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"When are you going to learn to row?" demanded one of the young Etonians, seeing a girl at the rudder of the offending boat.

"When you have learned manners," hotly retorted Princess Mary before her brothers could frame a suitable reply, and much chastened and discomfited, the Etonians extricated their boat and retired in disorder.

### REJUVENATING A HORSE

(By British United Press)  
 PARIS, Dec. 14.—The Voronoff gland operation has been performed with complete success on Rabelais, the most famous of all French stallions, at the Ecole Nationale Veterinaire at Maisons-Alfort.

Dr. Voronoff expressed himself delighted with the operation, which is one of extreme delicacy.

It was performed, he said, under chloroform, and an hour after it taken place Rabelais was moving about again. He has now been sent to stables at Maisons-Lafitte.

It will not be possible to state whether the operation has been completely successful till next April, but, judging by experiments, which Dr. Voronoff states he carried out two years ago in Morocco, he had no doubt in his own mind as to the results.

The Moroccan operations were practised on old army remounts, which last year were put to stud with complete success.

Rabelais, who belongs to the Comte de Nicholai, is now 28 years old, and ceased to be of use for stud purposes about a year ago. Before that time, as yearling with Rabelais the last recorded sale of such a yearling appears to have been in 1926.

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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:—Mr. "J" in one of his letters on the above subject asked how we could possibly pay for our imports if and when they were larger than our exports? And another correspondent said the question was a "poser"—I cannot put the answer in exact words, but I know that it has been done.

For several decades during the nineteenth century Great Britain's imports were much larger than her exports, and she paid all her bills, and grew rich while doing it.

"Another Student" writing in the Guardian gave a quotation from Adam Smith which he said proved how it was done, but the quotation was not clear to me though I read it over several times and tried to understand it. I would much prefer to have "Another Student" give the explanation in his own words. I think he could make it clearer.

"Another Student" seemed to think that the carrying trade which Great Britain did for the world was a good part of the explanation, but if this be true in regard to the Mother Country, it does not meet the situation, in respect to other countries.

During the Laurier Administration the imports of Canada exceeded the exports, and during that time we paid all our bills and were fairly prosperous, and we were not doing the carrying for any other nation. As a matter of fact, I don't think we were doing all our own carrying trade, and moreover, our protectionist friends say that our tariff during that time was about right.

From these examples it will be seen that if any person can tell us how Great Britain and Canada did the seemingly impossible, that person will answer Mr. "J's" question, and again, the person who answers Mr. "J's" question explains the seemingly impossible in regard to the countries above mentioned, and in regard to other countries as well.

Perhaps Mr. "J" could answer his own question. Not many grown up persons ask questions they do not themselves understand, and as this discussion was primarily intended to bring out the truth I presume Mr. "J" will give all the assistance he can.

I am, Sir, etc.  
 STUDENT

#### Daily Lessons in English

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: No apostrophe is required in writing the possessive pronouns, "ours, its, theirs, his, hers."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: aims. Pronounce aim, as in "father," the "i" is silent.

OFTEN MISPELLED: chemist.

SYNONYMS: random, chance, accidental, casual, aimless, fortuitous.

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: OBVIOUSLY; plainly; clearly. "Obviously the matter is settled."

#### The Land We Love

By Frank Yeigh

#### NOVA SCOTIA

Q. What is the history of Nova Scotia?

A. In 1605, a French colony was established in Nova Scotia, and was the first actual settlement by Europeans within the boundaries of the Dominion of Canada. In 1621 Nova Scotia was annexed to Scotland and named Nova Scotia by James I, and in 1625 the Scottish Order of Baronets was founded. Nova Scotia was ceded to France by Charles II, whereupon Richelieu formed a colonization company (with the direction to exclude Protestants). It was conquered by Cromwell. Again ceded to France, it remained really, or nominally, under France till ceded to Great Britain by the Treaty of Utrecht, in 1713. The first legislative step towards a federal union of the British North American provinces was made by the Legislature of Nova Scotia by the unanimous vote of the Assembly in 1861.

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### The Globe Makes Plain Statement About Mr. Veniot

The Toronto Globe, leading Liberal newspaper, has some further comments to make on the Postmaster-General in the Mackenzie King Government. In its issue of Dec. 14th it says:

"The Hon. P. J. Veniot has made two more typical speeches, with results that are somewhat reminiscent of his excursion to Simcoe. The Postmaster-General, speaking in Montreal and Ottawa, hurled no further threats of resignation to the Prime Minister, his fellow Cabinet Ministers or the country at large. But in both cases he is quoted by responsible journals as making important remarks which he has subsequently denied. In both instances Mr. Veniot uses the age-old excuse, so familiar to newspapermen, that he was misreported. In both cases the newspapers in question refuse to accept the word of a Cabinet Minister. The various aspects of the situation are, to say the least, unusual."

