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### DANGER SPOTS ON ROADS.

Complaints are continuing regarding the negligence of contractors in placing lights or other marks to indicate impassible culverts and bridges in course of construction. One instance in particular is related in connection with a culvert opposite the farm of Mr. Harry Paul, Malpeque Road, about a mile and a half from Brookfield Corner. A few nights ago a young man, accompanied by a lady and child met an auto on this unfinished culvert with the result that horse, carriage and occupants tumbled into the ditch which was four feet wide and five feet deep. The driver was obliged to stay by his horse while the lady went in search of help. After an hour's search she obtained the help of some kind neighbors and by the aid of shovels and hoes, the horse was dug out of his predicament. Fortunately no one was injured but the result of such a fall could easily have been otherwise. Other dangerous places have also been left unmarked to the great danger of the travelling public. When contractors are negligent in this respect the Road Inspector should see to it that necessary markings are put up and such precautions taken as will safeguard the public. There is considerable travel at present, much of it by night and everything possible should be done to avoid accidents.

### HOW IT STRIKES A STRANGER

The impressions formed by strangers during a visit to our province are interesting and valuable, showing us ourselves and our ways through others' eyes. It is quite possible that, many of these impressions and outside opinions, if heeded, would "fray many a blunder free us, an' foolish notion." Yet all outside opinion and indeed perhaps the most of it may well be taken with the proverbial grain of salt. We pose as an almost exclusively agricultural country and that is what we are but agriculture is a very elastic word. It may well be stretched into meaning not only the production of grain, roots, fruit, domestic animals and etc. but the preparation of those for market, a preparation which in many cases lead us into the field of manufacture.

The stranger sees on our tables imported preserved fruits including almost all the varieties grown here. He sees pickles, baked beans, and pickles of many kinds made of vegetables grown here. He is given imported oatmeal for breakfast although the growing of oats is one of our strongest agricultural features. He has fish served to him of various kinds, particularly the smoked varieties, all imported. The conclusion naturally arrived at is either that our fruits, vegetables, grains and fish are of an inferior variety or that we do not know how to prepare them. He is wrong in both conclusions. The vegetables used in making pickles, chow, etc., can be and are as successfully grown and of as good quality as they can be grown anywhere in Canada. The same is true of our fruits and of our grain and fish.

As to the preparation of these for market and for use on our own tables, that is another story, perhaps a long one. We could prepare them as well here as anywhere and it is perhaps not to our credit that we have left their preparation to others. We could have made it pay but our farmers for many reasons followed the larger system of farming, the growing of grain and potatoes. While our soil and climate are well adapted for the growing of vegetables and fruit little attention was paid to these and we preferred to import our manufactured vegetables to growing and preparing them ourselves. Our farms are all large and the larger crops have been found most profitable.

Many are of the opinion that it would still pay to establish factories for canning and preserving fruits and vegetables but capital is somewhat shy about entering into competition with the established factories of Ontario and Quebec while the great majority of our farmers are averse to changing from grain and roots to vegetables and fruits, the latter being looked upon as the business of very small farms. It is not probable that under present conditions we shall, in the near future at least, undertake on a large scale the manufacture of our smaller vegetables and fruits desirable as it might be to provide such employment for our own people.

### Current Comment

The calling of a general convention of the Liberal-Conservatives of the whole province, in Charlottetown on the 16th instant, does not, as the Patriot suggests, presage a general Dominion election, but it does mean that the party in this province are becoming alive to their interests, and with it to the welfare of the province in local as well as in federal affairs. Because in recent years the Conservative party depending entirely upon their good records in government have too frequently gone to the people in an unprepared condition to face the careful and efficiently organized forces of their opponents, they have been on occasions met with needless and unnecessary defeat. Under the live leadership of our newly appointed Mr. J. D. Stewart a newer activity is to take place in local affairs and with this coincidentally there will be the wider question of organization all around federal and local and to this end a general convention has been called, which it is hoped will be upon a grander scale, more largely attended, more enthusiastic and resulting in a more efficient organization of the Liberal-Conservative Party than was ever before known within this province.

