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"COFFIN NAILS"

The phenomenal growth of the cigarette habit and its proved beneficial effect upon the young led to an investigation in the United States recently and the results are somewhat startling.

It has been demonstrated, among many other things, that, on an average during the past decade, four billion cigarettes have been manufactured and sold yearly, besides those made by the immediate users, and that the American Tobacco Trust, by its own admission, has made a clear profit of \$4,000,000 a year from the sale of cigarettes alone.

It has also been demonstrated, on the authority of college professors, that "no cigarette smoker had ever graduated at the head of his class." It is known that, on the advice of the best medical authorities in the United States, the government has prohibited the use of cigarettes at West Point and Annapolis "on sanitary and moral grounds."

At the risk of nauseating our older readers and in the hope that it will nauseate those who now regard cigarette smoking as a harmless and innocent pastime, we shall give one quotation direct from the report of the investigation above referred to. We commend it to the boys who examine with nice and critical discrimination the things they put into their mouths:

"Scavengers go around to saloons and barrooms picking up stubs of cigars and raking over the contents of spittoons for ejected quids of tobacco. These are thrown into a sack and carried into a manufactory where they are cleansed (?) ground up, sprinkled with liquor, Havana flavoring and other chemicals added,

and allowed to stand till the whole mass is permeated with the favoring. It is then rolled up in its paper wrapping and becomes the cigarettes considered so dainty. The rolling introduces another element of filth. The employees of the large manufactories are mainly from the lowest and most degraded classes—drugs from the slums and streets of the great metropolises, and these degraded women, filthy in the extreme and often victims of loathsome diseases, handle most of the cigarettes and cheap cigars made."

When a boy takes a cigarette in his mouth and reflects a moment upon its origin, upon the mouths, and the cesspools and the filth through which it has passed, it will require either the fearful grip of a diseased passion or a lamentable want of that daintiness which he usually shows at the table, to enable him to suck it through to the end." Boys, think of it!

On the streets of Charlottetown, and of cities and towns elsewhere, boys can be seen daily smoking cigarettes which were sold them contrary to law. There are, we are credibly informed, stores in this city in which a boy of any age and of any innocence can procure cigarettes in any quantity to the limit of his funds. This is a crying disgrace and there is but one remedy for it, namely, to prosecute the offenders to the utmost limit of the law.

No greater crime can be committed than that of placing a stumbling block in the way of the innocent, and the person who, for the sake of a few dirty dollars, places in the way of children means by which they are liable to become moral and physical wrecks deserves no mercy and should receive none. He is committing a crime the ultimate results of which will extend to future generations and those who, knowing his crime, permit it, are equally guilty with him. The teacher, the parent or the man who is only his "brother's keeper" who sees this law violated and neglects to lay information against the violator is remiss in his duty to humanity.

IMMEDIATE ACTION NECESSARY.

The most important department of the Government here is undoubtedly the Department of Agriculture over which the Hon. Murdoch McKinnon presides with such urbanity and efficiency. In his annual report just issued the Commissioner expresses his appreciation of the good will and hearty sympathy extended towards the Department by the farmers of the Province, its representatives having been received everywhere with kindness and courtesy. This, as all who know Mr. McKinnon will acknowledge, is but "the true touchstone of success—desert," for "would be ill-recompense were the farmers to do other than repay in kind his own distinguishing qualities. The report reviews the work of the year very thoroughly, giving copious details and statistics concerning what has been done in the three counties. The Commissioner regrets, and all must share his regret, that certain lukewarmness prevails in some districts resulting in farmers' institutes becoming moribund, not so much from lack of funds as lack of initiative and the spirit of progress. These districts know at whose door the fault lies and should require nothing beyond this hint to spur them to action.

We may pass over Mr. McKinnon's review of the progress of general agriculture, poultry-rearing and dairying, with but the one remark that it breathes of optimism, and devote a little space to the two matters in which he asserts we are still behind the times, viz., meat and milk inspection. This is by far the most important question with which our legislature has yet to deal, and now that so influential a member of the Government as the Commissioner of Agriculture has urged it upon our attention, the medical fraternity and the consumers, especially the mothers, should not hesitate to press for decisive action. We know from the reports of Dr. Harry Johnston to the City Council, and the able speech delivered by Dr. Jenkins in the House of Assembly that the whole community is in very grave danger from the quantity of uninspected meat and

dairy produce in daily consumption. We could, if we wished, harrow the feelings of our readers by giving details of information at our disposal concerning the condition of much of what is daily sold in the open market for our nourishment and sustenance. But the authorities know this as well as we do, and meantime it should suffice for us to draw attention to what the Commissioner of Agriculture in his official capacity has to say on the subject:

"Not the least important is the work done in Meat Inspection by Dr. Fethick, with the staff of assistants required at certain seasons of the year (he writes). It is gratifying to know that the percentage of pork and other meats condemned (for export only, it should be remarked,) as a result of their vigilance is very small indeed, much smaller than in any other part of the Dominion. At the same time it is large enough to demand of us the most strict attention if we are to maintain the excellent reputation our products now enjoy.