"Speaking in French in Montreal, Mr. Veniot is reported as having referred to 'the fanatics of Ontario.' The Globe is not particularly interested in this remark, except in its relation to the reliability of The Gazette's report. Indeed, there would seem to be no reason why the Postmaster-General should have gone to such unsuccessful pains to explain it away. It is the plain truth that the people of Ontario are fanatics in some respects. They are, for instance, fanatically opposed to political heartlessness as it was evidenced in the Simcoe postmastership scandal."

"The Ottawa utterance is of more immediate moment. Mr. Veniot was reported by The Journal as having said that, 'of the total, 243 Postmasters had been dismissed for stealing the public money of the Dominion of Canada.' The Postmaster-General now declares that the expression used was 'dishonesty and irregularities.' In any event, the episode is an additional reason for the complete ventilation of Veniotism. The Globe has all along declared that the Postmaster-General was doing a grievous injustice to hundreds of innocent men by making such sweeping yet non-specific charges. To announce to the whole country that hundreds of the Postal employees have been dismissed for stealing within a few months is to cast unjust suspicion on all those who have recently left the Postal Service for any cause. The Government can only remove the odium which Mr. Veniot's loose statements have brought upon the Postoffice Department by giving the public all the facts."

"These latest exchanges must give the Prime Minister cause for serious thinking. It seems improbable that an astute politician like himself should treat as scornfully as did his former lieutenant the near-unanimous denunciation of Veniotism by the weekly press. It is even more unlikely that he should ignore the significance of the latest exchanges. Responsible daily newspapers, regardless of political affiliation, do not lightly challenge the deliberate words of Cabinet Ministers. Editors very rarely employ such bluntness as The Ottawa Journal uses in declaring: 'We do not believe that Mr. Veniot is telling the truth.'"

"The plain truth is that Veniotism has put the Postmaster-General into a unique and invidious position and placed the entire Government in an unenviable predicament. The surest way to court defeat in this part of the Dominion is to give the people a chance to vote against Veniotism."

### Official Visit of Grand Master

On Monday evening, December 17th, John A. MacNair, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the Maritime Provinces accompanied by Past Grand Masters Benj. Bremner, T. B. Grady, Grand Secy. J. J. McKinnon, Past Grand Patriarch D. F. Bethune, and District Deputy Grand Master H. G. Letich, officially visited St. Lawrence and Wilsey Lodges of the City. After being introduced by Past Grand Masters, the Grand Officers, Noble Grand and Visiting Grand Officers, Noble Grand L. A. Skeart of St. Lawrence Lodge on behalf of the Two City Lodges extended a most cordial welcome.

The 1st degree was then conferred by the degree team of St. Lawrence Lodge in a most efficient and splendid manner on a class of seven candidates. At the conclusion of the degree the Grand Master being called upon, addressed the large number of members present in a few well chosen remarks that are of the important nature that are now occupying the attention of the Order. He stressed the importance of the splendid work the I. O. O. F. Home at Pictou N.S., is accomplishing and urged upon the individual members to do all in their power to further the interests of this most important work of the Order.

The Grand Master was followed by the Grand Officers who accompanied him, all of whom spoke most enthusiastically on the work of the Grand Old Order is engaged in. After the speeches the Lodge closed, refreshments were served by the Committee in charge, and a most splendid evening was brought to a close.

### Canadians Adopt Elderly Man

NORTH PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 18.—Although he has been a member of the family since he was four years old, John Mark Duffy, 51, only this month became the legally adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis LaPlante of this town in one of the most unusual cases in Probate Court records.

Mr. LaPlante is 85 years old and his wife 78. They came here from Canada more than half a century ago and settled in Mattville, where 47 years ago they took Duffy from an orphan home. Four other children, all girls also were taken by the couple, but the girls all later married.

The elderly couple never learned of legal adoption laws until a short time ago when an attorney pointed out to them what might be done with their savings. Then they went before Judge Cushing in Centerville and legally adopted Mr. Duffy, with the changing of his name to that of LaPlante, although he had used that name for many years. The four girls, the couple said, were previously provided for and now Duffy becomes the only legal heir to their estate.

