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Morning Maxim To really enjoy life you should be a little miserable once in a while.

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FUTILE DRAMATICS

"A singularly futile exercise in dramatization" is the designation given by the Ottawa Journal to the empty challenge of the Opposition to the Bennett Government...

The Canadian Prime Minister at the 1930 conference. Mr. King was mistaken. The British preferences have been continued for a term of years...

Dr. Manion pointed out that, even before the additional preferences have come into force, Canadian exporters are benefitting largely by the original British preferences.

"In September, 1931, we exported to the United Kingdom \$15,187,000 worth of goods, while in September, 1932, our exports were valued at \$19,492,000. Even in a time of world depression our trade with the United Kingdom is improving."

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ENGLISH JUSTICE

A case of criminal libel concluded at the Old Bailey recently is commented on with approval by the London Spectator. The defendant, an advertising contractor, had been in partnership with a Mr. X, who subsequently dissolved the association and set up a rival business.

THE ANSWER

"Crushing government majorities," says a Canadian Press correspondent from London, "were recorded on the divisions of four financial resolutions which give legislative effect to tariff revisions inherent in the agreements concluded at the Imperial Conference."

EDITORIAL NOTES

President Hoover had to retire on a recent occasion with a bleeding hand, the result of shaking hands with 3,000 of the 5,500 guests in line at the White House at an official reception.

MR. KING'S ERROR

Hon. Dr. Manion has reminded the House of Commons of what Mr. Mackenzie King said some months ago about the preference granted Canada by the British Government when it adopted protection.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It is rather awkward, says an exchange, for Mr. W. L. M. King to find that at the moment when he was so vigorously denouncing an arrangement which would fetter the fiscal liberty and freedom of the Old Land, the people of the Old Land, through their representatives at Westminster, were greeting the agreement with enthusiasm...

There are many Liberals as well as Conservatives who had hoped that the Hon. Mackenzie King and his colleagues in the Opposition in Parliament would take a broader view of the trade pact reached at the Ottawa Conference.

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During the last year that he was in office Mr. Mackenzie King wanted to shift Canadian trade from the United States to the United Kingdom—at least he professed to this desire—and the Dunning budget of that year, it was declared, would shift this trade in immense quantities.

Another Liberal sees the light. The Montreal Transcript (Liberal) says: In serving notices that the existing trade treaty with the Russian Soviet will be annulled at the end of six months, Great Britain is fulfilling the undertaking made at Ottawa, although not incorporated in the written agreements framed as a result of the Imperial Economic Conference.

According to the National Development Bureau at Ottawa Canadian telephone users can now obtain connections with over 90 per cent of the world's telephones.

To the invitation extended to him by a meeting of German royalists to return and preside over a restored monarchy, ex-Kaiser Wilhelm has wired from Holland, "Without me you can do nothing."

The third round table conference on Indian affairs is scheduled for next month at London. The Mahatma Gandhi will not be invited to attend, unless the All-India Congress abandons the boycott and civil disobedience campaign.



By James W. Barton, M.D. TRAINING THE FEET

"The examination of a series of children's feet in the age group from 4 to 12 years reveals a high percentage showing a wasting of the muscles and deformity due to the compression from tight or ill-fitting shoes. Flat feet are frequently seen."

Yet very few of these children complained of any pain or other symptoms. Dr. G. E. Haggart explains this by showing that the child's foot is very flexible and that the weight of the youngster is not enough to cause any pain.

However if this poor muscular power, flat foot, and poor walking habits persist until these children are men and women then the increased weight, and the loss of flexibility will result in foot pains.

As mentioned before most of us make as much money with our feet as with our heads; it is absolutely necessary that we get about on our feet if we are to do all our work properly.

The jar showed us in a most dramatic way how poor fitting shoes and poor walking habits could make the feet unfit for marching or any ordinary amount of walking.

The lesson of course is that children should be taught to walk properly, and parents should see that the feet are properly fitted with shoes.

In normal walking the heel first strikes the ground and as the body comes forward over the foot, the weight goes on the outer side or border of the foot, then on the front part of the foot, and then the toes push or shove the body forward.

In order that the individual can walk in this manner, Dr. Haggart says that three points must be watched in selecting the shoes: (a) that they give free room for the foot muscles to work properly, with no squeezing of the toes;

(b) that at the same time they fit snugly and so give sufficient support; (c) that the shoes be sufficiently flexible to permit normal development and use of the foot muscles.

