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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The proposal to provide a new home for the Public Library naturally brings up the general subject of the utility and benefits of a public library. Practically every city and town in the civilized world that makes any claim to progress and enlightenment has its public library. Indeed, the library is a recognized measure of the intellectual level of the community it serves.

A library may be big and useless, it may be small and very helpful. Whether big or little its usefulness or uselessness depends upon the character of its books. If, in the selection of books for a library whether public or private the aim is to give useful information and wholesome entertainment, the chief purpose of the library will be attained, the community benefitted, and the general intellectual standard elevated. And the opposite of this is always true.

The classification of the books in a library is also a very important factor. In a library of any pretension there are many books which deal directly or indirectly with the same subject. Such books should be grouped by themselves so that the searcher for information on that particular subject may in a moment find all about it that the library has to offer. These groups may be subdivided according to their bearing upon the subject and any new additions may be added to the group.

In most modern libraries there is a juvenile department ranging from the kindergarten stage to the advanced branches in the primary schools; illustrated periodicals and such books and literature as children would be interested in are provided and the result has invariably been found to be most helpful in creating a thirst for knowledge and wholesome reading.

The curse of the world today is its trashy literature. Every library and every bookstore shows how general this curse is. In both libraries and stores the books in demand are the trashy ones while wholesome and elevating books are either untouched or conspicuous by their absence.

In providing a new home for our Public Library we trust that such provisions will be made as will afford ample room for classification and also that provision will be made which will make the library a distinctive feature of our regular school work. Our library now has many valuable books and the arrangement is perhaps the best possible under the circumstances but in providing a new home for it many improvements may be made and many facilities provided which will greatly en-

hance its value to the city and province.

WATCH THE PESTS.

The most important matter for the people of this province today is to watch the insect pests. This does not apply to farmers alone but to city people who have trees, to our government who is supposed to have oversight of our forests and to all who are interested in the welfare of our province.

As stated in previous references to the subject the present season has been exceptionally favorable to the insect pests. They have got to work at least two weeks earlier than usual and two weeks in the insect world means several generations. We have, in many ways, some of them unavoidable, opened our doors to insect pests. In fighting the potato bugs with poison we have killed off almost all our insect devouring animals. The toad which "though ugly and venomous, yet wears a precious jewel in his head," has been one of the best friends of the farmer and gardener. It is a great insect killer but we have almost exterminated the toad in poisoning other pests. Our snakes and no doubt many less known vermin destroyers have also gone the result of our hunting and the field is now left almost entirely to the pests.

In our work of destroying the pest destroyers we have had willing and helpful assistance from the English sparrow, which, although itself a valiant insect killer, is the avowed enemy of almost all other birds. The English sparrow is responsible for the almost complete extermination of many of our native birds whose eggs it destroys and whose nest it appropriates whenever it needs a new home or material with which to build a home.

In many countries on this side of the Atlantic a war is being waged against the sparrow for the protection of other and more valuable birds. The question is well worth considering here as our birds—other than the English sparrow—are almost our sole protection against insect pests.

The difficulties of fighting insect pests is thus increasing yearly both through preventable and unpreventable causes and we are now face to face with a very serious condition. Reports from all over the province indicate that the menace is a serious one and we trust that no time will be lost in town or country in reporting to the Experimental Station any more new varieties of caterpillars, bugs or worms that may be observed and that proper precautions shall be taken to minimize their depredations wherever seen. In this matter especially eternal vigilance should be the watchword.

Current Comment

Our friend, the Patriot, has been again indulging in some borrowed political philosophy for the Acadian Recorder. They are busy making figures on paper-counting the Meighen Government out, after the next election, and their own, or one of their own combinations, in. So long as their party successes continue on paper only, no one will envy them what little enjoyment they get out of it, and as it is at best an obscure dream to them, there is little likelihood of the country ever suffering by its materialization. While their argument may be considered as specious on one point, it is rather a humiliating confession on the other. In its strongest form it admits the Government's probability of carrying the largest representation from the country, but banks its prospects on the frail chance of Liberals and Farmers combined being in the majority, and the Farmers in affiliation with Liberals in their dreams will rule the roost. There is one danger, however, that they have not fully overcome, and that is that the "counting of unhatched chickens has al-

ways been accounted, a highly speculative gamble, and that in the future as in the past many of their political eggs may develop the usual amount of rot.

