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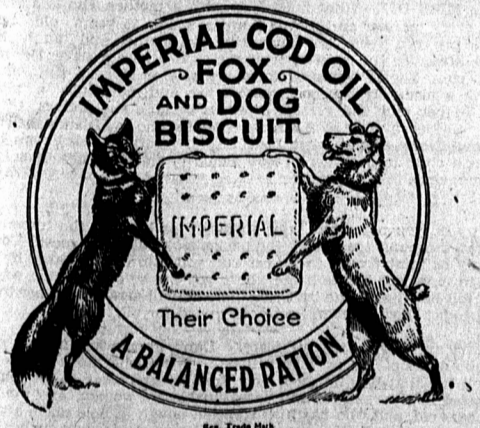
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The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

THE BALANCE OF TRADE

Sir—Senator Hughes, and others of your correspondents, have evidently lost sight of the pith of Conservative policy on this subject. In his initial letter he instanced wheat shipped to England at a profit of fifty per cent, and this fifty per cent returned to us in British wares, which he contended would be to us an adverse yet profitable balance of trade.

Wheat was probably the only article of Canadian export that he could lay hands on as the basis for his argument, and even in this the customary profit of about five per cent, to make a reasonable show, had to be magnified up to fifty.

In that instance he laid stress upon British goods in return payment. That is a far away variance from the protection policy. If, instead of goods not manufactured in Canada, this wheat was returned to us in the form of cakes and biscuits, which could be manufactured in Canada by Canadian workmen, wherein is the profit in paying freights both ways, to give employment to British bakeries, while our own workmen were out of employment. And large quantities of British baked goods are sold in Canada.

Twice one of our largest Island exports, have been referred to. If we could ship these to the United States, and receive in return oranges, lemons, raisins, melons, pomegranates and tropical fruits, which we cannot produce, it would be the fairest of fair trade, fitting nicely into Senator Hughes' argument, and would be beneficial to both countries. It would also conform accurately to Conservative trade doctrine. The protest however is, that our potatoes are practically shut out of the American markets by a prohibitive tariff, while our markets are free to be exploited by United States growers, with little, and in many cases, no tariff at all.

The bigger relation of this balance of trade to the wider area of our extensive natural resources—our mines and forests. The wary Senator did not come within even a visionary reach of these in search for an example. And in these will be found the corner stone and the fundamentals of Conservative policy. It is that of giving to the sons of Canada the picks, the axes and the shovels, to make them the slaves of labor, taking the products of our mines, and the pulpwood from our forests, to send them across the border, giving the cream of the work to the favoured mechanics of the Republic.

What has Senator Hughes got to say about sending \$15,400,343 pulpwood to be manufactured by American workmen into thirty million dollars, or more in the paper and paper products, and brought back into Canada to doubly drain us of our resources, and of the labor and profits which by nature belong to us? Added to this in 1927 we exported to the United States about fifty million dollars worth of wood pulp, a trade gateway, depleting our home supply, to give life almost the very existence of the newspaper industry across the border.

Our nickel mines are the largest of the world's producers. We have an immense asbestos reserve, copper, iron and other minerals in an

invaluable supply. These are exploited to feed the great factories in the United States, to give work to the American mechanic, the pick and shovel and axe end of the business being reserved for Canadians.

In 1927 Canada exported over sixty million dollars worth of raw wood and pulp; and over one hundred million dollars worth of other raw material. Such of this as come back to us in a finished state we have to pay for including the cost of American skill and labor, freights going and coming, with our import duties, sales tax and commissions added. Is a balance of trade created in this manner of any benefit to any country? As a means for sapping the business life out of the country, and as a stumbling block to our prosperity, it is beyond possibility of argument, a howling success.