See that your youngster walks properly, and see that his foot is properly fitted. It means much to his health and to his work in the days to come.

Coercer Or Coerced?

Was Canada coerced into accepting the new trade treaty with the United Kingdom, or did Canada exert pressure on Mr. Baldwin and his associates to get their signatures on the dotted lines? You can have it either way from the case against the agreement presented by the Opposition in the House.

Mr. King the other day spoke quite sternly about the matter. The Government was claiming it had secured concessions, he said. Did that mean that pressure was brought to bear against the British Government? Had one part of the Empire been coerced by another—that is, had Canada coerced the United Kingdom—into doing something against its will? Quite obviously Mr. King suspected the worst.

A little later Hon. Fernand Rinfret, mayor of Montreal and one of Mr. King's colleagues in the late administration, in his contribution to the debate occupied precisely the opposite ground. He took strong objection to the treaty because it involved dictation to Canada by another country—the United Kingdom. "We are being dictated to," he said, "by an external government. The principle is wrong."

Mr. Bennett, it appears, rode rough-shod over the timid British delegation, and that was very wrong. But also Mr. Bennett submitted meekly to dictation from the arrogant Englishmen, and that also was extremely improper. Actually it seems almost impossible for Mr. Bennett to please the Liberals.

Congress abandons the boycott and civil disobedience campaign. His attendance might in any case be dispensed with to the general advantage. At the last conference he was nothing more than a spectacular nuisance.

Tammany Hall

("J. H." in The Winnipeg Free Press.)

Since the investigation started into the activities of Ex-Mayor James J. Walker, of New York, and his subsequent resignation, the newspapers have constantly had despatches setting out what Tammany Hall proposes to do about the situation. Just a day or so ago a New York despatch announced that Tammany Hall had agreed to Surrogate John P. O'Brien as a candidate for mayor for the "unexpired term of former Mayor Walker. It may be surmised that the present acting-mayor, Joseph V. McKee, is not running according to Tammany's plan, hence the opposition to him.

Many people may have wondered wherein lies the strength of Tammany Hall, and what sort of an organization it is that can literally thrust its political favorites on a city as large as New York.

Tammany Hall has had a varied and colorful existence as a party. It is as old as the United States government, and has ruled New York since 1800. Its origins go back to before the American revolution. Then, there were groups that proclaimed loyalty to King George the Third, and for the purpose of making public their feelings organized themselves into St. George's, St. David's and St. Andrew's societies.

Further to ridicule the saints imported by the Loyalists, Tammany was dubbed a saint. After the Revolution the Society of St. Tammany was founded by William Mooney to resist holders of large estates who, although they had supported the revolution, tended to comprise an aristocracy. This society was founded May 12, 1789, two weeks after the establishment of the national government.

Americanism was kept up to the point of giving the officers of the organizations Indian titles, such as Grand Sachem and Sachems. For more than three decades after this Tammy represented the middle classes, and made no bid to the lower classes. In 1798 a division of opinion split the people, and also Tammany, into two parts. American politics was then born. Aaron Burr changed Tammany into an active political unit opposed to the Federalists and controlled it until he killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel in 1804.

But even that early in its career the society could exercise a sizable vote, and was influential in bringing about a Democratic victory in 1800 and the election of Thomas Jefferson as President. Due to criticism brought up that it was not a private society when it engaged in politics, in 1805 the society applied for, and was given, a charter incorporating it as a charitable and benevolent body with the aim of giving relief to members.

This particular function has been the strength of Tammany ever since, although the relief that is given is frequently of a highly questionable nature. The incorporation was mainly window dressing, for the society still held a tight grip on the political strings and politicians danced as they were pulled. Through several internal crises, those in control managed to avert disaster through the ownership of Tammany Hall itself. Any member, or group of members, that were not "regular," or were inclined to criticism, were erased from the scene by the simple and legal process of evicting them from the building.

The beginning of Tammany Hall as it is now known took place in 1806, when a thorough organization of Democratic voters was undertaken by the society. The original committee of thirty was expanded to thousands. The plan laid down then was very much the same as the plan used now. It received its impetus in the heavy immigration into the United States from 1846 onward. Its boss then, Fernando Wood, was a far seeing and unscrupulous politician who wanted votes and was not particular how he got them. His successor, William M. Tweed, literally made Tammany Hall a stink in the nostrils of Americans. It was in Tweed's time that the famous cartoon of Thomas Nast brought into



HARVEST

The year is swiftly waning. The summer days are past; And life, brief life is speeding; The end is nearing fast.

