of a delivery van. All these payments must be met. On the other hand, he has too many customers who telephone their orders, receive the goods and then postpone payment often for months on end, and sometimes longer. The goods are used and enjoyed and the storekeeper is kept out of pocket. It is this made all the harder for him to meet those obligations which are compulsory if he is to remain in business.

The category of those sponged on by a considerable section of the public includes doctors and dentists as well, and others. A poor moral conception of business obligations has been developed in recent years. It is time for a change. The prompt payment of debts where the debtors are in a position to meet their bills should be resumed. It is no wonder that so many should have become impregnated with the doctrine of repudiation when they order their domestic economy in a manner which savors of such an attitude towards legitimate debts.

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"Mackenzie King Is Through"

(Full text of editorial in the Oct. 3rd issue of the Vancouver Sun, leading Liberal newspaper of British Columbia.)

If a newspaper is to be of any practical use to its community and to its country, it must boldly deal with the unpleasant and distasteful things as well as with the pretty and cheerful topics. In the face of this duty, then, it is the considered opinion of The Vancouver Sun that, as a political leader, Mackenzie King is through. His political usefulness to Canada is ended.

Were he permitted to continue as leader of Liberal thought in Canada, the progress of this Dominion would be retarded and Liberal thinking itself would be stultified. He is set. He is stodgy. He has got himself into a rut. Withdrawn within himself and living the intellectual life of a recluse, he is out of touch and out of tune with trends and with people.

His speech in London last fell on the Beauharnois situation and his speech in Elgin last week dealing with some of the problems of the day show how completely he has disassociated himself with popular sentiment. Admittedly he knew nothing about the real use and significance of Beauharnois. He was more concerned with his own wounded pride.

Injured vanity and academic quibbling will no longer run this country. We must have someone at Ottawa who not only understands the new ideas of economy that have been made necessary by the machining of industrial and soil production, but Ottawa must have a leader who has the energy to put those ideas into immediate operation.

It is too great a sacrifice to sentence the boys and girls of today to another ten or fifteen years of national stagnation. In their interests, the problems that face the Dominion today must be solved—not translated into mere intellectual chewing gum. Mackenzie King has been in government, in and out of office, since 1910. It is too long. Always academic in outlook, dilettante in thought, he has come to a point where his ego has jelled. He refuses to recognize new ideas. He does not know the new technique of trade and human relations and he will not learn it.

Engrossed in his own self and in what posterity will think of HIM, Mackenzie King has fossilized. Life, modern life, whirling teeming life has simply passed him by. Mackenzie King is kind and courteous and learned. He is scholarly, able and honest. But mere courtesy and honesty and scholarship will not buy children shoes and food and opportunity.

Mackenzie King's inert policy of "do nothing" is utterly in conflict with the present temper of the Canadian people. It is utterly at variance with the principles of ascendant Liberalism, which is greater than all parties, greater than any leader. Canada owes Mackenzie King nothing. She has given him a job and an office for twenty years. She has fed him and clothed him and done him high honor. In return, Mackenzie King stood smugly by while the Fordney and other tariffs made Bennett and his high tariff policy possible. He is an accessory before the fact in the economic ruination of this country.

It would be a much more pleasing task to compliment and laud and cheer Mackenzie King. But Canadians are out of work, out of money and lacking an economic technique that will secure them either. The sacrifice is too great. These are things that must be said. Liberalism, surging forward today all over the civilized world, is the force that will restore Canadian prosperity. The march of Liberalism cannot be hampered or hindered by the inertia of the isolated recluse of Kingsmere. Mackenzie King is definitely and irrevocably through.

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