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THE OTHER SIDE

While Premier Mackenzie King is proudly "pointing to his record" in the west and jubilantly proclaiming that under his beneficent rule conditions are growing better and better in Canada, his friend and ally, the Montreal Daily Star, is telling its readers about conditions in Montreal, "the Metropolitan city of Canada." What the Star says as an organ of the C. P. R. or other big interests is usually taken with more than the proverbial grain of salt, but when it discusses conditions in its own city and where its personal interests are not involved, its opinions carry the weight of the ordinary newspapers.

The picture the Star draws of employment conditions in Montreal is in startling contrast to the political pictures drawn by Liberal artists who delight in the extravagances of so-called optimism. In its issue of Oct. 11th, the Star says: "For months it has been realized by social workers in close contact with the workers and the needy in our midst that the coming winter threatens to be the worst in our history. Away back in midsummer charitable societies were compelled to give relief, societies which usually have no such demands made upon them until the chill days of Autumn arrive."

"For months!" "Away back in midsummer" when our Liberal Prime Minister and his echoes throughout the country were declaring that the temporarily deluded Canadians who had gone to the United States were returning in thousands to the better and more remunerative employment under the "beneficent rule" of the King government! "Away back in midsummer" when the Minister of Labor announced that the unemployment scare was but an invention of "blue ruin" Liberals!

"On all sides," says the Star, "we hear of men being 'laid off.'" The railroads are earning less or much less—and consequently reducing expenses. Naturally the wage bill is cut down first " &c. &c. But how glibly our twenty and ten and four thousand dollar men, whose wage bill will not be cut down while they can hold their seats, tell us that times are growing better and better every day in every way under the "beneficent rule" of the uncrowned King!

Montreal is but one city in Canada; conditions elsewhere are similar and the fact remains that the boasted fiscal policy of the King government has never given a day's wage to any wage earner while it has taken the bread out of thousands of mouths and driven hundreds of thousands to seek employment in other countries. And still we are told that Premier King "pointed proudly to the record of his government!"

EDITORIAL NOTES

Oh, Boy!—Laughter and tears. What more democratic could we have than a pipe in the Prince's mouth and both in a "Tin Lizzie" with Henry.

A Utah doctor centenarian, who has been thrice married, attributes his longevity to the fact that he has taken his own medicine. Whose medicines did his wives take?

The City Water Commissioners should be made responsible for all prescriptions rendered necessary to make the brackish water palatable.

Reading about "perfect lovers" and other matrimonial entanglements reminds one that for the movie star life is just one incon-

stant husband-or wife - after another.

A true bill has been returned by St. John's grand jury against J. T. Meaney, ex-Liquor Controller who was the chief instrument in the downfall of Premier Squires. The bitter bit.

Maurice Wilbur Reardon, the boy scout did more in his brief span of twelve years to make the world better and pleasanter to live in than probably a thousand ordinary mortals. Rest gentle Shade awaiting Master's will; then rise unchanged and be an Angel still.

These two great Liberal statesmen, Lord Atholstan, of the Montreal Star and Lord Beaverbrook, of the London Express, are of one mind, viz that "diehards have at ways been wrong." That's why they themselves so frequently change their coats to suit the passing whim.

When Lord Rosebery retired from the office of leader of the Liberal party in the 'nineties he stated in his farewell oration that the time would come when there would be but two parties in the state, the "Haves" and the "Have-nots" and the then party shibboleth would be forgotten. His lordship has lived to see his prediction verified.

Congressman John Hill of Baltimore is contemplating man's inhumanity to man. Out of the generosity of his heart and because of the abundance of the apple crop, he distributed a keg of cider to each of one thousand of his neighbors. He has been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury because the apple "fizz" contained 2.75 "kick". Now had he been in Newfoundland?

The leader of the Rifles of Morocco at war with Spain is Abdel Krim. But Krim's technical adviser is a Scotsman who has helped him from the beginning. He speaks Arabic like a native, and his knowledge of war was gained as an officer in the Greys. He is a daring professional soldier, to whom war and adventure are life itself. At present this mysterious Scot is in London negotiating for armistice of War through a third nation which is prepared to act, for a consideration, against all international law, as intermediary.

An attempt is being made to bring together the provincial and Federal wings of the Conservative party in Quebec, and Hon. Arthur Meighen has accepted an invitation to inaugurate a series of luncheons to be given under the auspices of the Young Conservatives' Association. The leader of the Opposition will be in Quebec city on Saturday, and will spend part of the week end conferring with his local supporters. It is understood that he will announce a series of political rallies in the Eastern section of the province.

