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EXPERIMENTAL FARMS

The splendid system of experimental farms throughout Canada has rendered uncalculable service...

The purpose of an experimental farm is to try out different methods, different seeds, different fertilizers and explain the comparative results ascertained...

In this province there is one experiment which has not been tried and which, if tried and demonstrated to a conclusion, would prove of great value to the whole province and its future...

There is a general idea that a farm lying vacant and abandoned for several years will require many years of re-building and re-fertilizing before it can be made profitably productive...

Few farmers can afford to try this experiment. The cost of purchasing the farm, stock and implements with the prospect of spending indefinite years in restoring the soil's fertility would naturally deter any man from such a venture...

Could not one of our most unimproving vacant farms be taken over by the Agricultural Department and worked as a Demonstration Farm? This, it appears to us, is the only way in which our vacant farms can be re-occupied...

"MAGIC WELLS"

Under the title "Magic Wells" a collection of sermons preached by the late Rev. Julian C. Jaynes in the course of his long ministry has been published in book form since his lamented death in June last when on his way with his family to their summer home at Keppoch, this province...

Notes By The Way

Mr. George H. Barbour, Chief Prohibition Inspector, has published an interesting table showing the number of liquor prescriptions issued by the doctors of this province during the month of October last...

The physicians of this province are as a rule, men of character, medical skill and experience, and it may be presumed that they stand on a level with those practising a most necessary and useful profession in the other and larger provinces of Canada...

We must also consider the views and wishes of the patients, as well as those of the doctors. In the days before prohibition, and when a doctor's prescription was not a prerequisite to obtaining alcoholic treatment, many patients were accustomed to prescribe for themselves, and did so quite convinced that they knew a sure and certain cure for their bodily ills...

"The keys of the world are in strenuous hands—hands calloused with toil, hands tense with determination, hands strong with the discipline of service, hands piece with the nails of crucifixion and scarred with the flames of trial..."

WHY THEY GROW

"Flowers grow only for those who love them." One frequently hears surprise expressed that some one's flowers grow so luxuriantly and apparently with little care and as a matter of course while one's own appear to be continuously struggling for life and with but indifferent success...

One of our Canadian soldiers who spent some time in Belgium during the war was surprised to find that practically all the horses in Belgium were fine-looking animals, strong, sturdy and well groomed. He had many opportunities for finding the secret. The Belgian's loved their horses; the children loved them and the horses, young and old, were almost part of the family...

Among all the animals on the farm this principle holds. There is much more affection and capacity for affection locked up in the hearts of the most obtuse of our domestic animals than we usually give them credit for.

Happenings Of The Week

LAUGHTER

A laugh is just like sunshine: It freshens all the day, It tips the peak of life with light, And drives the clouds away. The soul grows glad that hears it, And feels its courage strong— A laugh is just like sunshine For cheering folk along!

A laugh is just like music; It lingers in the heart, And where its melody is heard The ills of life depart. And happy thoughts come crowding, Its joyful notes to greet— A laugh is just like music For making living sweet!

The Prince of Wales Wednesday took the oath—as a member of House of Lords—of allegiance to his father. The Prince, limping slightly as the result of a recent accident, appeared with his official summons clutched in his hand, to find a long line of peers waiting to be sworn. As a member of the Royal Family, the Prince is entitled to proceed to the head of the line, a privilege which his brother, the Duke of York, availed himself Tuesday. But England's next King refused to take the short cut and moved slowly around the room with the rest of the procession until his turn came.

The Dumbells Company left Halifax this week for Toronto where they will remain for four weeks rehearsing a new revue. Mr. Ross Hamilton is spending a few days in Amherst, visiting relatives.

The outstanding event of the week, was, of course, the Baby Show in aid of the P. E. Island Hospital. All afternoon, adoring relatives and friends crowded the Hearts Memorial Hall, where over one hundred and thirty happy young mothers, and handsome babies were the centre of attraction. There never was such a showing, and it will be a long time before the happy event fades from memory. A dainty tea was served by the Ladies Aid of the P. E. I. Hospital, under whose auspices it was arranged.

Mrs. F. J. Nash was among the Bridge hostesses this week, entertaining at several tables last evening.

As Mr. Bonar Law, the new Prime Minister is a widower—his wife died in 1909—the duties of hostess at No. 10 Downing Street will devolve upon the eldest shoulders of his eldest daughter, Lady Sykes; his youngest daughter is still in her teens. Lady Sykes is a comparatively recent bride, her marriage having taken place in 1920, when her distinguished husband was Director of Civil Aviation. A tall, fair woman, with a great deal of dignity, Lady Sykes is well qualified to carry the burden of her new responsibilities. From the time of her mother's death she was the constant companion of her father, for whom she has even made little political speeches—always very bright and amusing and tactful—into the bargain. Indeed, tact is one of the qualities with which she is most liberally endowed. She was brought up in a thoroughly domesticated atmosphere, and therefore has been few happier households before the war came to rob the Prime Minister of two of his four sons. Major-General Sir Frederick Sykes, the husband of the new hostess at No. 10, was one of the most distinguished of our Air Chiefs during the war, and only a few months ago he published an interesting book on "Aviation in Peace and War," in which a particularly grim forecast was given of the air warfare of the future.

