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NIGHT SCHOOL

The night classes in connection with the Technical School will open on November 13th, classes in English, Arithmetic, Motor Mechanics, Salesmanship, Wood-working and Wireless Telegraphy have been arranged for and provision will be made for classes in other subjects if a sufficient number of students apply for them.

This school affords an excellent opportunity for young men who for various reasons were obliged to leave school before they had progressed as far as was desirable or who had neglected their educational opportunities. There are many such in the city, many who feel that they require a brushing up in some subjects, a brushing up which will give them chances for promotion in the work they are doing.

It is hoped that these will take advantage of this opportunity which is offered them free of charge. The classes are open every night in the week except Saturday and Sunday and the evenings can be more profitably spent here than in the usual social pleasures. Full information may be had by applying to the Principal of the Technical School.

GRADING POTATOES

In marketing potatoes it will be well to bear in mind that the Root Vegetable Act passed in June 1922 provides specifically for grading.

The following is the grade for "Canada A. quality," the quality we understand, accepted by the markets:

Canada A quality, which shall include only sound, reasonably mature potatoes of similar varietal characteristics which are practically free from dirt or other foreign matter, frost injury, sunburn, abnormal growth, growth cracks, cuts, scab, blight, soft rot, or rot or damage caused by disease, insects or mechanical or other means. In this grade the diameter of potatoes of the round varieties shall not be less than one and seven-eighths inches, and of potatoes of the long varieties one and three-fourths inches.

WELL MERITED REBUKE

As indicated in our recent despatches William Randolph Hearst who had hoped for the Democratic nomination for Governor of New York, was turned down at a convention in Syracuse a few days ago. The Hearst forces were completely swamped all over the State and former Governor Smith had things pretty much his own way.

This is the second time that Hearst has failed in the main ambition of his life. On the previous occasion he succeeded in getting the nomination out met with an adverse decision at the polls. But his defeat at the nominating convention at this stage is the more significant because in a number of districts which had been considered his own particular stronghold things went dead against him. Plans that had been carefully prepared by propagandic manipulation that has surpassed any thing that Hearst has previously done have been completely frustrated by people whose conception of Americanism differs materially from that which the newspaper magnate is continually advertising.

Hearst would have given almost all he possessed to become Governor of the richest and most influential State in the Union. Long has he planned to place his foot upon the gubernatorial stepping stone from which he hoped to continue his way towards a bid for the Presidency of

the United States. Of what use were his newspapers unless they could deliver him eventually at the White House?

The truth of the matter is, the American people know Hearst and see through his schemes. He has overplayed his hand in almost everything he has undertaken. His popular pastime of insulting Great Britain and the British Empire is distasteful to his compatriots whose understanding of the responsibility which rests upon Anglo-Saxondom at the present time is not circumscribed by the malignant growth which seems to have distorted the mind of Hearst. And what happened at Syracuse represents healthy American sentiment.

HOPE FOR THE PATRIOT

We have good reason to believe that the Patriot's recent investigations will result—if not in its complete salvation, at least in a partial recovery. In several issues lately it has denounced with fiery eloquence, mingled with anathemas, the fact that certain members of the late Canadian National Railway Board had sold insurance and supplies to the railway! What wickedness! Members of the Railway Board, directors of insurance companies and corporations handling other railway requisites, actually sold their wares to the railway!

The Patriot's vehement denunciation of these acts of perfidy surely indicates a change of heart. Do we not all remember with a shudder that fearful night last May when Mr. Murdoch Kennedy started the Legislature with a similar denunciation of similar sales by members of the Bell government and supporters of the Bell party? Can we not even yet recall the pallid faces that glowered at Mr. Kennedy as he mercilessly read the list from the Public Accounts showing that the firm of E. T. Higgs & Co., (recently developed into a joint stock company from the original Mr. E. T. Higgs) had received from the Treasury of P. E. Island the sum of \$1426.45 for insurance on government buildings; that the firm of Brace McKay & Co. of which Mr. Creelman McArthur is a partner, received from the government the sum of \$9,249.66 for supplies sold to the government; that the firm of Lepage, Brady & Co., of which Mr. B. W. Lepage is senior partner had received \$4,750.80, that the Hughes Drug Co., of which the Honourable George E. Hughes is the senior partner had also received a considerable sum of money for supplies sold to the government. And there were others.

When these revelations were made the Patriot uttered not a word of protest; indeed if we remember rightly, it did not even mention the amounts received by these gentlemen although it had a good deal to say about Mr. Kennedy for making the disclosure. This was less than six months ago and in that brief space it has so far recovered that it can denounce with vehement earnestness the wickedness of members of a government board selling to the government.

If the Patriot's conversion is not wholly superficial or just put on or effect, what denunciations may we not look for of the gentlemen above named and of the government which permitted such wickedness. The Bell government has more than once had occasion to pray "Deliver me from my friends" and we feel sure that Messrs Higgs, McArthur, Hughes Lepage and others are now earnestly praying that the Patriot's conversion will proceed no further.

