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LIBERAL VOLTE FACE

During the Draft Address debate, member after member of the Opposition made the statement that the architect's fees at Falconwood Hospital were for "a hundred thousand dollar building" — meaning thereby the reconstructed East Wing. This statement was corrected by the Premier and other Conservative speakers, who pointed out that the plans drawn by the architect were for a complete mental hospital unit.

The Opposition persisted in mistating the case, however, Mr. McIntyre going so far as to say that he intended to do so all through the campaign. Now, however, he has changed his tune. He has "discovered" what the Premier was telling him all along—that the plans were for a complete hospital unit, and that the East Wing represented but a small part of what was actually required for the mentally afflicted.

It was also pointed out that about \$30,000 was paid by the trustees of the Prince Edward Island Hospital for the construction of their new hospital building—a fact which showed very clearly that the architect's fees for the Falconwood plans, in view of the details involved, were not excessive.

It is amusing to note that the Opposition volte face on this matter is heralded in the Liberal press as a wonderful "find."

The same organ, which is so excited about the idea of this Province providing adequately for its mental charges, quotes Mr. B. W. LePage as "condemning" the Government for not having pledged the taxpayers' money to guarantee the Potato Growers' Association indebtedness. It professes to quote Mr. LePage's criticism, but we note that it suppresses the most significant remark which that gentleman made. Mr. LePage declared that the Government should have gone "quietly" to the Bank and arranged matters so that the whole affair could have been hushed up. He was even critical of the directors because they did not keep the true financial statement "under their hats" at the last annual meeting.

The fees paid for the Falconwood plans would have gone but a short way in guaranteeing the Potato Growers' Association debt. As Hon. Mr. Sharp pointed out, the amount has been more than saved by Conservative economies at Falconwood over their Liberal predecessors, and the Province is better off today, as far as Falconwood is concerned, than if the Lee-McIntyre-LePage aggregation were in power and we never had a fire!

JAPAN TRADE

Japan's total trade with Canada in 1934 was valued at 62,759,707 yen (100 yen equals approximately \$28) as against 53,471,775 yen in 1933, an increase of 9,287,932 yen, writes Mr. A. K. Doull, Assistant Trade Commissioner in Tokyo, in the forthcoming issue of the Commercial Intelligence Journal. Exports to Canada were valued at 8,866,087 yen as compared with 6,580,441 yen, an increase of 2,285,646 yen; imports from Canada were valued at 54,093,620 yen as against 46,891,334 yen, an increase of 7,202,286 yen. Japan had thus an unfavourable balance of trade with Canada. Canada was Japan's tenth largest supplier of all countries during 1934 and ninth during the previous year. Japan's largest exports to Canada were pottery, rice and paddy, tea, toys and raw silk. Canada has been Japan's second best customer for her tea exports. The following other products were exported to Canada during the year: artificial silk tissues, silk tissues, buttons, brushes, menthol crystals, and silk handkerchiefs. Japan's largest imports from Canada were lumber, wheat, lead, pulp, newsprint and zinc. Imports of lumber from Canada were valued at 9,469,758 yen as against 7,632,610 yen in 1933. Canada came next to the United States (20,966,682 yen) as a supplier of lumber to Japan. Imports of wheat, from Canada amounted to 2,916,207 bushels as compared with 4,124,132 bushels in 1933. Canada was the third largest exporter of wheat to Japan, supplying 20 per cent of the total wheat imports as against Australia's 55 per cent and the United States' 23 per cent. Canada continued to be the largest supplier of lead to Japan, in which she has held first place for several years. Imports of lead from Canada amounted to 43,782 tons as compared with 34,969 tons in 1933. Imports of lead from Canada amounted to 41 per cent of the total imports of paper pulp

