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THE BRITISH WAY

The British taxpayers, who are paying an income tax rising as high as five shillings in the pound, have distinguished themselves by the promptitude with which they are meeting the impost, irksome and disagreeable as it is.

This, comments an exchange is surely a new turn of history. It is in every way creditable to the British spirit and may be fairly set down as in harmony with the best traditions of the people.

MAKING OF ALMANACKS

The almanack, notes an exchange, has become a household cliche. It is a very ancient institution. There is reason to believe it derives its name from Arabic, signifying a reckoning by the month.

also the numbers of a golden cycle. Manuscript almanacks of ancient date are preserved in the British Museum, and in the libraries of Oxford and Cambridge.

The sole right to sell almanacks was granted by charter of Queen Elizabeth to the Stationers Hall Company and to the universities, a privilege held throughout the time of James I. and onward until 1775.

IMPORTANT MEETING

An enterprise of growing importance to this Province is the tourist traffic. The fact that there was an actual increase in this traffic last year, despite the world wide depression, is a striking indication of its stability.

In view of these facts the ninth annual meeting this evening of the Tourist Association is of more than usual interest. The meeting is being held in the Board of Trade rooms, and all interested should make it a point to attend and receive first-hand information of the activities of the association during the year.

JAPAN'S WAR MACHINE

One important point to remember, says an exchange, in studying the movement of the Japanese army in and about Manchuria is that the Japanese war department operates under a system totally unlike that of any other modern nation.

In every other great power the premier and parliament have complete, continuous control over the actions of their fighting men.

In Japan it is different. The army is answerable only to the emperor. It is a separate department of government.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It should be to the future benefit of Canada that Oxford and Cambridge university ski teams decided to come to Canada this winter in preference to going to Switzerland to indulge in winter sporting events.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A United States magazine has a pertinent article which says that when the Pilgrim Fathers landed on the bleak New England coast they had little property, meager provision and very uncertain prospects.

What no one wants to make definite predictions for 1932 after the sad experience of 1931, says the London Free Press, "yet the outlook is, to say the least, encouraging. There are international, Imperial, and national straws which show that the wind is at last blowing in the right direction.

It is not sufficiently recognized says the London Trade Supplement that the largest potential market awaiting the British manufacturer is in Great Britain. Perhaps the urgency of increasing the export trade tends to obscure the fact that the substitution of a British product for an imported article in the home market has the same effect on the trade balance as an additional sale abroad.

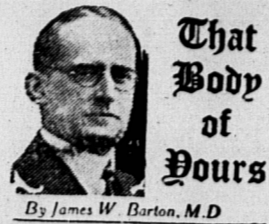
Great caution will now be necessary in judging the news from India. It must be remembered that the Government of India seldom issues much in the way of official communiques and most entirely eschews propaganda.

General Smuts of South Africa says: "If Germany defaults on her debts Great Britain is bound to follow. There is no use continuing this illusion of international debt and reparation payments. If we don't end it we may have social upheavals in which more than reparations and international debts may go by the board."

Human nature being what it is, only an anemic Gandhi can carry on a "war" without violence. And no British Government could possibly remain in India and submit to violence against its officers.

The Russian trade shows so extravagantly against us that it is impossible to see any case for its continuance on the present lines. It seems to us obvious, the British market being so profitable to Russia, that the Soviet would make almost any sacrifice to keep it. But it is of no benefit to us.

mind to appreciate advantages which have been lost in the past through lack of knowledge of what the Canadian winter really is like.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF GOITRE

There are so many different cases of goitre throughout the country that you may be wondering why some individuals seem to go for many years without any trouble while others have to undergo an operation for removal of the thyroid gland.

While there are different kinds or types of goitre, some physicians and surgeons are now of the opinion that it is really a difference in the severity of the ailment; the early or simple form needing no treatment, the more advanced or medium form needing medical treatment, and the advanced or severe form requiring operation.

This means that medical treatment would be used where there is no severe pressure or heart symptoms. In advanced cases, where medical x-ray, or radium treatment is of no avail, surgery must be used to save the patient's life.

What about the results? Formerly this was considered a very dangerous operation and patients travelled hundreds, sometimes thousands of miles to have it performed. Today practically every good hospital has members on its staff capable of skilfully performing this operation.

There is not now really any more danger in this than in other operations. What about the results? The first thing to remember of course is that the patient doesn't undergo the operation unless the case is far advanced.

