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THE TOURIST TRAFFIC

The series of letters by Mr. H. K. S. Hemming on the tourist trade opportunities of Prince Edward Island, concluded in today's Guardian, has attracted more than usual interest, and deservedly so. They have dealt with every aspect of the situation, and contain suggestions which cannot fail to stimulate great public interest in the efforts which the Travel Bureau and associated organizations are making to attract summer visitors to this Province.

Two dates are now mentioned for the general election, viz: Monday, June 17 and Monday, September 16. The June date so far has proved the more popular selection among politicians at Ottawa, but September is more likely to be decided upon.

The appointment of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent to be High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, reminds us that the new Moderator, Rt. Rev. Dr. Marshall Lang of Whitteburn, is a brother of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Their father was Principal of Aberdeen University.

Everybody knows our Senator Hughes is a conscious humorist, but was it unconscious humor made him give as the reason for the withdrawal of his war resolution that the discussion had served a "useful purpose." Front page publicity for a fortnight or more certainly is worth its weight in gold, and this "useful purpose" at any rate the war resolution served.

JUBILEE CANCER FUND

Elsewhere in today's issue appears an appeal by His Excellency the Governor General on behalf of the King George V. Silver Jubilee Cancer Fund for Canada, as well as a page article featuring the objective of the campaign. The cause is indeed a worthy one. The public are reminded that any individual or family subscribing one dollar or upwards to the fund will receive from Lady Bessborough a personal acknowledgement on a card bearing portraits of their Majesties the King and Queen. Subscriptions should be addressed to Lady Bessborough, with the name and address of the donor carefully stated, and the envelope marked "Cancer Fund." Every dollar contributed, it is emphasized, will be spent on cancer control in Canada; no costs in connection with the inauguration of the fund will be charged against the contributions made to it.

THE APPEAL TO YOUTH

That the Bennett reform policies have caught the enthusiasm of the youth of Ontario was evidenced last Saturday at the great Youth Convention held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, at which 2,800 were present. The proceedings, reports the Mail and Empire, were tense with emotion.

"The Prime Minister was preceded by Mr. Denton Massey, the newly-appointed organizer for Ontario of Justice and a Square Deal for the less privileged elements of the population. This unique leader of the largest Bible Class in the world, whose weekly broadcasts are eagerly followed by tens of thousands of serious-minded people throughout the Province presented Mr. Bennett as a Canadian Lincoln. He linked them as the two Great Emancipators of this hemisphere. While still a young man the lanky rail-splitter witnessed the sale of young black women on the auction block at New Orleans, and with clenched teeth he vowed to himself that if ever he had the power he would "hit this thing and hit it hard." For long years his generous heart brooded over the atrocious abuse until as President he was in a position to strike off the slaves' shackles. In eloquent moving language Mr. Massey appealed to the hundreds of generous young people before him to back Canada's Lincoln in freeing the victims of capitalist abuses from their hardships and sufferings. The effect upon the great crowd of eager young men and women was electrical."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Senator Casgrain in denouncing public ownership traced the beginning of the "folly" to Quebec.

Notes By The Way

All work, in a sense, is creative. And when this work is blessed with a certain permanence it cumulates in value to the one who creates. Work value cannot be measured in money merely. How can the influence of an Emerson or a Thoreau for instance, be measured in terms of money. Poe died almost penniless—so did Abraham Lincoln—but the wealth of a billionaire could not purchase their fame! The only true aristocracy is that of mind—and character is its King! The real Nation is that one in which all have a right to work, to earn, and to decently live.—E.K.

It happened at the swanky St. Regis Roof, where a party of eight had made dinner reservations. A ninth guest sat down at the table, gusted the waiter's napkin-and-silverware setup, and informed that he wanted no meal. "I'll be leaving in a few minutes," he insisted. But the setup was placed, and an extra dinner charge tacked onto the bill. "As long as I'm paying for it," said the host, "bring on the meal." So one of the party left, searched Fifth Avenue until he found the seediest tramp available—and brought him in to dine!—New York Post.

The people of Ontario are not in favour of beer parlours. They were satisfied with the Government control system, a Conservative policy. And they will recognize the fact that it is the present Liberal Government that is directly responsible for loosening up the law and for the continuation of an unwanted and undesirable conditions. In view of Premier Hepburn's unequivocal declaration that no province-wide plebiscite will be permitted, "parlours" must remain until the next election. But the electors are already determined that they shall not remain longer.—Toronto Telegram.

