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ASSOCIATED BOARDS MEET

The eighth annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade, a report of which appears in this issue, met yesterday in the Board of Trade rooms and at the Experimental Station. The annual meetings of this organization are watched with considerable interest by our people, and the reports submitted on these occasions, covering as they do all the commercial activities of the Province, are read and preserved as valuable records.

The important resolutions passed at yesterday afternoon's meeting merit careful consideration on the part of our Governments, federal and provincial. In these matters too the Board has shown its watchfulness of the public interest.

FARM PRODUCTION COSTS.

The cost of producing farm crops in Eastern Canada is the subject of an interesting booklet issued by the Experimental Farms Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. While most of our farmers know approximately the cost of producing the various crops and the profits derived therefrom, perhaps the majority make their estimates from the actual market returns without troubling to ascertain the amount of the individual items entering into the account.

Of special interest to Prince Edward Island farmers is the detailed statement of the cost of producing potatoes, as calculated on four Experimental Farms in Eastern Canada for the period from 1922 to 1928. The average yield for the period was 264 bushels per acre, the production cost being \$78.35 per acre, or 30 cents per bushel.

The acreage cost of producing oats over the same period is averaged at \$29.06; of hay, where one cut per year has been harvested, \$19.95; sunflower silage, \$50.27; mangles, \$67.72; flax fibre, (during a three-year period from 1924 to 1928) \$69.37.

THE USEFUL COW.

Many have been the tributes paid to the Canadian cow, and richly are they deserved. She plays a mighty part in the Dominion and makes little fuss about it. At every Exhibition, she should be led to a place of honor and there fitted with a golden halter, clothed in a blanket of white silk and decked with garlands of flowers.

suggests a western exchange, she should be led to a place of honor and there fitted with a golden halter, clothed in a blanket of white silk and decked with garlands of flowers. For next to man himself has she not done most to develop Canada, and is not her inexhaustible munificence worthy of undying fame? The western scribe has endeavored to furnish a prose lyric in her praise:

"The dog that barks at her heels is glad to have a lap at her milk. The offspring of the sheep that makes her pasture unattractive is glad, when orphaned and alone, to be revived by cow's milk. The rooster that disturbs her morning meditations gives her nothing, yet she gives the baby chicks the stuff that makes them grow. The complaining hog, rooting about in the dirt, thrives on her product. Then comes her contribution direct to mother and babe and growing boys and girls.

MAKING 'EM PAY.

An enterprising newspaper editor in Altoona, Pen., published the following admonition to subscribers:— Ten cents straight will be charged for all obituary notices to all business men who do not advertise while living. Delinquent subscribers will be charged 15 cents per line for an obituary notice. Advertisers and cash subscribers will receive as good a send-off as we are capable of writing, without any charge whatever. Better send in your subscription, as the hog cholera is abroad in the land.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It must be admitted that the Graf Zeppelin appears to have overcome many of the perils of air journeys. Its arrival at Tokyo marks the conclusion of another great and successful experiment in aviation.

The leisurely methods of Governments are well illustrated by the fact that a medal commemorating his part in the United States Civil War has just reached one of the veterans now resident in Toronto.

A special prize of \$50 was offered at an eastern fair for the worst bull in the district. In addition to the prize the owner of the scrub was provided with free transportation to the nearest abattoir where he can get rid of it.

One achievement by which the present Mackenzie King Government will be remembered, says a western exchange, is that of having made the home market of the Dominion a Tom Tiddler's ground for the manufacturers of the United States.

Punch's famous advice to those about to get married has been equalled, says an exchange, by the American publication, Life, which reports a husband as saying to his wife: "Well, I hear you scraping the toast, so I suppose breakfast is ready."

Two prisoners in the Colchester, N.S., jail, who attempted to set fire to the jail building, were tried and sentenced to two years each in Dorchester. The incendiaries guilty of the same offence in connection with the Prince County jail in this Province have not yet been brought to trial, nor does it appear, from more recent scandals originating in the same institution, that the vigilance has been increased.

The resourceful little sparrow has the stowaways, hitch-hikers and blind baggage hoppers faded in respect to free transportation. An observer in the Maritimes reports that sparrows in Cape Breton Island, wishing to reach Newfoundland, and underpowered for the trip themselves, perch on the backs of migrating geese and make the crossing over Cabot Straits as stowaways. Only a goose would tolerate the excess baggage.

Notes By The Way

Canadians consume about 44,000,000 bushels in a year. Approximately 44,500,000 bushels of wheat were sown last spring. The wheat exported, including the equivalent of flour exports during the crop year ended 31st July last, made a total of 408,564,187 bushels.

A difficulty encountered by the wheat-growers this year on the drought-stricken prairies was that the straw was so short that it could not be successfully handled by the machinery in common use. In some cases special new devices had to be resorted to.

The two great railway systems of Canada each has at its head a great railway manager world-famous for ability in that great calling. The two systems are of necessity competitors as carriers, not only in the Dominion but internationally, over land and sea. Although the Canadian Pacific has less mileage than the Canadian National, it has a shorter route across the continent.

