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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

In a so-called explanation of the Canadian Government's attitude on the Lausanne Treaty, the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. MacKenzie King, is reported as saying there were "Three possible future developments in Canadian affairs. There might be complete independence; there might be annexation with the United States or there might be more clearly recognized nationhood within the Commonwealth of the British Empire."

Why this occasional reference to Canadian independence; this repetition in Canada of the cry of the malcontents who have given and are still giving trouble in various parts of the Empire? Why this everlasting looking to the United States for an exchange of trade favors and the suggested possibility of ultimate annexation?

The question of annexation was a live issue in Canada and the United States in pre-confederation days and at one time resulted in bloodshed. The occasional "unrestricted reciprocity" movements in Canada, which Sir John A. Macdonald characterized as "velled treason" were but steps in the direction of annexation. Why does Premier King voice this dead issue today? The very suggestion is an insult to Canadians. And the very order in which the three "possible future developments are given is an insult to all British Canadians. First, "independence"; second, "annexation"; third and last, "nationhood within the Empire!"

The less talk of this kind we hear in Canada and the less looking to the United States the better it will be for Canada and its British connection, regardless of whom it pleases.

As a sop to real Canadianism Premier King gives utterance to this political chestnut, "what was needed most of all was a United Canada that would have one aim and one purpose and find its unity within the Empire."

Canada has no thought either of independence or of annexation. Neither has it any place for that preliminary of annexation, unrestricted reciprocity with the United States. Canada, if it is to become a nation, must depend upon and develop its own resources, its own man power, its own natural wealth.

WAR AND EXODUS

In a recent issue of the Guardian we quoted figures given to parliament by the Minister of Immigration saying that the cost of the Government and the railways was \$8,888 for each of the immigrants brought to Canada last year. The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen told parliament the other day, quoting from figures given out by the Washington Bureau of Statistics, that 200,816 Canadians went to the United States last year, all of them expressing their intention to take up their residence in that country. If those emigrants were valued at the same rate as the immigrants the loss to Canada would be \$1,800,000,000.

Included in the 200,000 emigrants were more young Canadians than were killed in the Great War and the loss to Canada in cash was greater than the cost of the war. When we realize that the MacKensie King Government's three years of office was more disastrous to Canada in both manhood and money than four years of the greatest war in history we begin to get some idea of the kind of government we have and how important it is that we should get rid of it at the earliest possible moment.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Government control of the liquor traffic exists today in three provinces of Canada, that is in the Liberal provinces of Quebec and British Columbia and the Progressive province of Alberta. A plebiscite will be taken in the Liberal province of Saskatchewan on Monday next to decide whether the present prohibitory law shall remain on the statute book or be repealed, with other questions as to how the traffic shall be handled if the existing law shall be repealed. In 1920 a plebiscite resulted in a vote of 86,949 in favor of a dry province and 55,529 to permit individuals to import for themselves.

Some weeks ago the cable told that Jack Jones, a Labor member of the British House of Commons, had in open session applied the epithet, "dirty dogs" to certain other members of that honorable House. This could not be tolerated and Jones was called upon not only to retract but to apologise. This he did on the following day. This is the official report of what he said:

"Mr. Jones: During the course of yesterday's proceeding I lost my temper. It is the only thing I have got to lose. During the time I used certain language which I believe is considered unparliamentary. It is dockers language and as I happen to represent a constituency in the east end of London, largely inhabited by casual laborers I thought I was using the language they would use to express themselves under the circumstances, on the domestic situation then existing. But if I have offended against the rules of the House I beg leave to withdraw the remarks I made and to express my regret. Possibly in future I may have opportunities of using more parliamentary language in similar circumstances."