Dr. C. S. D. Don, London, gives a report of some 42 operations for the severe type of goitre which gives a fair indication of the results usually obtained.

Taking everything into consideration, the ability of the patient to do his work, the rhythm and rate of his pulse and observations on how near to the normal rate all his processes act, the result of operation has been good in 28 cases, improvement in 9, while in 5 the operation has been of little value. This means that 66 percent were cured, 22 percent were improved, and only 12 percent unimproved.

Therefore, despite the great number of cases of goitre, it is most encouraging to see how the treatment has now reached such a satisfactory point; simple cases, no treatment; moderately severe, rest, and medical treatment, severe cases, x-ray and radium; very severe cases, surgical operation. And even with these extreme or severe cases results such as are recorded above are obtained.

The Poet's Corner

I saw with open eyes Singing birds sweet Sold in the shops For the people to eat, Sold in the shops of Stupidity Street.

I saw in vision The worm in the wheat, And in the shops nothing For people to eat; Nothing for sale in Stupidity Street. —Ralph Hodgson.

Youth And The Radio

(Toronto Mail & Empire) The girl is about 16 years old. She is petite and looks very much younger. She seems, indeed, merely a child. It is a holiday and she spends hour after hour listening to the radio. It is soon clear how her tastes run. She manipulates the dial so as to receive a constant stream of jazz music and love songs.

To anyone with an ear for decent music, or with a taste for fine entertainment, the numbers which the young girl selects with obvious glee are banal in the extreme and even repulsive. How comes it that her ideal is so low? We need not seek far for the answer. Her taste has been vitiated from the outset by the radio which continues to supply the appetite thus created. This is a process of education that is going on day after day, week after week,

Scott of The Guardian

(Vancouver Province) Charles Prestwich Scott, editor for nearly sixty years of the Manchester Guardian, lies dead in that city, in his 86th year. He wanted to see the New Year come in, and then he went on to his own place. Whatever and wherever it is, they should do him honor there, him, the most distinguished journalist of his time.

Five years ago when Scott had seen 80 years, and been 53 of them editor of the Guardian, they had a notable occasion at the Manchester Town Hall. Manchester was presenting itself with a memorial bust of Scott (done by Jacob Epstein), and the speeches and the messages in honor of Scott came from all the principal men of our western civilization. When the time came for him to make reply, he began, facing his own presentation, "No man knows what he's like outside any more than inside," and he went on to say that he did not know whether this honor should be paid, but if it was paid, he knew very well that it must really be to the men who had worked with him in the long years of his service.

That was the essence of the thing in Scott which made him splendid in his life, which it becomes us to remember and to honor in his death. He was a leader. He knew another good man when he saw him, and he knew how to get him to work, by his side, for his own cause. Thus he had men like C. E. Montague, L. T. Hobhouse, W. T. Arnold writing editorials in the Guardian, sixty years ago, when it was just a decent, undistinguished, provincial English newspaper, and he made it one of the first half dozen newspapers of the English-speaking world. He never forgot, and no man who ever worked with Scott was allowed to forget, the function and obligation of the newspaperman.

"The primary office of a paper," he said, "is the gathering of news. At the peril of its soul, it must see that the supply is not tainted. Comment is free, but facts are sacred."

He is gone now, and it seems like the passing of an epoch. He was of the great Liberal tradition, and of the finest of it. He was tolerant and humane, believed passionately in justice and humanity as causes that honest men must fight for and die for if needs be, and he was never afraid of a new idea. It is only very old men who can remember when he was not editor of the Guardian, riding down to the office every night on his old bicycle (he did that until he was past 80), content to be a newspaper editor in harness, with no arrogance in his great influence, with

month after month and year after year in millions of homes throughout the length and breadth of Canada.

It is no answer to say that high-class entertainment is available over the air if one will seek for it. Good music is to be obtained from various stations at some hours of the day, but there seems to be an endless supply of the jazz stuff, the croon songs and the sex slush. This is one reason why we should like to see an increase in the measure of Government control. No one can deny that the British Broadcasting Company, which is, in effect, a Government institution, keeps the radio programmes on a much higher average plane than that to which we are used on this continent. One of our difficulties here is that the Canadian stations are too weak to assert themselves against powerful competing United States stations.

In a time of depression the Government has not yet seen its way clear to take hold of the situation. Sooner or later, and the sooner the better, Canada will have to build the necessary high-powered stations to furnish our people with improved radio programmes.

