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THE LEADER COMING

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Leader of the Conservative Party will be in Charlottetown on Friday next the 18th instant. He will be accompanied by Senator Gideon D. Robertson, P. C., of Welland, Ont., one of the outstanding Canadian parliamentarians.

All Liberals and Conservatives alike, will appreciate this opportunity of hearing the Conservative leader who is by common consent the ablest man in Canadian public life today. While his political opinions may not care to admit this, while probably they may not be able to make themselves believe it, his record in the Canadian parliament and in the councils of the Empire bears irrefutable proof that he is very generally so regarded.

At the present time, when political affairs in Canada are approaching an acute stage, when the history of the past four years is being reviewed, while commercial and industrial Canada is looking anxiously into the future, Mr. Meighen's views will be heard with interest and we have no doubt that many men and women of all shades of politics and from all parts of the province will be present to hear him.

As will be seen by advertisement elsewhere in The Guardian arrangements have been made to accommodate all who can come and to hear what both Mr. Meighen and his distinguished colleague will have to say. This, necessarily, will be the only opportunity of hearing Mr. Meighen in this province before the election and no one who is interested in the political situation should miss it.

THE CHILD AS CITIZEN

From generation to generation, through the dark ages, through the twilight dawn of civilization, through the brighter light of the Twentieth Century, the progress of the race has depended upon the care and the training of children. The children of the yesterday are forever the citizens of the to-days and the training they have brought with them reflects itself in the progress or the retrogression of their adult days. And throughout the ages there have been progress and retrogression, progress eventually but slowly forging ahead, how slowly, the history of the past six thousand years reveals.

The place of the children in world progress, in the evolution of civilization, has never been as strongly stressed as it is today. It is now realized that the harvest of world peace which civilization is looking forward to, the prosperity and progress which are the rightful product of civilization depends upon the quality, mental, spiritual and physical of the young generation who are to be the citizens, the law-makers and the leaders of a few years hence. So strongly has this conviction impressed itself upon the men and the women who are looking into the future that the League of Nations has taken up the whole question of international child welfare. Last August in the City of Geneva the question was considered at an international conference and arrangements were made with a view to unifying and co-ordinating efforts now being made sporadically in all countries. There are in over sixty of the world's leading nations societies of the League of Nations and those societies are being urged to take up this important work. As our readers already know there is a Society of the League of Nations in Canada and under its auspices a Child Welfare Council.

This Council will meet in Ottawa on September 28th to October 1st. The purpose of this Conference, as of previous conferences of the Council, is to systematize and

coordinate the work of child welfare and child training in all provinces for useful citizenship. Overtures have been made to Women's Institutes; the Daughters of the Empire, the Catholic Women's League, Women's Civic Clubs. The Rotary Club and all organizations which have for their object the betterments of humanity, for corporate membership in the Canadian Council. We understand that some of the Women's organizations in this city and province are already members of the Council and it is earnestly urged that all should lend their assistance by becoming members. Miss Carrie E. Holman of Summerside will represent this province at the Ottawa Conference and it is probable that individual members of the different organizations referred to will also attend. The attention of these organizations is again directed to this matter in order that the province will be in line with the rest of Canada in this important work.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If the campaign now on for the reduction of the dog population of Charlottetown by exacting the yearly head tax is effective, a similar campaign should be inaugurated at once against cats. They are in some sections at least, a greater nuisance than dogs.

How many electors can, in the face of the coming general election, divest themselves of political bias and vote for the party which they conscientiously believe will rule the more wisely? How many can listen with open minds to the leaders of the respective parties? This is worth thinking over.

Level railway crossings in this province, as in every country, have become a serious menace to life and property. Many other countries are taking necessary precautions to avoid accidents. Similar precautions should be taken here particularly at crossings which are notoriously dangerous.

Elections, we are assured, are not won by prayers. They are often won through organization and the judicious use of other resources of civilization. In any case, even with the strongest assurances of being right, organization is necessary. Many a promising battle has been lost through lack of organization and good generalship.

The time has now arrived when people driving in horsedrawn carriages must protect themselves against accident by carrying lamps or lanterns in their carriages. It is impossible for auto-drivers at all times to see an approaching carriage in the dark and safety demands that lights be carried.

One of the big drains on Canadian revenue is the administration of the Grain Act, the benefits of which go almost if not entirely to the Prairie Provinces. Last year the cost of administering the Act was \$1,549,681 and all Canadian taxpayers pay their share of it. The cost grew from \$527,774 in 1915 to the figure above given for 1924.