I am sir, etc., LABOR

RECKLESS SPEEDING ON THE BRIDGE AND ST. PETER'S ROAD

Sir—It is pleasing to note that the speeding nuisance is being effectively dealt with in the city. Our police are on the alert and are coping with it satisfactorily. Not a little of the credit should be given the press for its continual denunciation of the folly and danger of reckless speeding. But, outside of the city the speed fiends seem to fear nothing. On the bridge, yesterday, I saw cars driven at the rate of thirty miles or more. These cars were filled with passengers, who were no doubt, in helpless terror. No doctor or clergyman, even on urgent missions of mercy would risk driving at such a rate. It takes a clear eye and a steady hand to keep a straight course at such a rate, and such can not be expected of a drunken driver.

It is shocking to think what would happen, should the machine be allowed to swerve into the girders of the bridge. Would not every one in the car be killed and mangled? Another favorite speedway is St. Peter's Road, just outside the city. A few evenings ago I accompanied a lady a short distance, who was driving a horse and sleigh toward the city. She was in terror of the cars, many of which were going at an unlawful rate. She was obliged to keep the horse aloft in the trench.

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That Body of Pours By James W. Barton, M.D.

DIVIDING UP YOUR DOLLAR FOR FOOD

Whether you are a millionaire or an individual of limited means, what your dollar will buy in food in the market, for cash, is just the same. And when you think about it, it is what luxuries or delicacies in foods that count with that body of yours, but what foods will give the most value in heat, energy, and body building.

In other words the best way to invest that dollar in foodstuffs, should be of interest to every man, woman and child.

I saw a food exhibit arranged by the nutritional expert of the Canadian Government that struck me as being worthy of handing on to my readers. Spread out in a neat array of little groups were the different types of foodstuffs.

One group: meat, fish and eggs. Second group: vegetables and fruits. Third group: bread and cereals. Fourth group: milk and cheese.

Fifth group: fats, sugars, groceries or other adjuncts. Thus all the foodstuffs were included, and the suggestion was that of each dollar spent on food, twenty cents or one fifth, should be spent on each one of these groups.

This means that the number of calories and all the vitamins get into the diet everyday. This looks like a practical common sense manner in which the housewife can feel that she is using the best possible method of not only getting the best value for her dollar, but giving her children, husband, and self, the greatest amount of nourishment.

Of course there will be cases where there must be little changes made. A mother with three or four small children will invest more of her dollar in milk.

A mother with children in their teens will need the milk of course, but must use more meat or eggs. Also where the family are all adults and work hard with their hands more meat or eggs may be necessary.

However the general idea that the dollar as expended should be divided into fifths, one fifth for each of above groups, is a simple method that is easily remembered.

ROTARY CLUB

Speaking at the monthly meeting of Rotary Club yesterday afternoon, Mr. Ed Otter, of Toronto, National Secretary for Canada of young men's work in connection with the Y. M. C. A., stressed the need of high leadership and of the principles enunciated by Christ as the basis of the best of all contributions to mankind. Boys and young men, he pointed out, have great but undeveloped capacities. They become either noble or ignominious according to the influences brought to bear on them.

Mr. Otter then proceeded to answer the question "Why boys go wrong." There are in all human beings certain fundamental drives or urges, instincts such as hunger, the desire to come together, to be sociable, curiosity, the mating or sex instinct, acquisitiveness, combativeness, etc. These are the raw material out of which personality is made, and should be rightly directed. If these drives are so potent how can they be controlled? The boy's will power is not fully developed. These drives should be taken and sublimated into higher channels of usefulness. A number of agencies are employed, such as the Rotary Club, the Y. M. C. A., etc. The speaker then stressed the great need of proper leadership in order that the youthful urges may be directed into constructive, not destructive channels.

During the business portion of the meeting President Percy Pope presided, and in making reference to the death of Mrs. Tweedy said: "Before taking up the business of the day, I feel desirous we all wish to have entered on our minutes an expression of the deep and sincere sympathy that we have towards our fellow Rotarian, George J. Tweedy. He is being called upon to endure one of the most heart-searching experiences which falls to the lot of humanity. Our true life is only realized in so far as we live in and for others and the breaking of the ties which bind us to a dearly loved life-companion must inflict a crushing blow. Only the assurance that life here is but a prelude to a greater and fuller life to come, enables us to obey the standing order—Carry On.

