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Notes By The Way

Sir Henry Thornton made an excellent speech and an excellent impression at the banquet tendered him in Montreal and he made it quite clear that he enters hopefully upon his great task of making the Canadian National Railways self-supporting.

with the meeting one of the Toronto daily papers devoted its whole front page to life insurance in appreciation of the generous advertising done by the Life Insurance Companies.

WHY DO THEY GO? There are some sections of Canada where the soil is just as fertile as the soil of Prince Edward Island; there are places in which agriculture has been more highly developed than in Prince Edward Island, but there is no spot in Canada where natural farming conditions are as regular, as dependable and as sure of a reasonable return as Prince Edward Island.

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We frankly admit there are handicaps and hindrances here, but those are removable. The scarcity of available farms is a hindrance to young men but there are several hundred vacant farms which can be, or ought to be, available at a reasonable price and steps should be taken at once to make them available.

LIFE INSURANCE PUBLICITY

Reference was recently made in The Guardian to the annual meeting of "The Life Officers' Association" held at Toronto. Coincidentally

After the business session, the delegates to the Association meeting had luncheon at the Prince George Hotel, when the meeting was given over to the subject of Institutional Advertising. A moving picture was shown, depicting the life insurance lesson. This was a Canadian production. "What Might Happen," the work of Filmcraft, Limited, Toronto and prepared by the Institutional Advertising Committee. Another film also shown was an American one prepared by the Life Agency Officers' Association. The lantern was also used to exhibit prepared slides, demonstrating the effectiveness of the institutional advertising scheme.

The Life Insurance Companies have demonstrated the value of advertising and also of co-operation. Its various companies, although rivals in business, are united in the general scheme and purpose of life insurance, knowing that what helps one helps all. Community and provincial development can be promoted in the same way for in these also the principle holds good that what benefits one benefits all.

"THAT INQUEST"

The Patriot in its yesterday's issue as usual attempts to justify the government's disgraceful negligence or worse in connection with the inquest on the unfortunate victim of Wednesday's accident, by placing the blame upon Coroner Dr. McGuigan who, it says: "refused to act." The government knew, if it can be credited with knowing anything, that it had a disagreement with Coroner Dr. McGuigan. If it had a disagreement with Dr. McGuigan, and knew his views, why did it not arrange to have a substitute instead of putting it off until the tragedy of Wednesday morning made it necessary to act? What caused the whole day's delay?

Why was it necessary for the undertaker to instruct the Premier that his proposed method of procedure was illegal? Is it to be the custom henceforth to call an emergency meeting of the government in cases of accident to correct previous neglect? Why did the other Coroners refuse to act in this case for the government?

EDITORIAL NOTE

The bootlegger goes out of business on January 22nd. After the bootlegger, what?

We confess, however, to being a little puzzled by the ambiguous statement made later in the evening at the same banquet by Sir Joseph Flavell, Sir Joseph is thus reported:

"He referred to the announcement of Hon. W.C. Kennedy, Minister of Railways, that the national system should be administered without fear or favor, without thought of politics and in the general interest. He said the most critical will accept the declaration of the government's policy as satisfactory. Frankly, I have seen little evidence of its observance. I wonder if it can be observed in the form stated."

The declaration of the government's policy is satisfactory. So say we all. But Sir Joseph had not noticed that the policy is being observed and wonders whether it can be observed? And he it noted that Sir Joseph Flavell, late chairman of the board of directors of the Grand Trunk Railway, and otherwise a man of wealth and prestige, is in a position to know just how far politics has been excluded from railway management.

Much is said and written these days about "knockers" on the one hand and "boosters" on the other. It is obvious that we may wisely knock down what is bad and approve what is good. Either process may be carried too far. A boom in real estate, of which there have been many in our western country, has never been an unmixed good. They have often led to undue inflation of values, speculation and loss. It is well that the Socratic maxim, "Nothing in excess," should be observed. We really have a delightful heritage in this Island Province of ours in soil, climate, resources, healthfulness and prosperity it is about equal to the best in Canada. Every newspaper published in the Province has said so many times. It is pleasing to find Hon. Mr. Lea and the Patriot now repeating this eulogy on which Tory and Liberal can all agree. But when our valued evening contemporary tells us that "conditions for the farmer here are infinitely better than in any other place we want to pause and think it over."

