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THE BLUE RUIN REFUGE.

WHEN our Liberal friends are driven into a corner by the stern logic of indisputable facts, when there is no defence or effective argument, they invariably resort to the last refuge of Liberalism, the cry that their opponents are raising the Blue Ruin cry. When the fact is mentioned by Conservatives that Canada is not making progress as commensurate with her natural resources and her opportunities, the cry goes up from the Liberal press and Liberal platform that all reference to such is simply a Blue Ruin cry and that there is nothing in it.

It has been pointed out by Conservatives and by business men, regardless of politics, that there is something wrong with Canada when, it possessing eighty or ninety per cent of the natural resources of this continent, only ten per cent of her total exports are of Canadian manufacture. It has been pointed out that while we spend millions of dollars annually to bring immigrants to Canada not only do the immigrants leave us, but thousands of our native born leave us also. Why do both immigrants and native born leave us? Is it not because we have no employment for them? Is it not that even with the industrial and commercial depression in the United States at present Canadians take a chance on going to that country in preference to remaining in Canada?

Is it a Blue Ruin cry to refer to these conditions? None but a dyed-in-the-wool partizan would say it is. These things have occurred during the regime of the King Government, and are directly traceable to its fiscal policy, which permits our country to be flooded with foreign goods, to the starvation of our own industries. Our fiscal policy is so unstable with its frequent concessions to sectional interests that investors will not risk their money on Canadian industries and, as a result, Canadian industry and Canadian employment are in a state of stagnation.

It is conceded on all sides that one of our great needs at present is population. Knowing this the Government has made a big gesture in the direction of procuring immigrants. Some thousands have come but, finding nothing to do, they immediately leave us for the United States. Is it a Blue Ruin cry to refer to these things? Is there no better reason that can be given for our want of employment, and our want of industries than that it is a Blue Ruin cry? Official statistics speak for themselves. Our immigration policy provides remunerative employment for some thousands of immigration agents, friends of the party, but brings no profit to Canada.

NATIONAL PARKS.

IN the Maritime Provinces there is one National Park, at Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia. This is such a historic spot that its claims to recognition could not be ignored. Outside of these every province in the Dominion has its National Park or Parks, maintained at the expense of the whole Dominion. We note that New Brunswick is making a move in the direction of pressing its claim for a share in this public benefaction. There can be no reason why it should not or why its claim should not be recognized. Nor is there any reason why Prince Edward Island also should not make a similar move. We are paying our share of the upkeep of National Parks elsewhere, while deriving no direct benefit from any of them.

We have a number of historic sites in this province. Some of these have been converted into memorials by private subscription, and are being maintained from the same source. We have other historic places, places which have figured prominently in the early history not only of the Island, but of Canada, and therefore have a right to be called national.

Across the harbor from Charlottetown there is a unique relic of the French occupation, a fort which was once the site of the French Commander-in-Chief. Its moat is still intact and would make an ideal centre for a historic national park, with sufficient land surrounding it to make a recreation ground which would be of incalculable value from the tourist point of view.

Old Government House has also been spoken of as a possible centre for a National Park. This is the oldest governor's residence in Canada, and on that ground alone has a right to be recognized nationally. True, it is the only government-owned residence for our Lieutenant-Governors. There is a strong and general desire on the part of our people that it be maintained in that capacity on account of its historic associations. It was in front of this building that the historic painting, the Fathers of Confederation, by the famous Island artist, Mr. Robert Harris, C.M.G., was sketched, and this alone gives it a national status.

Our people do not want to give it up as Government House but if no move is made to rehabilitate it as such many would prefer to see it with the grounds converted into a National Park. Whatever the outcome may be the time has now come when definite action should be taken either to restore and refurbish it as a Government House or abandon the idea and turn it into something that will be both ornamental, historic and valuable. This question cannot be settled too soon. We need a Government House for future governors. If we cannot afford to have this splendid old and picturesque building maintained as such, then let us find out what can be done otherwise. Our Government House with its spacious grounds must not be permitted to lapse into ruin.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The recent oratorical contest has started up a new interest in public speaking and we hear of several literary clubs being organized in different parts of the province. A good idea is to have a literary organization in connection with some of the athletic sports clubs. The two make a good combination.

