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MARRIAGES

COLES—SAUNDERS.—At Charlottetown on Dec. 10th, 1913, by Rev. Thomas Marshall, Mr. George Elmer Coles of Milton to Miss Millicent May Saunders of Winsloe.

DEATHS

SMITH.—In this city Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1913, at her home 61 Chestnut St., Miss Josie Smith, aged 20 years. Funeral notice later.

LUXTON.—At 34 Cobden St. Roxbury, Mass., on December 4th, 1913, William G. Luxton, aged 40 years, son of George and Mrs. Luxton, Carleton, West, P. E. I.

MCINNIS.—The death occurred at Rosebery on Monday, Dec. 15, 1913, of Allan McInnis, age 72. The funeral takes place Thursday at 2 on the arrival of his son and two daughters who arrived in Charlottetown last night from Boston.

HORRIBLE MURDER

IN LONDON CITY.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A world wide hunt for George Sumner, has been begun by the police. He is wanted in connection with the murder of Christie Bradfield, sister of Oliver Pool, manufacturer. The body was mutilated, tied in sack and thrown into a ship canal. She was 38 years old and was killed in her brother's office where both were employed. Sumner also worked for him. As in the Crippen case wireless messages have been sent out to the captains of all the liners and the police are everywhere warned to be on the lookout for him.

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DIARY OF EVENTS

TO-DAY.

City Magistrate's Court, 9 a. m.
P. E. I. Poultry Show continues.
St. Elizabeth's Lord's Aid Yule Tide Tea, Market Hall, 5 p. m.
Special meeting, Prince Albert Black Fox Co., 8 p. m.
Kirkness, Opera House, 8 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1913

LIVING EXPENSES

Theoretically and officially the cost of living in Canada today, compared with that of a year ago, according to statistics just published, is as 138.1 to 136.6. That is, bills for ordinary living expenses which would be expected to be \$138.40 could have been settled a year ago for \$136.60.

Twenty-five or thirty years ago most of the items which today make up the \$138.40 could not have been bought at all, and the remaining ones, with which we were quite satisfied, could probably have been bought for half the amount. So has the cost of living gone up but it will generally be admitted that living today is worth at least 100 per cent. more than it was a quarter of a century ago, and few would care to go back even to save the additional expense.

Official investigations have been and will be held to find out the cause of the extra cost, and the result so far has been, and we anticipate, shall be, that the cost of living is still going up. Tariffs, transportation companies, combines, trusts, etc., will be accused of unduly inflating prices and many wise things will be said about the greed of certain individuals and corporations, but prices will continue to go up. The man with the goods will ask his price and his customer will pay it or go without the goods. If there is an over abundance of this particular kind of goods, if others have them on hand and are anxious to get clear of them, the customer will probably be treated with a little more courtesy and may even be offered a liberal discount, but if there is a greater demand for the goods than the supply is likely to meet then there will be no discount and the customer will pay the price or go without.

Ask the manufacturer or the farmer why he wants the duty removed. Is it to enable him to sell his goods cheaper by the amount of the duty removed? Not a bit of it. What is the farmer's hope with reference to the free entry of potatoes into the United States? Is it not that he may get so much more for his potatoes? And will he not get it if he can? The consumer, possibly, may have indulged the hope that, with the duty and any other incidental costs removed, he would receive some benefit but he usually finds that the benefit has been absorbed somewhere in transit.

The increased cost of living arises from the fact, first, that everybody who has anything to sell demands for it all that he can possibly get for it, and he gets it if somebody else cannot supply it cheaper. Prices are not regulated by the cost of production but by the greed of the seller and the need of the buyer. We have seen, for instance, in this province farmers selling their potatoes at 75 cents a bushel and accepting the price without a shadow of regret for the poor consumer who would be obliged to buy them later for \$1.50. We have even seen a farmer haul his load of potatoes back home because he could not get 80 cents a bushel for it, a price which had been paid the previous day to a neighbor. And all this when it did not cost any more to produce those potatoes than it does when they are bringing only 25 cents in the market. It only emphasizes the truth of this theory when we add that this same farmer was, later, obliged to dump his potatoes because the market "broke" in a few days, the price having gone beyond the limits of the consumer's pocket.

If we could eliminate greed, if we could get along with fewer of the luxuries and the extras, if we could content ourselves with a reasonable profit on the things we have to sell, if we could content ourselves with buying only the things we really need, if we could, in short, do many things that we don't want to do, and leave undone many things that we want to do, the cost of living would be a very much less serious thing than it is. The great trouble is that we want to live "high" at a "low" price but we cannot do it. We have made the conditions we complain of, and the extra cost of living is not primarily in the things which constitute our living, but in the conditions.