In the radio, science has let loose the greatest propaganda agency the world has ever seen. It is a dominant agency in the formation of national character and in the direction of the public mind. This being so, it is essential that the Government step in as soon as economic conditions permit. The administration may have to take over the whole business of air communications as has been done in Great Britain, or it may be able to secure the necessary reforms by thoroughgoing control of a few powerful licensed private corporations operating plants of adequate capacity to cover and protect the Canadian field.



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Prime Minister And the Press

(Ottawa Journal) Premier Bennett has discovered that the best way to deal with the press is to credit it with a sense of public responsibility. Working along this line, he has adopted a practice of conferences with correspondents, taking them into his confidence, giving them explanations of Government problems and policies, answering their questions frankly. The results are that Mr. Bennett's actions are better understood, that the newspapermen are able to write with a better background of information, and that the public gains.

There is nothing much more absurd than a public man who, given temporary authority, begins to assume that he is the only patriot, that everybody is trying to hamper him, and that the only way disaster can be avoided is by a resort to secrecy.

Mr. Bennett perceives that he needs all he can get of public support, and he is too sensible and intelligent not to realize that no particular man or agency or group in this country has a monopoly of desire for its good. It is true, of course, and unfortunate, that there are ignorant critics, and sometimes malicious critics, but these, after all, are in a minority, and their sins should not be charged against those who, just as anxious as any Prime Minister for the well-being of Canada, decline to surrender their intelligence and independence for the sake of a party. Against such critics no Prime Minister nor other public man has a right to complain. This, after all, is a democracy.

Mr. Bennett will find that, making allowance for these things, and co-operating with the press, his attitude will pay him rich dividends. He will find, for one thing, that his confidence will not be abused, but scrupulously respected; and The Journal is proud to believe that this goes for newspapers that oppose him as well as for those that support him.

Premier Bracken Bids Again

(Montreal Gazette) Hon. John Bracken, Prime Minister of Manitoba, is again inviting the other parties to join him and his Progressives in the establishment of a union government in Manitoba. It was at the end of September last that he began throwing out feelers. Not meeting with a favorable response, he openly invited the Conservatives, Liberals and Labor to join in a coalition. Only the Liberals, who have five members in the Legislature, accepted the proposition through their leader, Dr. Murdoch Mackay. John Queen refused in the name of Labor, and Colonel F. G. Taylor did the same for the Conservatives. At that time an election as early as November was expected and Colonel Taylor addressed several meetings, in which he condemned the Manitoba Government as being a one-man administration which had been extravagant. Speaking at Boissevain the Premier Bracken should appeal to the country first, after which it would be time to consider coalition. In such circumstances, he stated that his party would do whatever was necessary for the good of the province, but he was confident, he said, that in the event of elections the Conservative party would be returned with such a majority that there would be no need to talk about coalition. At that time it was vainly thought that Premier Bracken would go to the polls.

The Manitoba Government, like the administration in the other provinces, has been coping with a difficult situation. Income has slowed down at a time when greater demands are being made upon the Treasury. The provinces are spending \$2,000,000 on unemployment relief alone in the current fiscal year. There is a liability of \$3,374,939 on the wheat pool guarantee and a heavy premium has to be paid on money due in New York. The Government is not to blame for exchange cost, nor can it be charged with responsibility for the industrial depression. But it has to face these matters and overcome them. It is a most difficult situation and Premier Bracken's proposal for a union government is a natural action. The need now, he maintains, is greater than it was last October. There are 55 seats in the Assembly, the Progressives, headed by the Premier, numbering 28. There are five Liberals and two Laborites, who work with the Progressives, and two Independents. There is one vacancy. The official Opposition under Colonel Taylor has 15 members. Mr Bracken has been Prime Minister since 1922 and the present Legislature can have another session. It seems, apparent, however, that the full term may not be rounded out. The Bracken bid for

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union of parties is a significant sign. A provincial election before long is a possibility, is not a probability. TOKYO, Jan. 9. (A.P.)—Suyoshi Inukai, who resigned yesterday as Premier, was summoned to the palace today for an audience with the Emperor and later he called at a urgent meeting of the Cabinet. Vernacular newspapers speculated that he might be commissioned to form another government. Basketball, stiffness—Minard's, relief

Premier To Meet Cabinet

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