Now they have it figured down nicely that the Farmers party are going to carry the Western provinces. But it doesn't look as if they were as popular out there as they were supposed to be. In the provincial elections in Saskatchewan, last week, the Liberal Government of Hon. Mr. Martin was not only materially weakened in his support, and in the size of the majorities, but one of his Ministers, the Hon. George Langley, who was also a PROMINENT GRAIN GROWERS' UNITED FARMER, was defeated for the first time in sixteen years. And this defeat was accomplished by an independent, whom their party press, during the election, claimed to be the Liberal and National Conservative party in disguise. So that it is plainly evident that as the Liberals and Agrarians are losing strength the Government at Ottawa are proportionately gaining

it. Nor must it be forgotten that these Western provinces were always strongly Liberal, and that whatever chance the Meighen party may have of gaining ground in that locality, it is not possible for them to suffer material loss. The Patriot and Recorder however are making the admission that so far as the Grit party is concerned, THEY HAVE LOST IT ALL TO THE AGRARIANS OR PROGRESSIVES.

It resolves itself into this, that the Progressives, as they are called, are practically a split off from the Liberal party, no doubt in disgust of their methods of which they were most heartily ashamed. Recognizing this the Mackenzie King faction are indulging the hope that after an election, both factions having failed, that there may be a family reunion as against their common foe—the Conservative party. In the event of this reunion they hesitate to publish their suspicions as to which of the factions will dominate, and whether Mr. King or Mr. Crerar will engineer the combine. Another significant feature which they keep in the background, is, that outside of Quebec the Mackenzie King faction have not dared to risk a candidate in any one of the bye-elections in any part of Canada, with the one exception, West Peterboro, where they wedged into a four cornered contest in which there were two Conservative candidates to split the Government vote. It is surely amusing to hear these Liberals with their perpetual lip swagger, talking about the decadence of their opponent party, when in about fifteen bye-elections they were afraid to risk a contest.

But their figures and prophecies are most interesting in some other respects. They are conceding British Columbia to the Government, they are not denying them Ontario, although they do claim some opposition from the new discredited Farmers' party, and in the Maritime Provinces where the Meighen Government scored so many unprecedentedly large majorities they are absolutely mum. Likewise they seem to be not over jubilant as to Manitoba where the Norris Government, which swept the province eight years ago, at last election was left in the minority, and is now holding office by the grace and consent of the opposition. Thus their own estimates and admissions, taken as they read and at their actual worth, indicate that their plight is of the nature of a forlorn hope, with the Macawber-like spirit persisting in the expectation that at some time and in some way, "Something will turn up" to lift them out of the "slough of despondency." There will of course be a chance of their getting a few seats in Quebec, just enough to

Daily Selections Guardian Readers

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A VACATION HINT

You need a vacation. That is an assured thing. You are so constituted that you will do better work after you have taken a little time off from the regular task. There is real sense and considerable sound philosophy in that little poem of John Kendrick Bangs, entitled, "Give Old Mother Nature a Chance." It runs like this:

Escape from the shop for a little, No matter just where it may be. Go out in the green woods and whittle

Or wander along by the sea. Fly north from the turbulent city And all of its clangorous ills, And list to the jovial ditty Of birds on the burgeoning hills.

No matter how much you enjoy it, Drop work for a moment and dance.

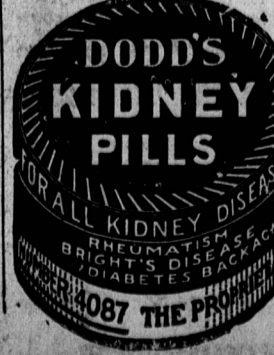
Go out for a little and "boy it"— Give Old Mother Nature a chance.

Be noisy and fresh, and be jolly; Build castles of nothing but air; Drop worry and blank melancholy Escape from vexation and care.

Go lie on the grass and just holler; Go laze by the babbling streams. Forget there's a thing called the dollar.

And live in your visions and dreams. Like mist of the night, like a bubble,

'Will vanish unquiet and fear; And out of the sea of your trouble Will rise the warm sunlight and cheer.



make a good corporals guard in a House of possibly two hundred and fifty members. But even here the reduced majority, amounting to 1200 votes less than the previous election in Yamaska, indicates that they are losing ground, and as the province is Protectionist in principle their following will of a certainty be less than before.

Bisley Team Off For England

MONTREAL, June 16.—An official farewell and good wishes were extended today to the rifle men picked from the various militia units throughout Canada to compete for national honors at Bisley next month as they passed through the city to take passage on the Metagama sailing for Liverpool tomorrow.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 16.—The British have warned the Turkish Nationalists that any attempt to take Constantinople will mean war with Great Britain, the purpose of sending the British brigade from Malta to relieve the Greeks at Ismid is to frustrate any such Nationalist attempt to occupy Constantinople.

