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WHY?

Why is the transccontinental railway, in which Canada has invested \$170,000,000 in order that Canadian traffic might run through Canada...

THE DOLLAR BELOW PAR

New York reports the Canadian dollar under par value. We mention this fact for the purpose of reminding readers of the grotesque arguments which have been made...

By way of death-bed repentance an Order-in-Council was passed on January 6th by the King government authorizing the Railway Commission to enquire into the reasons for this un-Canadian diversion...

If anything could be expected from the present mood at Ottawa even the deathbed Order-in-Council might be expected to bear fruit.

Canada's railway system, the greatest in the world, extravagantly great in proportion to the population, is a liability, not an asset.

A PREMIER AT LARGE

There is some advantage, after all, in being Premier at Large without a seat in the House or a voice in its deliberations.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The ice crop is now being harvested for the sunny and rainy days to come. Many hundreds of tons of excellent ice are being hauled to the city and the quality appears to be exceptionally good.

The schoolmaster is abroad all right these days—or rather, these nights. The night schools are being well attended and the interest is growing.

Aspiring candidates for civic honours are now soliciting the support of friends and neighbors. From the character and standing of the aspirants it is already assured that the best traditions of former city councils shall be maintained after the coming civic election.

Notes By The Way

What is called the King Government—really not a government at all—had a very close call last week. It is now known that had the vote been taken a day or two earlier it would have been defeated by a majority of two votes.

The majority of two included all the Progressives but five. The larger body of Progressives had, according to report, several members who had pledged themselves to give "one vote in support of the Government" but had refused to bind themselves further than that.

There are Conservatives of prominence who freely state their opinion that it is just as well that the government has been so far sustained. The Ottawa Citizen, which is nothing if not Liberal, intimates that even Mr. Meighen was not really desirous of defeat the Government on the first division.

Mr. King has announced that he will seek a seat in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and that no other by-elections will be held until later. He can probably be elected there, although he may be opposed.

In the meantime the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne will go on from day to day, in the course of which one or more amendments will be moved and divisions thereon will be taken at which the weakness of the government's support will be further demonstrated.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

January 17, 1926 THE JOY OF THE LORD "And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me." Gen. 21:6.

PRAYER—"O Lord, Thou hast filled our mouth with laughter by Thy wonderful dealings with us." January 18, 1926

GOD PROVES—"And it came to pass after these things, that God did prove Abraham, and said, 'Take now thy son...' Gen. 22:1-2.

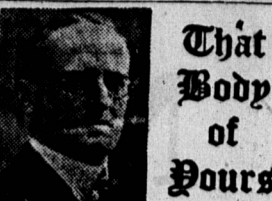
PRAYER—"Thou art our God! When Thou dost test us enable us to prove Thee by bringing all our riches into Thy storehouse to receive the overflowing blessing." SAND

I am lord of the waterless waste, I am king of the desert, I fill the lone spaces, and sprinkle the floor of the sea; I sift and I crumble my atoms with passionless labor.

Ministers without portfolio do not need to be re-elected by the people and consequently have no fear of by-elections. If the King Government is able to hold on for a month or so to come perhaps both New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island may be permitted to be represented by "forecastle" members.

In earlier and more prosperous days we had four or five full-fledged Cabinet Ministers representing us at Ottawa. Now we have only Mr. Macdonald of Picton, left blooming alone like the last rose of summer.

Covers for the chalice-lug are made of marble in delicate colors to match the necklace and color scheme of the gown.



That Body of Yours

THE CAUSE OF BILLIOUS ATTACKS.

One of our medical journals reported a case recently where 3700 gallstones were removed from the gall bladder of a woman fifty years of age. She had been treated time after time for indigestion because she complained of severe pain after eating, and had some bleeding from the stomach also.

Now that a person could go a long time of age without serious difficulty and yet have thousands of stones formed in the gall bladder is certainly worthy of some thought on our part. It shows, what has been proven before, that thousands of people have gall stones within them and yet seem to be getting along all right.