Many of our young men of today day have their recollections of District, and some even of County conventions, of the Conservative party, but only those in advanced years and with the best of memories can recall the time when from East Point to West Cape the representatives of the party were invited to meet in one great assembly for the consideration of the

status and needs of the party and the special requirements of the country in the light of constantly changing conditions. Because so many different districts will be represented at this big convention, and to avoid overcrowding, it has been considered expedient to invite only two delegates from each poll in the province, but this regulation has not been made so cast iron a nature that any district or poll desiring to send a larger number will be precluded from doing so. The business being for the discussion of questions of the greatest importance, and not for the nomination of candidates, in which unfairness would result from one poll to any poll sending a larger and healthy instalment delegates to join in the good work of party development and organization.

And it would be well for our delegates to come well prepared with live ideas and practical suggestions to help on the good work. There will of necessity be the selection of officers for the association and for the subordinate positions, from the chief president down to the humblest but even more important, chief managers of the different polling districts. For all of these positions the best men available should be selected and drafted into service, and the friends of the party should have their minds well fixed beforehand upon the men and women—for ladies are now an important factor amongst federal voters—best qualified and most willing to undertake and discharge these onerous duties. It is not altogether the political and party programme that

### CANADIAN SOLDIER HAS GREAT BRAIN

Not long ago Thomas Alva Edison, who we continue to believe is the best advertiser since his illustrious countryman P. T. Barnum broke into the newspaper headlines again with a denunciation of college education. He explained that when anybody applied for a job at his plant he was asked to answer certain questions, to ascertain his general intelligence. Mr. Edison said that none of the college graduates had been able to turn in a satisfactory card. Later on he issued his questions, and it seemed that not ninety-eight persons out of a hundred would be likely to have the right answer. We are sure that men like Hon. Arthur Meighen, Chief Justice Taft and Sir George Foster would have fallen down on most of them. This, of course, is not to be construed as any reflection upon their ability to answer questions when they feel like it, and it was suggested that the Edison questionnaire, which was designed to bar the dubs from employment, might have had the effect of admitting a lot of nuts and excluding the men of real brains and character.

It should be of absorbing interest, although without that we can not dream of the splendid successes of other years being repeated in the present, but in thinking out and giving to our people the wisest plans for popular governments, and projecting measures which will conduce to the development and prosperity of the country.

With these splendid purposes before them we trust that the Liberal-Conservatives in every part of the Island will make a strong response to this convention call, and that an assembly in size and enthusiasm and in constructive ability will result the like of which was never before thought or dreamed of in this province. The reports of conventions, as a few of them have been held in other eastern provinces, all show unprecedentedly large attendances and an enthusiasm never before equalled, indicating that the old time glory of the party has not faded and that when the cry of battle is sounded our forces will enter the conflict with a better organization than ever before, and with no thought of anything but victory to spur them on to their haven of success. And the Liberal-Conservatives of this province do not propose to lag behind in this onward march. In the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen we have a federal leader to be proud of, and with the popular and energetic Mr. J. D. Stewart behind our local forces as provincial leader the party is well manned and deserving of every success. Therefore let every poll live up to its privileges in having a good strong representation of delegates to take their part in this greatest of Liberal-Conservative conventions.

### Efficiency Experts

The Edison questions were not

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#### MARRIAGE

Marriage is a partnership based upon mutual affection and trust between a man and woman. All boxes of contention that arise during the course of wedded life should be settled at the time when each should state their viewpoint on the subject in question. If this were done, perfect understanding would come to both, and family rows would never arise; as otherwise both feel aggrieved and imagine the other one is in the wrong. Consideration must be shown by both, and if the husband or wife imagine that he or she is not being treated right by their mate, they should always put themselves in the other one's place and then see if their imagination is not at fault as they must not forget that everybody has their own thoughts and will.

