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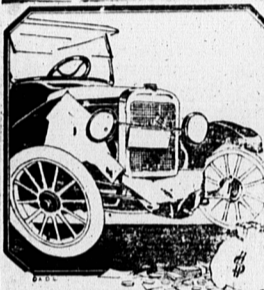
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Notes by the Way

THAT the birthrate in England and Wales has fallen 27 per cent, in the past six years, and last year was only 17.8 per thousand, is an officially recorded fact. Further it is noted that it is the lowest of any country in Europe save the Swedish, and actually 1 per cent. below the French.

Both the birthrate and the death rate are falling, but the birthrate the more rapidly. What is more remarkable than its lowness is the steadiness and rapidity of the fall. In pointing out these facts the London Chronicle gives statistics which show that in 1920 some 957,944 babies were born in England and Wales, and in 1926, from a larger number of parents of suitable age only 694,897 were born. It is impossible to guess how low another six years will bring the figure and there seems no reason for supposing that it has reached any kind of bottom.

It is to be noted that England and Wales already contain the densest population on earth and to that fact, along with high taxation, much unemployment and pauperism such as we know nothing of in Canada, the falling birthrate is mainly due. There is a redundancy of population at the heart of the Empire and a lack of it in the vast open spaces of Canada and the other Dominions across the seas. A transfer of millions of people from the British Isles to the outlying Dominions is one of the most obvious needs of the Empire, now more apparent than ever before, and there should be enough wisdom and administrative ability on both sides to bring it about with reasonable speed. So far but painfully little has been done to deal with this great problem in a broad and statesmanlike way.

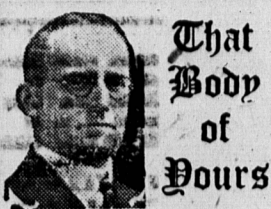
Three estimates of the population of Montreal are wide apart. This is the result of estimates being made at various times by different sets of enumerators. Besides there is the city proper and the greater Montreal, which includes adjoining suburbs that are outside of the city limits. In 1921 when the last federal census was taken the result was some 150,000 lower than the civic estimates, and, of course, the Dominion figures had to be accepted. The city financial department for purposes of the yearly report estimates the population at 975,000 for Montreal proper and Greater Montreal at 1,200,000. Greater Montreal is beyond question the most populous city in the Dominion, and has apparently passed the million mark. As the metropolis of Quebec Province and also of the Dominion, it holds the further distinction of containing two-fifths of the people of the Province in which it is situated.

Lord Dawson, well known as the King's physician, in speaking against restrictive measures, recently insisted that Britain, while still spending much on the drink habit, has become one of the most sober nations of the world. Among the reasons tending to greater sobriety he mentioned high taxation, better housing, moving pictures, athletics, a greater desire for physical fitness and a greater love for the open air. In 1918 there were 188,877 convictions for drunkenness; in 1926 the number was 67,126.

Sir George Eulas Foster was on Saturday last spending his 80th birthday in Vancouver. He was born in Carleton Co., N.B., Sept. 3, 1847. Like Sir Leonard Tilley, he owed his start in political life to his advocacy of temperance and has been all his life an abstainer from intoxicants. Sir George has been a member of the Canadian Parliament, either in the House of Commons or the Senate since 1882.

Much depends upon the choice of a party leader presently to be made by the Liberal Conservative party at the Convention in Winnipeg. The place of meeting and the apparent determination of the Prairie Provinces to choose a leader from the West may go far toward effecting their purpose. Hon. R. B. Bennett is just now mentioned with increasing favor, but the final choice is as much in doubt as when the convention was first called. Mr. Bennett has admitted ability of a high order, and is a Maritime man by birth, having first seen the light in Albert, County, N.B. As for the choice of a platform there is little doubt that the policy of the party will be as it has always been that of moderate protection for all Canadian industries.

