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A Great Statesman Passes

The death of Sir Robert Borden, reported in today's Guardian, is news of world interest. For among all the statesmen of the British Empire none ranked higher by reason of the great service he rendered as war-time Prime Minister of Canada.

Ben Jonson describes a character in his plays as being "one, whom no servile hope of gain, or frosty apprehension of danger, can make to be a parasite, either in time, place, or opinion". Such was the character of Robert Borden.

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Livestock Market Review

Canada's domestic and foreign trade in live stock and meats during 1936, as well as the prospects for the present year, are comprehensively summed up in the 17th Annual Market Review, just issued by the Federal Department of Agriculture.

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In the Maritime Provinces the marketing of hogs during 1936 showed very substantial increases over 1935. The total at yards and plants and direct on export by New Brunswick was approximately 14,000 head, by Nova Scotia 2,500 and by Prince Edward Island somewhat over 38,000.

In cattle our exports to the United Kingdom were comparatively moderate as compared with exports to the United States; "but," says the Review, "they played a most important part in holding the market from sharp declines in the autumn, a period when the latter market was badly off colour."

The level of cattle prices during 1937 depends, says the Review, on a number of very clearly defined factors. One is the condition of domestic trade and industry, indicated in labour competition, production of mines and newsprint, and the movement of commercial goods in general.

participation in the British market, with our feeder cattle and our better grades of finished cattle, is concerned. Reference is made to the abrupt falling off in lamb production in Prince Edward Island during the year, at least in the volume offered for sale, the output totalling only about 6,500 head as compared with 10,500 the previous year.

Editorial Notes

John Constable, R.A., one of England's greatest landscape artists, was born this date 1776.

Complaints are more prevalent about the condition of the roads. The wet spell intensifies their many defects.

A spirit of optimism is being spread as the result of the tour of the President of the Canadian Bankers Association. He knows whereof he speaks.

Sir Robert Borden's name was one to conjure with in this province. He founded our railway port of entry which is named after him.

We are in the limelight as being the only province with pastures above the average. If we only had the cattle to feed our joy would be complete—or at least, almost.

Many here will be interested to learn that the Knighthood of the Order of St. Gregory has been conferred by Pope Pius upon Mr. Justice A. T. LeBlanc, Supreme Court of New Brunswick.

New York is still attracting British and Continental gold, notwithstanding the margin of profit has been reduced. Her vaults are nearing bursting point—her predicament being that of the storm-tossed water-parched sailor, only its "gold, gold everywhere and not an ounce to sell."

Just imagine what business would be like here were every girl with bare legs prohibited from lurching in our restaurants. Yet London, evidently, will not tolerate them, and four Canadian girls had to don stockings before they could eat in the B.B.C. restaurant.

Sessions of the Royal Grain Commission may be extended to Great Britain and the Continent, where the markets are, and it is also suggested that the commission investigating the prison system may cross the ocean.

The Marchioness of Aberdeen, widow of our former Governor-General, is to be the hostess of Prime Minister Mackenzie King when he goes to the north to receive, with Prime Minister Joseph Lyons of Australia, the coveted distinction and honour of the Freedom of the City of Aberdeen.

One of the most resourceful individuals we have known in a long and checkered career, writes a financial editor, was the chap who lived by the side of the tracks of a railway, and kept himself in coal by making faces at the railroad engineers. But his ingenuity did not equal or surpass that of the financier whose fortune was found to have shrunk from \$100,000,000 to \$15,000,000 when estate duty came to be paid.

A plebiscite in connection with the inauguration of a Government Health Insurance scheme in British Columbia has resulted in approval by a large majority, only six out of about 45 ridings voting in the negative. All the larger urban ridings with the lone exceptions of Victoria city and neighboring Esquimalt were in favor of the plan which Premier Pattullo has said must benefit only "those who make contributions thereto."

If the view is not clear, an autoist may not enter an intersection until he assures himself that another vehicle is not approaching on his right, Mr. Justice Denis ruled in Superior Court, Montreal, in condemning Paul E. Valiquette to pay the Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals \$239.85 and costs following an automobile accident at St. Lambert September 15 of last year.