A taxation conference between the Dominion and Provincial Governments will take place next month the object to define the respective taxing spheres of the Federal and Provincial governments with a view to avoiding overlapping. It seems counting municipalities, there are over 6,000 taxing bodies in Canada, and a business, like insurance for instance is likely to be subject to much vexatious questionnaires and impost. So far as some of these taxes are concerned, would it not be good business all round for the provinces to transfer their rights to the Dominion in exchange for an increased per capita subsidy?

Notes By The Way

For a Cabinet Council at Ottawa a quorum of four members is required, which seems small enough as there are eighteen Ministers, and very important appointments and orders in council are passed upon at these meetings. But a good Liberal Journal lets us into the secret that there are not always four in attendance. It tells with some gusto how not long ago when the point was raised that there was not the required number present, the difficulty was solved. "I myself am a quorum!" said George P. Graham. And so he was found to be when the situation was explained to his two colleagues. He was present as Minister of Railways, again present as Acting Premier, again as Acting Minister of Health and again as Acting Minister of Militia and Defence.

The King's Government must be carried on, even if the King is yet uncrowned. To that end Acting Ministers must act. And in their acting they achieve prodigies. It was no trick at all for conjurers like these to call up a surplus of 35 millions from the vasty deep of a deficit of 42 millions last year. The National Railways were made to "shoulder" the difference, as the Toronto Globe pleasantly stated it, and the thing was done! The great R. H. W. L. M. King asserted at Edmonton that the surplus really exists and some ignorant persons believe it, but any who are better informed know that it is as much a fake as Mr. Graham's quorum.

That quorum! It reminds one of the sailor's song, the singer being the sole survivor of a ship wrecked crew who under pressure of famine had killed and eaten one another until he alone was left. Realizing that he now embodied all the others, and elated with the thought he broke into song. He felt himself to be a quorum:

O, I am the cook and the captain bold, And the mate of the Nancy brig, And the bos'n tight and the midship mite, And the crew of the captain's gig!

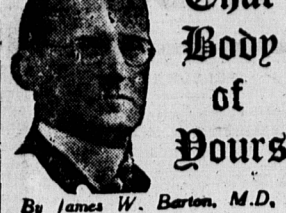
And that surplus! It is by no means the first time that a surplus has been faked. It has been attempted again and again by bankrupt governments when they were being engulfed in debts and deficits. We recall an instance of the kind over in New Brunswick. The government of the day were face to face with the electors, and one of its illiterate defenders at a political meeting shouted, "You can't deny that we had a surplus!" A roar of laughter followed the interruption and the "surplus" became a by-word. Here the Bell Government had a "surplus" that only helped to drown them. A faked surplus has always proved to be bad medicine for any government and so it will prove to be for the quorum makers and surplus fakers at Ottawa.

Canada is a great country, and as we have said before, nothing but the hand of Heaven or our own folly can blight its prospects. But the Dominion has been passing through hard trials, war debts and high taxes. What remedies have the King Government proposed to bring us better days? Canada had too many railways, more mileage than the country could support. The ministers themselves said so, although the Laurier Government had been the chief sinner in building the thousands of miles of the Transcontinental and Grand Trunk Pacific. Sir Henry Thornton said the same thing. And yet the imbeciles at Ottawa have been moving Heaven and earth to build a thousand miles of new railways to load upon the shoulders of the tax-burdened Canadian people!

Could folly and madness go further than this? Yes! Under the King Government it could and did. The people cried out for economy to lighten their burdens. The hypocrites in power at Ottawa said, "We are for economy." Then they proceeded to raise the salaries of all the eighteen or twenty Deputy Ministers in all the Departments. Next they raised the salary of the Auditor-General from \$7,000 to \$15,000 a year. Then they proceeded to create new offices by the score, Commissioners and what not, at \$10,000 and upward to \$50,000 with Heaven knows how much more for travelling expenses. Last session they provided for another, a Bank Inspector, at \$25,000. This is King Government economy. Does the reader wonder that we call them hypocrites and fakers?

A fairly good island farm cleared from the bush by hard toil and representing the labor of a life-time to its owner, is worth, say \$5,000. Every one of the scores of \$10,000 salaries created by the King Government sweeps away in one year

That Body of Hours



By James W. Barton, M.D.

HELP THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

One of the difficulties the school physician meets, is the refusal of the parents to have the child's clothing removed during the physical examination. The physician does the best he can under the circumstances, and by looking into the child's mouth, sees the condition of teeth and throat.

He is also able to examine the eyes, and ears, the heart, and to a limited extent, the lungs also. But one of the fundamental points is lost, because he is unable to see, in the majority of cases, the child's back, and the position of that important part—the spinal column.

