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A COMMUNITY ASSET

Official notification has been received that the Prince Edward Island Hospital, the Charlottetown Hospital and the Prince County Hospital are included by the American College of Surgeons in their list of Approved Hospitals.

This is in keeping with the high standard maintained in previous years by the three hospitals of the Province, and it is an achievement upon which all our citizens may look with legitimate pride.

EDUCATIONAL VALUES

Commenting on an address on educational values by Sir Arthur Currie at the convocation exercises at McGill University, the Montreal Gazette commends Sir Arthur's suggestion that education is a way of life and the ultimate test of its validity and its worth lies in the culture of permanent values, in the discipline of the inner selfhood and the production of a better and nobler type of manhood and womanhood answerable to the ideals of "straight thinking, good living and good citizenship."

moment to forget it." Here we have the entire philosophy of human education in a single sentence.

"THE NATION FIRST"

Premier MacDonald has put the issue of the British general elections clearly before the people. His appeal is that the electors, when they go to the polls on the 27th of October next to render their verdict upon the National Government,

The financial position of Great Britain is perfectly sound, but the economic situation is so critical, and the exigencies of the times are so urgent and so exceptional, that only urgent and exceptional treatment can possibly effect the desired remedy.

U. S. OPINION

Well informed newspapers of the United States are commenting with admiration upon the business-like manner in which the federal administration at Ottawa is handling a serious economic situation.

"The program of relief outlined assuredly is bold. It means a peace time emergency with something of the same energy as is well called for by war. It is well worth studying now, and its ultimate outcome will be equally worth noting."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Many in this Province will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Alfred Valentine Fraser, President of Alfred Fraser, Inc., of New York, and for many years representative of the well known London fur house of Lampons, who passed away recently.

Referring to a Senate vacancy in Quebec the Sherbrooke Herald favors the appointment of Mr. R. S. White, well known in the newspaper world, and adds: "Prime Minister Bennett is not likely to make the mistake of calling to the Senate mere millionaires as such."

Democracy is always either crowning or crucifying its kings. And there is something melancholy about the spectacle of Philip Snowden, long one of the Prophets of British Labor, taking his exit from public life amid Labor's jeers.

There is a shrewd suspicion among people who know India well that Mr. Gandhi has come over here in the hope of making a lucky bargain and gaining enough to revive his waning influence in India.

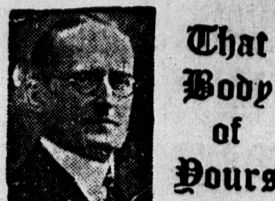
The British dole, foisted on the country by a Labor bureaucracy, pushed England to the verge of a financial abyss. A crash was averted by the formation of a National Government and suspension of the gold standard.

Premier Bennett is too wise and too keen a business man to allow Canada to drift into such a predicament. He can be depended on to formulate a plan that will relieve unemployment, and at the same time not imperil this country's future.

Premier Ramsay MacDonald threw down the gauntlet to Labor leaders of Seaham when he announced that if his old comrades so desired he would be a candidate at the next general election.

"At the present time, says Action Catholique, Canada and Russia are competing for orders from France for wheat. It is usual to say, in relation to these matters that business is business, and that there is no room for sentiment in business transactions.

In the discussion which takes place periodically, concerning the bar of race and color which is raised by the so-called Nordic peoples against those of darker skin, sight sometimes is lost of the fact that Great Britain had as an hereditary peer, a man of color who took so distinguished a part in politics in England that he was created Lord S. He was only one of several men of non-Nordic race and non-Caucasian complexion who served in the British House of Commons.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

VALUE OF HEAT AND MASSAGE

It was my privilege for some years to supervise the training of athletes for national and international competition. One of the things I insisted on was a hot shower or tub bath after practice or competition and then a rub down or massage by a trainer.

There isn't any question but that this hot water and massage quickly remove fatigue products manufactured in the body by the exercise, and bring fresh pure blood to the part.

Dr. Harold Wolfson, Chicago, gives the results of experiments in the use of heat, massage, and various types of electrical stimulation on the flow of blood to or through a part. These experiments show that heat products an increased supply to the part, by actively opening up the small blood vessels.