There is little prospect of Major Douglas making any headway with Social Credit in Alberta so long as Premier Aberhart rules the roost. Challenging Major C. H. Douglas to show how he would bring "bold and successful action" to inaugurate Social Credit in Alberta, Premier Aberhart commented on a London report of the British economist's latest book, "The Alberta Experiment."

Notes By The Way

"The real General League of Nations," says General Smuts in the British Empire on Coronation Day, begins its work at St. James's Palace the statement of the Dominion and India assemble for a momentous Imperial Conference.

A breakdown of U. S. statistics on advertising expenditure for 1936 shows that 18.9 percent purchased radio time, thirty-three percent went to magazines, and forty-seven percent to newspapers.

The trials of people who write big heavy books are many, not the least of them being a feeling of responsibility toward readers. Miss Margaret Mitchell, who wrote you know what, (Gone with the Wind) recently received from an old lady in Ureana, Illinois, a long letter expressing her admiration of Miss Mitchell's work and saying she hoped that there would be a sequel.

How different are nations from caterpillars? Driven by over-population and economic necessity, the caterpillar horde has started to march. Millions were wiped out by gasses, sprays, motor vehicles and the birds. And the human family, despite the lesson of 20 years ago, is mobilizing in parts of Europe and making ready for its caterpillar hike to destruction.

In the "Twenty-Years Ago" column of yesterday's paper there was this: "H. G. Wells predicted a revolution in England, saying labor troubles would wipe out the way. The revolution didn't come. What came instead was that admirable capacity of the British to adapt the capitalist system to change."

As we think of these Russian scientists, with their portable folding, warmly-lined, duralumin house, with their condensed foods in which vitamins are carefully provided and with alcohol for sponge baths and temperatures that change in the air like metal.

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The U. S. S. R. organ, Pravda, calls for broader anti-religious work, stating that believers are becoming bolder and more active, while the Godless League, the trade unions and other organizations are regrettably inactive. Religion, the newspaper states is reviving, particularly in the countries where the heads of some collective farms even conduct church councils and others allow Bibles reading, choir singing and evening entertainment under the direction of priests. In this respect Russia seems to be undergoing the experience of other lands that in the past made war on the people's faith. Religion prevails in the end.—Montreal Gazette.

That Body of Ours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

INSULIN SHOCK TREATMENT OF DEMENTIA PRAECOX—PERSISTENT DREAM STATE—STILL UNDER TRIAL

A physician is like any other man in that when he believes he has found something that will cure or help to cure some obstinate or "incurable" ailment he wants to try his treatment and have other physicians try his treatment on every case of this kind.

After a little more time has passed other physicians trying this method of treatment find that it does not help their cases. Some of these physicians will say nothing about their failure, but others will come out "boldly" and say that the treatment is worthless.

One of the recent "cures" that is being discussed favorably and unfavorably by the medical profession is the "insulin cure for dementia praecox"—the persistent dream state—the condition in which the patient has worked out a system of living that satisfies him but which renders him unfit to earn a living or take his place in family or business life.

For this reason, a warning to patients, families, and physicians is given in a recent editorial of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

It is now being tried out in New York and Massachusetts State Hospital systems, and other places, after which trial we should know the real value of this method of treating dementia praecox.

Mr. Dunning's First Job

(Canada's Weekly London) The Hon. Charles A. Dunning, Canadian Minister of Finance, arrived in Leicester on Monday morning to attend the inauguration of the "Canada Calling Leicester" campaign at a luncheon at the Grand Hotel.

Before leaving Leicester 35 years ago, Mr. Dunning was employed in Wright's foundry, and on Monday afternoon he paid a visit to the foundry to renew acquaintance with the few men with whom he used to work and who are still employed there. They were Mr. Alfred Tompkin, who was his foreman, but who has been on a lighter job during the latter part of his 56 years at the foundry; Mr. Harry Chapman, an employe for 40 years; and Mr. Leonard Noble, who has been at the foundry for 39 years.

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DODDS KIDNEY PILLS. TREATMENT FOR BACKACHE, HEADACHE, RHEUMATISM, BLADDER TROUBLES, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, GRAVEL, GOUT, URIC ACID, SANDS, STONES, AND ALL URIC ACID AFFECTIONS.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The editor necessarily endorses the opinions of correspondents.