South Africa has long been noted for its production of gold and diamonds. It is now apparently also in the running as a foremost competitor with Canada in the production of nickel, asbestos and corundum, a line in which our Dominion has enjoyed a lead in the past. The two Dominions on opposite sides of the equator are both rich in the variety and wealth of their mineral production and both enjoy the blessings of British institutions and freedom under King George V. Canada's



By James W. Barton, M.P.

That Body of Ours

LESS GUESS WORK ABOUT LIVER

I write frequently about the liver and gall bladder because a great deal of distress, lack of energy, lack of ambition, is due to the faulty functioning of the liver and gall bladder.

Drs. Cole and Graham of St. Louis are the pioneers in the dye test, to show up the shape and condition of the gall bladder. Previously surgeons using the older methods and X rays were right in about 40 per cent of their cases. By means of the dye test, Drs. Graham and Cole report correct diagnosis in over 97 per cent of the cases.

However Dr. Cole reports that the dye is used also to show just how much work the liver is actually doing. It has many jobs to do you will remember, and one of the most important of these is that of separating from the blood materials that are of no use or are harmful to the system.

After injecting a small quantity of the dye into a vein, X ray pictures are taken, four, eight, and twenty-four hours afterwards. A specimen of the blood is taken before giving the dye and a half hour afterwards.

A normal healthy liver will separate about 85 per cent of this dye from the blood within the half hour, and will remove 96 per cent within the hour.

If more than 15 per cent for the half hour, or 4 per cent for the hour, remains in the blood, then the liver is not functioning properly. In these old cases of hardening of the liver, where the cells of the liver have been squeezed out of existence by repeated inflammations, which left this hard tissue in place of the cells, naturally the liver did very little work in separating out the dye.

Sometimes 80 to 90 per cent of the dye was still in the blood a half hour after the injection, instead of only 15 per cent with the normal liver. Thus the dye test now serves two purposes. It outlines the gall bladder and shows whether there is inflammation or stone formation, and also whether or not the liver itself is doing its work properly.

This knowledge is valuable because it enables the physician to tell whether medical and hygienic treatment will be sufficient, or that surgical help is immediately indicated. This is the reason that more medical treatment is being used than ever before, and also that surgical operations are more numerous. There is now less than 3 per cent of guess work as to liver and gall bladder conditions.

HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK

By ROBERTA LEE

Silk Stockings New silk stockings will last much longer if they are rinsed in soap and water before using them; be sure that no soap is left in the silk. If washed immediately when removed from the feet they will wear longer, as perspiration rots the silk. White silk should be dried in the dark to prevent turning yellow.

Grease Spots On Woolen Goods

A good solution for grease spots on woolen goods is one ounce of pulverized borax in one quart of boiling water. Bottle and keep in a convenient place for use when needed.

To Soften and Whiten the Hands

Mix one ounce of glycerine, three ounces of bay rum, 1/2 dram oil bergamot, and apply. Or rub well at night with olive oil and wear sleeping gloves.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "can I read your book?" Say "may I" where simple permission is expressed.

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: bushel. Pronounce the u as in "full," not as in "rule."

OFTEN MISPELLED: compliance; anc; enclosure, compass, compass, embrace, circumvent.

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: PITEOUSLY; sadly; sorrowfully. "She looked around piteously, but no one came to assist her."

diamonds nor does the southern Dominion ever hope to compete with us in wheat. And wheat is something better than the "bright jewels of the mine."

Save all odd scraps of soap, and allow 1.4 of a pound to a pound of water. Shred the pieces finely. Put them in a pan with the water, add place the pan on the stove. Stir till the soap is dissolved. It is then ready for use in the wash-tub. This makes an excellent soap.

FOR THE SCRAP BOOK

A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS

MONDAY, SEPT. 5th.

MANDALAY

By the old Moulmein Pagoda, lookin' eastward to the sea, There's a Burma girl a-settin', an' I know she thinks o' me; For the wind is in the palm-trees, an' the temple-bells they say: "Come you back, you British soldier; come you back to Mandalay!" Come you back to Mandalay, Where the old Plotilla lay; Can't you 'ear their paddles chunckin' in from Rangoon to Mandalay? O the road to Mandalay, Where the flyin'-fishes play, An' the dawn comes up like thunder outer China 'cross the Bay!

