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A DIFFICULT ROAD

It is now very evident that Premier Saunders has a difficult road to travel and, if he is not receiving as much sympathy as he thinks he deserves, it is because the difficulties are of his own making. During the election campaign he secured the assistance of the Temperance Alliance and of not a few sincere temperance men and women by assuring them that, if elected he would limit the liquor traffic to strictly medicinal purposes and would sell the "poor man's medicine" at actual cost of administration. No "blood-money" would enter his treasury. This was his promise. The Temperance Alliance, some of the members of which were sincere temperance men while many were undoubtedly politicians, threw in their whole weight to elect him. Now in the saddle he has thrown off the mask. He is going to conduct the once anathematized government sale of liquor on "business principles," he has increased the facilities for government sale and has increased the price. All that was cursed under the late government, all that was wicked is now blessed and righteous!

Public opinion in this and in other provinces of Canada is undoubtedly behind some temperance legislation, is in favour of law observance, in favour of sobriety and temperance. All good citizens will support a government that seeks earnestly and honestly to bring about better social, industrial and commercial conditions but can have nothing but contempt for a government that, for the sake of obtaining power, throws honour and truth to the winds. What kind of a citizenry are we creating? What respect can our boys and girls have for a law that is a contradiction to itself, a law that is branded with a false name? The Prohibition law, as enforced today is a government control or a government sale law with the addition that it carries with it the stigma of deception and fraud. Liberal prohibitionists will still stand by it and will call it prohibition and will declare that it is doing admirably. Honest men and women will call it just what it is, government sale, the bete noir of the Temperance Alliance and of Liberal prohibitionists.

Let us at least be honest, let us call things by their right names. The law as now being enforced is not a prohibitory law and is not intended to be. Its purpose, as indicated by the action of the Saunders Liquor Commission is to sell an increased quantity of liquor and at the highest price it can get. But what about our boys and girls who are taking note of the fraud and the deception and, perhaps, shaping their lives by the conduct of our law-makers and legislators?

A GREAT INDUSTRY.

CANADA is now the largest newsprint producer and exporter in the world, United States second and Great Britain third. The manufacture of newsprint in Canada is a comparatively new industry and has doubled within the past ten years. It is still increasing, new plants being added year after year. The raw material for the manufacture of paper is practically inexhaustible, is actually inexhaustible provided adequate measures are adopted to conserve our forests. We not only have a practically unlimited water power so that with proper methods of conservation Canada should be for all time to come the paper producer of the world. United States forests for are being rapidly depleted. Great of it!

Britain depends largely upon Norway and Sweden for her pulp, and the other European countries that manufacture paper can not produce enough for their own wants.

The United States is our largest customer for newsprint. The Financial Post in a recent estimate of Canadian newsprint export business states that the amount of paper exported to the United States would require a freight train 1,000 miles long to transport it, and a pile of wood a mile square and 28 feet high to manufacture the paper.

That there shall always be a large demand for newsprint goes without saying. The world will never get along without its daily and weekly newspapers, and "of the making of books there is no end."

GREAT PREPARATIONS.

THE busiest and, in many ways, the most interesting place in the neighborhood at present is Victoria Park, at the west side of the city. The thousands of crows which during the summer have wakened the citizens in the vicinity earlier than most of them desired, are preparing for their annual flight southward. And great are the preparations. The colony has a population of probably some thousands and evidently each has something to say about the great adventure to be undertaken. After the day's foraging for food the little black people assemble in groups, ranging in numbers from a dozen to hundreds, perched on convenient branches, on tree tops, on fences. As in human groups there is usually an orator, probably an agitator; there is the heckler who is promptly sat upon and plainly told to shut up; there are those who listen respectfully to the leaders. And here and there, there is a little group of gossips talking in whispers and with a cautious eye glancing around to see if anyone is listening, also a sly eye in a particular direction, saying plainly, "Yes, he did."

Oh, they are curious birds, those little black crows, and so like their human fellow creatures, but apparently more sane and more sensible. Although they talk much and make a great noise they finally agree and they will go away together to a more congenial clime. And they will agree on whom to leave behind to hold possession of their rookery at Victoria Park. The agitator will be listened to until he becomes a nuisance and a menace, then he is thrown out. He will not be permitted to interfere with the harmony or the peace of the community.

We could learn much from the crows and from the other little people of the groves and forests. We have much in common with them, and they know much more about some things than we do. They mind their own business which, like our own, is to make a living and to bring up their young in the way they should go—as crows—and this is more than some of us do.

In a few days they will have left us and their little feathered neighbors will be the better for their going—possibly the same may be said of many of us after we have taken our flight, but that is another story. They are only crows, we are only humans.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The profit handed over to the Government by the Prohibition Commission last year was \$57,000. The Saunders Government has reduced its prices by 10%. That may mean \$5,700 off the \$57,000 or a net profit of \$51,300. For the sake of argument let us assume the Saunders Commission sells half the quantity its predecessor did, that still leaves \$25,500 "blood" money for the Saunders coffers. Think

Notes by the Way

How sick is Premier King? And is his ailment physical, mental, or political? Because of his official position at the head of the Government, the health of the First Minister is a matter of concern to all Canadians, and the statements sent out through the press have been contradictory. The announcement of his disability came from Ottawa and was printed in all the leading newspapers. Its substance was that the Premier, who had not been able to attend to his full duties for several months, would now take a complete rest at his country place for five or six weeks. It was further stated that not only would no public business be brought to him there but he would be inaccessible to other ministers or their secretaries.

