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ECONOMY.

We note by our Saint John exchanges that the Mayor of that city has suggested that a cut of twenty per cent. be made in the appropriations of each of the city departments for the ensuing year. We note, also, that the suggestion is highly approved by the press of the city which, no doubt, represents the sane opinion of the city. We do not, of course, know how the suggestion shall be taken by the ward representatives, the ward heelers—if there be such in that city. In any case we may assume that, publicly at least, the Mayor's suggestion will be heartily approved, but there are others whose interests lie elsewhere—that is, if Saint John is like other cities and like provinces and like the Dominion of Canada as a whole. Everyone, especially everyone in public life, is preaching and promising economy, and, unfortunately, few are practicing it—except those who pay the bills. The ward politician in the city—and we do not mean Saint John alone—wants votes in order to become the dispenser of benefits for the particular ward he represents. To secure more votes than his opponent, he must promise more than his opponent. If elected he must fulfill his promise, particularly if he hopes to continue in office and he insists upon the council building a new street, sidewalk, bridge or setting up a new light, whether it is needed or not—just to show his constituents that he is a live wire in the council. Similarly in provincial and federal matters. Representatives are elected on the strength of pre-election promises to provide public works, emoluments, offices for their constituencies. While not all or even a majority of such pre-election promises are implemented, yet every bay and river and shorefront in the dominion is practically lined with the wrecks of wharves, breakwaters, ferries and what not, built to satisfy clamorous electors or to bribe constituencies. There are railways, elevators, public buildings scattered all over Canada which should never have been built, and which had never been needed except for the sole purpose of demonstrating the ability and influence of some representative or the public spirit of a political party. These bribes to constituencies are yearly costing the taxpayers millions of money, wrung out of the hard-earned revenues of the people. Because of these expenditures the cost of living is increasing year after year, while the men who are preaching economy are themselves the victims of the extravagance of those who elected them. Is it not time that something other than the ambition of a representative or the clamoring of a constituency, determine the wisdom or the unwisdom of expenditure of sectional public works. Would it not be in the interests of the whole country that parliament, federal or provincial or municipal, should, through a special committee, rather than through a representative on a particular section of the country, determine the necessity of expenditure of this kind, thus relieving the direct representative of any responsibility or any credit for the work.

NAVIGATION SCHOOLS

As announced elsewhere in this issue the Prince Edward Island School of Navigation opens on the 8th day of January in the Navy League Building, Charlottetown. This school has been in operation for several years and is equipped with all the appliances and instruments necessary to give a thorough training in seamanship and navigation. Theory and practice are combined in such a way as to give thorough practical experience in all branches of seamanship. The school has earned the reputation of being the best school of navigation in Eastern Canada. It is maintained by the Navy League of Canada, and offers free tuition to all Canadians desiring such a course. In past years students from other parts of the Dominion as well as from this province have been in attendance and there are quite a number of master mariners and mates now sailing the high seas who have received their instruction and their certificates from this school. Captain Allenby, R.N., an officer of the Imperial Navy is again in charge of the school. His long experience in the world's greatest navy, his excellent education and his faculty of imparting knowledge as well as his personal friendliness and kindness assure all intending students that they shall have every possible opportunity to acquire a thorough knowledge of this great profession. We trust that our Prince Edward Island sailors who have climbed part way up to mastership will take advantage of this term to complete their climbing. There is room for well-informed and qualified master mariners and mates and this is an opportunity that should not be missed. Charlottetown always holds out welcoming hands to students and we feel sure the sailor students will find it pleasant as well as profitable to spend a term in the Prince Edward Island School of Navigation.

A HOLD-UP.