Both systems have greatly improved their permanent ways, rolling stock and equipment in recent years, and increased the speed of transport of passengers and freight. It is interesting to note in a recent despatch from Montreal that President Beatty of the C.P.R., is making arrangements which when completed it is hoped will shorten the railway journey from coast to coast by at least ten hours.

The trouble between Russia and China is described as "a war that is not a war." It is a war because big armies equipped with all the panoply of war are facing each other at the border between their vast territories and are from time to time killing each other's men. But it is not a war because neither of the belligerent nations has yet declared war against the other and no general engagement has taken place, and further, because both the opposed nations are signatories to the Kellogg Peace Pact denouncing war.

The French Canadians who have migrated from Quebec and the Maritimes to New England are a numerous and increasing contingent over there, and they form the subject of frequent comments in the newspapers in the land of their adoption. They are as a body very favorably spoken of in the press as honest, good natured and intelligent folk. Not all of them become naturalized citizens of the Republic although many of them do so. Those who acquire full citizenship take part freely in civic, municipal and state affairs.

But it is remarked that they rarely inter-marry with English-speaking Americans. They attend their own Catholic churches, are ministered to by French-Canadian clergy, and their schools are patterned after those of their native lands. Collectively they form the largest body of foreign-born people in several of the New England states. Those who have acquired full citizenship are numerous enough in many localities to elect representatives of the same race and faith to the legislatures; some of them attaining to important official positions.

In the past twenty-five years there has been a vast development in flying. Airplanes multiplied as the automobiles did and are being sold on the installment plan. Air pilots are better trained than they were only a few years ago; better planes in more skillful charge have made flying much safer than it was at first. On the regular routes of the mail-planes accidents now but seldom occur. "In the present month of August American airplanes carrying passengers, mail, express and other freight are flying day in and day out no less than 75,000 miles a day," says The Review of Reviews.

Blessed with frequent showers, followed by warm sunshine, our fair province enjoys just the kind of weather to mature the root crops and fill the heads of the later grain harvest. If anybody in our rural districts is grumbling, he must be hard to please. But the reported increase in crime and in the number of convictions in our criminal courts contained in The Guardian's special despatches must call forth deep regret.

THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK LEIGH

CANADA'S LARGEST FARM

Q. Where is Canada's largest farm? A. Canada's largest farm in acreage is the Noblesford Farm near Lethbridge, Alberta, of several thousand acres, now under a Foundation. Its wheat production runs very high, ranging from 40 to 57 bushels per acre. Combination harvesters and threshers cut the grain which is taken directly from the machine to the elevator, employing only two men to each machine.

Do Defects

Promote Genius?

Hein Leonard, in Plain Talk.

Demosthenes stuttered and Pope was a hunch-back. Caesar was epileptic. So were Napoleon and Dostoyevsky. Johnson was partially blind and deformed. Carlyle was dyspeptic, and the liberal and wise Alfred the Great was the victim of a lifelong internal disease. Byron had a club-foot, Gibbon a hydrocele; Keats had tuberculosis, LeTrib was troubled with insanity, Milton was blind, Charles Darwin neuro-pathic, and Francis Thompson tubercular. And so on forever.

Epilepsy, insanity, blindness, deafness, tuberculosis, all are enormous physical handicaps commonly resulting in a permanent feeling of inferiority. Chronic asthma and dyspepsia put the human body on the rack and apply the thumb-screws. Exaggerated tallness or shortness, or a disfigurement often lies at the root of abnormally strong drives.

From the standpoint of modern psychologists there are two general forms of compensation. One is the overcoming of a limitation as illustrated by Roosevelt, who worked so hard at strengthening his puny body that he became able to endure the greatest physical hardships and rose to a position of leadership, and by Demosthenes, who applied himself so rigidly to overcoming his handicap of stammering that he not only succeeded but became a famous orator.

The second form is called vicarious compensation. Where it is impossible to overcome the defect, as in tuberculosis, epilepsy, insanity, exaggerated tallness or shortness, other means of attaining dominance are found. Physically unable to cope with the daily round of work, with the company of people, Nietzsche, Heine, Goethe, Olive Schreiner and endless others retreated into a dream world of writing, and made this their vicarious outlet for self-expression and dominance.

Tuberculosis, the insidious disease that wastes the body while it exalts the moods, that often gives its victim the greatest physical strength at the very time death is stalking at his side, has created more geniuses than almost any other disease. It marks a Francis Thompson walking through the streets with his shoe-laces flapping untied and his thoughts soaring. It produces a Shelley and a Sygne and an Elizabeth Browning, whose whole creative genius is expressed in the few years that mark the greatest ravages of the disease. It forms its singularly optimistic Emerson and its melancholy Poe. It precipitates De Quincey into the opium habit to fight his powerful toxins, and sends Lanier to the southern hills. It marks Jane Austen, Thoreau, John Locke, and Sir Walter Scott. Of the moderns, Havelock Ellis, Katherine Mansfield, Eugene O'Neill, and Anton Chekov have been branded by its fever. Voltaire, who was a living skeleton, bore open evidence of its ravages. Emily Bronte, who far surpassed her sister Charlotte, was death-ridden by the disease.