Even here our people sometimes make mistakes in choosing their rulers. This happens also in all free and progressive countries. And in all countries having representative governments the ruling powers are criticized and even opposed with great energy and spirit. In common parlance the governments are "knocked," often till they are down and out. This is not an evidence of disease in the body politic but of health. It is a patriotic duty to knock an incapable, inefficient, neglectful or wrong doing government. The most famous and useful public men in all free countries have been the greatest knockers when in opposition to the governments of their day. Of course, governments do not always relish opposition, or criticism. But if ministers are good sports they do not resent it needlessly. They realize that they may learn from it and profit by it and that an alert and active opposition may be only less useful to the country than a good government. There are spots on the sun at times and they do not add to its warmth or its brilliancy, but we cannot knock them off. We can, however, enjoy the free and glorious privilege and duty of knocking off a spot or two from the governments of the day!

GREAT HEADWAY BEING MADE AT PORT BORDEN

Improvements at Borden during the past season are very considerable, especially along the building line. Chief Engineer Sutherland, Frank Dalziel, also an engineer on S. S. Carberry, each built two pretty bungalows. Chas. E. McDonald of H. M. Customs new house; Albert Jay, new house; Hector McKenzie and James L. MacDonald, remodelling their houses, as well as Arthur Jay improvements to his house; B. A. Strang, new garage.

Many lots of land for building purposes have been purchased in Town, as well as on the borders. The citizens of Borden own twenty six automobiles, and have an excellent garage and good mechanics in McLean Bros. One live industry grew up in Borden since last August, viz.—F. A. Hewitt's Canning Plant, at which he packed four hundred and fifty cases of lobsters in about five weeks. At present he is busily engaged canning chicken and soup of the highest quality; to date he has some three hundred cases of chicken and soup ready for market with tons of live and dead poultry on hand and is booked to can sixty five to seventy five tons chicken alone, and about sixteen people are employed at present, and others are required.

Doctor Boast of Montreal, is in charge of the government inspection; needless to say not one bird is allowed to be canned without the doctor's approval. Mr. Hewitt's factory is beautifully appointed and equipped with steam and steam heating throughout and next season will be greatly enlarged and fruit canning carried on, on a large scale together with the lobster and chicken, canned beef, etc.

Special mention must be made of the lobster cannery owned by W. E. Howatt who is one of the very best lobster packers in this or any other Province, and he also had a very successful lobster season. Green Bros. in the early spring opened up a general store in addition to their meat business and are doing a splendid trade in groceries, coal, buying carloads of sheep, hogs, poultry, etc., dead and alive. Mr. E. A. Strong, general merchant, enjoys his full share of the trade, and patronage and mostly everything that is to be found in a country store, can be purchased there at current prices, he being especially strong on fresh fruit, tobacco and cigars of all varieties.

P. J. McInnis conducts a nice little general store, and is our efficient mail courier and tax collector.

Jas. L. MacDonald, who was formerly Mayor, has been made a Justice of the Peace and Commissioner of Deeds, and his successor as Mayor is Jas. V. MacDonald, who is very popular and well versed in the duties of his office.

Wm. Luddington, our barber has built up a splendid trade and has a neat, clean, tonorial store. The hotels—the most important of all—always enjoy a generous trade. Mr. Ahearn made several improvements in his hotel in the way of sewerage, and has changed the name to read, "The Russ Hotel"; he also runs a taxi and livery.

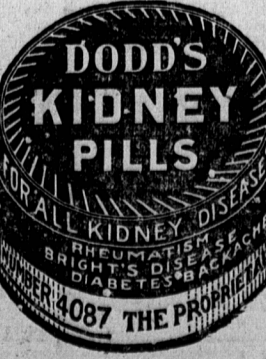
The "Gerard Hotel" is as usual very popular, and well patronized and is also absolutely equipped.

Daily Selections For Guardian Readers

From the W. S. Louson collection

THE ANNUNCIATION

God whispered and a silence fell, the world Poised one expectant moment like a soul Who sees at Heaven's threshold the unfurled White wings of cherubim, the sea impetuous. And pauses, dazed, to comprehend the whole. Only across all space God's whisper came And burned out her heart like some white flame. Then suddenly a bird's note thrilled the peace And earth again jarred noisily to life With a great murmur of as many seas. But Mary sat with hands clasped on her knees, And lifted eyes with all amazement rife. And in her heart the rapture of the Spring Upon its first sweet day of blossoming. Theodosia Garrison.