Duffy has many times left the LaPlante home to "earn his own way" as he expresses it, but has always returned. During the war he served on transports and while in the Canal Zone contracted yellow fever, which he says left him in a nervous condition which prevents him working. He has made two trips around the world.

"He has been good to us, and it is a pleasure to us to arrange our affairs in such a way that John will be the benefactor," says Duffy's adopted father, who retired with a small pension ten years ago after

### How Radium Is Bought

(By British United Press)  
 LONDON, Dec. 14.—Buying a gramme of radium, even if you have the necessary money, is by no means such a simple matter as the purchase of say, a \$60.000 pearl necklace, though the cost is about as equal.

In the first place it is not weighed. Its value depends upon its radioactivity, and this must be measured. This delicate task is always entrusted to some impartial scientific institution, such as the National Physical Laboratory.

A sensitive instrument known as an electroscope, which reacts to the gamma rays of radium, is used. It is surrounded by lead screens, which shut out all other rays, and by comparing the effect of the sample to be measured with a standard amount placed at the same distance, its quantity can be calculated to within one-hundredth of a milligramme.

The few grains of sandy, brownish powder, which are all that appear to the naked eye in a sample of radium sulphate worth many thousands of dollars, cannot, for obvious reasons be allowed to be about loose. They are hermetically enclosed with gold solder in platinum containers.

These may be of many different shapes or sizes, according to the clinical purpose for which they are required, and are usually made to the specifications of the purchaser.

Some are very much like an ordinary sewing needle, either blunt-ended or with a sharp triangular point to enable them to be buried deep in malignant growths. A tiny cavity, like the bore of a rifle barrel runs down the centre of them as a receptacle for the radium. An eye at the outer end, through which a thread can be passed, minimizes the risk of loss.

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### The Late Mr. J. MacLauchlan

A well known and highly esteemed citizen has passed away in the person of Mr. John MacLauchlan, clerk of the City Court, whose death occurred at the residence of Mr. George S. Ryan, Fitzroy Street at 8.20 yesterday morning. Mr. MacLauchlan had been confined to his bed with illness for the past four months, and although he received the best of care and attention, he steadily grew weaker until he passed away.

Mr. MacLauchlan was the son of the late Ewen MacLauchlan of St. Catharines, West River, and was sixty-four years of age. After graduating from Prince of Wales College, he taught school at Hampshire, and Apple Road. He then spent several years in California, and on return to the Island, resumed teaching in West Kent School. On retiring from the profession, he was engaged as book-keeper with Sentner & MacLeod Charlottetown, and was appointed Clerk of the City Court in 1902 on the death of the late Hedley V. Palmer.

Mr. MacLauchlan discharged the duties of the various positions which he held, faithfully and capably, and as a city official for a quarter of a century, he rendered most efficient service.

He was one of the most prominent Oddfellows in the Maritime Provinces. He was initiated a member of Wilsey Lodge, No. 27 Charlottetown, on November 14th, 1892. He immediately became deeply interested in the work of the Order. He passed through the various offices, and on July 1st, 1898 was installed Noble Grand of the Lodge. The following year he was elected representative to the Grand Lodge, the sessions of which he attended regularly ever since. In 1913 he was elected Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and attended the session of the body at Minneapolis, Minn. In 1914 he was re-elected for a further period of two years, attending the sessions at Atlantic City, N. J., in 1914, and San Francisco, Cal. in 1915. He was again re-elected in 1923 for a further period of two years, attending the sessions at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1923, and Jacksonville, Florida, in 1924. In 1909 he was appointed a member of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge and in 1915 was selected its Chairman. This position he filled with marked ability until his last illness overtook him. He was largely responsible for the financing of the magnificent Home erected by the Order at Pictou, N. S. He was a true Oddfellow, loyal, N. S. He was a true Oddfellow, exemplifying in his conduct and his relations with his fellows the principles and teachings of this great fraternal organization.

A member of Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, and also of the Caledonian Club, the late Mr. MacLauchlan was in every respect an ideal citizen, a true Christian, kind sympathetic and charitable. He enjoyed a very wide acquaintanceship, and the news of his passing will be learned with deep regret.

There are left to mourn two brothers, Rev. Neill MacLauchlan of Bathurst, N. B., and Dr. Donald MacLauchlan in Calgary, formerly of Charlottetown; also one sister, Mrs. P. N. Pate of O'Leary.

To the bereaved relatives The Guardian extends sincere sympathy.



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