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THE CAR FERRY

The accident to the Car Ferry, reported in yesterday's Guardian, shows the narrow margin of safety on which our business with the outside world is being conducted.

It has long been felt that this single link in our chain of communication was not sufficient to meet the requirements of the Province.

It is to be regretted that so much uncertainty still hangs around the proposed new car ferry, the building of which, by this time, should be under way, and would have been had the original calculations been made with a view solely to the efficiency of the service.

In the meantime, Captain Read may be depended upon to use his utmost endeavors to make repairs to the present steamer as speedily as possible.

CONTROL OF INFLUENZA

The epidemic of influenza which has swept over the continent is directing public attention once again to the lamentable fact that no means of preventing this disease is anywhere available.

What is likely, in the event, to prove a real step forward is the study, carried out during the last few years by the British Medical Research Council, of a number of so-called virus diseases, and brought, in the case of the distemper of dogs, to a successful issue.

The great strides which have been made in knowledge about viruses warrant the belief that in any case the dispute about the nature of the cause of influenza may shortly be settled and the ground cleared for further action.

ability that some protection against it may become available assumes great importance. The science of bacteriology, indeed, is entering upon a new phase and a new prospect is opening in the practical application of that science to human needs.

RELICS OF PARLIAMENT

There is now to be seen in London, says an English exchange, an exhibition, partly permanent and partly temporary, of Relics of Parliament. The material is very diverse, and has been collected from many sources.

From the London newspapers' account of this exhibit, we learn that it is very attractive, and that visitors make it a point to include the show in their sight-seeing itineraries.

Some articles of virtu might also be collected from his colleagues in the Legislature. For example, a bronze cast or marble statuette of the famous Falconwood bull of the Hon. W. M. Lea; the original telephone through which the Hon. J. D. McIntyre ordered \$100,000 of unauthorized road machinery; an autographed facsimile of the secret pledge of the Hon. Dr. McNeill to the Temperance Alliance; a design in tapestry or in a hooked mat of the Hon. B. W. LePage in a favorite attitude, expressive of thankfulness that he lived under Prohibition; and a framed chromo of the whole group in sanctimonious session.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The winter slogan—shovel snow.

Small boys who got sleighs for Christmas presents are beginning to look happy.

The late Houdini is supposed to have sent a spirit message to his wife. Judging by the text of these "messages," most of the illustrious dead lose much of their intelligence in the other world.

Notes By The Way

Last Winter there were complaints that the regular river roads had not been bushed in time to insure the safety of the travelling public. It is hoped that the necessary precautions will be taken this year, and that no uncertainty shall exist as to which is the safe way.

It is an encouraging sign of the times to see our bankers and business men take a more active interest in matters which heretofore have belonged rather to the political than the industrial or commercial life of the country.

In this Province, more than ever before, emphasis is placed upon the importance of agriculture. In our cities, towns and villages it is realized that they must depend for their very existence upon the products of the farm.

For the purpose of distinguishing motor cars owned by doctors, and of permitting these cars to pass unhindered in the busiest traffic, Germany has adopted a system of marking physician's automobiles with a plate showing a red cross in a blue field.

Some of our fox ranchers may be able to check up on the following note contributed by a writer in "The Field," an English farm journal. The writer lives in an isolated cottage in the North Cotswold country, opposite a covert which is the home of many foxes.

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Life in the Deep

F. W. Galloway in the Vancouver Province

Looking on a winter sea, restless and angry, one gets the impression of a dreary waste of water that seems to serve no useful purpose. Appearance is entirely deceptive. The myriad life of the sea is still there, each moving along its appointed course to production or quick oblivion.

The percentage that is spared to reach productive stage is incredibly small. The cod may lay 9,000,000 eggs but the number of resultant fish is estimated at only four. The herring, which with the cod ranks as our chief mainstay, is somewhat nappier, with four survivors from 20,000 eggs.

Knowledge Still Limited

Our knowledge is increasing but is still limited. Only a few years ago we discovered the breeding place of the eel. This, for both the European and the American species, lies in the vicinity of the Bermudas.

Flounders and halibut have a habit peculiarly their own. At first they try to behave like normal fish but soon turn over and swim on a side. The eye on the lower side slides round till, in a few days, it is on the upper side.

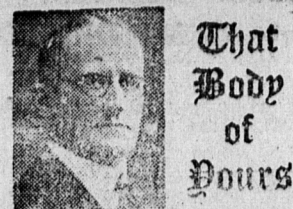
The keynote of marine life is cannibalism. Night and day destruction stalks through the deep. The bluefish is never happy except when eating, and, when full up, disgorges like an ancient Roman at a banquet in the days of the imperial city's decline.

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Many new airports are being established in Guatemala.

The Cuban Government is aiding in the cultivation of rice on the island.

Nearly 1,000 tractors were placed on farms in South Africa in 1928.



That Body of Yours

By James W. Burton, M.D.

SAVING A MIND

Perhaps you wonder why some acquaintance seems to change in his disposition, or outlook on things. He is not unfriendly but has not the interests he formerly had, and has taken on new ideas, hobbies, or studies.

Perhaps he changes in his religious views, but is still a good law abiding, and good living citizen. He may talk to you about some of his new ideas and if you are interested you will find that he has given his subjects a great deal of time and thought.

Finally the patient will be able to tell just when and where the "odd" trend of thought started, and the psychiatrist unravels the "labeled skein of thought" gradually and patiently.

Daily Lessons in English

By W. L. GORDON

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED "A new pair of stockings" is commonly used, but "a pair of new stockings" is slightly preferable.

Household Scrapbook

By ROBERTA LEE

Fine China and Glass

Costly dishes and pieces of glassware will come out bright and shining when they are washed in borax water, without soap, then rinsed and dried.

Salt

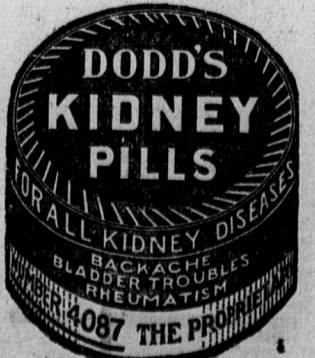
To keep salt so it can be easily shaken from the cruet, mix one teaspoon of cornstarch with each cup of salt. This will prove effectual.

New Brushes

New brushes are unusually dusty, or powdered, to keep out moths. This dust should be thoroughly worked out with the fingers before using.

REAR-ADMIRAL EVANS TO COMMAND SQUADRON

LONDON, Jan. 13.—"Evans of the Broke," Rear-Admiral Edward Radcliffe Evans, has been appointed to command His Majesty's Australia Squadron, effective March 18 next.



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