The influence of foreigners in Saskatchewan may be gathered from an analysis of the 1926 census recently issued by the Government. In that year there were 117,781 farm holdings in that Province, and the ownership of 115,715 of them has been determined. Out of these 115,715 holdings, foreigners farm 55,158 with 21,164,444 acres, while the British born have 60,557 farms amounting to 24,119,857 acres.

Which would be the more business-like way, if the Federal Government means business, to cut down the Customs and Excise duty on liquors and so make smuggling so unprofitable that no one would bother with it, or keep a navy and an army of coast guards chasing rum-runners who, regardless of the navy and army, succeed in landing often there any reason why Prince Edward Island also should not make a similar move. We are paying our share of the upkeep of National Parks elsewhere, while deriving no direct benefit from any of them.

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Notes by the Way

THE Spring season comes late in our little northern Island, but it brings with it transformation of animate and inanimate things, and a spirit all its own that has been welcome in all ages. It is a genial, joyous loving spirit, that finds its best expression at this season of the year. Solomon was moved to rhapsody when he wrote of the Springtime and pictured it so charmingly: "The voice of my beloved! behold he cometh leaping upon the hills. "Rise up my love, my fair one and come away. "For lo, the Winter is past, the rain is over and gone the flowers appear on the earth. "The time of the singing of birds is come and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land. "The fig tree putteth forth her green figs and the vines and the tender grape give a good smell."

The passage expresses the true spirit of the springtime and we see that it is the spirit of light, of life, of love and beauty. Light of the lengthening days, the clearer skies the higher brighter sun; life renewed in tree and herb, or bursting anew from myriad seeds or germs; the singing, mating and nesting of birds, when on branch of tree or under a tuft of grass the little brood, begotten in love, are sheltered close under the warm maternal breast. There is heard the voice of the lover, be he man or bird, whispering, calling, and on gladsome foot, or wing, hastening, bounding to the side of his beloved, over all around is the mantle of verdure, spangled with flowers, perfuming the air and rivaling the colors of the Heaven-born rainbow.

The trees and vegetable world have had a six months' sleep, which is to them what the night is to us. The spirit of the springtime bids them wake, put on their garments of green, grow, expand and bloom. How blind is he who cannot realize the magic and the beauty of this wondrous transformation; how deaf the ears that are not thrilled with its loving voices and its music; how dulled are all the senses that have no consciousness of this all-pervading spirit of the springtime.

To him who has drunk at nature's fountain and imbibed her spirit, there is an uplifting lesson in the springtime that follows the dark cold winter, as in the morning that succeeds the night, or the rainbow which follows the storm. To all such the bow is an emblem radiant of hope, the dawn prefigures a more illustrious morn that shall break beyond the horizon of time. The springtime tells of a new awakening unto life and the restoration of all things.

Long ago one was moved to ask, "If a man die shall he live again?" A grain of wheat or an acorn might supply the answer. Each of these has within it an invisible life germ endowed with a marvellous potentiality. Scientists tell us that these seeds if kept dry preserve their vitality for more than a thousand years and if later they are planted they will grow. So long may the life germ in a plant or a tree prolong its vitality. How inconceivably higher, greater, broader, is the life of man than the life of a tree or a plant.

But if this corporeal life of man on earth were the be-all and the end-all of human existence, man might envy the tree which lives to twenty times his allotted span of life on earth, or the tortoise, elephant, or the eagle whose life period here is much greater than his own. Among all living creatures so far as we know, man alone has aspirations to a life beyond the grave. Man has hopes, desires, aspirations and affections that are not bounded by time or space.

These aspirations, desires and hopes are prophetic of the life that is to come. "Thy brother that is dead shall live again," is their perpetual message. We see in the springtime the resurrection of renewed life about us on every side. It is but a faint shadow of the resurrection unto life in the pure delight of a world without a grave.