from Canada amounted to 44,876 tons as against 53,035 tons in 1933. Canada's share of the imports was 15 per cent as compared with 36 per cent for the United States, 31 per cent for Norway, and 16 per cent for Sweden. Canada continued to maintain her position as largest newsprint supplier. Out of a total importation of 50,355 tons, the Dominion is credited with 47,183 tons or 82 per cent as against 80 per cent in 1933. Canada continued to be Japan's chief source of supply for zinc. Imports of this product from Canada amounted to 13,599 tons as against 15,973 tons in 1933. Imports of zinc from Canada amounted to 47 per cent of the total. Imports of beef from the Dominion, which have been practically nil for the last few years amounted to 683,232 pounds as compared with 924 pounds in 1933 and nil in 1932. Exact figures for the total amount of flour imported into Japan from Canada in 1934 are so far not available, but it is safe to assume that of the 45,200 sacks imported during the year, as shown in the trade returns, 80 per cent came from Canada.

EDITORIAL NOTES

All Fools Day.

It went out like a lamb.

As mud-throwers the present Opposition in the Legislature holds the palm.

The Liberals can't have it both ways—they say Federally that the tariff has increased the cost of living, and Provincially claim the reduced cost of living accounts for the MacMillan Government's savings at Falconwood.

Hon. G. S. Sharp is a quiet, easy-going legislator, but Mr. Lee, Mr. MacIntyre, et. al., would have to rise very early to get ahead of him in the matter of administration and controversy; in fact, so early that they would have sleepless nights.

The Edmonton District Market Gardeners' Association thinks it knows what to do with the present surplus of potatoes. A committee will investigate the possibility of distillation of fuel alcohol from low-grade spuds.

The year's at the spring And day's at the morn; Morning's at the seven; The hill-side's dew-pearled; The lark's on the wing; The snail's on the thorn; God's in his Heaven— All's right with the world!

At the inquiry being conducted into the state of the Legion unemployed, Mr. J. R. Bowler, General Secretary, informed Mr. J. D. Hyndman's commission that of the 620,000 men who enlisted in the Canadian forces, it was estimated that in the neighborhood of 55,000 were jobless, or only slightly more than 9 per cent, he declared.

The term of the U.F.A. Alberta Government, first elected in 1921, ends in June and a general election is expected in that month. Earlier, Premier Reid took occasion to deny rumors the Government was contemplating legislation to extend for two years the life of the present Alberta Legislature. "This has never been considered and it has never been discussed by the Government," he said.

The Senate gave a dignified rebuke to a House of Commons questioner the other day. The member inquired who had charge of the French translation of Senate Hansard, what his salary was, etc., etc. The Secretary of State sent it to the Upper Chamber for reply. The reply was that as the question referred to the internal affairs of the Senate, to secure the information asked for would require a formal message from the House of Commons. The question was allowed to drop.

Deaths from tuberculosis in Canada in 1930-32 numbered 20,773, exclusive of Indians and Eskimos. By provinces they were: Quebec 9,460, Ontario 4,745, Nova Scotia 1,570, British Columbia 1,308, New Brunswick 1,060, Manitoba 937, Saskatchewan 748, Alberta 714, Prince Edward Island 261. The rates per 100,000 population were: Canada 68, Quebec 110, Nova Scotia 102, Prince Edward Island 99, New Brunswick 84, British Columbia 65, Ontario 47, Manitoba 46, Alberta 33, Saskatchewan 28.

Politics, especially international

Notes By The Way

Premier Ramsay MacDonald says armaments presuppose war, and their purpose is to secure victory. It has been abundantly proved that a heavily armed nation does not frighten other possible war-makers to pursue the ways of peace; it does not prevent war. The deterrent value of arms is infinitesimal, and, when the arms are clearly offensive, their influence is in the end to make their use inevitable.

Sniping at the policies of the Roosevelt Administration increases and outright insubordination threatens within the lines. But all these code questions and even the Senate rejection of the world court seem rather remote and academic in the face of the latest upheaval—the revolt of Democrat members against the high price of rice in the House restaurant. The price is 15 cents for a "mere sliver". The insurrectionists demand a 10-cent rate for a generous wedge, the kind that seemed to obtain in the American home, presumably—New York Sun.