"Trusting to the Divine Providence which overrules all things for good, we can at least cheer each other by marching on shoulder to shoulder.

The minutes of the weekly meeting were read by acting secretary James E. Harris. The guests present were Rev. Ross Eaton, Mr. Albert Aarons, Mr. N. G. MacDonald and Mr. E. B. Fielding. The musical programme included a solo by Mrs. J. A. Lawson who was warmly encouraged.

The president referred to the new song book donated by Rotarian Archie Irwin and the Club expressed their thanks by rising and singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. J. A. Clark presided during the early part of the meeting. Tractors of the track laying type are being used in Belgium to tow canal barges. With a new vise for electricians

Household Scrapbook By Roberta Lee

Baby's Pictures When baby's pictures are too expensive to have made, a negative can be made from a photograph on hand with splendid results, and the cost of extra copies will be nominal.

Smooth Gravy To keep gravy from becoming lumpy, add a pinch of salt to the flour used for thickening, before mixing it with water.

Tangled Hair When the hair becomes tangled, if the scalp is rubbed thoroughly with alcohol, the tangles can be combed out very readily.

Daily Lessons in English

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say, "Here is the data in the case." "Data" is plural. Say, "Here are."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: flaccid. Pronounce flak-sid, a as in "at," i as in "it," not flas-id.

OFTEN MISPELLED: Samsort; no p. SYNONYMS: decided, decisive, determined, clear.

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: MARVEL; to be struck with surprise; to wonder. "I marvel at your courage."

Modern Etiquette By Roberta Lee

Q. How long should an ordinary formal call last? A. Three-quarters of an hour.

Q. May a hostess delegate some other person to do the introducing for her at a large function? A. Yes, it is done quite often.

Q. How can a host, if seriously overcharged in a restaurant, adjust the matter without embarrassing his guests? A. By excusing himself and seeing the head waiter.

The Land We Love By Frank Yeigh

The Chignecto Canal Plan

Q. What is the Chignecto Canal Plan? A. The century-old project for linking up the Bay of Fundy with the Gulf of St. Lawrence through the narrow isthmus of Chignecto, Nova Scotia, has been revived. It is claimed that a canal would curtail the voyage from the maritime ports of the inner coast to St. Lawrence ports, by two days, by cutting off the detour around the outer coast of the province, thereby facilitating the trade of the Maritime Provinces and the West Indies. This canal would open up the Bay of Fundy, which at present above St. John is a blind alley, with a minimum of shipping.

NOW DENIES CONFESSION

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 1.—Arraigned on one charge of murder and awaiting arraignment of three more, Gordon Stewart Northcott, 21 year old Riverside chicken rancher, denied from his cell here this afternoon that he had confessed, as officers announced, that he had killed an unidentified Mexican boy after abusing him.

Northcott was brought here today by Los Angeles and Riverside county officers from Vancouver, B.C., after a long delay. Earl Redwin, deputy district attorney of Riverside County, told newspapermen this morning that Northcott had "partly confessed" to him on the trip. Confronted by newspapermen Northcott emphatically denied this.

In four indictments Northcott is accused of murdering as many boys. Three of the indictments were returned in Riverside County and one in Los Angeles County. The Los Angeles indictment charges the rancher with the murder of a Mexican boy in this city. It was on this indictment that Northcott was suddenly and unexpectedly arraigned today and his trial date set for December 5.



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Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

THE REJECTED ONE—He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and he hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.—ISA. 53:3.

PRAYER—Most loving Father, we thank Thee that he did not reject THE UPWARD LOOK

A fragrant wood Whose peace-brimmed aisles we tread— An upward lifting of the soul toward God.

A sunset sky Shows Heaven's gates thrown wide— A vision glorious to be our guide.

A thrush's song Blithe burst of ecstasy— My throbbing heart fresh tuned to sing with thee.

A kindly deed Efulgence sheds o'er life— My lagging spirit stirred renews the strife.

The upward look Brings blessing, hope and grace If we to God but, lift our questing face.

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