There's a lot of silly chatter these days about the "profit motive." Well, there will be some 300,000 farmers in western Canada starting out on the land within a few weeks. They'll be sowing a bushel of wheat to the acre and hoping they'll get 40¢. If they don't, the grasshoppers or drought will go to get the increase they wouldn't sow a bushel. It isn't the profit motive that's wrong with industry—it's the abuse of the profit motive.—Lethbridge Herald.

How are British interest in and knowledge of the Canadian scene to be made more general, as general as our Canadian interest in Britain? One help, which will probably have to come from our side of the Atlantic, would be a history of the British in Canada comparable with the "Parsons Parkman" story of the French in Canada up to the conquest. Carlyle demanded that history cease to be a record of kings, courts and battles, affirming that how the common man lived should be its main interest—that history should be the essence of countless biographies. The first generations of the British in Canada led meagre lives. This will cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000. He also will give each of the employees on the duchy estates whose wages are not more than \$5 a week a gift of a week's wages. There are more than 1,000 employees on the estate, and the gift will cost the Prince certainly not less than \$4,000. Other jubilee gifts to charities will cost another \$4,000.

In the old days before education was "popular" and "free," the parish schoolmaster in Scotland segregated "the boy of pairs" from the rest of his scholars and pushed him on for all he was worth. To prove once more that there is nothing new under the sun, Rev. Dr. Aillington, for 17 years headmaster of Eton, advocated such a policy at a meeting of educationists in Montreal this week. Students, he said, who excel in scientific and in literary studies should be segregated early in their education and taught in different ways. He made the suggestion as a solution for what he believed to be the greatest educational evil of the day—an overloaded curriculum which made the absurd attempt of teaching everything. His suggestion was that science students should not be taught Latin as "though they were to become classical scholars." He did not suggest, however, that the "scientific" group learn no literature or the "literary" group no science.

It is announced that yet another drought resisting wheat has been developed at the University of Alberta, and it will be tested in southern Alberta this summer. A cross between the famous Canadian Marquis wheat and Kandred, an equally famed grain in the United States winter wheat belt, the new variety, originated by Dr. O. S. Aamodt, professor of genetics and plant breeding at the University of Alberta, has been named "Canus," a derivation of the two nations—Canada and the United States. "Canus" has been developed in the record time of five years. Dr. Aamodt starting his experiments at the university in 1930. Usually, it takes 15 years to develop a new wheat. A bearded variety, a heritage from the winter wheat side of its ancestry, the new grain is reported to be drought resistant and to give a higher yield than Marquis. In tests conducted by the Dominion department of agriculture and the research council of Canada, "Canus" showed an average yield of 22.4 bushels to the acre.

Women criminals in England and Wales have increased by 10 per cent in four years. Last year there were 6,779 convictions. It is by pure coincidence that the figures appear at the same time as the announcement that in Britain 18,000 of us go to the pictures every week, which means that one in every three of us is a film fan. But only one in several thousands of us lands in gaol in a whole life-time, much less once a week. Every now and then a magistrate blames the films for crime. He is usually a very old magistrate who never goes to the pictures. When he was a boy they blamed penny dreadfuls!—Manchester Sunday Chronicle.

THE BANANA IS AN EASILY DIGESTED ENERGY GIVING FOOD

Henry M. Stanley, while returning from his Emin Pasha relief expedition, lay sick in the wilds of Africa. Dr. Heale Parke, medical officer of the expedition, tried everything possible to allay the irritability and pain of Stanley's stomach. He went steadily worse as not even the mildest forms of nutritious food—chicken broth, arrow root biscuit, even water—would remain on his stomach. Morphine in large doses was necessary to relieve the pain. Stanley must be kept alive if the expedition was to get safely to the coast.

Dr. Parke had noticed that there was one kind of food that the natives were able to eat even when they were sick with malaria and other fevers, and that was a form of porridge, very readily digested by the "sickest" stomach.

This porridge was given to Stanley; his fever left him, his stomach became strong, the "fur" on his tongue departed, and he was able to resume his march to the coast in charge of his expedition.

This wonderful porridge was made from bananas. Dr. Parke says further, "We whites have good reason to know that porridge made from banana flour is light, digestible, and very nutritious, as we mostly lived on it for the past two years."

Twenty-five years ago a swimming instructor, who during a period of twenty years taught more people—men, women, boys and girls—swim than any other instructor in America, always went on a "banana diet" for a week before any long swim; in fact ate from four to six ripe bananas just before entering the water. He always finished the ten mile swim in excellent condition.

Notwithstanding that this knowledge of the easy digestibility and the great and immediate food value of bananas has been known for half a century, it is only within recent years that children's hospitals have been using bananas when the youngsters cannot tolerate other food. It is only recently also that children's specialists have been using bananas in their private practice.