Only by insulating the United States against any commerce with the world—either of commodities or ideas—in a manner far more complete than the world has ever known could America escape the effects of the world war, of which the circulation might be the hostilities on the front line. Never yet, even before the radio and the airplane came, has any nation found it could live unto itself.—Christian Science Monitor.

Barton township residents on relief are forbidden to operate their motor cars, which will doubtless be a great hardship by those accustomed to taking the relief groceries in the family automobile.—Hamilton Spectator.

"The Godless Man," organ of the atheist in Moscow, has suspended publication, the avowed reason being that the fight against religion has been won and that it no longer is necessary to issue the paper. The fact is, however, that circulation figures have taken a steep drop and the probable reason is to be seen in the fact that Russian people again are turning strongly to religion.—Niagara Falls Review.

No one will ever really grow old in his heart if he will forever keep opening up new doors before him. Surprise is really the spice of life. The interesting thing about opportunity is that its doors are all unlocked! And there are thousands of them. The reading of a book, the meeting of a friend, the visit of a strange land—these, and a multitude of other channels—may open up new doors to us, through which we may enter and discover knowledge, beauty, and new viewpoints upon life.

Under the new conditions, with everybody seemingly desperately anxious to be graded and controlled, government has become a vast clearing house for all the follies, hopes and ambitions of society. Rightly or wrongly, paternalism is the order of the day, a spite of colonialism, the old fathers never dreamed of, and with it has come a revolution in the character of government, and additions to the task of government, for which government is not equipped.—Ottawa Journal.

Administration leaders will doubtless insist that reasons of economy prevent the slashing of the staffs of our embassy and consulates in Russia. As the hoped-for and loudly promised business will not be forthcoming, the need for large staffs does not exist. Therefore, it is best to withdraw the superfluous personnel. It would be unkind to suggest that President Roosevelt in his Russian venture has been somewhat like the French King in the following, who with twenty thousand men marched up the hill, and then marched down again.—New York Herald-Tribune.

politics, makes strange bedfellows these days. Orders to "soft pedal" talk of a Soviet spy ring at the trial of Benjamin Bercoff, naturalized Canadian of Montreal, his wife and 19 others, were understood to have been issued at Paris on the eve of Mr. Anthony Fern's visit to Moscow. A hint from the Foreign Office, it was said, cautioned the court against developing anything that might embarrass Pierre Laval, Foreign Minister, who also goes to Moscow next month to seal Franco-Russian friendship in view of the troubled European situation.

That the efforts of the League of Decency have not been in vain is evidenced by the announcement in the annual report of Mr. Will Hays, President of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America. The movies are going in for more classics and less "sex" this year it says, the reason given being that "these appear to be what the public wants." The Hays report cites the great success of pictures like "David Copperfield," "Ruggles of Red Gap" and "The Little Minister" as the reason for the trend away from the more lurid type of picture. "It has been easier to underestimate than to over-estimate Main Street's intelligent appreciation of quality entertainment," Hays says. Scheduled productions of such works as "Hamlet," "Midsummer Night's Dream," "A Tale of Two Cities," "Dante's Inferno," "Les Miserables" and Pearl Buck's "The Good Earth" were cited by the motion picture czar as proof of his assertion. He predicts that with technical improvements grand opera would be within the scope of the industry.

That Body of Hours

By James W. Burton, M.D.

DOES YOUR SHAPE AFFECT YOUR HEALTH?

A man who had been away from his home village for fourteen years visited the old Sunday School and was able to tell the names of all the new scholars who were not there fourteen years previously because he could see the resemblance of the children to one or the other of their parents.

And so while no two persons are exactly alike in face or body, nevertheless certain characteristics of face and body are handed down to children.