Our medical experts are practically unanimous in stating that the most frequent cause is lack of activity, lack of exercise on the part of the individual. This same inactivity or lack of exercise causes a slowness in the intestine, which is bound to have an indirect effect upon the liver and gall bladder.

The prevention of stones then is in your own hands. It means simply leading an active outdoor life if possible, and wearing loose clothing. The flower corset now worn by women should diminish the number of these cases.

Duke of Wellington

Duke of Wellington an opportunity for courtesy deference. The old king had managed to persuade himself that he had been present in person at the battle of Waterloo; and on one occasion when he apparently discovered incoherence on the faces of the courtiers at his table, he turned to Wellington for confirmation.

The Importance of Good Eye-Sight in Childhood

One-third of 2044 children under school age were tested in Gary, Indiana and found by Federal investigators to suffer from defective vision.

Your Birthday

JANUARY 18.—You are cautious and somewhat inclined towards suspicion yet generous to a fault. Your desire is to love and be loved, yet you unconsciously repel advances, and seem incapable of fully opening your heart to your friends or family.

Archbishop is Dying

Mgr. Paul Eugene Roy, Archbishop of Quebec, who is reported to be dying, has succeeded Cardinal Begin but has been ill for more than three years. He is the fourth son of a family of twenty and has four brothers and three sisters.

Compliments Of The Season

Condensed by The Century Magazine (December, '25) Brander Matthews

When Thackeray was standing for Parliament, he happened to meet his opponent one day, who, after chatting amiably, left the great novelist with the remark, "May the best man win." To which Thackeray returned instantly, "Oh I hope not."

The English language needs a specific word to designate this kind of graceful and felicitous rejoinder. Repartee is the exact term for the retort, discourteous for the sudden party and swift thrust of a person unexpectedly attacked by an assailant wantonly malicious.

There is a kind of keen compliment, closely akin to the keen repartee, as devoid of fulsome flattery as the retort, which is devoid of overbearing rivalry. Thackeray's reply to his opponent is an example of this kind of compliment. Victor Hugo once gave a dexterous turn to the flattery of a minor poet. Hugo was so completely aware of his own supremacy that it was never difficult for him to descend graciously to the flattery of those who were forever burning incense before him.

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Obviously, it was impossible to obtain data regarding vision in the group of 994 infants under two years of age by use of the methods employed; but twenty-three infants, or 2.3 per cent, plainly showed eye defects, and the proportion steadily increased with age.

While the report of the Children's Bureau is entirely an analysis of statistical data with no attempt to analyze causes and effects at defects, it is quite evident from the high prevalence of defective vision that the eyesight of infants is being neglected.

The Eye Sight Conservation Council after a survey called the most complete in the history of organized eye conservation, concludes that education is dependent to a large extent upon visual perception.

In order that school children may have good eyesight it is necessary that proper care be taken of the eyes of the preschool child in the home," declares a Bulletin of the Council which embodies the findings of a survey and which has just been made public.

The time to begin to preserve eyesight is at birth. The eyes of the new-born babies should be treated with drops to guard against infection. Since the eyes are not Mirinda's Lament for still



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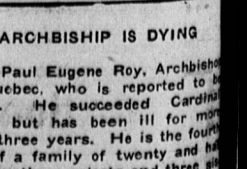
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fully developed at birth; the child should sleep in a darkened room for the first three or four weeks of life. Baby's eyes should never be exposed to the direct rays of the sun.

A rattle or other toy from the top of the baby carriage is a common cause of eyestrain. The toys, games, puzzles and picture books used by children should be big and clear. Anything that demands close inspection in order to be seen and enjoyed is not a proper toy for a little child.

The inadequate illumination provided in so many of our homes also inflicts severe strain upon immature eyes of children. Children should not be allowed to play in a room with the lights of the room or by the window during twilight. Unshaded glare light is just as harmful as incandescent light.

A child who starts out in life handicapped by poor or painful vision has a constant and losing struggle.



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