Mr. Bennett has given notice to the Government that the Opposition will not consent to shorten the session of Parliament at the expense of the country's business. This firm stand by the Leader of the Opposition will be generally commended throughout the country. Members were looking forward to ending their sessional labors on the 24th of May. Now they are becoming reconciled as best they may to closing two weeks later, on or about June 6th. Parliament had fallen into a shockingly vicious practice of transacting its business in a frantic rush during the closing days of the session. A determined effort is about to be made to check this growing evil.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

STANDING AND SITTING TALL

One of the methods used to straighten curvature of the spine, is to have the youngster hang by the neck by means of a strap about chin and back of head. All that he has to do is to stand on a chair or on the floor, and by simply bending his knees, thus taking his feet off the floor, he is actually hanging "by the neck." By straightening his knees he can put his feet on the chair or floor again. Of course this is only done under the supervision of a physician. In addition to this there is the corrective exercise to help pull the spine straight and hold it straight. One of the results obtained is that the joints of the spine get a chance to separate slightly from one another, and the individual is just that much taller, immediately after this hanging exercise.

Now if you and I were to "stand tall" as Dr. Philip Lewin calls it, it would mean much, not only to our carriage, but to our general health as well. It really isn't necessary for any of us to hang by the neck to get this extra height, but if, as Dr. Lewin says, we will try to stand tall, sit tall, walk tall, lie tall, and think tall, we attain not only beauty and erectness of carriage, but this keeping tall has a most beneficial effect upon the health in general.

Take any part of the body of an individual with poor carriage and what do you find; shoulders drooped, shoulders rounded, abdomen protruded, hips forward, knees with tendency forward and inward, and feet turned outward too far. Immediately you get the idea of standing tall, what happens? The head goes up, the chin comes back, and the abdomen is drawn in which lifts the chest upward and forward, and shoulders drop backward, the hips backward, the knees straighten, and the toes point more directly forward.

It is not hard to see what this would mean to all the organs of the body if you were to sit and stand tall always. The lungs would carry many more cubic inches of air, the heart would have more work and more room in which to do it, the stomach and intestine would be up in their proper positions in the abdomen, there would be fewer "kinks" in intestines, therefore less pain from gas pressure, and so forth.

Why not try this out. Stand in your ordinary way (don't straighten up or let yourself sink) and take your height measurement. Then straighten up as suggested and take the measurement. There will be a half-inch or more difference. You are just losing that much efficiency by your careless attitude.

The Land We Love

By Frank Yeigh

Canada's Growing Trade

Q. What are the evidences of Canada's growing trade? A. Canada's growing trade is shown in the return for the first seven months of the current calendar year, from M. April to October of a total of \$1,312,121,381, viz. imports of \$645,413,889 and exports of \$666,707,492. The duty collected rose in proportion, amounting to nearly \$100,000,000. These figures show a marked relative increase over the same period of last year.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say "I have drank my coffee."

Say "I drank," "I have drunk."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: economy; e as in "met" is preferred.

OFTEN MISPELLED: cordial; no j nor g.

SYNONYMS: near, beside, adjacent, adjoining, contiguous, bordering, neighboring.

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: SUSCEPTIBLE; easily acted upon; impressionable. "She was extremely susceptible to flattery."

HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK

By ROBERTA LEE

Blankets

A strip of unbleached muslin can be attached to one end of a short blanket in order to keep it tucked in at the foot of the bed.

Washing Chinaware

When washing delicate china, glassware and silverware, fold a Turkish towel and place it at the bottom of the dishpan. This saves many chips in the glassware and china and scratches on the silver.

Frying Mush

When preparing cornmeal mush to fry, add a tablespoonful of sugar and two tablespoonfuls of milk, and it will fry a nice brown.

That Body of Ours

Happenings Of The Week

I sit with my feet in the oven. My nose close up to the pipe. I'm as jockey as any spring robin. That's fresh and is rather unripe.

I still wear my ear muffs and cap; I still to my overcoat cling. Still I feel it my duty to sit And warble of beautiful spring.

Of my country I'm awfully proud, So I close to the cooking stove cling. And lit like a dog in a shroud Of the coming of beautiful spring.

The neck of old winter's griffin, It reaches far out into May; O, come with your sonnet seraphic, Sweet robin, come early, I pray.

But be sure and put overshoes on Bring an overcoat under your wing And a bag full of mufflers and socks, When you herald Ethereal Spring.

But still will I manfully sit, While I close to the cooking stove cling; And sing like a frosted tomtit, Of gentle Ethereal Spring.