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Notes By The Way

The Eastern Chronicle of New Glasgow, N.S. is a well known Liberal journal. It is, however, independent enough to comment mildly on the appointment of Mr. Sinclair, ex-M.P. for Guysboro as the representative of Nova Scotia on the Board of Directors of the Canadian National Railway. The Chronicle intimates that if Mr. Sinclair, at his advanced age was prevented by reasons of ill health from accepting the Liberal nomination to sit again in Parliament, "he is not strong enough now to undertake duties far more onerous."

When the Eastern Chronicle thus spoke its mind, Mr. Sinclair had not been appointed. It was giving reasons why he should not be appointed and went on to say: "Besides, he knew parliamentary work to the letter; railway work he would have to learn. But what is the use of arguing; the appointment should not be thought of. If the railway problem is to be solved it will be by men, strong men—strong men who know the work." All of which we can heartily endorse.

In other Liberal journals we have read that appointments to judgeships have often been made by both political parties, usually from among lawyers who were supporters of the party in power, and these judges have proved to be impartial and in every way worthy of trust. Why then object to the same method of appointment for railway directors? The answer is easy. Judges are appointed from a limited class, learned in the law, the principles of justice and the practice of courts. What training or experience have the new railway directors had in railroading or in the management of railways?

Furthermore the administration of justice is a thing apart from politics. Governments and politicians do not and dare not interfere with it. A judge of the land is under little or no temptation to deviate from his duty in order to please the party in power. Our Judges, whether of the federal or provincial courts, at the date of their appointment came up from both parties and not all from one political party. And the traditions of our law courts are high, much higher than those of the boards and commissions and directors appointed for other purposes. And no man would be appointed to a judgeship in Canada at Mr. Sinclair's present age.

The Board of National Railway Directors under Sir Henry Thornton as umpire—thus Premier King has designated him—have very important administrative, judicial and financial duties to perform. They are entrusted with the gravest responsibilities. In that regard, as also in the remuneration they are presumably to receive, they take rank with the judges of our higher courts. Such being the case, what excuse can be offered for the appointment of a National Railway Director of the age at which judges are expected to retire?

The attorney general of the United States has given a drastic decision on the carriage of liquors within the territorial jurisdiction of the Republic. He has submitted it to President Harding, and although it may be challenged, the President has ordered the promulgation of regulations to make it effective. If carried into effect no United States ship, whether publicly or privately owned, may carry alcoholic liquors anywhere and no foreign ships may carry such liquors, into or out of any United States port, or within the three-mile limit of its territorial waters. Thus a great drought threatens many would-be bibulous travellers on the sea as well as on the land.

It threatens many, but by no means all. No mere dictum of a President however great can dethrone King Alcohol or take away his trident sceptre of the sea. It is used to be sung that Britannia rules the waves, but more's the pity—rule is still longer, wider and more boundless than all the realms beneath the Meteor Flag of England. And British, French, German, Spanish and Norwegian ships, or those of any other nations that have ships, may still carry King Alcohol's fiery liquids where they will over the waters that cover two thirds of the earth's surface.

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Most Northerly Policeman on Earth

Staff Sergeant A. H. Joy, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, has the distinction of being the most northerly policeman on earth, he having been sent recently to Ponds Inlet, latitude 72.40 north, in North Baffin Land. The letter of instruction he received throws a flood of light upon the duties which have to be discharged by members of the force when operating far from civilization. It is as follows:—

"You have been appointed a Justice of the Peace in the North-West Territories, in which Baffin Land is situated; a coroner, a special officer of the Customs and postmaster of a post office located at Ponds Inlet.

"Your general duty is to enforce law and order in all the district tributary to Ponds Inlet, and the authority given you as Justice of the Peace and coroner will enable you to deal with most cases which may arise of infraction of the law.

"As a special officer of the Customs it will be your duty to enforce the Customs laws and carry out the detailed instructions issued you by the Customs Department. As postmaster at Ponds Inlet it will be your duty to carry on these duties in accordance with the post office regulations.

To Investigate a Murder.

"Your special attention is directed to an alleged murder of a Mr. James by an Eskimo, and you are directed to make a thorough inquiry into this murder and take such steps as are required to bring the guilty parties to justice. Should you find that there is a prima facie case against any person or persons, it will be your duty, if it is clearly established, to take the accused into custody and hold him pending instructions from headquarters.

"Arrangements are made with the Hudson Bay Company at Ponds Inlet for your board and lodging. Although you are indebted to the Hudson Bay Company for your transportation and board and lodging and many other necessary requirements, still you must bear in mind that you are a servant of the Government and must deal with all trading companies exactly on an equal footing.

"I rely upon your good judgment and previous experience to carry out your important duties with credit to yourself and to the satisfaction of headquarters."

"Get Your Man."