The unusual and mysterious nature of this notification aroused both curiosity and concern in the public mind. Following this semi-official announcement came the disclosures in the Financial Post of Toronto, giving currency to rumors that Mr. King, being quite seriously ill, might resign the Premiership and go to Washington to succeed Hon. Vincent Massey, in which case a reconstruction of the Government would take place under Hon. James Robb as Premier.

The Post's forecast was republished or referred to by the leading daily papers, many of whom gave it a prominent position, while others commented upon it as fiction or a hoax that the Post was palming off upon its readers. Liberal journals as a rule did not at first deny the truth of the rather sensational story, but later they published a flat denial of Mr. King's illness, stating that his health was never better than it now is; that in a few weeks he will be back at his post in Ottawa, and also that there is no foundation for the prediction that the Government is about to be reconstructed.

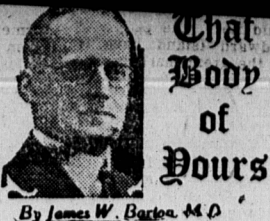
Since then, another issue of the Financial Post on September 30, re-affirms that "Mr. King is a very sick man," and that "his condition is causing his friends great anxiety." All this seems very contradictory, but is easily explained. It is convenient for a Prime Minister to be ill for a day or perhaps a week at times, and then, quite suddenly to be "as well as ever" again. Worry of any kind interferes with digestion and political worry is quite as fruitful a cause of gastric disturbance as are other worries. Almost any man may be very sick one day, so sick that it causes grave concern among his friends, and the next day be "as well as ever." It's the same way with Premiers, only more so. Of course, their worries, embarrassments and temporary periods of seclusion may return, but it is pleasing to learn that at last reports the health of both the Federal Premier and the Provincial Premier were satisfactory.

We are told in the newspapers every day that the Dominion is prosperous and we all rejoice in the fact. The Maritimes are doing better since we came to share in the fruits of the Duncan Report. But where is prosperity greatest, trade and industry most flourishing, immigrant settlers pouring in, population increasing most rapidly? Not in the Maritimes. Quebec is progressing by leaps and bounds; Ontario with busy factories and digging untold millions of gold, silver and copper from her mines; both these central provinces developing immense hydro-electric plants, and pulp and paper mills; and the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia increasing their population by hundreds of thousands and their production and trade proportionately.

There is a wide contrast between the progress of the East on the one part and the Centre and West on the other part. And there is another wide contrast between the methods of the same two areas or divisions in dealing with the liquor traffic. Until a month ago the three Maritimes were under prohibition, as two of them still are, and all Canada west of New Brunswick under Government control. Is it merely a coincidence that prosperity abounds where the control plan is in operation far beyond what is seen under prohibition? And again, the repeal of prohibition is still contemplated by many in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, but nobody in Quebec or in any province west of Quebec has proposed to restore prohibition.

The strength of parties in the Canadian Senate is approaching equality. There are now four vacant seats, two from Ontario and two from Quebec. As it now stands there are 51 Conservatives, 40 Liberals and one Progressive. When the existing vacancies are filled the Liberals will number 44.

The Conservative Convention, at which a new leader is to be chosen, has aroused much concern in the Liberal camp. It has set a host of Liberals questioning whether they ought not to hunt up a new leader aged and goes into seclusion now for their own party, the greater half and then.



By James W. Burke, M.D.

EYE TROUBLE FROM INFECTED TEETH

Perhaps you have been having some trouble with your eyes. There has been pain, tiredness, inability to read for any length of time. You have had your eyes fitted by a good oculist or optometrist, and so you are at a loss to understand why you are having so much trouble.

A French physician has been pointing out recently that many eye disturbances are really due to infected teeth. In the first place, if you could see a chart showing the distribution of the large nerve which supplies the face including eyes, nose, and teeth, you would notice at once that branches extend down from the region of the eye to supply the teeth. Now an abscess about the root of a tooth may irritate the ends of these branches, and cause the blood vessels about the eyes to dilate.

This could interfere with vision and cause pain from pressure. Also as you know, some of the organisms found in abscessed teeth manufacture a particularly strong poison. This poison is carried by the blood stream to its very near neighbor, the eye.

We are so apt to expect rheumatism, arthritis, joint ailments from infected teeth, that we forget that these poisons can and do go to all parts of the body, and the eye can receive its share. The fact that these eye disturbances clear up after the abscessed teeth are treated or removed, is real proof that the teeth poisons have been causing the trouble.

Infection in the sinuses adjoining the nose can likewise cause eye disturbances.

So whenever you have any trouble with your eyes it will be worth your while to think of the possibility of bad teeth.