After all you know, it is your back bone that literally keeps you erect, and if it be bent, then some organs are bound to suffer. People with the bent spines do not live as long as other people, because other organs, heart, lungs, liver and so forth cannot function properly. A slight curvature in a youngster is very easily corrected, where as when they get into their later teens it becomes difficult, and an operation is often the only method that will straighten the spine.

The correction as mentioned once before, is to have the child hang to a pair of rings, so that the arms are at the different heights necessary to bring the spine into the straightest possible line. This should be done ten times daily, for about half a minute at a time.

This is the straightening process. To hold it straight, have child lie on abdomen. Now adjust the arms so that the spine becomes straight. In this "key" position have the child raise head and body as high as possible from the floor, six to ten times, rest a few seconds, then raise body six times more.

The hanging and the exercising should be done twice daily. "Your best plan might be to see an orthopedic surgeon, and let him start you off properly. Remember, if you neglect a curved spine it may mean years of exercise, perhaps a plaster cast for years, or finally even an operation."

The big thing in the matter now-a-days is the effort to try and give the chest plenty of room, so that the lungs and heart may have ample space. It is the pressure of the curved or bent side on the internal organs that shortens life. The deformity itself is likewise unpleasant.

So if a request comes from the school to be allowed to have the child's clothing removed, try and take the necessary time to go to the school during the examination. You owe that much to your youngster.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

OCTOBER 16, 1924

ETERNAL PROTECTION:—The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Psalm 121:8.

PRAYER:—God will take care of you. Thro' every day, o'er all the way; He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

POSESSION I have no garden of my own No rows of flowers, no cool, green shade of tree. But kindly robber-breezes blow My neighbor's garden-fragrances to me.

And thro' my kitchen window-pane I see his flowers unfolding to the dawn; The growing beauty of his tree; The loveliness of dewdrops on his lawn.

I have no garden of my own; I may not sit beneath my neighbor's tree; But wherefore should I envy him? In scent and beauty I am rich as he.

—By Constance I. Davies the value of two such farms. In five years it will have devoured ten farms. In five years the \$25,000 salary of the new Bank Inspector will have eaten up 25 farms, and in the same period the \$50,000 salary of the President of the Canadian National Railways will have swallowed 50 farms. Some Conservative farmers do not like this sort of thing. Sometimes we wonder whether our Liberal readers and friends in the country districts do really approve of it. At any rate that is King Government economy, and it is what Hon. Mr. Sinclair and Messrs. McKinnon, Hughes and McLean stand for and support!

London Letter

LONDON, Oct. 13.—The greatest wizard in all the world has just died in London. This was Mr. Nevill Maskelyne, who, in partnership with his father first and afterwards with his sons, has provided London for over 50 years with one of its most popular entertainments. Thousands of visitors from the Dominions have patronized the wonderful show at St. George's Hall, the "Home of Mystery" where illusions were presented that far outclassed the mythical "rope trick" of India.

In one of these, a man was placed in a coffin-shaped box, which was raised two or three feet in the air; the door was opened and he was found standing on his head. The box was again lowered, the door again opened, and the occupant discovered right way up. In another trick a man was strapped in a chair surrounded by a canopy of four poles. His left arm was strapped above his head and a string fastened to his wrist was thrown over the top of the canopy and held by a member of the audience. His right arm was similarly strapped and held, and his legs and body strapped. The curtains of the canopy were then drawn, but in such a way as to permit a uninterrupted view beneath. The man disappeared as the curtains were drawn and the word "Go" given. But no movement was felt by those holding the strings attached to his wrists.

Mr. Maskelyne and his father were the terror of fraudulent spiritualists, whom they exposed again and again, reproducing and improving on their best feats (supposed to be produced by occult means) by mechanical devices and sleight of hand on a fully-lighted stage.

Some of the best Maskelyne illusions has deposed their inventor a year's work. His mechanical genius was exercised in several directions, particularly in the development of "wireless" and his cinematographic camera. He is believed to have been the first man to photograph a shell in flight.

Training the Grocer.

One of the many big trade exhibitions held in London every autumn has been in progress at the Royal Agricultural Hall this week. This is the International Groceries Exhibition, where all the most modern methods of his business are demonstrated for the benefit of the retailer and his assistants. Challenge cups, medals and diplomas were awarded for window-dressing, bacon-slicing, tea-blending, and coffee-roasting. It was a pity that the general public was not invited, as one can imagine that the bacon-slicing at any rate, would make a popular spectacle. At the word "go" the competitors, armed with long knives and saws, pounced on a number of sides of bacon, which when cut had to be priced to bring in a specified rate of profit.

Among the mechanical figures for the shop window was a wax lady, a small one, who is seen to lift her veil, pick up the telephone receiver and order her goods; then up through a trapdoor comes the grocer's boy with the parcels.

Bank of England Moving.