The ever changing seasons In silence come and go; But Thou, Eternal Father, No time nor change can know.

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O, by each mercy sent us, And by each grief and pain, By blessings like the sunshine, And sorrows like the rain.

Our barren hearts make fruitful With every goodly grace; That we Thy Name may hallow, And see at last Thy face. —W. W. How.

Deputy Heads Change

(Vancouver Province) The Canadian public service has experienced, within the past few weeks, an unusual shuffling of deputy ministers. No fewer than three heads of departments who have given long service to the country have retired, and new appointments have been or will be made.

The first to retire was Dr. Duncan Campbell Scott, the distinguished Canadian poet who has for some years been deputy superintendent-general of Indian affairs. Sir John Macdonald interested himself at one time in finding positions in the civil service for promising young literary men, and Duncan Campbell Scott, Wilfred Campbell and Archibald Lampman were among his appointees. Dr. Scott entered the Indian department in 1880. He is being succeeded by Dr. H. W. McGill of Calgary, a member of the Alberta Legislature and a former alderman of Calgary.

The second deputy minister to retire is Dr. J. H. Grisdale, of the Department of agriculture. Dr. Grisdale joined the staff of the Experimental Farm at Ottawa in 1899, and became director in 1911 and deputy minister in 1911. His successor is Dr. George S. H. Barton, dean of agriculture at Macdonald College, Quebec, and a well-known expert in animal husbandry.

The department of national defense has also lost its deputy, Mr. G. J. Desbarats, who has been in the civil service since 1879. Mr. Desbarats is an engineer by profession and spent a large part of his active life with the department of railways and canals. From 1879 to 1892 he was in the office of the chief engineer of canals and spent the next four years in British Columbia as inspector of railway construction. He became deputy minister of the department of marine and fisheries in 1909, and then of the naval service. When the naval and militia departments were merged in 1923, he was made deputy minister of national defense. Mr. Desbarats' successor has not been appointed, but the name most prominently mentioned is that of Lieut. Col. L. R. LaFleche, commandant of the Canadian Legion.

being the nickname of "Tammany Tiger" and, incidentally, encompassed Tweed's downfall and subsequent jail term. He plundered the city of millions of dollars. Tweed was a forceful character who worked his way up through politics to get on a board of aldermen colorfully known as the "Forty Thieves." He died in jail.

Three years after the exposure of Tweed, Tammany Hall was again in control. It has always been the policy of Tammany Hall to lie low during reform movements. The machine is kept intact, the wave of public indignation passes over, and Tammany rides back to power on the short memory of the people. Whatever else may be said of Tammany, it knows the game of politics.

During several such crises, Tammany held its grip on voters by its flawlessly functioning machine. To depict it would require an organization chart such as used by large corporations. At the top is the Boss. Then come his ward bosses, precinct captains, and so on down to the lower ranks. The machine is kept functioning by a series of units known as ward clubs. These clubs are points of contact between the voters and the Boss. It is through them that the Boss dispenses patronage, allocates City Hall jobs where they will do the most good politically, and cares for the sick and unfortunate. If a Tammany member gets in trouble with the police, a word

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from his precinct captain will set things right, for the magistrate is likely a Tammany man too. Poor people who are baffled by civic red tape go to him. If there is any problem he cannot handle his ward boss can; and when it is too big for the ward boss the Boss is always available to the latter. From the point of view of the party the machine works smoothly. From the point of view of the public its excellence may be gravely doubted.

Treasured Wall Paper (Christian Science Monitor) An extraordinary spectacle was witnessed at a famous Bond Street salesroom a few weeks ago, when antique wall paper was sold by the Lords Commissioners of the British Admiralty. This was a fine set of twenty one panels of eighteenth century Chinese paper painted a charming design, in natural colors, of flowers, birds and butterflies on a light blue ground.

Collectors rubbed their eyes in wonder when they saw in the catalogue the governmental identity of the sellers of the unusual lot. At least one woman spectator cast longing eyes at the precious paper, with its possibilities of transforming the walls of a country cottage. These veritable antique works of

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