An X ray will show up any abscess about the roots of the teeth, and infection of the sinuses. And it is also worth while to remember that abscesses in the roots of the grinding teeth, in most cases, mean that the teeth should be removed. In after four to six weeks treatment the canal is not absolutely clean, the tooth should be removed. The other teeth at front and sides have root canals that are more easily treated, and so these teeth may be saved.

However, teeth are not worth keeping if they mean continuous trouble with the eyes.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say "everywhere." There is no such word.

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: quotient. Pronounce kw-i-es-ent, as in "quit," both e's as in "met," accent second syllable.

OFTEN MISPELLED: infanticide; c. not s.

SYNONYMS: boundary, confines, border, barrier, enclosure, frontier, limit, margin.

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: INDEMNITY; that which is given as compensation for a loss. "What was the amount of the indemnity exacted?"

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

October 6, 1927

GOD PROVIDES FOR ALL:—God sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst. Psalm 104:10,11.

IF ALL WHO HATE US WOULD LOVE US

If all who hate would love us, And all our love were true, The stars that swing above us Would brighten in the blue; If cruel words were kisses, And every scowl a smile, A better world than this is Would hardly be worth while; If purses would not tighten To meet a brother's need, The load we bear would lighten Above the grave of greed.

If those who whine would whistle, And those who languish laugh, The roses would rout the thistle, The grain outrun the chaff; If hearts were only jolly, If grieving were forgot, And tears of melancholy Were things that now are not—Then love would kneel to duty, And all the world would seem A bridal bower of beauty.

of which is in Quebec. Premier King is by no means a political idol there. Remembering the days of Laurier, Quebec looks upon Premier King as only a rather unimportant stop-gap. Little wonder that he gets discouraged and goes into seclusion now

ARE PARENTS PEOPLE?

Article 3.

- 1. Does the present-day parent compare favorably or unfavorably with the parent of past generations?
2. To what extent can parents be blamed for juvenile delinquency? And in what respects?
3. Can a parent, by controlling environment and companionship, mould the character of the child as desired?
4. Do you believe in the principle of parent education? If so, what should it include?
5. At what age do you think parent education should start? Should it be before or after marriage?
6. Do you think the inclusion of health as a major topic in a parent education scheme might do much to increase the physical well-being of the country?

By Dr. James L. Hughes, Former Chief Inspector of Schools, Toronto.

1. Most of the training now is better than it was formerly. Until recently, nearly all child training was negative,—and therefore made children to be done. The old training, still practised in most of the homes and schools, made them "don'ters" and "stoppers" and thus robbed them of power. Coercism every soul it was using. Coercism, the Comradeship has been taking the place of coercion, and, therefore, especially in schools, conditions are not so destructive of character and power as they were in the past.

2. Parents who stop children from doing things they wish for themselves, rob their children of power and character—real, vital character. The parents should, from the beginning of a child's conscious life, provide it with material suitable to its stage of development so that it may enjoy itself by doing things it plans. That is the only way that child or man can take a step toward the divine—by achieving the visions that come into the mind.

Parents who are not comrades-partners of their children never truly guide them. Many will mislead their children by threatening them with punishment from God. These children can never love God and so lose the true basis of character.

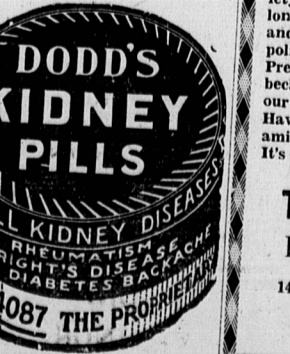
3. I do not like the word "mould" in regard to child training. Children should be allowed to develop, not moulded. A thousand things that have been moulded are each like all the others. No two children in the same family are born with the same powers. Each child has a "seed" of individuality, and the development of that seedhood is the most essential element in its true training. Yet parents and teachers, until recently, have really tried to mould them and make them all alike. Companionship—real companionship that does not degenerate into "boss-ism" or punishment—and recognizes that the child is entitled to a real life of its own, is the most vital influence in a child's true development.

4. I believe that high school students should be taught the basic principles of wise training of children. If properly taught, it would surely rank high in the list of high school studies as an agency in producing genuine happiness in the home of the world by training children in a method directly opposite to that still practised in most homes.

The best thing I can suggest is the preparation of a book on true child development and the passing of a law that the groom in each marriage should produce the book at his wedding with his name on the title page.

5. It should start in the secondary schools and be continued and applied after marriage. I am afraid that only a small percentage of married people would join classes to take lessons. Classes should be organized for the large proportion of students that never go to high schools which they could attend before marriage.

6. I am afraid that it is too late, when men and women reach maturity, to begin their physical development. Health of body should be one of the major elements in the training given both in public and high schools. It is more important than knowledge-storing.



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HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK

By ROBERTA LEE

Bath Towels A good way to keep bath towels separate, where there are several members in the family, is to attach each towel to a spring clothespin. Each pin can be enameled and initialed to make it attractive.

To Clean Steel One of the best ways to clean steel is to rub it with a paste made of emery powder and oil, mixed to the proper consistency.

Stitching Linen Goods If the needle persists in cutting the goods, when stitching linen, rub the seam to be stitched with hard white soap.

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