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Why The Patriot Worries

The Liberal organ is very much perturbed over the fact that the three Conservative members from Prince Edward Island had sufficient influence and power to make the Government abolish its dumping duty on potatoes.

gathered at other conventions throughout the Province, of the increasing sentiment in favor of a change of Government in provincial affairs and of the confidence of the electorate in the ability of the Hon. J. D. Stewart and his followers to establish sane and sound administration.

Why No Liberal Conventions

The difference between the attitude of the two parties as the election campaign draws near is indeed striking. On the one hand are the Conservatives, eager and anxious for the contest, nominating their candidates in every County at crowded conventions from a large list of available nominees, passing enthusiastic resolutions and preparing in every way for the campaign.

The Red Herring

The election gestures of the Lea Government during the session just closed, its attempt to feed federal red herrings across the plainly marked path of the provincial issues, were significantly evident to all.

Editorial Notes

The war of 1812 was ended 119 years ago, yet the widow of one of the participants has just died in Massachusetts, aged 91. It is reported that she is the last.

Political circles of Great Britain are still talking about Hon. Philip Snowden's budget, and opinion is expressed that a revenue tariff must be adopted by next year if the United Kingdom is to retain her position in the first rank of the world's great trading nations.

First Prince Ready

Tuesday's convention of Conservative delegates of the First District of Prince, at which Messrs. Wilfred Tanton and Joseph A. Chalson were nominated to contest the constituency in the coming provincial elections, left nothing to be desired, both in attendance and enthusiasm.

Notes by the Way

British Columbia sells a considerable quantity of coal in the United States and therefore the same British Columbia government, which was so strongly in favor of protection on fruits, desires the fullest measure of free trade where our coal producers are to be beneficiaries.

Accidents occur because somebody is careless, because someone takes a chance. Not much sympathy need be wasted on the adult who blunders into the traffic line without looking both ways.

No matter what its speed a car is being driven too rapidly on city streets where children are crossing or are playing if it cannot be stopped instantly, and the driver is negligent who relaxes his vigilance for a moment under such circumstances.

A test of 700 automobiles in Montreal the other day showed that only eight percent were mechanically perfect. Only one car in ten had perfect brakes. Mechanical defects are a contributory factor in accidents, and it is difficult to find excuses for the person who ventures into traffic without knowing that his breaks are ready for the emergency.

With the harvest of the sea, it is different. There is no seed-time, no growing crop to gloat over or worry. Harvest goes on, winter and summer, and it is attended normally with so much hardship and danger that only when there is an unusually severe storm or loss of life does the public realize that the harvesters of the sea are at work.

In view of the increase of Motor vehicles travel, it would be well for pedestrians to take time by the forelock in the making their preparations. In other words as suggested by the Border Cities Star, they should prepare to make two jumps grow, where only one grew before.

On May 18 the conference of the leading wheat producing countries, arranged by Canada's High Commissioner Hon. G. H. Ferguson, will meet at London for the discussion of price standards and orderly marketing, says the Sydney Post.

One mill in the United States is said to be working over time these days in spite of the depression. It is the divorce mill, as they have it out in Reno. During the present week the Reno mill was running through something like 90 divorce cases daily according to dispatches from that city. One day 84 couples were given their freedom.

Anyone who has lived in the world and has been blessed with agreeable associations with children, with women-children or with men-children, has often noticed how little ones, when introduced to strangers, will gaze for a moment or two into the eyes of certain persons as if peering into the depths of their character, and then, after judgment has been formed, will nestle confidently in the arms of one person and refuse to even consider the formation of cordial relations with another person.

The deep and bright eyes of a little child, if the reader is ever subjected to such an examination, he will know that he is being weighed in the balance of character, and that the judgment about to be rendered is more infallible than the decree of any court. If found wanting, there is no appeal against the judgment of grave and searching scrutiny from the infantile court.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Ours

EPILEPSY DUE TO A POISON IN THE BLOOD

When one thinks of that terrible ailment—epilepsy or fits—remembers how old it is in history, remembers all the research work that has been done and is being done on it with no discovery as to its cause, one is apt to feel discouraged.

Yet there never was a time in history when there was so much knowledge as to how to prevent attacks or lessen their number and severity.

That there is some little disturbance in the brain or nervous system seems to be the idea that is generally accepted. But that something connected with the food, with the digestive system starts the trouble in the brain thus causing the attacks, has been amply proven.