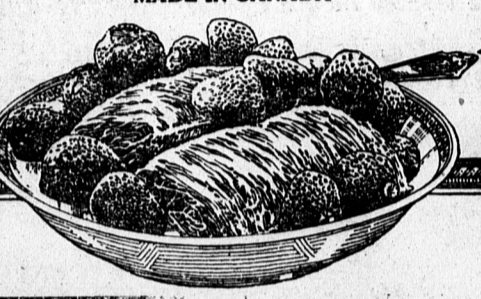
Advertisement for JELLO dessert. Text: 'The Flavor is Finest in- JELLO "Canada's Most Famous Dessert" Made at Bridgeburg, Ontario'. Includes an image of a JELLO Strawberry Flavored gelatin box.

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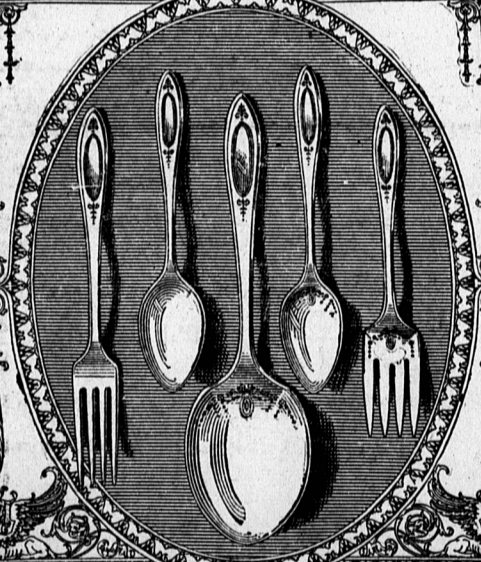
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is 100 per cent whole wheat made digestible by steam-cooking, shredding and baking. It is a builder of muscle, brain and bone. Eaten with milk for breakfast it puts you "on your toes" for the day's work.

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Our last week end sale met with such a response from the public that we have decided to hold another and even greater sale this week.

We intend to give you good quality men's wear at prices lower than you can buy elsewhere.

We are following the market closely and can offer you goods at the new low prices.

MEN'S SUITS, GOOD QUALITY \$20.00. Handsome brown worsted striped suits. Those suits are well tailored and are a good buy at \$30.00. Friday and Saturday \$20.00.

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YOUNG MEN'S FORM FITTING SUITS, \$25.00. About 50 young men's neat fitting suits, cut in the latest styles, sizes 35 to 39. These suits are beautifully tailored only two or three of a kind. The prices ranged from \$35 to \$45. Friday and Saturday your choice at \$25.

MEN'S REAL BANNOCKBURN PANTS, \$4.00. We got a special buy of 50 pairs good all-wool bannockburn pants. All sizes, Friday and Saturday \$4.00.

BOYS' SUITS \$10.00. 38 Boys Suits, well tailored, from reliable manufacturers worth up to \$16.00. Friday and Saturday only \$10.00.

BIG SALE OF TOYO PANAMAS \$2.50. 3 dozen men's crisp new Toyo Panamas, sold regularly at \$4 and \$5, bought at a snap, Friday and Sat. \$2.50. See windows.

MEN'S WOOL TWEED CAPS \$1.25. New caps such as have been selling for \$2.25 and \$2.50. Friday and Saturday \$1.25.

MEN'S FUR FELT HATS \$3.00 in the very latest shapes, colors. Browns, greys and greens, regular \$5.00 hats. Friday and Saturday, \$2.00.

BLACK COTTON SOX 4 PAIRS FOR \$1.00—A good wearing back cotton sock, regular 35c. Friday and Saturday, 4 pairs for \$1.00.

BLUE AND WHITE STRIPE OVERALLS \$1.75. This overall we offer is not a cheap overall, it is easily worth at today's price \$2.50. Friday and Saturday \$1.75.

STRIPED TWEED PANTS \$2.75. 35 pairs men's striped tweed pants worth at least \$4.00. Friday and Saturday \$2.75.

FANCY SHIRTS, SOFT CUFFS, \$1.35. Ten dozen fine shirts with soft cuffs mostly in stripes, sizes 14 to 16 1-2. Friday and Saturday special for \$1.35

BLACK OVERALLS, GOOD QUALITY, \$2.00. Good strong, black duck overalls, very special. Friday and Saturday \$2.00 pair.

KHAKI WORK SHIRTS \$1.50. This Khaki shirt is a real bargain, made of good quality Khaki duck, large generous size. A snap at \$1.50.

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SILK TIES, REGULAR \$1.25 FOR 75c. Buy a tie or two Saturday, regular value \$1.25 ties on Friday and Saturday 75c.

MUSLIN COMBINATION UNDERWEAR \$1.50 SUIT. If anyone can duplicate a suit of this fine underwear at \$1.50 we would like to know who. Friday and Saturday \$1.50.

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