"The most difficult part of this work is the inspection of canned meats. This difficulty is due to the numerous small canneries established throughout the country, particularly chicken canneries. While the industry now in its infancy demands the widest measure of encouragement that can possibly be given it, at the same time small factories cannot be allowed to multiply, as proper inspection, without which the trade would at once cease, cannot be given, and some co-operative measure should be undertaken to centralize the business and thus secure better results and consequently greater profit.

"It is gratifying to know that all the above members of the Dominion staff cheerfully co-operate with us to such an extent that we were enabled to carry on the work of the Dominion and local departments as smoothly as if directed from one source.

"During the past year two measures worthy of notice were adopted by the city of Charlottetown and the town of Summerside respectively, viz: Testing of herds, supplying milk offered for sale and inspection of meat. The effect will be watched with interest, MORE ESPECIALLY AS IT IS A QUESTION NOW AS TO WHETHER IT IS NOT AN OPPORTUNE TIME FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND THIS WORK SO AS TO INCLUDE THE WHOLE PROVINCE. As far as live stock is

concerned, P. E. Island is probably the healthiest part of this very healthy Dominion, and it is clear that with our "splendid isolation" and favorable climate, IF ACCOMPANIED BY CAREFUL AND SANITARY HOUSING, the prospects are better FOR STAMPING OUT TUBERCULOSIS than in any other part of the Dominion. With our herds free from disease, NOT ONLY WOULD WE BE ASSURED OF A GOOD SUPPLY OF HEALTHFUL ANIMAL PRODUCTS FOR HOME CONSUMPTION, but our export trade of live stock as well as their products would greatly increase."

It is up to the Government to act on this suggestion, for why should the care and attention of our more progressive farmers be rendered of non-effect by the neglect of the Government to enforce general hygienic regulations? Dr. Jenkins declared that the home market was made the dumping ground of the carcasses that the Government inspector would not pass for export. Should this be tolerated? Should our growing reputation as a health resort be damned for the lack of effective supervision of our food supply, a supervision, moreover, demanded of us by the very same summer visitors when they buy our produce in their own home markets?

NOTES.

The management of the P. E. I. R. owes it to its patrons and the public in general to take immediate action against the man who, on the occasion of the recent visit of the Pastime Club to Kensington, made the trip a veritable nightmare to every decent person on board the train. The man, we understand, is well known, his address is known and the members of the Pastime Club are ready to give evidence as to his conduct. If rowdiness of this stripe, drunk or sober, are allowed to get off Scott free, after outbreaks of this kind it is simply an invitation to others to do likewise and a notice to the travelling public that they may expect such surroundings on our trains. The public will not stand for this and it is up to the railway management to mete out such a lesson to this man as will teach him how to behave in future and assure the travelling public that they will be given a reasonable measure of protection when travelling.

HAVE WE OIL AND COAL?

Sir:—Four years ago the Dominion Government voted \$25,000 for the purpose of solving the problem as to whether or not coal, oil or other minerals existed in Prince Edward Island. The history of how the money was spent here would make interesting reading; but your journal has probably not space in its columns just now for this record. Suffice it to say, that when Mr. F. H. Stover, who had the contract for making these tests, concluded his work here and went away, without, apparently, finding anything more valuable in each place he worked than a "cave-in," a great many people were greatly surprised and disappointed; and, time and again we have heard responsible parties express the opinion that, because certain companies in other parts of Canada were anxious that no coal or oil should be found in P. E. I., was the cause of the barren results of the boring operations here in 1909.

Whether those opinions are correct or not, it is difficult to say, but we would ask for space in your columns, Mr. Editor, to state very briefly, a few important facts in connection with the boring of the second well, which was on the farm of William Judson, Cherry Valley.

On the second last evening that the following registered at the Queen Hotel Saturday:—Mr. A. J. Duke, Toronto; Mr. T. H. Perley, Sackville; Mr. W. R. Gluskin, St. John; Mr. L. E. Distant, Halifax.

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Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
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