Robert Louis Stevenson was a sickly child and all his life he seemed on the verge of dying. He was subject to acute catarrh and bronchial affections, which early resulted in tuberculosis. At 34 he became a chronic invalid leashed to his bed, forbidden for weeks to talk above a whisper. He wrote: "I am a miserable, snuffling, shivering, fever-stricken, nightmare-ridden, knee-jotting shadow and remains of man. But we'll no go over just yet a little."

The worst years of his life from the standpoint of suffering were the most productive in literary work. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Kidnapped Treasure Island all came out of this bedridden period when his life hung by a thread. Insanity, the living nightmare, was the fate of William Cowper, Isaac Newton, and even of Poe. Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Colridge, Baudelaire,

The Poets' Corner

DREAM RIVER

Wind silvered willows hedge the stream, And all within is hushed and cool. The water, in an endless dream, Goes sliding down from pool to pool. And every pool a sapphire is, From shadowy deep to sunlit edge, Ribboned around with irises. And cleft with emerald spears of sedge.

O, every morn the winds are stilled, The sunlight falls in amber bars, O, every night the pools are filled, With silver beds of shaken stars. O, every morn the sparrow sings, His siren trills strew the hush, And here unseen at eve there sings One silver-throated hermit thrush. —Marjorie L. C. Pickett.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

YOUR WEAKEST LINK

You have heard the expression that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

Now your hold on health, often on itself is only as strong as the weakest organ in your body.

And yet Nature is so kind to you that you could live year in and year out with but one kidney, one lung, one half the liver not doing any work, a leaky heart and other deficiencies.

On the other hand, you may not have any of those outstanding deficiencies and still not be a real healthy individual.

For you are made up of what you inherited from your ancestors, and what you've done with your body since you were born.

In some are found conditions where the glands are overactive or deficient in action which means activity or sluggishness, mental and physical.

Some are very short and others very tall due to gland action. Some are sensitive to certain foods such as eggs, sugar, butter, honey, milk, and even small quantities cannot be eaten without causing distress, internally and externally, while others can eat anything without any disturbance.

Some are more prone to certain diseases than others. Thus we speak of the diabetic type, the tuberculous type, rheumatic and other types. And as with our bodies so also with our minds.

One individual is quiet, and thoughtful, calm in spirit, and another is excitable, talkative, and given to outbursts of temper.

The thought is that just as you estimate your assets and liabilities in business estimate the needs of your home, or other possessions, so also should you size yourself up candidly and carefully.

Further, you should consult your family doctor, and tell him the things about yourself that he cannot find out for himself. With what he can learn about you from a careful examination from head to foot, and what you tell him honestly about yourself, he can lay out a course in life from health standpoint that should give you all the happiness and comfort possible and save you from possible mistakes.

Schopenhauer, and Swift, all were its victims.

Charles Lamb's life reads with the gruesomeness of a Boccaccio tale. As a young man of 21 he writes to Coleridge: "The six weeks that finished last year very agreeably in a madhouse at Hoxton. I am got somewhat rational now, and don't bite anyone. But mad I was; and many a vagary my imagination played with me."

The immediate cause of this attack was a horrible tragedy in his home. Mary Lamb, his sister, in a fit of insanity stabbed her mother to death. In the jury investigation that followed it was revealed that she was always a devoted daughter and that the act took place while the family was preparing for dinner. The verdict was insanity, and the case was dropped. Charles and his sister Mary had always been very intimate, and the shock sent Charles to Hoxton raving mad. After he recuperated, and for the rest of his life, they lived together; but both of them suffered from terrible melancholia. Mary Lamb wrote: "When I am pretty well his low spirits throw me back again; and when he begins to get a little cheerful then I do the same kind office for him. You should see us together looking at each other with long and rueful faces and saying 'how do you do?' and 'how do you do?' And then we fall a-crying, and say we will be better on the morrow."

Such was the life of dread that Lamb lived, always waiting for the next moment of horror, never knowing when reason would go completely. And out of this melancholy came his incomparable essays. Boswell tells us that Johnson was so badly afflicted with scrofula that his vital nerves were hurt to the extent of destroying the sight of one of his eyes, and his countenance was disfigured. Now scrofula tends to make an individual abnormally fat. So we find Johnson with a disfigured face and a sightless eye. He never joins with the other boys in play because of his defective eyesight. But in conversation he excels them all. He struts through life with dignity, always keeping others at a distance.

Some historians claim that his melancholy, which lasted his whole life, was hereditary insanity, to which his father, also was subject. Before his life ended asthma, dropsy, and the gout came to stay with Johnson chronically. His limbs became weak with water, and he could hardly catch

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The Public Forum. This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

INFORMATION ASKED FOR.

Table listing names and amounts for information asked for, including Sir, Everett Johnston, Abbott, Samuel, Boyle, Frank, etc.

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PRICE OF FISH

Text regarding King's Co. and price of fish, mentioning Mr. S. Pinson and Mr. G. E. Kennedy.

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