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OUR DAIRY INDUSTRY

THAT our dairying industry is threatened by heavy importations of dairy products from Australia and New Zealand is so clearly established, the Hon. John E. Sinclair to the contrary notwithstanding, that no argument is required to prove it. As a matter of fact, Canada produces little more butter than is required to supply the Canadian market, and the price of butter is determined by the local demand, not by prices in Great Britain. Last year Prince Edward Island butter was sold in Montreal at a cent per pound lower than was paid for it here by the local buyers and the prices obtained in the British market for the surplus shipped there was approximately six cents per pound lower than the prices obtainable in Canada. The effect of bungling in some thousands of boxes of the bonused and more cheaply produced dairy output of our two southern sister dominions can be seen by anyone whose eyes are not more firmly fixed upon the Government than upon the interests of the Canadian dairyman.

Mr. Sinclair argues, as a great boon to Canada, and especially Maritime farmers, that there is at present a heavy demand in the United States for dairy cattle in this country. Why does this demand exist? Is it not to enable the United States farmer behind his tariff wall of 12 cents per pound to obtain a higher price for his milk and when he exploits his own home market, slide over the low Canadian tariff wall into Canada? It is useless to argue, even for the purpose of covering the mistakes of the King Government, that the importation of cheaply produced butter from New Zealand and Australia, does not affect the price of Canadian butter. The importation of large quantities of Australian dairy products into Great Britain last year was the cause of the slump in British prices by which Canadian dairymen lost some six cents a pound on their shipments.

Our Canadian dairymen do not fear competition with dairymen anywhere provided conditions are not too heavily against them. That conditions are largely in favor of our southern neighbors everyone knows. Our winter is their summer. We produce our butter largely in July, August and September. In winter the output is almost negligible and that is when Australia and New Zealand are at their busiest. Competition in such circumstances for Canada is impossible, and Mr. Sinclair cannot shut his eyes to it. Yet, in order to carry favor with his masters he turns his back upon those to whom he owes his position in Parliament. This is Mr. Sinclair's grievous error and his constituents know it, and will resent it at the first opportunity.

HEAVY MORTALITY.

WHILE much is being accomplished in matters of public health, it is evident that much yet remains to be done. A report just issued on vital statistics in Canada brings home some arresting facts. In 1927, Canada lost 23,671 babies under one year of age, and altogether 30,973 children under five years of age; a figure nearly equal to her entire British immigration during the same year. That much of this loss of infant life is preventable is demonstrated by the fact while one province in Canada showed an infant death rate as high as 142 per thousand births, another province succeeded in bringing its rate down to 59. In addition, during 1926, Canada lost 1,314 mothers in child-birth, or 5.7 mothers for every thousand living births. This, states the Canadian Council of Child Welfare, is one of

the highest material death rates among civilized nations.

In striking contrast to these facts about Canada comes an official report from Great Britain which shows a remarkable improvement in the rates of mortality in that country, particularly at the youngest ages. Despite the poverty that has prevailed there since the war the probability of a child's dying in the first year of life has decreased by about forty per cent. during the past 15 years. An appreciable decline also is reported in the mortality rate of married women, particularly between the ages of eighteen and twenty-seven. During the past quarter century Canada has spent millions of dollars both in conserving and in exploiting our natural resources. Can it be that we attach more value to our trees, our seed grains and our minerals than we do to the lives of our children and the health of their mothers?

SOME FADS

RECENTLY it was reported in the press that the sum of \$100,000 was paid for a first edition of Dickens' Pickwick Papers by an American. From time to time similar amounts or larger are being paid for first editions, for original manuscripts, original old masters, for old coins, old postage stamps and, in short, "any old thing," the only value of which is that it is old. What, it may be asked, is the idea of buying a first edition of the work of any author? From a literary or educational point of view the original edition is worth no more than a cheap modern edition, and as an attractive addition to the library or the table the latter is far superior. The early edition is a fad, secured at a price far beyond its value. Possibly its chief merit is that no one else possesses one and the price is such that few, if any, can get it. To be the sole possessor is one attraction, to be able to pay a higher price than anyone else is likely to, is another. Both probably are attractions which appeal only to certain type of man or woman and, usually, the type is the new rich.

Exorbitant prices for Old Masters are often quite justifiable for those who can afford them. Many of them are superior to more modern ones, perhaps for the reason that the artist is more talked about and more greatly appreciated after his death than while earning a scant living in an attic. The artists of today may console themselves with the thought that in future ages they, also, may be Old Masters and that the speculator in antiques will pay fabulous prices for specimens which today will produce scarcely enough to provide a week's comfortable living. We are a curious race, and have our peculiarities and our fads. There is one consolation, however, some one, wise or otherwise, may make some money, if nothing else, out of us.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Hon. Charles Marcell has withdrawn his motion relative to the international fuss with Mexico. This was expected, as a fuss with Mexico was a much less serious thing than a fuss with the government.