Massage causes at first a great increase of blood by forcing the used blood out of the part, and more completely emptying the small blood vessels.

One of the world's greatest sprinters of a few years back, had never bothered to have a rub or a massage after his hot shower; didn't see the need of it. He was induced to submit to the massage and said he never realized what he was missing; he felt so "light and airy."

And when you realize that heat in the form of a hot shower, a hot tub, or a heated cabinet bath, brings the blood in greater volume to the part carrying away the waste or fatigue products, and this is followed by massage which more completely empties all the vessels, you can readily understand why heat and massage by getting rid of the fatigue products in a short time prevent these athletes from becoming stale.

Now you may not be an athlete, but it is well to remember that any and all forms of exercise—housework, garden work, walking, golf, anything in fact—makes fatigue products and if these do not get out of the system you are going to feel "tired" all the time. A good night's sleep usually gives the system a chance to get rid of these products before you start work or exercise the next day.

However it is worth knowing that a good hot bath and massage will actually save hours of time in getting rid of these fatigue products.

The Poet's Corner

FROM "ODE TO THE WEST WIND"

Make me thy lyre, even as the forest is: What if my leaves are falling like his own? The tumult of thy mighty harmonies Will take from both a deep autumnal tone, Sweet though in sadness. Be thou, My Spirit! Be thou me, impetuous one!

BEACON GUIDES LOST YOUTHS

(United Press) ORLAND, Cal., Oct 13—Orland's airplane beacon brought seven year old Eddie Wilder and his brother, Carl Andrew, five, safely back home after they had been lost in the prairie country near here. The youngsters strayed away from their father who was driving in a herd of sheep. When night fell they watched the flashing of the air beacon and set out in that direction.

That Body of Ours

A "Blue Chip" Investment

In these days of world depression, too many of us have overlooked a gilt-edged security which in all history has never paid such high dividends as it does today. Health Preservation this security is called; and it is issued by the approved hospitals in our community.

Announcement of the list of 2,158 hospitals in the United States and Canada, which the American College of Surgeons at its recent clinical congress in New York designated as approved should serve to remind us that these institutions are one of our greatest assets. Although it is true that the actual investment in hospitals is over \$4,000,000,000, their value lies not simply in land, buildings and equipment. The fact is that every approved hospital pays actual cash dividends to its community. Let's stop to estimate them for a moment.

It is a recognized fact that since hospital standardization was put into effect in 1918 with the first annual survey of such institutions by the American College of Surgeons, the average death rate in approved hospitals has dropped more than 50 per cent, and mortalities from surgical operations are only about one-fourth what they were at that time.

OUR DISCOUNTED DOLLAR

Sir:—Advisedly I say "discounted" rather than "depreciated," because U. S. moneyed interests have exploited it in speculation; in actual value the Canadian dollar is one of the soundest in the world today.

Some time ago I studied a book on banking, published by one of our Island's distinguished sons, Mr. H. C. McLeod, General Manager of the Bank of N. S., in which he emphasized that "credit," not substance, was the basis of wealth. Gold was adopted, as the standard, not because of its intrinsic worth as a metal, but because by international agreement it was accepted as the basis upon which to compute the credit which it represented.

Upon this basis, what country can compare with Canada in the tangible wealth of her assets, and the reserves upon which she can depend to meet her obligations? The wealth of the individual is the wealth of the nation. In every sense Canada is richly endowed in every form of wealth, comparable with the United States or any other country.

In view of this, why should the Wall street speculators offer us eighty cents of their "credit" for one hundred cents of ours? Their unemployment; their national deficits and obligations; their agricultural and industrial progress and activity, are under the world's depression under greater suffering and handicap than are those in Canada. Upon the purely basic principle their "credit" is worse, even though through the War they cornered an unjust share of the gold supply of the world.

lives saved that would otherwise be lost through inefficient surgery, careless nursing, and poor management. An approved hospital of 200 beds, for instance, will annually care for about 5,000 patients, whose total maintenance cost will average \$300,000. If this hospital saves from this number only 10 per cent who would have died but for the better care given, it would mean a saving of 500 lives. Actuarians estimate the value of a human life at \$5,000. At this rate the net return to the community from one approved hospital alone on but one item would be \$2,500,000. And this capitalizes only a single phase of hospital service. We have not yet evaluated the saving to industry, the reduction in number of public dependents, the increase in family incomes, not to mention that which is above prices—the suffering alleviated. Where is the industry that can match these dividends?