We have thus been slow in recognizing the easy digestibility and great food value of the ripe banana, and even slower in recognizing that next to sugar itself, it gives its food value to the blood quicker than any other food.

records; they were too busy with doing up the leisure for writing. Gradually, however, the romance of the history of Canada will emerge from the research of scholars and archivists. When Canadian history is rewritten from that material, with a minimum of "constitutional development," it will be a great addition to the literature of Empire.—The Spectator.

A whole new vista of possibilities for the consideration of the pension commissioners is opened by a story from India published in the Seattle Times. It refers to an old soldier who served in the army and given a pension and a job on a government farm. He drew the pension for a permanently injured ankle. Recently the leg terminating the bun ankle was shot off in a shooting accident. Whereupon the good government, ever striving to interpret justice to the letter of the law, wrote to him and solemnly informed him that as he no longer had the wounded ankle—indeed, no ankle at all—they were reluctantly compelled to discontinue the pension granted him on account of the vanished ankle. It is a wonder they didn't send him a bill.—Vancouver Province.

Since the British Empire ceased to be a political unit with a central Government responsible for the safety and the welfare of the whole it has become of vital importance that the several Governments in the King's self-governing Dominions should keep in the closest touch with one another in matters which concern them all. In questions of defence and of economic development no member of the British Commonwealth of Nations can afford to pursue a policy of self-sufficiency; individual policies, no longer subject to a single direction, must be co-ordinated to serve the common purpose. There is the difficulty that machinery for securing the continuous consultation necessary for effective co-ordination has yet to be created, and the need for it is now generally recognised.—London Times.

A California Congressman says there are 25,000 trained Japanese soldiers in his State and a fleet of gunboats disguised as fishing crafts. It is probably a cook-and-bull story, but it will be the misfortune of Japanese colonists in any part of the world to be suspected of espionage because of the aggressive designs of Japan's rulers. For the same reason many innocent Germans abroad were accused of being spies when the war broke out.

THE KIND OF TOURISTS TO INVITE, AND WHERE TO FIND THEM.

(This is the last of Mr. Hemming's series of letters on the Tourist possibilities of the Island. Editor Guardian.)

As mentioned in a previous letter, there is not a single city in the United States in which the summer months are even pleasant, while in most of them the heat, for long spells at a time, is almost unbearable. As a result, all who can afford to do so close their houses in May or June and remain from home until September or October. In New York, I have seen whole blocks on Park Avenue and in other high class residential streets, in which almost every building had its doors and windows closed and barred with specially fitted wood coverings, showing that the closing of these houses during the summer is a yearly custom.

Now, there are some leading facts, in this connection, of American versus Canadian tourists which we should consider in our planning for the particular district in which they reside.

1. The income and daily spending habits of the well-to-do people in American cities are not only far in excess of those of the well-to-do people in Canada, and there are hundreds of thousands of these people.

2. The rich Americans realize that they cannot reach a cool summer resort in less than from one or even four days' travel, according to the particular district in which they reside.

3. It is the women—the wives and mothers of the families—who have the final say in the selection of a summer resort. Not only do the women themselves need a rest and a change of scene from their strenuous social activities during the past winter months, but they realize that the health of their children requires to be built up in preparation for the school, college and debatable life of the approaching season.

4. There are many thousands of rush-about automobile tourists in the United States who come North in Canada in search of cooler weather and of sight seeing in historical regions such as Quebec and Niagara Falls, staying but a few days or at most a day or two.

5. That we in Prince Edward Island should look into the United States for our tourists.

2. That we should make our Island attractions known more particularly in the larger American cities, where the wealthy classes make a practice of spending two or

THE SONG OF THE PEAT-REEK

O, the savour of the peat-reek, O, the fragrance of the bog, Where the fringe of turquoise ocean Gripp'd to Neontide's flaming breast, And a jut of bold, bald headland And a splash of Royal heather, And the sea beyond it, Dazzle sight from East to West.

The Late Dr. Carruthers

(Sydney Post Record) The late Rev. Dr. James S. Carruthers, whose death at the age of 84 years occurred at Vancouver on Saturday, was for almost half a century an outstanding leader in Maritime Presbyterianism. An eloquent preacher, a popular lecturer who followed original trains of thought and interpreted life, not as an idealist but as an empiricist, he gave many an inspiring message to those whose good fortune it was to come within the influence of his ministrations. His rich vein of humor brightened a life which at bottom was profoundly serious and religious. As a student of literature, and especially as an interpreter of Shakespeare, he had few equals outside the select circle of specialists. In the chair of rhetoric and elocution at Pine Hill, N. S. was one of the most popular professors of his day. As a minister of his church, he held pastorates at Truro, Pictou, Charlottetown and New Glasgow.

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