Thus one investigator kept a number of patients who usually had an attack every day, absolutely free from attacks for eleven days, by the simple process of giving them no food whatever—just starving them. Of course they had to be fed to save their lives but it certainly proved that food was the match that started the fire.

Another investigator found that by cutting down on starchy foods, but increasing the fats (fat meat, butter and cream) he was able to prevent the attacks in some cases and lessen their number in others.

Washing out the stomach every second day, and keeping the intestines clear by frequent use of purgatives and enemas, has also proven effective in preventing attacks in some cases.

Now all these things would tend to prove that something in the food eaten acts almost like a poison in the blood, and when the blood loaded with this something, this substance, reaches the brain it causes the attacks.

The experiments of Dr. Pagnez, Paris, have shown the existence of a poisonous or toxic substance in the blood of the patients with epilepsy, and these poisons can always be found in the blood at the time of an attack. The serum of this blood injected into the arteries of experimental animals produces in them, almost immediately, violent muscular shocks.

Now this is certainly a step forward in learning the cause of epilepsy, to know that when the blood gets certain materials into it due to food eaten and the way that food is handled or mishandled in the body, then epileptic attacks are likely to occur.

It would seem that from this knowledge some method of helping the body processes to handle food in a way to prevent the formation of this poison may soon be discovered. Perhaps the injection of certain substances may soon be found to prevent attacks.

The Poet's Corner

ROUNDABOUTS AND SWINGS

It was early last September night to Franklin-on-Sea,
An 'twas Fair-day come to-morrow,
an' the time was after tea,
An' I met a painted caravan adown a dusty lane,
A Pharaoh with his waggons comin'
jolt an' creak an' strain;
A cheery oove an' sunburnt, bold o' eye and wrinkled up,
An' beside him on the splashboard sat a bridled tarrier pup,
An' a lurcher wise as Solomon an' lean as fiddle strings
Was joggin' in the dust along 'is roundabouts and swings.
'Goo-day,' said 'e; 'Goo-day,' said I;
'an' 'ow d'you find things go,
An' what's the chance o' millions when you runs a travellin' show?
'I find,' said 'e, 'things very much as 'ow I've always found,
For mostly they goes up and down or else goes round and round.'
Said 'e, 'The job's the very spit o' what it always were,
It's bread and bacon mostly when the dog don't catch a 'are;
But lookin' at it broad, an' while it ain't no merchant king's,
What's lost upon the roundabouts we pulls up on the swings!
'Coo' look' said 'e; 'Coo' look,' said I;
'you've put it past a doubt;
An' keep that lurcher on the road, the gamekeepers is out.'
'E thumped upon the footboard an' 'e lumbered on sunset
To meet a gold-dust sunset down the owl-light in the lane;
An' the moon she climbed the 'azels, while a nightjar seemed to spin
That Pharaoh's wisdom o'er again, 'is sooth of lose-and-win;
For 'up an' down an' round,' said 'e, 'goes all appointed things,
An' losses on the roundabouts means profits on the swings!
—Patrick R. Chambers.

Party Leaders

(Toronto Mail and Empire)

We counted it to Mr. Mackenzie King for righteousness that he maintained, in the main, a fairly consistent silence in the interval between the emergency sessions of Parliament and the present session. We thought that he made a mistake in opening the debate on the Speech from the Throne with a four-and-a-half-hour speech consisting mainly of alleged explanations for the Liberal defeat in the last general election.

Mr. Mackenzie King's chief error of the session has been his insistence upon Mr. Bennett's presence in the House during the interminable debate on the Speech from the Throne. A debate which in former days occupied from a day or two to a week, but which has this year run into five weeks. To our mind it's outpouring of useless verbiage has been indefensible in view of the economic situation in the country and of the need for action by Parliament to deal with the situation.

Mr. I. D. Macdougall, the Conservative member for Inverness, was well within the facts when he accused Mr. King of trying by subterfuge methods to create the impression that the leader of the Government is a dictator and a czar afflicted with an exaggerated ego.

But what we are trying to emphasize is that, instead of indulging in merely partisan speeches and idle personalities, the chief men in the opposition party, at a time of crisis like the present, should earnestly devote their attention to the crucial problems of the day and that, wherever possible they should support the Government's effort to solve these problems in the best manner possible.

has been caught in the backlash of a world wide depression and, instead of giving way to pessimism or partisanship, the people's representatives in Parliament should cooperate in a joint patriotic effort to restore the nation's prosperity.