"During January we assisted the Prohibition Officers in 23 searches of residences suspected of the unlawful sale of liquor. This resulted in four convictions." Such is the information given by the Chief of Police to the City Council. It means that nineteen residences were raided on suspicion, an unfounded suspicion at that. How many more residences of private citizens will be obliged to endure such humiliating while the triumvirate deals our Council of Child Welfare, is one of

Notes by the Way

AFTER reading the wandering and weary discourse of Mr. Sinclair, many readers must have perused with some measure of satisfaction and interest the speech of Mr. H. R. Jenkins delivered during the debate on the address in the House of Commons. There is a wide contrast between the two deliverances notwithstanding that both these gentlemen are warm supporters of the Government now in power. The junior and much the more popular representative of Queen's County distinctly avoided most of the absurdities and idiosyncrasies into which his colleague had fallen. He did not bore the House nor make the Speaker "restless" as his colleague confessed that he had done, nor did he quite exhaust the time limit or assume the attitude of the merely "jug-handled" party man.

Mr. Jenkins made it clear that he was not quite satisfied with the way a number of things were going in Prince Edward Island. True, the fox business was good and brought in money from outside to stimulate trade and industry here. The volume of trade in recent months had been full, if not so profitable as in the previous year. As to immigration, what could he say after the miserable botch that Minister Forke has made, and is still making of it? But Mr. Jenkins sees what The Guardian has frequently noted, that we need not be losing the best of our population as we have been "if the Government will do something to see that young Canadians are offered some inducement to go on the farms and stay."

That is the great big "IF" that has bothered more heads than that of Mr. Jenkins. If the King Government and the Saunders Government would do something to that end! Mr. Jenkins as a party man tries to be hopeful that they may do something yet, but if we read between the lines we can see that he shares the universal fear that they won't do anything.

As to our fisheries, Mr. Jenkins fearlessly mentions the alarming state of decay into which our lobster and oyster fisheries have fallen in recent years. That is a reminder to his colleagues and the Government that their boasted all-round prosperity throughout the Maritimes is spotted and limited and does not sustain their boastful words. As in duty bound, Mr. Jenkins as a party man expresses hope that fishery conditions may improve, but those who have impartially watched the working of the Federal and Provincial Liberal Governments in line during the past six months cannot share his hope.

We shall all be glad to get the delayed mails by airplane when it comes, but the credit for this progressive innovation will, we think, be generally conceded to be due to the energy and enthusiasm of Postmaster General Veniot, rather than to any other personal source. Mr. Jenkins has fairly credited the King Government with everything for which they could be credited with by a fair-minded supporter. And he has distinctly pointed out a number of our urgent and immediate needs, including the complete standardization of the Island Railway, a second Car Ferry and some one or two additional branch railway lines.

He has done this without cringing or abject fawning. There is in his speech and attitude an absence of that abject demeanor, that air of "bated breath and whispering humbleness," that have been the characteristic and nauseating feature of too many speeches delivered by Liberal members from this Province since their party came to power at Ottawa. One urgent matter he did not refer to,—the necessity of our Province being represented in the Federal Government as had been promised. But while this might be a delicate matter for him especially, to discuss just now, it is something about which his constituents are thinking and talking and cannot be relegated to the background.

The Robb Budget has yet to be threshed out as it will be presently before its effects can be fully estimated. It will be pleasing to the Western Progressives and the Government's friends across the border as it will inevitably increase considerably our importations from the United States. In that quarter the balance of trade has long been very heavy against us and is growing heavier year by year.

Seven Cabinet Ministers now ride in regal state in new motor cars of the most luxurious type purchased within the past year, according to a return tabled in the House of Commons. Since the first of last year the total number of new cars bought by the King Government at Ottawa has been 359. Isn't that a fine example of Economy?



By James W. Barton, M.D. SWALLOWING ANY SHARP OBJECT.

Perhaps you are a good many miles away from anywhere, and you or some members of your family have the misfortune to accidentally swallow a pin, needle, or other sharp object, which one would naturally expect to do some damage to the system.

A case reported from a British hospital is worth recording. At 7 o'clock on September 9th, while eating taffy, the patient swallowed a triangular piece of a razor blade, with a long side made by the cutting edge, one end of which made a sharp needle like point.

He lost a couple of ounces of blood, which was likely from the throat as the blade went down to the stomach. That same evening a meal of cotton wool and jam was administered, and early the next morning a meal of thick oatmeal porridge. At 11 o'clock the same morning an X ray showed that the blade had passed safely through the stomach, through the small intestine, and was in the first part of the large intestine, with less than six feet to go, to be completely through the intestine and out of the body.

Nothing further was done for twenty four hours, that is until about 2 o'clock the next afternoon, when a large dose of castor oil was given, and the following morning the blade came away without any damage to the intestine whatever.

Now you may not have cotton wool at hand, but you are likely to have some white bread, which if taken in large quantity, say a quarter or half a loaf, should help to protect the stomach and intestines from any sharp object that may be accidentally swallowed.

Oatmeal porridge or other thick cereal, if at hand, is likewise excellent.

This is another place where the X ray can be of help, because metal substances will always show their exact location, and if they become lodged at a point where they may prove dangerous, an operation done on exact point can usually be safely undertaken.

However your main thought, when any sharp object or any metal object is accidentally swallowed, is to eat foods that will protect the walls of the stomach and intestine.

