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MEAT INSPECTION.

The need of meat inspection, or rather the crime of delaying it so long, was well exemplified last marketday when the Inspector, Dr. K. W. McKinnon came upon a tuberculous carcass of beef that was about to be sold at a private residence.

This is one lesson showing the danger of using uninspected meat. The owner of the carcass was thoroughly honest; like hundreds of others he did not know a diseased lung when he saw it.

Dr. McKinnon states that this was the first case of tuberculous beef that has come to his notice since his appointment. Several carcasses of pork were condemned by him, however, as unfit for human consumption because infected with tuberculosis.

Too much care cannot be exercised in the use of meats; the only guarantee is the Inspector's stamp. Similar precaution should be taken in the use of milk and the inspection should cover not only the fat content but the health of the animal producing it.

A DISCREPANCY.

The Hon. Mr. Bell, the Hon. Mr. Lea, and other honorable members of the government gave as one of the reasons they had for increased taxation that the extra education expenditure alone would amount to \$100,000.

Principal J. D. Seaman whose veracity is unquestioned and who has made a thorough study of the school requirements of the province, published a letter in the Guardian of April 27th in which he showed that under the government's new programme the whole additional outlay required is \$54,890.

If the new taxation measure is to be exacted it would be best for all concerned that it be built on the solid foundation of fact. The taxes are going to be real enough while they last, let the foundation be real also, otherwise something will happen akin to what happened that historic building that was erected on the sand.

THE SESSION.

If promises are to be relied upon the estimates are to be brought down early this week, presumably today or tomorrow. If this promise is carried out there is a possibility of finishing the work of the session early next week.

An admission that the public accounts have never "up to the present" been properly placed before the country, coming from a member of the Government, is a serious one. This is more than evident, on the face of the accounts of last year as far as they have been given to

VITAL STATISTICS.

The report of the Registrar General on births, marriages and deaths has been tabled in the legislature. According to this report there were, during the year 574 marriages divided as follows: Roman Catholics 197; Presbyterian 126; Methodist 55; Baptist 13; Episcopalian 14; Christian 5; other denominations 1. There were 1027 births, 522 male, 505 female; 748 deaths 349 males, 394 females and 5 sex not given.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Government's holy horror of an external audit of their accounts, and their agonizing fear lest a reliable statement of the country's finances be placed before the people is well known to thinking men.

Mr. J. D. Stewart, debating the tax bill, vigorously criticised the claim by Government speakers of "courage" in introducing this Tax Act. Courage is the last thing they can lay claim to.

An amusing incident, showing Government greenness and stupidity, was ventilated by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition. Hon. Mr. Cox placed a notice on the order book that he would ask certain questions, and "what action the Government proposed taking in the matter."

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Daily Selections Guardian Readers

KEEP SMILING

Nothing on earth can smile but man! Gems may flash reflected light, but what is a diamond-flash compared to an eye-flash and a mirth-flash? Flowers cannot smile; this is a charm that even they cannot claim.

"Give me the eyes of faith to see Behind the clouds of sorrow, My Father's hand still guiding me On to the bright tomorrow. And onward still, through good and ill

Selected.

General Townshend At Toronto

PREVENTED TURKISH COMMANDER FROM FULFILLING HIS SOLEMN AGREEMENT.

TORONTO, May 5.—In his address before Empire Club last week Major-General Sir Charles Townshend spoke very highly of the Turk as a foeman and also as host, as far as his personal experiences during his captivity in Constantinople were concerned, and he stated that in his belief the Turk was not responsible for the awful atrocities and hardships that the British troops, captured at Kut were subjected to.

Major-General Townshend was given a great reception when he rose to speak, and he said that he would follow the president's wish and tell about Mesopotamia, although he had already told the story several times in this city.

From study of history he knew that a besieged force very seldom escapes from surrendering and he informed his superiors that he could continue his retreat until he met with reinforcements, but was instructed to remain at Kut and that he would be relieved within two months.

The public, but every one is not sufficiently acquainted with political methods of financial cookery to probe into the facts. The Government has taken advantage of this to send out a dish of figures to suit the occasion.

The comparison made by Mr. H. D. McLean, of the confidence games of the Government party with the methods of the noted bandit Dick Turpin, was well pointed for the occasion. Gaining the confidence of the roadside traveller with pretensions of friendship he would lure him to some quiet by-way and there rob him of his holdings.

OF GENERAL INTEREST

WETTEST PLACE IN U. S.

For such a little archipelago, the Hawaiian Islands offer remarkable varieties of climate. Parts of them have little annual rainfall, whereas on some of the lofty mountains there is an almost continuous down pour through the year.

WHERE RATS ARE WELCOME.

Coal mines and other mines are always full of rats, which become exceedingly tame and saucy, being never killed or molested by the miners. The latter believe that to kill one would bring bad luck.

is in. We don't want to hear any more that a man is an Australian, a New Zealander or Canadian, we want to know he is British and that is all." In referring to his connection with Canada, he said that it dated back to the beginning of the British regime, as it was his great grandfather that received the surrender of Quebec, and it was a younger brother of this general who caused, as the speaker humorously put it, "a bit of a stir in these parts" by passing the Stamp Act in 1769.