Though the name and headquarters of the famous force have been changed, and its members are now frequently seen in the streets of Eastern cities, their

York, Boston and San Francisco, hitherto enriched by the liquid carrying trade, must see their spoils transferred to Halifax, St. John, Montreal and Vancouver. And tourist travellers who desire to refresh themselves spiritually while on their way, and their name is legion—will they not seek other ships than those that bear aloft the Star Spangled Banner? That is why, our avuncular relative across the border is just now chewing the bitter cud of meditation.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

From the W. S. Louson collection

L'ENVOI

When Earth's last picture is painted, And the tubes are twisted and dried, When the oldest colors have faded, And the youngest critic has died, We shall rest—and faith, we shall need it— Lie down for an aeon or two, Till the Master of All Good Workmen Shall set us to work anew! And those that were good shall be happy; They shall sit in a golden chair, They shall splash at a ten-league canvas With brushes of comet's hair; They shall find real saints to draw from— Magdalene, Peter and Paul; They shall work for an age at a sitting, And never get tired at all! And only the Master shall praise us, And only the Master shall blame us, And no one shall work for money, And no one shall work for fame; But each for the joy of the working. And each in his separate star, Shall draw the thing as he sees it, For the God of Things as They Are.

—Rudyard Kipling.

Western duties remain no less onerous than they were before when, with Manitoba wheat, they were probably the most famous things with which the name of this country was associated by the outside world. "Get your man!" was one of the earliest Canadian slogans, and it was the motto of the police whom writers of fiction spoke of as the "riders of the plains," and who are now more generally called "mounties." It was of more importance in sparsely-settled countries but recently brought under the reign of law, that the criminal should be caught and apprehended, than in communities that had long been accustomed to the process of justice. If one criminal escaped, the tendency of the Indians, the half-breeds and the lawless in the community was to consider the mounted police a bluff to be evaded or even defied. Thus it came about that neither time nor money was spared in an effort to bring any evil doer to justice, though some of the comparatively insignificant character of his crime might not seem to justify the tremendous exertions put forth to capture and punish him.

Pioneers of Civilization.

Through the Canadian West the mounted police, since they were brought into existence by Sir John Macdonald in 1874, have been the pioneers of civilization. In hundreds of cases they had to discharge every function of the government, just as Sergeant Joy will discharge it in Baffin Land. They were policeman, coroner, judge, jury, health commissioner, postmaster and Inland Revenue Officer. As settlers drifted in and the place increased in size, the Government would appoint special functionaries to discharge these duties, and the mounted police would become policemen again, or perhaps drift further west and north as their place was taken by constables or other special local officers. That there still remains plenty of work for the mounted police to do in rolling back the curtain of the North, as they rolled it back in the West, is indicated by the fact that in Canada there is about a million square miles of territory about which

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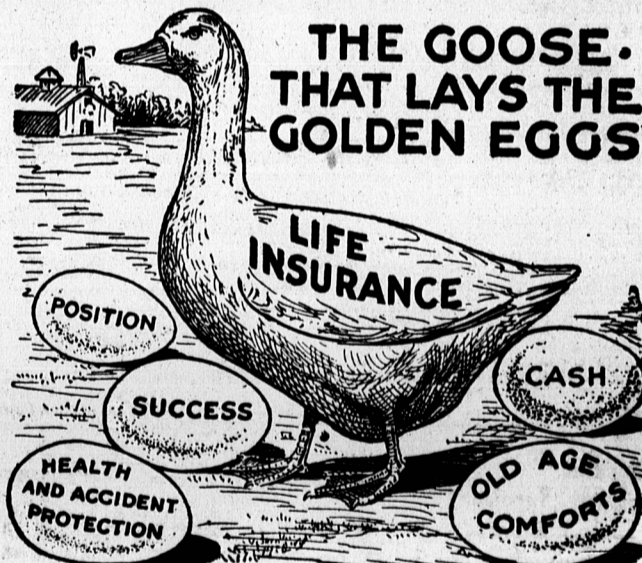
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Fame Spread by Movies.

As Philip Carcarow says in The New York Tribune, the movies have done much to spread the fame of the North-West Mounted Police. The topic has been handled, or man-handled, by scores of scenario writers. The picture character of the force lent itself admirably to the pictures, and perhaps there is no topic so agreeable to movie fans as that of the band of evildoers put to rout by the single grey-eyed man who rode a horse like a centaur and handled his revolver like Buffalo Bill. But fiction could not exaggerate the exploits of the mounted police. The official reports issued from Ottawa tell stories of heroism and hardship that have never been surpassed. Nor are the stories those of an earlier generation. They have merely been shifted from the West to the North, where even greater hardships have to be endured by the brave men who track down fugitive Eskimo or Indian murderers for thousands of miles, and taking them from the midst of their sullen bands, bring them single-handed to the nearest court of justice.

Premier Stamboulisky, of Bulgaria, in discussing the question of extension of the elective franchise to the women of his country, advances some novel ideas as to the qualifications to be demanded of such women as seek the right to vote. In other lands there have been restrictions that set up the ownership of property as a prerequisite to enrollment among the electors. Commonwealths once restricted the voters' lists to the names of those who were possessed of a "freehold" or other property. In this country many of the most indefatigable agitators for "votes for women" through the long period of campaigning for "women's rights" were spinsters or childless matrons. Stamboulisky's decree relating to voting qualifications fixes no property ownership qualification and gives no hope to the spinsters, that section of the population that in other nations has been the major element in the propaganda for women's enfranchisement, for the Premier flatly declares that only those women who are engaged in agricultural labor and those who are the mothers of children shall

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