Mrs. Heartz, wife of Lieutenant-Governor Heartz, left last Saturday morning for Montreal to attend the McGill convocation.

Chief Justice Mathieson was in Halifax this week for the 64th annual convocation of Dalhousie University, and was accompanied by Mrs. Mathieson and Miss Dora Mathieson. Chief Justice Mathieson addressed the graduating class. He sketched the history of the university and declared that today's graduates were "most fortunate in your time and place; the time when nature is yielding up in unequalled measure her secrets for the service of men; the place, rich in historic memories, where the foundations of Canada's national life were laid—her first free parliament—her first British courts of Justice."

They returned home last night accompanied by their daughter, Miss Avila Mathieson, who has been attending McGill University, Montreal.

Mrs. W. W. Clark is being welcomed home after five months very pleasantly spent in Providence, Rhode Island.

Mrs. Chadwick, of Oregon, acting Most Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, for the United States and Canada, is spending the week-end in the city; the guest of the local branch of the Eastern Stars. Mrs. Chadwick is making her first official visit here and after the regular meeting last evening was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Eastern Stars in their lovely recreation hall in the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Chadwick has already visited Summerside and Stanley lodges, and tonight will go to Eldon. She is being very cordially welcomed and is much enjoying her visit.

The death of Mrs. W. A. Ower is deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends, among whom she will always be pleasantly remembered.

Senator Creelman MacArthur was in Montreal over the week-end, a guest at the Windsor Hotel. Mrs. MacArthur spent some time in Montreal last week and has returned to Ottawa.

Honoring Mrs. Peter Heenan, who leaves for Geneva this week, Mrs. F. W. Ferras, of Ottawa, was hostess at a delightful tea Tuesday afternoon. Loveliest of spring flowers adorned the rooms and centered the attractive tea table at which Mrs. Charles Stewart, Mrs. E. G. Odette, Mrs. M. J. Lyons and Mrs. B. C. Connolly presided. Assisting in the tea room were Miss Adele and Dorothy MacArthur, of Summerside.

Mrs. Rogers, wife of Rev. Dr. A. S. Rogers, pastor of Centenary church, Saint John, was "at home" at the Manse on Thursday afternoon to friends numbering twenty-five from Sydney Presbyterian who were in the city attending the Maritime Branch of the W. M. S. of the United Church. Among the guests was Mrs. A. J. Reynolds, formerly of Nova Scotia, now of Bedeque, P. E. I.

The many friends of Mrs. Stewart, wife of Judge W. S. Stewart, will regret to learn that she slipped a few days ago, badly injuring her ankle.

Rhapsody blue, serenade yellow, and minuet mauve are among the big vogue colors prominent just now in New York and Paris.

Mrs. W. G. Sutherland, who has been visiting her daughter, Miss Janet Sutherland, in Beverly, Mass., returned home last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lightning, who have been visiting Mrs. John Allen and Phyllis Winchester, who will spend renewing old friendships here, left some time with her sister.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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EVIL DESTROYS ITSELF—The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.—Prov. 11:17.

PRAYER—O Lord, to the merciful Thou wilt show Thyself merciful.

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FRUITS IN SEASON—The wicked worketh a deceitful work, but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.—Prov. 11:18.

PRAYER—Let us never forget, Lord, that whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

GOLDEN DAYS

Another day of toil and strife, Another page so white, Within that fateful Log of Life That I and all must write; Another page without a stain To make of as I may, That done, I shall not see again Until the Judgment Day.

Ah, could I, could I backward turn The pages of that Book, How often would I blench and burn! How often loathe to look! What pages would be meanly scrooled; What smears as if with mud; A few, maybe, might gleam like gold, Some scarlet seem as blood.

O Record grave, God guide my hand And make me worthy be, Since what I write to-day shall stand To all eternity; Aye, teach me, Lord of Life, I pray, 'Tis I salute the sun, To bear myself that every day May be a golden one.

—R. W. Service.

Yesterday on return to Halifax prior to sailing in the near future for England.

Miss Ethel MacLellan, of Valleyfield, sang a delightful solo at the Intermediate Recital in the Mount Allison Ladies' College last Friday morning.

Mrs. A. Leon Moss, who has visited here on several occasions, was elected President of the Amherst Ladies Golf Club at the annual meeting this week.