'Er petticut was yaller an' 'er little cap was green.

An' 'er name was Spul-yaw-lat-jes' the same as Theebaw's Queen, An' I seed her fust a-smokin' of a whackin' white cheroot.

An' a-wastin' Christian kisses on an 'eathen idol's foot; Bloomin' idol made o' mud—Wot they called the Great Gawd Budd—

Plucky lot she cared for idols when I kissed 'er where she stud! On the road to Mandalay—

When the mist was on the rice-fields an' the sun was droppin' slow, She'd get 'er little banjo an' she'd sing "Kullalo-!"

With 'er arm upon my shoulder an' 'er cheek agin my cheek, We useter walk the steamers an' the "hathis" pillin' teak.

Elephants a-pillin' teak, In the sludgy, squidy creek, Where the silence 'ung that 'eavy you was 'arf afraid to speak! On the road to Mandalay—

But that's all shove be'ind me—long ago an' fur away, An' there ain't no 'busses runnin' from the Benk to Mandalay; An' I'm learnin' 'ere in London what the ten-year sodger talks: "If you've 'eard the East a-callin', why, you won't 'eed nothin' else."

No! you won't 'eed nothin' else! But them spicy garlic smells, An' the sunshine an' the palm-trees an' the tinkly temple-bells!

On the road to Mandalay— I am sick o' wastin' leather on these gutty pavin' stones, An' the blasted Henghlish drizzle wakes the fever in my bones; Tho' I walks with fifty 'ousemaids outer Chelsea to the Strand, An' they talks a lot o' lovin', but wot do they understand?

Beefy face an' grubby 'and—Law! wot DO they understand? I've a neater, sweeter maiden in a cleaner, greener land! On the road to Mandalay—

Shlp me somewhere east of Suez where the best is like the worst, Where there aren't no Ten Com-mandments, an' a man can raise a 'hirst!

For the temple-bells are callin', an' it's there that I would be! By the old Moulmein Pagoda, lookin' lazy at the sea—

On the road to Mandalay, Where the old Plotilla lay, With our sick beneath the awnings when we went to Mandalay; Oh, the road to Mandalay, Where the flyin'-fishes play, An' the dawn comes up like thunder outer China 'cross the Bay!

—Rudyard Kipling.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

September 5, 1927

OUR REVELATION:—Sing unto the Lord, bless His Name; shew forth His salvation from day to day. Psalm 96:2.

PRAYER:—Enable us, O Lord, to be living Epistles, known and read of all men.

DREAMS

Keep thou thy dreams—though joy should pass thee by; Hold to the rainbow beauty of thy thought; It is for dreams that men will oft-times die.

And count the passing pain of death as naught.

Keep thou thy dreams though faith should faint and fall, And time should loose thy fingers from the creeds, The vision of the Christ will still avail

To lead thee on to truth and tender deeds.

Keep thou thy dreams through all the Winter's cold, When weeds are withered, and the garden grey, Dream thou of roses with their hearts of gold, Beckon to Summers that are on their way.

Keep thou thy dreams—the tussle of all wings Is woven firm of them; from dreams are made, The precious and imperishable things Whose loveliness lives on, and does not fade.

Keep thou thy dreams, intangible and dear As the blue ether of the utmost sky— A dream may life thy spirit past all fear, And with the great may set thy feet

on the path of duty.



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The Land We Love

By Frank Yeigh

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An Irish Question. Pat was once buying a clock, and the clockmaster showed him one saying, "Here is an eight-day clock which I think would suit you." "What is an eight-day clock?" questioned Pat. "An eight-day clock is one which goes eight days without winding," explained the shopkeeper. "Begorra," exclaimed Pat, "if it goes eight days without winding, how long will it go if you do wind it?"

Hubby (reading paper aloud)— Babe knocks homer over fence. Wife—Homer who?

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