During rebuilding operations, which are to begin about the end of this year and will run as far as 1926, the Bank of England, is to carry on its business in a fine new block of buildings in Finsbury Circus. Some of the departments have already migrated and within the next two months \$640,000,000 worth of bullion and coined gold, and \$625,000,000 of securities will be gradually transferred to the temporary premises of the "old Lady of Threadneedle Street."

Visitors from the Dominions no win London come daily to take a last look at the massive, one-storyed building which has held the leading bank of the world for 136 years. These blind walls (they are windowless except for a few small openings above the main front) enclose four acres of courts and offices and a charming little garden, once the courtyard of a city church. St. Christopher-le-Stocks. Some of the inner buildings are older than the fortress wall, dating back, indeed, from 1734. The Gordon Riots of 1780 when the bank was attacked by the mob, made it clear that the institution could no longer be lighted from outside; hence the present design. The old walls are to remain, but a lofty structure will arise within them.

The Bank of England was incorporated as long ago as 1694, and was the first joint stock institution in England. It was first lodged in the chapel of Mercers' Hall in Lombomoner Lane, and afterwards (till 1734) in Grocers' Hall, both premises belonging to the important City Companies of which we have written before in these letters.

Your Birthday

OCTOBER 16.—You are full of determination and energy, and will never own yourself beaten. You are kindly, sympathetic, and generous, slow to anger, and quick to forgive. You will live a very happy and contented life, if you don't put business first in your life. Never listen to idle gossip, and treasure love. Your birth stone is the opal, which means hope. Your lucky colors are yellow and white.

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Relics of a Queen. The Agent General for South Australia has been exploring London for the last two years in search of relics of Queen Adelaide, wife of William IV, who gave her name to the capital of his state. It might have been thought that a Queen of England of only a hundred years ago would have left many portraits and belongings; but even the National Portrait Gallery had no portrait of the Queen wearing her crown, nor could one be produced by Buckingham Palace, Windsor and the Tower of London put together. Finally an old and battered oil painting of the poor lady in her Coronation robes turned up in a small shop off Covent Garden.

Wheat Production Figures For Year 1924 (Canadian Press) WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The probable production of wheat in the Northern Hemisphere, outside of Russia, will be about 2,700,000,000 bushels, compared with 3,000,000,000 bushels produced last year, says the United States Department of Agriculture, basing its statement on official estimates and forecasts from 25 countries, and unofficial advices from 3 countries. Wheat harvests in the Northern Hemisphere are reported to be practically completed.

W. G. Y. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 WGY (Schneeciady, N. Y.) General Electric Company 790 Kilocycles (350 Meters) Eastern Standard Time

Figures for the 25 countries, which exclude France, Germany, Rumania and Russia, show an aggregate of 2,242,000,000 bushels compared with 2,500,000,000 bushels of the Russian crop is available but various reports indicate that the exportable surplus will be less than last year. Private forecasts of the French crop range from 255,000,000 bushels to 312,000,000 bushels, as compared with 276,000,000 bushels last year.

THE CAST Abe Kaplan, theatrical costumer Edward H. Smith Sophie Kaplan, his wife Helen Campbell Becky, his daughter Rosaline Greene Madge Robertson, a star Marjorie Tyler Percy, a detective John Loftus Fred Bleekman Edward E. St. Louis A customer Agnes Marshall Miss Santley Lola Summers Mrs. Peterson's maid Gemma Votles Stage manager Charles S. Baumes Author Maurice G. Randall An old actor Frank Oliver Pretorius, a playwright John Loftus A society girl Esther Swartz Fred Roccus an actor Jerome Lovenheim Stage hand Burton Anthony The action takes place in New York City. Time: The present. Act I—Interior of a second-hand costume shop. Selection from Opera "Mignon" Thomas Orchestra Act II—A theatrical office (two years later) Selection from Comia-Opera "The Bat" Strauss Orchestra Act III—Kaplan's home (four days later) Selection, "The Record" Englemann Orchestra 11.20 p. m.—Organ recital by Stephen E. Bolcklar, from Proctor's Harmanus Bleecker Hall Albany, N. Y.

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Food and Strength. Remember that the food you take one day supplies the strength you put forth the next. It is then a mistake to take a heavy meal on the day of heavy work. The time to take it is the day before. Wise stablesmen know this, and when a horse has a long day's drive before him they give him only what is called a "check feed," a very light meal, to be followed at night with a heavy one. So there are two good reasons for a man's not eating much on the day of stress. It adds nothing to his strength on that day, and the process of digestion calls the blood to work at the stomach when every ounce of it is needed at the brain. No Time for Work. "The trouble with a smart man," said Jud Thinkins, "is that he's liable to spend more time showin' off than he does workin'."

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