The new Dominion Loan is succeeding almost abnormally, showing that there is abundance of money in the country but unfortunately showing also that there are no profitable investments in industry or commerce. There is more idle money in Canada today than ever before and those who have it are glad to salt it down in government bonds where it is absolutely safe although yielding but a comparatively low rate of interest. If industry and business were booming or even promising in Canada there would be less money to invest in government securities.

Notes By The Way

That the Progressive party can never become a national party, that it had reached and passed its maximum of strength in Parliament and is on the way to an early disappearance from political influence and activity, has been an opinion frequently expressed in The Guardian. We had not expected, however, that Premier King would so frankly express as he has done, the same views in a more emphatic way. The Liberal Premier owes very much to the Progressives. Without their aid he could not have got through the first season of his term as leader, or any session since.

The Progressives on several occasions saved his political life and kept his waterlogged cabinet craft from sinking into the depths. He ought to be grateful to the men from the Prairies who had been such a present help to him in his troubles, (though he seems not to be) for had they not extended the helping hand he would have ceased to be Prime Minister early in the year 1922. He and his colleagues in the Ministry would have fallen and perished politically but for Progressive aid, support and comfort.

We do not believe that the country is grateful to them for what they did; far from it. It is not apparent that the constituents of Progressive members were grateful. And whatever the Progressive members may have got for their Provinces, this is at least to their credit that they got no commissions, senatorships or commissionerships. Those emoluments all went to dyed-in-the-wool Liberals who were not Progressives. So far they seem to have been personally disinterested. All the rewards by way of appointments went to old-time Liberals, made fat with spoils.

It is very ungrateful of Mr. King after all that they have done for him, to now dismiss them with a paring kick, as he did in his speech the other day at Exeter. Here are his words as reported in the Toronto Globe:

"The Progressive party has ceased to be, if it ever was a national party in any sense of the word. I doubt if it will have a candidate in the field from the Atlantic Ocean to the Ottawa River, or from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific. If we take from the Progressives those who from conviction are allied with the Liberals I doubt if the remnant will be sufficient to carry the party's name."

He grows sarcastic over the Ginger Group who at the last session separated themselves from the main group of Progressives.

"They constituted a sort of Soviet," he said. "They appointed their own whip and held their own caucus. Ginger may be a good thing for a horse, or a baby, but it is not good as the sole ingredient of a political party."

"These also whom he thus stigmatises as Bolsheviks, had for three years, down to the last session, given their support to the King Government."

Thus at the beginning of the election campaign the Premier has not only set forth his ingratitude toward his former supporters from the West, but has coupled with it a note of hospitality that seems unmistakable. The Progressive leader, Mr. Forke, has not yet been heard from in reply, but no doubt he will be heard from before long and when he speaks he can hardly fail to take note of the Liberal leader's disparaging remarks. It looks as if there might be a pretty quarrel between the Liberal leader and his former bedfellows from the Prairies before the campaign is ended.

The Conservative and Liberal leaders are coming east very shortly and will no doubt create some stir in the hitherto languid political atmosphere. Next Friday Premier Meighen will speak in Charlottetown and next Saturday Premier King will also be heard in this city. Many of our citizens would like to have heard them both on the same night and from the same platform, but that is not to be. Two meetings so close together to be addressed by political leaders on the eve of a most important general election must call forth great interest among all who have the interests of the country at heart.

That Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

MIDDLE AGE One of our big publication houses has produced two huge volumes of about nine hundred pages each, in which they have the writings of twenty specialists on the "diseases of Middle Life."

It is interesting to note that the first article is on "diet" in middle life, and the second is "exercise" in middle life. The other articles deal with all sorts of ailments to the heart, arteries, kidneys, lungs, ear, nose and throat, intestines, nervous system, skin, blood and so forth, but I couldn't help but think how the first two chapters could really tell the whole story of health or ill health in middle life.

When men and women get past their twenties, they have usually, not always of course, settled into the routine of life. They have equipped themselves to earn a living either out in the world or as homemakers. Their active days of preparation are practically over. With this settling down into life's routine, there is a little more money to spend and a little more leisure time in which to spend it.

There is the wherewithal to buy the foods they like, and they proceed to enjoy them. This would not be so harmful if it were not for the fact that the exercise, games, gymnastics, walking, dancing and sports in which they formerly indulged, are now almost entirely discontinued. This double mistake of overeating and underexercising practically paves the way for the ailments that come on in middle life. It is true that for a number of years, perhaps ten years, that is from thirty to forty, they get along pretty well. They may accumulate a little extra weight, have an occasional "bilious" attack, an attack of tooth ache or "rheumatism," but generally speaking they enjoy good health.