Tribute to the Troops

He sketched the opening months of the campaign in Mesopotamia up until the time he had reached Amara and had returned from a conference with the commander-in-chief in India, where he had been told that his task was to remain stationary until more reinforcements arrived.

He received orders to proceed on to Bagdad and although he was certain that his force was inadequate for the undertaking, he obeyed orders, and at first he was astounded to see the success he was having, but finally fresh Turkish troops from the Caucasus caused him to retrench and then retire to Kut.

Told to Remain at Kut

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ANIMAL FLY TRAPS.

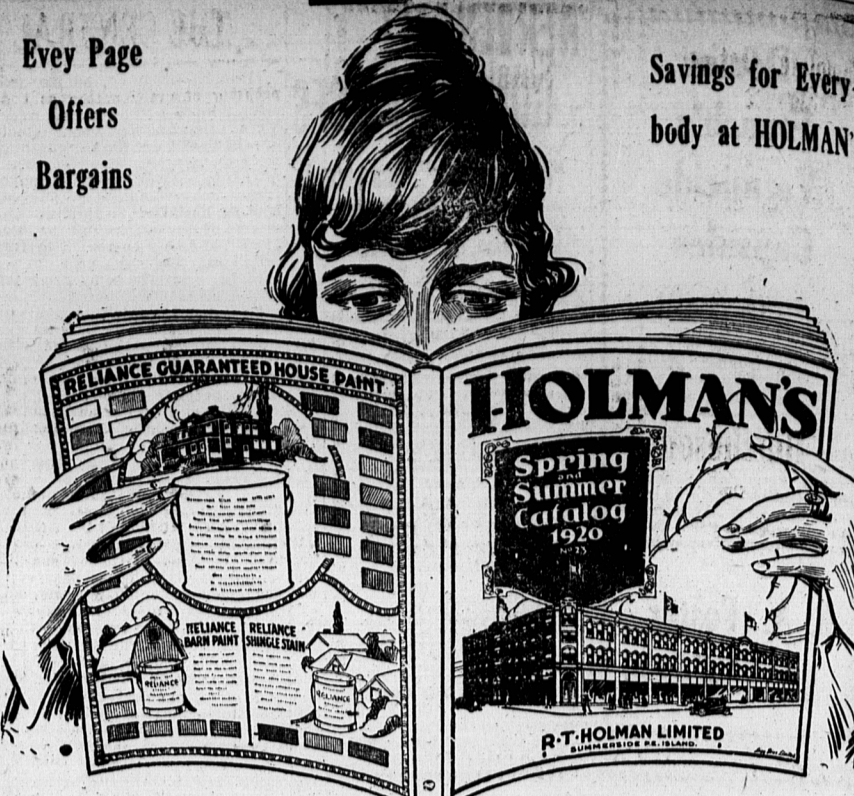
An alligator on a bright, sunny day will lie on a mud-bank in the sun with its mouth wide open. It is not asleep necessarily. It may be thinking or just merely loafing.

Finally, when there was no more food, and his men were so weakened by sickness and lack of food he was advised by his superiors to make the best terms possible.

A CITY OF WELLS

Only a devout Indian pilgrim would care to drink of the water of the holy wells of the city of Benares, for ancient usage requires that floral offerings be thrown into the well, and as these decay they make the water unfit for drinking, to white men's taste.

The most mysterious of the wells is the Well of Fate. Anyone who looks into the Well of Fate exactly at noon and fails to see his shadow is said to be doomed to die within six months. Of course, if the silent prophecy is unfavorable, the spirits can usually be bought off by offerings at the temple, conveniently placed near by, quite by



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is about to occur, the rats often give timely notice, scampering about in an unusual manner. Doubtless the preliminary cracking of the rocks alarms them.

Another well dedicated to the spirit of healing, Pilgrims not only drink of the water of this well, but also bathe in it to make sure of the water's power being transferred to them.

The most holy of all the wells is the Well of Knowledge, which stands near Benares' most sacred shrine, the Golden Temple, and is said to be the dwelling-place of a very important god.

There are rivers in India which are subject to sudden and heavy floods, and over these it is necessary to maintain a ferry-boat service. In some cases the method of

conveying a person across the river has remained the same for several centuries, as in the following case. A cord having been fastened to a large, elongated gourd, and a smaller gourd being also tied to it, the native gets astride, and laying his breast upon the larger gourd, paddles himself across with his hands and feet. Women, too, avail themselves of this singular contrivance, under the escort of a ferryman, who, similarly mounted, takes his charge in tow, carries her basket, et, with perhaps a child in it, on his head, and conveys them safely across.

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Prize Essay Competition

We would remind all school children in P. E. I., who are 16 years of age and under, and intend sending in an Essay on "Life Insurance its service to the home and value to the world" for the above competition, that Essays will not be accepted after May 15th, at 1 p. m.

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