Jack Jones, had gained some notice as a humorist earlier in the session, as we learn from London Tit Bits. He shook the House with roars of laughter in his first speech, in which he described his humble home in East London as so small that "he had to put his legs out of the window in order to put on his trousers." Another successful contribution to mirthfulness in the chamber was when he described Mr. Winston Churchill as Mr. Brimstone Churchill, and thus summed up the popular conception of that politician in a single word. Equally successful was his more recent retort when he was interrupted by Lloyd George: "He may be the Wizard of Wales, but he's the blizzard of Britain!" This called forth laughter and applause, the only silent man in the House being the ex-Premier himself.

Once Jones declared, "Westminster is the national gasworks. I used to work in a retort house. Now I work in a house of retorts." He sits for the constituency in East London formerly represented by Keir Hardie, the first Socialist to gain a seat in Parliament. There is something of dignity as well as frankness and good English in his apology for breaking the rules of the House. This man is no mere buffoon. On the contrary he is described as quiet, reserved and rather shy in private life. Also it is noted that his Irish wit and ready repartee reveal a brilliant and penetrating mind and have made him one of the most popular members of the present House of Commons and his company is sought by men of all parties. Jones will no doubt continue to enlighten the proceedings in Parliament, and it is to be hoped that he may keep within its rules.

The political campaign in British Columbia has grown exciting and bitter as election day approaches. There are really four parties in the fight, Liberal, Conservative, Provincial and Labor. The last named has the fewest candidates, and those located in the cities, but Labor refuses to ally itself with either of the other parties and has no hope of winning a majority. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, whose son is a candidate of the Provincial party, is taking an active part

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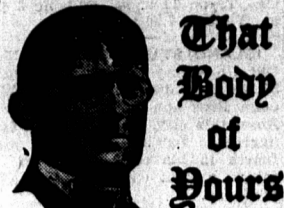
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NOTES OF TRAVEL

Sir,—Arriving in Denver, Colorado, my first act is to look over the directory for names of former P. E. Island people, and am rewarded by finding the name of John Fraser native of Kingston, P. E. Island, who has had his residence in Denver for many years. It was refreshing to meet Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, and to enjoy the genuine hospitality for a time, and to rest up from the weariness of constant traveling. Here one feels as if he had suddenly been set down in a good old Island home. Mr. Fraser has his beautiful home in the suburbs of Denver, where he is the owner of thirty acres of choice land. He has carried on a business of contractor and builder for many years, but now has retired, and is interested in the chicken business. He has built a modern poultry plant, where at the present time he keeps eight hundred white leghorns, which give him some days as high as five hundred eggs. Mr. Fraser's home is fitted with every modern convenience. Conspicuous in his large sitting room I notice an old spinning wheel, which had been made by his father, and on which his mother had patiently spun in the old homestead many long years ago. It was like a piece of P. E. Island to talk to these dear people, who spared not themselves in any way to entertain me, and drove me all over the city, pointing out interesting places.

Denver is a large industrial city, a great business centre. The mountain views are magnificent; noted among these are Pike's Peak, and Long's Peak, the tops of which are both covered with snow. While in this city I also visited Mrs. McVane, formerly Miss McLeod from Ugg, P. E. Island. Mrs. McVane has her home with her daughter Mrs. Beck, whose husband has an extensive shoe repairing business, their home is in the western Suburbs, in plain view of the lovely mountain scenery west of Denver. I was entertained here with real P. E. Island hospitality, and had many questions to answer relating to the old home, and home folks, I was driven to the depot by young Robert Beck in a Marmion racer, at a speed of fifty miles per hour, going the eighty miles in ten minutes, including start and stop. From Denver I took a side ticket to Laramie, in Wyoming, where I visited my daughter, Mrs. Polley, whom I had not seen for nine years. The city of Laramie is situated about the centre of the State of Wyoming. This is a real pioneer city around which in the old days were fought many fierce wars with savage Indian tribes, and not very far away, General Custer and his six hundred men were every one massacred. Near this city is Summit Station, the highest elevation reached by the Union Pacific R. R. being 8,000 ft. The altitude here is so great, that weak people, do not always enjoy good health. It was a privilege while in Laramie to be driven to many interesting places, such as the Pacific Ice Express Company where my son-in-law is bookkeeper. The ice house here is 1655 ft. long and 120 ft. wide, and 40 ft. high. The walls are so made, as to keep ice without wasting. They have their own lake, supplied by water from the Laramie River, the climate here being cold enough in winter to make the best of ice. An endless chain runs the entire length of this huge ice house carrying the ice blocks, while slide out on to a long platform beside the