Miss Mildred Roehling, Lady Principal, Edgehill, has arrived back from England where she had been visiting her mother who is in ill health.

The Duchess of York has consented to become Commandant-in-Chief of the Nursing Section of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Last year the Duchess was made a Bailiff Grand Cross of the order, when this ancient grade was reintroduced. The King and the Duke of York were also made Bailiffs. As Commandant-in-Chief, the Duchess will now be head of all the women in the St. John Ambulance Brigade. There are about 20,000 women, and 30,000 men in the brigade.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Scott of Halifax have been having a very pleasant week's holiday among their old friends in this city, who were delighted to see them.

Mrs. H. J. Palmer is visiting in Montreal for a few months, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. K. S. Hemming.

Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Ledwell have taken up their residence in their lovely new home at 127 Water St.

Everybody is getting ready for golf now that the sun shines bright, and the fairway burgeons in its young Spring green. The official opening takes place on May 24th.

The graduating class of the P. E. Island Hospital nurses, Miss Millie Mutch, Miss Ruth Rogerson, Miss Florence L. MacKenzie, Miss Margaret E. Burden, and Miss Edith B. G. Thomson, were the recipients of many congratulations and good wishes on that happy occasion, Thursday.

Among the distinguished visitors to arrive this week was His Grace Archbishop O'Leary, of Edmonton who is visiting his brother, Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Leary, and being cordially welcomed. He is accompanied by Rev. Father Whiton, parish priest of Bathurst.

Mrs. Inman, wife of Judge G. S. Inman, was among the Bridge hostesses this week, entertaining on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McKinnon, who have been spending a few weeks in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winchester, left Thursday on return to their home in Toronto, accompanied by Miss Phyllis Winchester, who will spend some time with her sister.

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A GOOD TEA TO DRINK BRAHMIN TEA It is Always Fresh and Pure Sold only in Red, Hygienic, Airtight Packages.

One of the annual social events of the year was the Charlottetown Tennis Dance on Thursday evening, which was very much enjoyed by the young people. It was under the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, who was present. Her many friends will be interested to know that Miss Janet Sutherland, of the Beverly Hospital and formerly of this city, has successfully passed her State Board examinations.

Modern Etiquette By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Is it necessary for the hostess to make an effort to keep conversation going? A. Yes, if it becomes necessary to do so. Q. Who pays for the bridesmaid's flowers? A. The bride. Q. How long are the bread and butter plates left on the table at dinner? A. Until the dessert is served.

London reports that enameled trays have returned to fashion, but they are frankly "modern" with bright daubs of paint, or they are conventional, with a heavy tracing in gold, and Indian red is an extremely popular color, while enameled letter racks and writing desk trays, beautified with paintings, are quite the newest thing.

Paris reports that the short or moderately short coat is the correct accompaniment for the frock with irregular hemline, and this, incidentally, is one of the secrets of good dressing which smart women follow, for irregular hemlines in evening gowns are not supposed to be worn with long coats.

Three English Princes do not often have the opportunity of dining together in a London restaurant, as they did upon the occasion of the initiation of Prince George into Freemasonry. Prince George was admitted to the craft through the Navy League, of which his brother, the Right Worshipful the Duke of York, is Permanent Master, and the Prince of Wales, who is also keenly interested in Masonry, hurried back from Norfolk, only to miss the ceremony, but in time to join in the dinner festivities. Two hundred and twenty members and visitors attended the lodge and the dinner, and the Prince of Wales stayed almost until the end of the proceedings. Traditional secrecy was maintained, yet it was curious to find a crowd gathering to watch the arrival of the Princes. Rarely in recent years has a more distinguished gathering met for a Masonic ceremony. The Princes delight in the freedom of Masonic banquets. They can "let themselves go" in a way not possible when every word uttered is to be reported. Prince Arthur of Connaught is a

Italia Reached Lenin Land (Canadian Press). OSLO, Norway, May 18.—Reuters News Agency announced tonight that the dirigible Italia, piloted by Gen. Umberto Nobile, reached Lenin Land (Nicholls II Land) at 2 o'clock this morning and had turned back toward King's Bay, where it was expected at 11 o'clock tonight.

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