That the Hudson's Bay Railway and its prospective route to England is nothing more nor less than a hold-up, was very clearly, though unwittingly, demonstrated by the Mayor of Winnipeg in a speech recently delivered before the Canadian Club in Montreal. Extravagantly expatiating on the fertile fields along the proposed route and the abundant food for man and beast which these unexplored lands promised to add to the resources of Canada, Mayor Webb informed his audience that the present Government was committed to the scheme and it must be built. His announcement was little short of an ultimatum. The road and the whole project must be gone on with or out goes the King Government. The King Government has very pronounced objections to going out; as has been very clearly evidenced in the not distant past and the Hudson's Bay Railway being one of the alternatives, the other going out it may safely be assumed that the H.B.R. will be built. Government engineer's report on the feasibility of this route have been very unfavorable; in fact, the whole project has been called a folly by men who knew what they were talking about. But, in order to secure the support of the West, the King Government committed itself to the project and the work will be undertaken. The probability is that it will never be completed, but enough of it will be completed to cost Canada probably a hundred million dollars or more, which the taxpayers will be obliged to pay and which will be a useless expenditure, just to gratify and to secure the support of the West. One of the disintegrating forces now in operation in Canada at present is this assumed and concerted dominance of certain sections. The Western provinces, by uniting their forces, are in a position to compel the Government to do their bidding no matter at what cost to the country and, for party purposes, they received the support of certain people in other provinces. Some day Canada shall face this sectional dominance and the so-called unity of Canada will be severely threatened. In the meantime the people are busily engaged in paying taxes, fighting for party, and believing promises.

Notes by the Way

Motor car owners in Ontario are getting quick results from Premier Ferguson's election victory in the way of reduced license fees. He had promised a reduction of \$5 in the yearly license on passenger cars which are issued at New Year. This reduction will apply to some 370,000 cars, which in the aggregate makes a very substantial sum.

Press opinions about the Imperial Conference run along two different lines. That which has so far received the most support is that no material change has been made beyond defining more clearly certain principles of inter-imperial relations which were before admitted to exist. The Manitoba Free Press, however, holds that the Conference has placed the Empire on a radically altered basis which assures the Dominion the absolute independence of sovereign States. And the Free Press approves and welcomes that result.

The official report of the Conference has not yet been published. All that is known is from the press reports. The Canadian Parliament and other Parliaments when they come to consider and approve or reject what was agreed upon in London will have the full official record of the Conference before them. More and more it looks as if what the Conference agreed to was the result of a compromise of the true nature of which much has yet to be learned.

There are two irreconcilable views as to what the Conference did. What was greatly feared by many and would be greatly deplored is a result such as the Free Press approves and welcomes. What action the several Dominion Parliaments will take upon the findings of the Conference remains to be seen. One can conceive that there may be sharp conflicts of opinion thereon in several if not all the Dominion Parliaments, and that the majority in one Parliament may not agree with the majority in another Parliament. In fact this seems to be almost inevitable and likely to lead to further confusion and disturbance of such Imperial unity, as has hitherto happily prevailed.

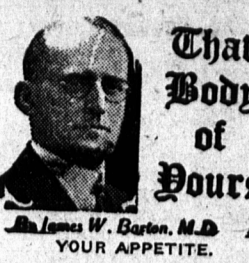
For Canadians who are interested of the centre of interest in such matters has now shifted from London to Ottawa. The Canadian Parliament is the first to meet since the Conference ended and Canada being the oldest and largest of the dominions will be expected to speak first in regard to what was done in her behalf in London. Premier King, we are led to believe, has returned well pleased and exultant. Home affairs of immediate urgency will, however, occupy the attention of our Parliament until after the Christmas adjournment. The overhang of urgent business left by the sudden dissolution last summer was very large.

The Duncan report, a centre of Maritime interest, is expected to receive mention in the Speech from the Throne with some intimation of Government action thereon. Beyond that all is conjecture. The length of the holiday adjournment is yet uncertain and equally so is the order in which the Government may choose to bring before Parliament the many vital questions which await legislative action. That order is entirely a matter for Governmental decision and action which the Opposition is quite powerless to change.

There have been intimations of a desire in the ministerial ranks to make two sessions, of which the period before Christmas should count as one, with two full sessionsal indemnities. Hon. Mr. Robb, who has been acting Premier during Mr. King's absence, is said to have vetoed the proposed double indemnity, but conceded a payment of members' expenses in going home and returning to Ottawa. As they were already free by statute from the trouble of buying tickets, Mr. Robb's timely relief from the other expenses of travel will no doubt prevent any needless suffering in their long journeys from the capital to their homes and back again.