In speaking of the different types of individuals Dr. Lewellyn F. Barker, Johns Hopkins University, speaks of 4 different groups.

1. Those of the pyknic (cycloid) type, (called the bull-dog type by some of us) are short, round and stubby. In disposition they are "half fellow well met"—boosters, back-slappers. They are predisposed to mental depression states, diabetes, rheumatism—arthritis, apoplexy and high blood pressure.

2. Those of the asthenic type (the greyhound type) are thin, reserved, looking inward with their thoughts, and are predisposed to edemata precox—a present dream state, tuberculosis, ptosis—drooping downwards of the stomach and other abdominal organs, and low blood pressure.

3. The athletic type falls between the first two and there is the tendency to dementia precox—a day dreaming.

The dystylic type are the giants and dwarfs when the ductless glands are likely at fault.

In a magazine article I wrote some years ago, "Does Your Shape Affect Your Health?" it was pointed out that the individual with the long body and short legs would be strong physically but might easily overeat himself and suffer with diabetes, heart failure and high blood pressure. The slender individual with long legs and short body might easily suffer with tuberculosis and indigestion as the narrow body gives insufficient room for the lungs and stomach; the small intestine is often a few feet shorter than normal and means less surface for the blood to absorb nourishment from food.

Now the fact that you have a long body and short legs does not mean that you are bound to have heart, kidney or blood pressure ailments. Nor does the fact that you are slender mean that you will have tuberculosis, indigestion and low blood pressure.

It simply means that there will be tendencies toward these ailments, so whatever your shape you can protect yourself by knowing this.

The Poets' Corner

FROM "LAST POEMS" Wake not for the world-heard thunder Nor the chime that earthquakes toll, Star may plot in heaven with pencil, Lightning the rock of granite, Tempest tread the oakwood under: Fear not you for flesh nor soul, Marching, fighting, victory past, Stretch your limbs in peace at last.

Sleep, my lad; the French are landed, London's burning, Windsor's down; Clasp your cloak of earth about you. We must man the ditch without you, March unled and fight short-handed, Charge to fall and swim to drown. Duty, friendship, bravery o'er, Sleep away, lad; wake no more.

—A. E. Housman.

Beyond Its Powers

(Ottawa Journal) A motion to "abolish" the post of Lieutenant Governor, made by a member of the Manitoba Legislature, secured the approval of five members only—four from the Liberal group and one Progressive.

Actually, the Manitoba Legislature has no more right than the Carleton County Council to abolish this post. In each province the Lieutenant Governor is a part of the legislative machinery set up under the British North America Act, and it is not within the jurisdiction of a province to lop off any one essential branch of the machine. It could be done, of course, by common agreement to that effect among the nine provinces, followed by an amendment to the Act of Confederation.

Hepburn Degrades Public Life

(Perth Examiner) On Saturday morning, Messrs. W. L. McKee and Charles Joynt, employees in the Perth Liquor Store since the day it was opened here, received notification from Queen's Park, Toronto, that their services would no longer be required after 6 o'clock the same day, and on Monday morning Mr. Edward Byrne, of Stanleyville, North Burgess, was behind the counter, attending to the wants of the customers.

The notice received was just the bare, bald statement of their dismissal—cold-blooded in the extreme, a dismissal which only one might expect if caught pilfering cash or goods, but hardly the kind coming to employees after years of faithful and conscientious service, their only crime being that they were appointees of a former Administration.

The strange thing about the dismissals in Lanark County, and in fact the whole province, is the fact that the better class of Liberals are as much disgusted with the Hepburn dismissal policy as are Conservatives. They keep right on firing. When the Whitney Conservative Government came into power many counties were officialled by Liberals, and not a dismissal took place, except for good and sufficient reason. In 1930, when the Bennett Government came into power, they were one good Liberal in Perth, who held a Government position, an appointee of the King Government, and who canvassed votes and drove his car on election day hauling Liberal voters to the poll, and even with that unpardonable offence he still holds his job and pulls down his salary. The Conservative party in Perth did not reserve for the present Government that they could have done justifiably. That party does not believe in the hire-and-fire policy, which is a mean, unmanly and degrading one—worthy only of a small group of miniature politicians.