After forty, troubles begin in the stomach, heart, respiratory system, nerves, joints or other parts. Those ten or fifteen years of careless living give a start to various invaders of health, because after forty the natural fighting ability of the body gradually though slowly begins to decline. This book should be helpful to physicians but care in diet, and common sense exercise, would really make most of the writing of this book unnecessary.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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THE LOVE THAT SAVES:—For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

PRAYER:—"O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul on Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, That in Thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be."

September 13, 1925

GIVING AND GETTING:—Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38.

PRAYER:—Our Father, thou hast made us all of one blood created in Thine own image. May we show our kinship to thee by our generosity to our fellows.

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 tissue of all things Is woven first 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—

Happenings Of The Week

Perfect autumn weather heralded the opening day of the fall meet of the Montreal Jockey Club which took place at Blue Bonnets on Saturday afternoon, and in consequence there was a splendid attendance of well-known Montrealers as well as a great number of out-of-town visitors. Flags floated gaily above the Club House which was bright with rows of scarlet geraniums and trailing greenery arranged in boxes in front of the balcony. Owing to the presence of Lady Patricia Ramsay the Royal box was in gala array with a large Union Jack draping the entire box and masses of Boston ferns banked the back of the box. Lady Patricia Ramsay, who was accompanied by Commander Ramsay, was wearing a hand-painted chiffon gown of sand color with a heavy pink rose design and long flowing sleeves. Her large hat was of mohair to match and was simply trimmed with colored silk ribbon; her stockings were also of sand color with bronze satin shoes. She carried a small bronze colored watered silk parasol and wore a string of pearls and a diamond and pearl ornament.

His Excellency the Governor General Lord Byng of Vimy celebrated his sixty-third birthday yesterday.

Queen Mary has just sent to the Dominion Exhibition in New Zealand an embroidered box and a crocheted work sofa cover, each of which she made herself, and the box is to be returned, but the sofa cover will be sold and the proceeds go to charity, while in a personal letter, the Queen says the tokens indicate her interest in New Zealand.

Mrs. W. H. Pethick gave a delightful tea on Wednesday afternoon in honor of her cousin Miss Winsome Holland of Montreal, who is her welcome guest. A pleasant social hour was spent. Mrs. Cecil Stewart and Miss Frances Johnson assisting in entertaining, while Mrs. Pethick and Miss Holland received in the drawing room where lovely summer flowers were arranged, the color scheme being artfully carried out in yellows. In the tea room great clusters of pink flowers added beauty to the dainty tea table which was presided over by Mrs. H. D. Johnson who poured tea and Mrs. A. A. Pomeroy, cutting the ices. The guests were ushered by Miss Mary Johnson, those assisting with the refreshments were Miss Mary McNutt, Miss E. Haszard, Miss J. Gill and Miss Ethel Holland of Bedouque, a niece of the hostess.

Mr. J. D. O'Connell, the Children's Friend, is among the welcome visitors here this week, renewing old friendships.

His Lordship Bishop Worrell of Nova Scotia, will be the guest of Rt. Rev. J. C. Roper and Mrs. Roper during his visit to Ottawa.

Mrs. Julian Jaynes and interesting children Helen, Julian and Robert, after a delightful summer at their cottage in Kappoch, left yesterday for their home in West Newton, Mass.

Dickie Myles, the bright young son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lomer Miles, left this week to attend the Boys School in Rothsay, N. B.

Relatives and friends here will be interested to know that Rev. Ian MacKinnon, elder son of Rev. Principal MacKinnon of Halifax

who had the distinction of being the first candidate to be ordained to the ministry of the United Church, has done very fine work at Londonderry, where he will remain on pastoral duty until his departure later in the fall for Edinburgh, intending to take a post graduate course. Certainly all who know the young man's parents, as well as all familiar with his gallant service overseas during the Great War, and with his fine college record, will join in wishes of "God Speed" in old Scotland, the land of his forefathers, he will further qualify himself for the highest of all work, and will return to Canada enriched by association with some of the finest minds in the world.

Miss Lillian Collings who has been spending the summer with her sister Mrs. Benj. Rogers, is at present the guest of Mr. H. J. Mahon of Montague.

Mrs. Ernest Kemp is visiting her son Mr. Cecil Kemp of Bank of Montreal staff, Yarmouth, N. S.

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