Increased Capacity At Halifax Elevator

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—Increased loading facilities at the government Grain Elevator at Halifax has been decided on. (Hon. James Macdonald, Minister of Trade and Commerce announced tonight that an additional conveyer gallery will be put under construction forthwith with it will go two additional grain belts making a total of four belts operating direct from the elevator each capable of delivering 15,000 bushels of grain per hour.



Dr. James W. Barton, M.D. YOUR APPETITE.

Perhaps you have wondered why your appetite is not good. You are at a loss to understand it because you select your food carefully, and eat only the foods that agree with you. Also you have been careful to spread your meals some hours apart, so that you felt that your time the meal hour arrived. Now, you don't hear so much about calories any more, although they are really important, but you do hear about vitamins and our scientists are now telling us that one of those vitamins has a lot to do with arousing your appetite.

As you know, there is the vitamin A, fat soluble, found in eggs, fats of internal organs, in cod livers and milk. This is needed for growth and development. Then there is vitamin C, found in oranges, lemons, green vegetables, tomatoes, spinach and lettuce, eggs and milk. This prevents scurvy. However, it is vitamin B, found in seeds, green plants, fruits, potatoes, cabbage, spinach, carrots, that these research men tell us has much to do with giving you that hungry feeling. Why? A great extent of appetite is due to the part of the stomach, its walls are made of muscle, as you know, and if this muscle lacks tone it doesn't churn the food around well, and throw it out of the stomach into the intestine.

These scientists admit that any rundown condition of the body, and of the whole muscular system, would also cause a lack of tone in the muscle walls of the stomach, and loss of appetite. However, in advanced cases of deficiency in vitamin B, with loss of appetite and nervous muscular symptoms, there was a rapid improvement in the muscular tone of the stomach by giving the foods containing vitamin B. Now this business of counting the calories, or of figuring out whether or not you are getting sufficient vitamins with your food, can cause you so much thought and anxiety that you can really get more harm than good from it. However, if you are watching the other points mentioned and there is still a lack of appetite, it might be well to increase your intake of vitamins. Really an increase in vegetables and fruits with perhaps kidney and liver. Well, most of us would be wise to use an all round diet daily.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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TRUST IN GOD—"Be not afraid nor dismayed... for the battle is not yours, but God's." 2 Chron. 20:15.

PRAYER—"Help us, Lord, to fight the good fight with all our might unflinching, because we trust Thee."

THE OUTCOME Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide—in the strife of Truth with Falsehood—for the good or evil side: Some great cause—God's new Messiah—offering each the bloom or blight, Parts the goats upon the left hand, and the sheep upon the right—And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light!

Haast thou chosen, O my people, on whose party thou shalt stand, Ere the doom from its worn sandals shakes the dust against our land? Though the cause of Evil prosper, yet 'tis Truth alone is strong; And, albeit she wander outcast now, I see around her throng Troops of beautiful, tall angels, to enshield her from all wrong. Careless seems the Great Avenger: History's pages but record One death-grapple in the darkness, 'twist old Systems and the World— Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne; That Scaffold sways the Future; and, behind the dim Unknown, Standeth GOD within the shadows, KEEPING WATCH ABOVE HIS OWN! —James Russell Lowell.

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The Public Forum

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SCHOOL HOURS

Sir,—I thoroughly agree with your two correspondents of Thursday as to the changes of school hours. In the shortened daylight of winter it is to practically rob our children of the play hours they so much need, a deprivation which becomes the greater if the claim of weaker health is valid. In such a case outdoor exercises is needed more than ever. The proposal to break into those play hours to the point of ruin, will find no friendship with the boys, and very few from parents. A half hour in the morning, and an hour and a half before supper gives no time to play, when thus divided, and destroys outdoor opportunity for healthy exercise.