In the case mentioned above, the razor blade could be seen right in the very centre of the waste material in the intestine.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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PRESERVATION AND DESTRUCTION—The Lord preserveth all them that love him; but all the wicked will he destroy.—Psalm 145-20.

PRAYER—Lord, our souls wait on Thee and in Thy word do we hope.

OVER THE HILLS

Over the hills and far away. A little boy steals from his morning play And under the blossoming apple tree He lies and he dreams of things to be:

Of battles fought and victories won Of wrongs overthrown and of great deeds done Of the valor that he shall prove some day.

Over the hills and far away— Over the hills and far away!

Over the hills and far away It's oh, for the toll the livelong day But it mattered not to the soul aflame

With a love for riches and power and fame! On, O man! while the sun is high— On to the certain joys that lie Yonder, where blazeth the lion of day!

Over the hills and far away— Over the hills and far away!

Over the hills and far away. An old man lingers at close of day; Now that his journey is almost done His battles fought and his victories won.

The old-time honesty and truth. The trustfulness and the friends of youth. Home and mother—where are they? Over the hills and far away— Over the years, and far away!

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say "Mr. Smith replaced Mr. Brown as treasurer of the company." Say "succeeded Mr. Brown." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: crept. Pronounce krep, not krep. OFTEN MISPELLED: leopard, note the eo. SYNONYMS: silly, foolish, absurd, senseless, irrational. 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: INEXPLICABLE; not to be explained. "My feelings were inexplicable."

Modern Etiquette By ROBERTA LEE

Q. How is bouillon taken when it is served in a one-handed or no-handed cup? A. A spoon is used.

Q. How old should a boy be to have his own calling card? A. In his late teens.

Q. What is the most fashionable hour for the evening musicale to begin? A. Ten o'clock; but many hostesses prefer to begin earlier, at about nine p. m.

The Land We Love By Frank Yeigh

Canada's Railways

Q. What are the chief features of Canada's Railways? A. Canada's Railways have a total mileage of 40,353 operated in Canada, the Canadian Pacific having 14,004 and the Canadian National 20,859, or 34 and 51 per cent respectively. The total operating revenue in 1926 was \$493,599,753 and the total operating expenses \$339,503,452, leaving a net operating revenue of \$104,096,000. The gross revenues made a record indicating the degree of national prosperity.

HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK By ROBERTA LEE

Water Pipes To prevent water pipes from freezing, mix equal parts of glycerine and melted paraffin and paint the exposed pipes with this solution.

Apple and Banana Salad

Cut two quarts of apples into small slices; then slice three or four large bananas. Sprinkle with one-fourth cup of lemon juice and mix with cream mayonnaise dressing. Serve on crisp lettuce leaves.

Stubborn Doors

When the door sticks at the top, rub over the swollen portion with a little yellow soap and the annoyance will cease.

The Old Age N. S. Pensions Discussed

(Canadian Press.) HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 18.—That while the members of the Nova Scotia government were entirely in sympathy with securing old age pensions for Nova Scotia, it would be folly to enact legislation taking immediate advantage of the federal old age pension scheme without first making absolutely certain that the Province would be able to stand the financial strain, was the declaration of Premier Rhodes and of Hon. G. S. Harrington, Minister of Works and Mines, speaking in the Legislative Assembly against an amendment to the address moved by Mr. D. B. McLeod, Liberal, (Victoria), regretting that the speech from the Throne had not contained provisions for immediate enactment of Old Age Pensions legislation.

Hon. William Chisholm, leader of the Opposition, supported the amendment and declared that it had been moved chiefly for the purpose of getting a clear portrayal of the policy of each party on the question. The Amendment was lost on division with the three Liberal members supporting it and the 27 Conservative members who were in their seats at the time, registering their names against. The address then passed and will be carried to the Lieutenant-Governor by the executive council.

Second reading was given a number of bills and the bill to abolish the Legislative Council was given second reading, considered by the committee of the whole house and held over until Tuesday for third reading, at which time Hon. Wm. Chisholm will speak on it.

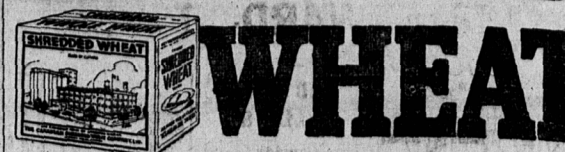
Canada Honors Earl of Oxford

(Canadian Press.) OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—The flag on the main tower of Canada's Parliament buildings will fly at half mast on the day of the funeral of the Earl of Oxford and Asquith. Despatches state the funeral will take place on Monday.

U. S. Legation Site at Ottawa

(Canadian Press.) OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 18.—The Ottawa today states that the United States has purchased property on Wellington Street adjoining the Hudson Club on which will be erected offices for the legation, the site faces the Parliament buildings and was owned by Hon. Thomas Ahearn. The Journal understands that the new building will provide a residence for the United States minister as well as the Legation offices. The purchase it is stated, follows the refusal of the city to lease Pines Hill in Rockcliffe Park to the United States on which to erect a residence for its Minister here.

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