Despite the economic crisis approved hospitals, unlike some business organizations, are not contemplating retrenchments in their services to the public for the coming year. They expect instead to have to carry a larger burden than before because of the many more persons needing hospital aid in times of financial distress. The minimum standard of the American College of Surgeons, around which approved hospitals are developed, will help them to carry this added burden because the principles contained in the standard are based on sound economics and stress good organization and management rather than a lavish display of glittering equipment. Every good hospital must have funds, however, and those who receive dividends from it should see the good sense of putting back some of the returns into the business, so to speak.

Another point to remember, if the public will demand only approved hospitals, there will be no falling off in Health Preservation dividends.

preciated value of the pound in Great Britain. This of course affects exchange values, but even in this the great bulk of Canadian payments are made direct from country to country, and weakness in British exchange is at best a flimsy pretense. United States dividend producing investments in Canada exceed in large proportion those of Canada in the States, and these payments, from this country's more stable institutions, will go far towards balancing the difference between commodity exports and imports.

If adverse balance of trade is in any way a real factor, the U. S. operators have adopted a lightning-quick cure. The writer in person witnessed a bank deducting 20% from the Canadian dollar, and some merchants timid about taking them at any price. This is equivalent to a 20% export duty upon their shipments to Canada, which added to our own Customs duty, will severely cut down American exports to this country, while, with a 20% premium on U. S. exchange, it reduces the adverse duty against our product to that extent. This cannot fail to stimulate Canadian exports and retard imports into Canada, to an extent to bring about a trade balance much more in our favor. To the United States it is suicidal; to Canada an invaluable source of profit, and a stimulant to Canadian employment and trade.

For instance butter, with a 12 cent per lb. duty, is exactly 12 cents higher in price than in Canada. A 12% premium on American exchange completely wipes out this duty, and our butter shipped to the U. S., if this exchange rate continues, should yield a profit of 12 cents a lb. The same argument applies to our potatoes and other farm products.

I notice the Province of B. C. have adopted a retaliatory tit-for-tat treatment. California and the Pacific States are dependent on British Columbia for their fish supplies. Fish supply houses are exacting the same discount on the American dollar as the latter exact from them. To their chagrin they have to pay \$1.10 in U. S. funds for their dollar's worth of fish, and merchants generally are discounting American dollars on an exact parity with that taken from the Canadian dollar in the States. It is one means of bringing exploiters to their senses. The United States nation however as a whole will very soon awaken to those other considerations outlined above, when they realize how it pinches their export, industry and employment to the great profit of Canada, at a time when they can ill afford to sacrifice trade and increase the number of their unemployed.

I, am Sir, etc. I. F. T. No doubt stand the strain of the

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THE DUMPING CLAUSE loss, but many of those who are overstocked or whose capital is limited would be forced into bankruptcy.

6. The fact that the future cost of the pound sterling will depend upon international forces, over which we in Canada will have little or no control, would if not curbed result in a constant fluctuation of commodity prices that would be most injurious to trade and particularly to those seeking orders for import, for Canadians are not at present in the mood to do a great deal of gambling.

7. Importers as a class cannot afford to arouse a feeling in Canada that they regard their own personal interests as paramount. There is an universal feeling of sympathy throughout the Dominion for the unemployed, and it is now very generally admitted that Canadian workers must be protected at all hazards, not only against the cheap labour of Great Britain and Europe and the productions of the United States, which country is closed against almost everything Canadian, but especially against the evil effects of depreciated currency.

I am, Sir, etc. H. K. S. HEMMING, Montreal, October 8th, 1931.

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