Fairness, squareness and promises seem to count even less than a word of paper with the present Hepburn Government and its Hebdens. On the hustings they promised to look after the returned soldiers, but instead they have slapped them in the face.

Hidden Region Disclosed

(Winnipeg Free Press) The range of mountains peaks in the extreme southwest corner of the Yukon Territory and set, as it were, in impassable moats of glaciers, is described by the National Geographic Society as the last utterly unexplored region in North America; but it recesses no longer remain hidden, for they have been seen from the air.

This section of Canada has been an unapproachable boundary region dividing the aboreal culture of British Columbia from the snow-laden plateaux of Alaska. Disclosures of its topographical features and its geographical properties have been the result of strategic and commercial importance.

The huge glacier system vaguely known to defend the east and north slopes of Mt. Hubbard, was understood to flow for some 30 miles, but it has now been seen to flow for nearly 70 miles. It reaches into the very heart of the St. Elias range, and ends only at the base of Mt. Logan.

Mt. Hubbard remains one of the greatest unclimbed peaks in the St. Elias range, but from its glacier rises the even more forbidding Mt. Vancouver. This appeared to the explorers in the air to be utterly impenetrable, rising 16,000 feet from the glacial floor, in one gigantic cliff of ice and rock, without a single climbable angle. In another direction, between Hubbard and Lucania, stretches a range not seen before, but disclosing 20 peaks at least more than 10,000 feet high and several higher.

These discoveries are not vaunted by the National Geographic Society as conquests of these ice-embosomed peaks; they are commended as serving a more practical purpose. Their discoveries are filling in from the air a frigid vacuum in our map, and they are doing this with simple effort and admirable economy. They are flown by commercial pilots whose object is to undertake the commission receives an unqualified praise. The pilots are complimented on being "not only wonderful companions, but superb fliers operating under the most adverse conditions."

PAIN OVER KIDNEYS?

WHEN pain over kidneys or bladder irregularities keep you getting up at night; if you feel nervous, despondent, heed the warning. Drink plenty of pure water and get Dr. Pierce's Anuric at the drug store. Read what Edward A. Herry of 12 Ramsay Place, Toronto, Ont., said: "Four years ago I had terrific pains in the kidney region and was able to work. I would get up at night and my ankles would swell. I certainly was a sick man. I took Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets and was completely relieved of all kidney weakness, troublesome pains and aches." See 1000 Lakeshore, Toronto, Ont. For a trial package.

PUBLIC FORUM

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THE SILENCE OF THE PACIFIST

Sir.—The pacifist is not abroad. We hear no sob-sister demands for peace at any price. From the pulpit we hear no pleading for the cutting down of fleets; from legislative halls no stern opposition to military preparedness. The pacifist arm-chair, self-confident, director of national and international affairs is at present emulating Macaulay. No wonder! A study of modern history shows that civilization was once saved by British ships and guns from the horrors of a dictatorship under a pitiless tyrant; and, what is even more silencing for the pacifist, it shows that civilization was later almost lost by reason of Britain's unpreparedness. Who is mad enough now to counsel Britain to bury the hatchet?

A powerless British nation would suffer with impunity the indignity of seeing Sir John Simon laughed out of court at Berlin.

I am, sir, etc.

ANONYMOUS WRITERS

Sir.—The anonymous writer is coming into prominence. They "are a curse." So says Premier MacMillan, to which the Patriot adds its fervent, Amen. It is good to see the Premier endorsed, the first bouquet from that source since he became Conservative leader. Yes, Hon. Dr. MacMillan is right, and so is the Patriot—the anonymous writer, the one who hides behind a barricade to wrong another, whether of a non-de-guerre or an editor's cloak is "a curse." If not a curse like the barren fig tree for its unfruitfulness then a curse like the community of persons which it ravishes. And he who attacks with scandal and falsehood one not in a position to defend himself, should be denounced as a curse, and the scourge of decency and civilization.