R. R. where there is another endless chain running and from which men supply the fruit express cars, loaded with fruit from California, and other Western States, all bound for the markets of the east. This plant can load as many as 110 cars at one time, and this is a vast, growing concern. One afternoon we visited Clevecyne, the capital city of Wyoming, distant 115 miles. While there we were shown through the State Capitol, which is a beautiful four storey granite building with a high cupola. Among other interesting things we were conducted through a fine museum, where we saw many relics of pioneer days, such as guns, revolvers, knives, Indian bows and arrows, the points of which were made of flint or steel, of Indian workmanship and most gruesome of all, were the real scalps of white men taken by the savages in war; these were fastened to their belts, war clubs, and tomahawks. We also saw some Indian mills for grinding corn and oats, consisting of a rough stone, slightly creased, over which they rubbed another smaller stone, also slightly creased. These and many other sights, belonging to the early days, was conclusive evidence, that we were now visiting in the "wild and woolly west." Leaving Wyoming we journey through the State of Colorado with its lovely snow capped mountains, and soon we are well out on the central western plains, at first slightly undulating but becoming quite level as we come into the State of Kansas. Here the soil is a grey loam, with few stones. This is the beginning of the great corn belt, but I notice some fields of wheat and alfalfa, the crops are in all stages, the corn just coming up; the wheat heading out. There are no trees, but I see great piles of corn, some of it shelled, some in the husk; and many of the corn fields look as if they had been harvested by cattle and hogs. I notice many fine herds of Hereford cattle, while the pigs seem to be in good shape. The calves seem to be running with the cows, and there are many litters of young pigs. At the junction of the Kansas River with the Missouri, where is built the great city of Kansas City (called Kansas City, Kansas, on the west side of the Missouri, and Kansas City, Missouri, on the east side). Much of the State of Missouri is composed of rolling prairie, but a considerable part is hill and valley land, on which is growing fine forests of white and black oak, with a few ash, and elms, and some cedar. Many of the tree trunks are completely entwined with green vines. The grazing land is covered by a good growth of blue grass. Many of the farms on the hill land, do not seem to be very well looked after; but the valley of the Missouri, lying west of St. Louis, is like a garden with a rich soil, over which are growing sweet corn and alfalfa. The river here is dyked, to keep the water



Dr. James W. Barton, M.D. IS THE X-RAY ALWAYS RIGHT

You have been suffering from stomach trouble, and so many different factors have entered into the condition that finally your physician suggests an X-Ray meal. Many physicians are of the opinion that the X-Ray, insofar as the X-Ray meal is concerned, has led many of their brethren astray. Perhaps your own physician has lost his faith in it as a court of last resort.

Why is this? Does the X-Ray not tell the truth? As a matter of fact the X-Ray always tells the truth, but sometimes the physician and the X-Ray operator have not read the plates correctly. To err is human you know. For instance if there should be a delay in the movement of the intestinal contents at a certain point, say in the region of the appendix, and yet you've had no pain in that region, have had no vomiting spells, nor even a dull ache there, then certainly there could be no cause for an operation for appendicitis.

If in the stomach the food remains more than six hours, but the whole meal is slow in making its entire way through the canal, that doesn't necessarily point to stomach trouble. It would appear as if your entire intestine is just slow or sluggish. Sometimes there will be little speeding up in one portion of the intestine, and a delay in other parts. And so physicians and X-Ray operators see you every day for a number of days to watch the progress of the meal throughout your intestine.

Now the plates show the same picture to both, but sometimes they do not agree as to what the plates signify. What is my suggestion? That an X-Ray then is not of use in diagnosing conditions. Not at all.

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