CIVIC LAW

I read with much interest Taxpayer's letter in this Morning's Guardian. I may say that I am in sympathy with the stand that he is taking, but as I am not a property owner I have not felt that I had a right to ask for higher taxes. I did, however, urge Mayor Turner to have the tax rate raised and he did what he could, but I understand that the whole Council opposed him.

I shall be glad if Taxpayer will do me the favour of calling at the office to discuss this and other matters relating to the welfare of this City and Island. It is evident from the letters that he takes a keen interest in public matters. I am, Sir, etc. H. K. S. HEMMING

"That Delight In War"

(Montreal Star) It is not clear why Mr. Samuel Pepys, Clerk of the Acts and high officer in His Majesty's Navy, was so annoyed over the Irish Doctor who preached on the text: "Scatter them, O Lord, that delight in War." He describes it as a tedious, un-reasonable and impertinent sermon. There have been naval officers that delight in war, but Pepys was not one of them.

Now the prayer of the Psalmist,—"Scatter them, O Lord, that delight in war,"—has been answered. Horace speaks of "the long sport of war," but there is no longer anything jovial or hilarious about that sport. Men have become too serious, too deadly in its pursuit, so that those who delight in it have been scattered. There are some who may still consider it a gainful pursuit; but they are pretty well fearful and scattered also.

For long it was held that war was a noble thing in itself and that combat was inseparable from the life of humanity. For long the same opinion was held about duelling. If a man's honour was insulted, there was nothing for it but to fight, and the recipient of the insult might lose his life as easily as the insulted. The thing now seems idiotic beyond imagination. There is a growing opinion that peace is a noble thing in itself. The pacifist tells us so in many voices. This is quite as untrue as the similar view about war. War is always deadly, but peace may easily become a foul tranquility from which the wise man will pray to be delivered over to war.

It is life that is the precious thing, a noble thing in itself. It is a rich inheritance to be used to give opportunities to all, to protect the weak, to restrain the cruel and selfish. In the accomplishment of these things, war or peace, conflict and co-operation are but incidents on the way. "I am come that ye might have life," said Jesus. He did not promise a pampered life, not even a peaceful life, nor always a warlike life, but an abundant life. He promised a life with peace at the heart, in clouds or storms or sunshine chasing one another around the circumference, according to the weather and the voyage. Today the south wind may blow softly and tomorrow a tempestuous wind such as struck Ulysses on his raft and forced him to swim for it nine days before he can crawl ashore. It is a poor thing if a man has nothing he is ready to fight for, to die for, if need be. If war is made for the sake of righting some horrible wrong, or setting free a country from abuse by tyrants and evil governors, then it is not a thing of shame, but of honor. If one nation invades the peaceful territory of another, then the invaded must appeal to force and sternly repel the aggressor. But that men should think it admirable to spill each other's blood for vain-glory and for passion and for greed will sometimes be thought an inconceivable and intolerable thing.

The great thing is that one have a high standard of character and retain one's self-respect in war or peace. One has to live with oneself in war or peace, and to do that on good terms, without conceit, is sufficiently difficult. The thing to be aimed at is life—life more abundantly.

To develop that life that inner life, is the work of religion. The inner self is the spirit of man, with a long life behind it and before it; one cannot mould it or control it; it is oneself. It commands and does not obey; it lives and does not reason. Its joys and its sorrows and pains of the body, but only as it winks ruffles the surface of a sleeping lake. It knows what belongs to its peace. It knows all our unhappiness in the world comes from mistaking where our real life lies. "Move onward," says Ben on, "serenely, cast aside regret, cleanse and purify life, only be undismayed and hopeful, as you turn page after page of the revelation of God. This is the meaning of the infinite desires we feel, the emotion that would embrace every-

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The Poet's Corner FROM THE GOLDEN BOOKS And did those feet in ancient time Walk upon England's mountain green And was the holy Lamb of God On England's pleasant pastures seen And did the Countenance Divine Shine forth upon our clouded hills? And was Jerusalem builded here Among these dark Satanic mills? Bring me my bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire! Bring me my spear: O clouds, unfold, Bring me my charriot of fire! I will not cease from mental fight, Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand, Till we have built Jerusalem In England's green and pleasant land. -From Milton (William Blake 1757-1827)