When we have this scourge upon our hands, what are we to do with him? I fully agree with the Patriot that the anonymous writer should not be "opposed." Some of the finest literature extant is from unknown writers. I further agree that such writers should be "kept within certain bounds." Now how are we to define these bounds? For my part I would insist upon absolute truth when attacking an opponent. Had the Patriot observed this simple little essential, those unpleasant sentences would never have appeared. It says "no other paper in North America" would publish them. That may be true also, but because no other paper would have provoked to do so.

What did our Liberal organ expect? When it broadcast to the public that the \$1,300,000 borrowed from the banks, and due to the public, by the Lea Government, was borrowed by the MacMillan Government, what kind of floral wreath was it looking for? It knew there wasn't a scintilla of truth in the statement? With this knowledge did it expect the Conservative press, or anonymous writers to pat it on the back and pamper it with endearing approval? Was it looking for the prize encomiums usually delecting the Sunday School boy? You dear little truthful lad, you generous observer of the Golden Rule, you modern George Washington so zealously guarding your little hatchet against injury to your neighbor's cherry tree, you innocent above all innocents, come up higher in the classes of the righteous.

And when it declared over and over again, that Hon. Mr. Bennett promised to build our national highways, and take over all the roads of the Province, and maintain them, which it knew to be untrue, was it expecting to be enthroned amongst the gods of purity and proclaimed as chief of the princes of virtue, and a champion of veracity?

Of course the truth of those anonymous writers was unpleasant to its taste. Truth is mighty, but it hits hard upon those who refuse to realize its immortal force. It is ruffling to the feelings to be called a "falsifier," but much more ruffling when inspired by truth.

And our friend protests against anonymous reference to "partisan skunk bags." But wasn't the libel rather on that poor little innocent four-footed animal? It only discharges its bag in self defence, and never in deliberate attack upon the innocent. Isn't the comparison in the skunk's favor? In truth I really think an apology is due to the skunk.

I am, Sir, etc.

ANONYMOUS WRITER.

The total number of pedigree certificates registered by the Canadian National Livestock Records approved by the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, for the month of February was 6,916, as against 6,489 for February 1934. Horses numbered 228; cattle, 2,111; sheep, 481; swine, 450; dogs, 529; foxes 2,926; poultry, 190, and one goat.

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Japan And The Subject Races (Sydney Post Record) Japanese ambition for conquest, if gratified, as it has been to some extent, must lead to responsibility for large subject populations of other races. Such are the greater part of the 30,000,000 inhabitants of Manchuria. They may be conquered and disarmed, but they cannot easily be made into Japanese, with the Japanese mentality. The same remark applies to the greater part of the inhabitants of Korea. With further conquest, their numbers will outnumber the Japanese inhabitants of the Empire. This will constitute an Imperial problem of no small difficulty. The energy now displayed by Japan is due largely to the racial solidity of a nation whose people are all imbued with the same fanatical patriotism. This can hardly be done with large Chinese populations. Indeed it might be dangerous to convert them into fiery militarists, who might turn against their conquerors. They must remain an unassimilated part of the Empire. The alternative to assimilation is such government as will make the subject races friendly and contented. Japan has had little experience in that kind of statesmanship, which has been found essential to the unity of the British Empire. Russia is credited with greater aptitude in dealing with Asiatic races. The Japanese official class in Manchuria, it is said the soldiers, petty officials and small-traders, do not fairly or favorably represent the Japanese national character as seen at home, and do not win the respect or affection of the natives, who shrug their shoulders and submit to force an Empire so governed stands on a very precarious foundation, and the more it is expanded the greater the danger.

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