As for uncleaned paths, most boys, and many girls enjoy a spell of ploughing through banks of snow. Of itself it is often healthy exercise. Many indeed, in poor health, gain strength by exposure to out door severe weather. The case of the primary classes differs, of course, and the small tots, should be separately dealt with. This should be a very easy task. Their curriculum is shorter, their little minds can not be benefited by too much cramming; to make the hours in all primary departments from half past nine to twelve, or better still from ten to half past twelve, during the severe winter months, would amply meet the case. And with the question of health in view, it is doubtful if any school can not be benefited by the advanced class hours from nine to one, until, say the first of March. In any case I protest on my own, and my children's behalf, against this cutting out of our children's play hours, when so much needed. I am, sir, etc., INTERESTED PARENT

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "let he who is guilty speak." Say "let him who is guilty speak." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: Admity. Pronounce the first i as in "it." OFTEN MISPELLED: contempt; note the pt. SYNONYMS: encourage, cheer, buoy, animate, inspire, inspirit. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: ABRUPTLY; suddenly; unceremoniously. "The lady turned abruptly to the speaker."

COUNTESS SALM TO RETURN PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec. 8.

This winter playground will welcome among its early arrivals Countess Salm von Hoogstraeten and her little two-year-old son Peter. The former Millicent Rogers has leased the palatial Harry Caryl Haskins residence on El Bravo Way. Caretakers say the home has been ordered ready for occupancy about December 15.

Rabies in Winter Unusual

(W. L. COTTON)

Man's warmest, liveliest and most faithful friend is just now in a state of trouble. "Cubined, cribbed, confined," bound in to doubts and fears," tied up and muzzled, denied the use of his favorite haunts on the streets and in the back yards where bones are found, the dogs of our town and country are all alike disconsolate and wretched. And the worst of it is they don't know the reason why they have been bereft of their liberty and treated as if they were dangerous enemies. If they were aware that their own lives and the lives of their best friends were endangered by "rabies," and that they and their friends might go mad, if they were allowed their liberty as usual they would of course be reconciled, to some extent to their lot. But kept in ignorance, as well as in prison, and not knowing when they will get out again, they are in a really pitiful condition.

Men and women with their larger knowledge think that the civic and provincial authorities have acted rightly as well as promptly in view of the danger that threatens both dogs and bipeds. Some persons find fault with the order to "tie up" and "muzzle" at the same time. They argue that if the dogs be tied they needn't be muzzled; and if muzzled they might be allowed to go out to the streets. Others contend that "it's better to be sure than sorry" and justify the authorities in all that they have ordered and done. "Safe blind, safe find" is a proverb ever good to "thriftly mind."

Certainly the rabies are not to be trifled with by either dogs or men. In dogs the disease may be of spontaneous development, though it is unusual in the months of winter, just before Christmas and in the midst of summer. Then it is that dogs usually go mad and bite. In man, the disease is according to the authorities "in every instance the result of the inoculation of the virus contained in the secretions of the mouth of the affected animal into a wound or abrasion of the skin or mucous membrane," and in the great majority of cases (90 per cent) this is due to the bite of a rabid dog. But the bites of rabid cats, wolves, foxes, jackals, etc. are, occasionally, the means of conveying the disease. There is no evidence, it is said, that the disease can be introduced into the system without an abrasion on the surface.

Gross errors are, it is also stated prevalent with regard to the signs of madness in the dog. If a dog be seen in the street in a fit, some person at once offers a conjecture that perhaps it may be mad; the next person has no doubt of it, and so the news goes out and the fate of the animal is sealed. But Mr. Yonatt, an English authority, has asserted that "the rabid dog never has fits, that the existence of epilepsy is a clear proof that there is no rabies. According to the same authority, "the disease, as it appears in the dog, is accompanied by a changed expression of countenance, the eyes glisten and there is a slight squinting. Twitchings of the face come on. About the second day a considerable discharge of saliva commences, this does not continue more than ten or twelve hours and is succeeded by insatiable thirst. The dog is incessantly drinking or attempting to drink. He plunges his muzzle into the water. When the flow of saliva has ceased he appears to be annoyed by some viscid matter in his fauces—the hind part of the mouth. In the most

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