The Coming Census

Judging by the number and variety of questions to be asked, the coming census will take a complete X-ray of the nation. People are to be asked everything from their conjugal state to whether they have a job or a radio and if when all the answers are in we don't know what sort of people Canadians are and how they are behaving themselves and getting along in every possible way, it will simply be because the majority or many of us told fibs to the enumerators.

There is to be no change in the classification of Canada's inhabitants by race. As in 1921, every citizen will be asked to state his or her "racial origin," parents also giving the racial origin of their children, and "Canadian" will not be accepted as an answer. The bureau of statistics adheres to the definition of race, and the system of racial categories, followed ten years ago and in previous censuses. Each person's racial origin is to be found by tracing family lineage back to a non-Canadian source. Thus a native of Canada whose family migrated from England to the Dominion will be put down as English, not Canadian, even if the migration occurred three, four or more generations ago.

Persons born in Canada who have not become aliens. British subjects who have Canadian domicile, which is acquired by five years' residence in the Dominion. Persons naturalized under the laws of Canada who have not subsequently lost Canadian domicile or become aliens.

Under the heading of unemployment on the census questionnaire these questions are to be put: "If an employee, were you at work on Monday, June 1, 1931?" "If answer to previous question is NO, why were you not at work on Monday, June 1, 1931 (for example, no job, sick, accident, holidays strike or lockout, plant closed, no materials, etc.)"

"Total number of weeks unemployed from any cause in the last twelve months." "Of the total number of weeks reported out of work in previous column, how many weeks were due to: No job, illness, accident, strike or lock-out, temporary layoff, other causes?"

In the instructions to enumerators a "no job" person is described as one who has no job, nor a promise nor understanding that he or she will be employed. Idle persons planning to change their occupations, and those formerly attached to plants so long closed that it is improbable they will re-open, are also in the "no job" category. Person employed in a plant which is closed for repairs, re-organization, etc., is to be classified as "temporarily laid off."

In the 1921 census questions were asked about unemployment, but the 1931 queries on this subject are more searching and wider in scope than those included in any previous census form used in Canada.

BULLOCK BLOOD BITTERS advertisement with image of a bottle and text describing its benefits for rheumatism and other ailments.

CASH PRIZES advertisement for Brahmin Tea, offering \$5.00 first prize and ten prizes of \$2.00 each to persons from whom the correct missing word is received in the following advertisement.

the chew for you advertisement featuring a large image of a hand holding a piece of Black Twist chewing tobacco, with text: Trusty as an old friend—it never fails to please with its lasting flavour.

LOBSTER PACKERS SUPPLIES advertisement: WE CAN SUPPLY YOU WITH Boilers, Cullenders, Bath Trays, Sanitary Packing Tables. Orders Promptly Taken Care of by FRED. H. TRAINOR PLUMBING & HEATING.

Ireland and Russia At Opposite Poles advertisement: (Toronto Mail and Empire) The Irish Free State Government is buying out the remaining landlords in Southern Ireland and turning over their land to the tenants.

FOUND advertisement: One of the best preventives known for SMUT OR RUST ON GRAIN. FORMALIN. A cheap but thoroughly effective remedy. Grain grown would be wise to act promptly in order to have seed properly treated before sowing.

The 2 MACS advertisement: 119 Great George Street. All Mail Orders Given Prompt Attention.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS advertisement: DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. BACKACHE, BLADDER TROUBLE, RHEUMATISM, GRAVEL, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, INDIGESTION, BRUISES, SWELLINGS, GOUT, CALCULI, URIC ACID, GRAVEL, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, INDIGESTION, BRUISES, SWELLINGS, GOUT, CALCULI, URIC ACID.

FISHING TACKLE advertisement: In order to take full advantage of the fishing season which is now on it would be well to look over your gear and put it in good condition. We are well equipped with a fine new stock of Rods, Lines, Reels, Flies, Casts, Gut Hooks, Sinkers, Floats, Extra Tips, Ferrules, etc and would be pleased to look after your requirements. See our \$1.00 Steel Rod. It's a beauty for the price. We specialize in the celebrated midward Flies and order direct from England. E. A. FOSTER CENTRAL DRUGSTORE. The more you deal here the better you will like the Store.