One of the prettiest teas of the season was given by Mrs. Ed Nicholson on Wednesday afternoon in honor of Miss Blanche Nicholson, at her pretty home at 13 Fitzroy Street, the guests being welcomed at the door by the winning young daughter of the house, Miss Pauline. In the tea room, with its pretty flowers, and dainty appointments, the assistants were, Miss Lorna Weeks, Miss Roma Stewart, Miss Helen Johnstone, Miss Edna Gordon, and Miss Leitha Laird, while Mrs. P. W. Turner, and Mrs. Ross McEwen, poured, and Mrs. J. O'Donnell cut the loaves.

The doctors of St. Peter's appear to bear the palm for issuing the lowest average of liquor prescriptions—14. O'Leary comes next with 20, followed by Kensington with 24; Charlottetown with 29, Souris with 35, Montague, 37, Alberton 43 and Summerside 49. But these figures, however interesting, prove little as to the general sobriety of the people in those various localities, or the wisdom of their respective doctors. Liquor at the rate of some 15,500 bottles yearly appear to have been issued by vendors for medicinal use mainly assuming that the average prescription is for one bottle only. That would make something more than one bottle for each and every family in the province or over three bottles for each family using it medicinally, assuming that two thirds of our people do not use it. Outside of this is the much larger sale by bootleggers, mainly for use as a beverage. This illegal traffic has increased greatly and is increasing. Whither are we drifting?

One of the most interesting letters in your issue of Monday last asking some questions which have been the subject of much discussion in the Province, was the question of the importation and exportation of intoxicating liquor. In other words the question before the people really is whether this province, where the majority for a generation has shown itself in favor of prohibition, are determined to close up the loopholes through which liquor is flowing—or shall we say dribbling—out through the island. These questions that Mr. Lawson asks seem to be a wholesome indication that the public is at last taking the question out of the sphere of sentimentality, where narrowing pictures of the drunkard's grave are depicted, and are realizing that the point involved is one of social welfare—the question of the health and well being of the next generation, a scientific and social question, as Dr. Saleeby so ably pointed out, and not a sentimental one. Mr. Lawson...

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.

Clifton Bridge

Sir—Your column, "The Public Forum" has been carefully read by many, and of course, has been responsible for some letters which should never have been printed. While I know the paper does not in many cases, endorse the opinions expressed, such letters have appeared over the signature of J. D. McIvor, who is liable on our fair P. E. I. when read by people living away in other parts, of course, it is only a reflection on his home, and experience of a few who were rearer in a remote part of the Garden of the Gulf. The man from Clifton it seems to me is getting nearer the seat of the reason for auction sales, etc. But in today's Column, appears a letter signed "New London" which is intended as a criticism on the present government, an aggregation which I have no intention of upholding. Had the critic attacked "the new bridge built" at Clifton, New London, I would not have disagreed with him, but his statement in that connection is so unjust that it should be contradicted in detail. As a resident of New London I have watched the work, which he calls "booth work" at different stages and while I have seen parts of it done in different parts of Clifton, I must say that in my estimation it was the most mechanical piece of bridge work I have yet seen, and today stands a credit, not only to the government but also to Mr. Kemble Watson of St. Peters, who superintended the work. All the storms we have experienced this fall have had no effect on it. Very fine, it is that the approaches to this bridge are bad, but that is easily accounted for, and is of course today the fault of the past. For many years shore sand was piled on, but this year the gravelly soil from the brow of the hill was carried on. Naturally (like the house we read of in Holy Writ) when the wind blew and the water came, what was sand and settled and bad joints are there at the approaches. Such statements as the bridge being built on five inch piles are not only false but childish. There is not a single spruce pile in the structure, all are costly crossties.

I will not impose on your valuable space to contradict other statements in connection with this work, but will allow all who cross this bridge to judge for themselves. I am, Sir, etc. ANOTHER NEW LONDONER.

What Kind of a Man? Sir,—I noticed in this morning's Guardian a letter from Mr. W. K. Rogers complaining that he has been very unjustly treated by the Provincial Treasurer of this Province in reference to an assessment and collection of Fox Taxable...

Mr. Lawson Answered Sir,—I was interested to read a letter in your issue of Monday last asking some questions which have been the subject of much discussion in the Province...

Mr. Rogers further states that he had called me up a short time before the late trial in Summerside and asked me to either accept his cheque for what he considered his proper assessment or to have the trial postponed, as otherwise he would be prevented from going to the Winter Fair with his Poxes. This is only partly true. Mr. Rogers as he has always formerly done simply demanded that we accept his own assessment. He never, however, either personally by the telephone, or in writing, asked me to postpone that trial. Had he done this in respect with the consent of the Attorney for the Government would have been granted.

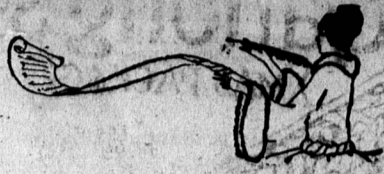
We have both, on several occasions, solicited the autographs of our fellow countrymen to this test. I am one of those who believe that not what others say, but only my own actions can permanently injure me. I have so far managed to conduct my own business without either having to sue or be sued in the courts. The duty of carrying out the provisions of a statute framed and enacted by the representative of every elector in this province has been given to me, and I have endeavored to exercise any authority I am possessed of, equitably and fairly to all. In every instance I have tried to treat people with both consideration and courtesy in the exercise of my duties.

Mr. Rogers has been given every opportunity within the provisions of the Act to have the assessment properly adjusted. If he is in the courts today, he elected of his own choice to go there, rather than comply with the provisions of the statute.

I am, Sir, etc. W. M. LEA, Provincial Treasurer. Dec 1, 1922

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