#### MY PART

By Sally Nellie Roach

I do not know  
What God has planned to come to me today.  
I only know  
That He has promised me to be my stay;  
And that his hand has mapped out all the way  
That I must go.  
I do not know  
The burden ere the night that I must bear.  
'Tis better so;  
Lest I should faint to see it waiting there.  
I know he bids me cast on him my care,  
His love to show.  
I do not know  
The road o'er which my feet must run the race.  
But I do know  
Though rough it be, though steep  
In many a place.  
That He has said, "Sufficient is my grace."  
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invented by Mr. Edison, or rather the ideal of a mental test by questions was not his. The psychoanalysts and the efficiency experts have been playing this game for some time. While we doubt the efficacy of the tests, we desire to call attention to Mr. Michael J. Nolan who recently made a world record in answering hard questions. Mr. Nolan is an American, or is about to become one, and served overseas with the Canadian army. He was shell shocked and on his return from service asked for vocational training and received it. This was less than two years ago, and since then in the University of Washington where he went in order to become an engineer he has broken several records. Examined by experts he has made the following score:

#### Battling About 1000

1. Made a perfect score in the United States Navy intelligence test, which he considers more difficult than the army test.
2. Scored 211 out of a possible 212 in the army Alpha intelligence test, answering all questions in fourteen minutes of the allotted seventeen and scoring to check his answers (his only mistake was in locating the Packard automobile plant in Flint, Mich. instead of Detroit.)
3. In what was plainly a difficult stunt information test arranged by the university authorities he made a perfect score, answering all sixty of the questions in one minute and ten seconds, while his nearest competitor, an instructor at the university, answered fifty-four and required over an hour to do that.
4. In a general intelligence test arranged for the entire university, stated by the university authorities to be far more difficult than either the army Alpha or navy tests, he scored 166 out of a possible 180 in twenty-five minutes of the allotted thirty minutes.

#### Full of Physique.

Five years ago Mr. Nolan began consciously to develop his mind. In Ireland where great minds are so common his own didn't seem anything out of the way. He was more interested in his strength of body which is on a par with that of his brain, for he considers that the first kindergarten test of an able bodied man is to crush a walnut in the palm of his left hand, if he is right-handed. If he is left-handed then we suppose the idea is to pulverize it between his eyelids. In all his life he has, had only ten

years' schooling, yet his examiners say that he could do the work for a doctor's degree in three months if he exerted himself. In four weeks' study he became an expert in bacteriology. He has one of the best twenty-five minds in the United States, so far as the records show. The hardest test he passed was one in which he had to give the meaning of a number of words. There were sixty of them, and he answered them all correctly in one minute and ten seconds. His nearest competitor was a professor who doped out fifty-four in an hour.

#### Try Them Over

Here are the words which he elucidated:

Ageratum, Amphioxus, Amphora,

Annealed, Apocalypse, Archtrave, Anjourdhu, Babcock, test, Bernard Shaw, Bokahara, Braille, Calory, Caedmon, Catalepsy, Ceramics, Chamfer, Chartism, Chlorine, Cleistogamous, Dibble, Dryad, Electrolisis, Elchim, Entree, Eocene, F-64, F.O.B., Gambit, Gasket, Glycoogen, Gneiss, Guimpe, Hedonism, Hemiptera, Homiletics, Impetigo, Impressionism, Infusoria, Intaglio, Kepler's law, Kilogram, Kinetic, Les Miserables, Logos, Luft, Malthus's law, Metacarpal, Midiron, Millet, Mitosis, Morgen, Nada, Peneplain, Polonius, Pomology, Puer Rocco, Scherzo, Simony, Vantage in.

Mr. Nolan was the only man to know the meaning of the word gumpe, and when asked how he knew he replied simply, "store windows."

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