Sanitary Quick in Action Reliable in Results ROYAL YEAST CAKES EACH cake is wrapped in air-tight wax paper, thus protecting them from all forms of contamination. MADE IN CANADA

Women Electors And Their Organization

It will have been noted that the Patriot has avoided—studiously avoided—the question raised by The Guardian—which of the two parties should the women of this Province organize to support? The Patriot's reply does not contain even the faintest suggestion as to our women electors is solemn, suggestive and significant. There are columns in the Patriot about the importance of improving and increasing live stock. Dairy cows and brood sows are to be encouraged and their improvement promoted as they ought to be. But for the conditions of the women and children of this Province and the need of improving those conditions, the Patriot is not at all urgent when the respective merits of Messrs. Bell and Stewart as Leaders of the government are being weighed in the balance and considered!

It is notorious that as between erring men and erring women our laws are now scandalously unfair. It is well known that our legislators have in the past been more solicitous about the young animals of the Province than about the health and growth of children. Now that the women have votes this unfairness and neglect will be corrected—that is to say, if the women care to exert their influence! And which party leader, Mr. Bell or Mr. Stewart, is likely to be the more sympathetic and reasonable? When organizing for the next election, that is the plain practical question for the women electors of this Province to consider.

The Patriot points out that Sir Robert Borden, unfortunately stands in the same position as Mr. Bell in respect to education and experience in family life and in respect to women's requirements. That is true, and "pity 'tis true." Sir Robert was however a Prime Minister in time of war; and it is admitted—Grit and Tory men and women all agree—that for the war, Canada could not have had a better leader. But now we are at peace; and qualities in which Sir Robert Borden and Mr. Bell are alike lacking for want of education and experience, are now required in our political leaders. The qualities required are, it is but reasonable to suppose, to be found in Mr. Stewart. Therefore the women of this Province will do well, if they rally under Mr. Stewart's banner and organize to make his triumph, as leader in the next Legislature absolutely certain.

Burning Of Rome Is Sensation In "Nero"

The latest William Fox master picture, "Nero" has been booked for Monday and Tuesday at the Strand Theatre. According to all accounts, this is a record-breaking production. It was received during its New York run with the highest praise from press and public and has been setting a new high mark on the box office statements around the country. "Nero" is a wonderful spectacle. Written by Charles Sarver and Virginia Tracy, it follows the historical facts in the life of the last of the Caesars and introduces a beautiful love story in which a Roman general and a Christian princess are the principal characters. Sensational effects of unusual merit abound in "Nero." The one that presents the most novel and impressive features is the burning of Rome. There have been first scenes on the stage and screen by the hundreds, but it remained for William Fox to give the public the nearest approach to a genuine holocaust that has ever been presented.

J. Gordon Edwards, the famous director, spent over a year in Italy with a company made up largely of foreign actors and the scenes were filmed in and around Rome. Among the massive scenes is the interior of Nero's palace and the marble portico from which he views the burning of Rome, while the fear-maddened populace flees for safety through the streets. Jacques Grotellat, the Nero of the cast, gives a remarkably lifelike portrayal of the character. Paulette Duval as Poppaea, Alex. Darceia as Acte and Violet Mersereau as Marcia are leading members of the cast.

NOT A BEEHIVE

She left hubby alone in their room at the hotel while she did some shopping. She returned. The many doors and numbers confused her. But she soon decided which was her room. She knocked and called: "I'm back honey—let me in!" No answer. "Honey, honey—let me in!" she called again, knocking harder. "Honey, it's me—please, honey!" Brief silence, then a man's voice cold and full of dignity came from the other side of the door: "Madam, this is not a beehive! it's a bathroom."

When two countries decide to bury their differences each wants them buried in the other.

Weapons of 10,000 years ago have been dug up in Spain. The rolling pin was not among them.

Bargain Sale of Hockey Boots at Goff's. We are clearing out at a price much below wholesale figures about 200 pairs of Men's Women's and Children's Hockey boots. Most of these are McPhersons' "lightening hitch" and others made by Miner, Hamilton and other good makers. Men's from \$1.98 (6's or 7's only) to \$4.78. (all sizes.) Boy's \$3.50 and \$3.90. Youth's and Misses \$2.25. Women's \$1.98, \$3.90, \$4.75. Big Bargains in sample overshoes and lumberman's rubbers all this week. Goff's is the Great Garter Store. Goff's is Headquarters for Holeproof Hosiery. Goff Bros Ltd.

READ 7 GIFTS For your REAL GIFT will be appreciated. Let us explain American Insurance. BAR PINE Brochure Old Block Baby JUNIORS—Little Me BROCHURE—third the regular dose. Made of the same ingredients, then candy coated. Children and adults.

Your XMAS GIFT Is At MADDIN BROS.

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