In the current issue of the University Magazine, the able Editor, Dr. McPhail, has a striking article on the future of Liberalism in Canada, under the heading of "The Hill of Error."

Like the Pilgrim in a strange land, he says, a party may mount the slow Hill of Error in ignorance of its changed destination, without respecting that the gently rising pathway leads only to the break of the precipice at whose base are strewn the remains of parties which "continue to this day unburied for an example to others to take heed how they scramble too far astray." In practical illustration of this allegory, Dr. McPhail refers to the fate of the Republican Party in the United States, because it took the wrong turning towards a higher tariff four years ago; and to the Conservative Party in England, which, he says, is wandering in the wilderness because it chose to follow a business man from Birmingham in the path of tariff reform. There is a large number of educated and able men in England, he says, who find themselves in profound disagreement with the Liberal Government, and their natural place is in the Conservative Party. Rightly or wrongly, however, (and for our part we think wrongly) they are persuaded that the commercial and social interests of the English people require the present fiscal policy. The result is that the Party in power have things pretty much their own way, notwithstanding that in most other respects they have lost the confidence of the people.

Applying the lesson to the present position the Liberal Party find themselves in Canada, Dr. McPhail proceeds as follows:

"The cry of the Liberals is for autonomy—for self-Government. Let them be quite sure that that is really what they mean, and what is implied therein.

"The Naval Question is not the final question. When Canada has decided to build a navy of its own, or to build a Canadian wing of an Imperial navy, it has still to face the issues which determine how the men and weapons called into being are to be used. We cannot spend millions on weapons of war and long continue to have no voice in the issues of peace and war. Whether we like it or not we are fast being driven to recognize that we have not really acquired self government until we have acquired the same responsibility over the issues of peace and war as those acquired long since by the people of England, or by the people of the United States, or by the people of Mexico.

"Self government can be obtained in only one of two ways, by organic union with the Empire, or by independence. These are the only alternatives. All other proposals are mere subterfuges for evading the issue.

"Official Liberalism at the moment is averse from meddling in Imperial policy—it is content to leave the issue of life and death in other hands. That is the abnegation of self government. But whenever the moment comes, as it must come, that the Canadians will have to decide that they must share in the control of the issues of peace and war, they will be faced by the question whether they are to face these issues jointly with the people of the United Kingdom, or whether they are to control them separately....

"Independence as the destiny of Canada is an arguable alternative, but the Liberals should be quite clear in their own mind that it is towards independence they are heading when they proclaim self-government as their creed, and organic unity as their anathema. If they are not quite clear about it, the electorate will inform them, for the electors have a singular gift for reducing a complicated problem into very simple terms and revealing as by a lightning flash tendencies and implications which are hidden from the wise and prudent politicians."

Dr. McPhail, as the Candid Friend, warns the Liberals that unless they are prepared to be stamped as they were two years ago, they had better mend their ways. It is easy to imagine, he declares, the fury with which the people would turn upon a party, which in reality menaced their ancient loyalty.

POST OFFICE NOT IN HOME RULE BILL.

LONDON, December 16.—The cabinet, which is holding several councils this week to prepare for the next session of parliament, has decided to eliminate from the home rule bill the clause transferring the Irish post office to the authority of the new Dublin parliament. This clause has been severely attacked by the opposition speakers, and also by federal home rulers, as a serious blemish on the bill.

Henceforth, therefore, the post office, like the army and navy and the foreign policy, will be under imperial control.

It is reported that the negotiations between the government and the opposition upon the Ulster difficulty, is apparently making no progress.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

It will interest our readers to learn that Canon Simpson of St. Peter's Church, today completes his twenty-eighth year of service—hard work enthusiastically performed—in the ministry. The Guardian congratulates the reverend gentleman on the circumstance.

DEATH OF CARDINAL RAMPOLLA.

Rome, Dec. 17.—The death of Cardinal Rampolla, former Secretary of State, was very sudden. He was in St. Peter's yesterday, but later fell indisposed, and grew worse in the night and died while the messenger was on his way to summon the Secretary and the doctor. He was 70 years old. By many it was thought he was most likely to be the successor in case of the death of the present Pope.

TO HELP ENTERTAIN.

A fad party was a delightful entertainment given recently by a popular hostess. Each guest was requested to wear an emblem of his or her fad. A woman who aspires to a literary career wore a pen. Another whose hobby is pretty hats wore a miniature hat suspended from a chain. The domestic faddist wore a toy stove around her neck, while another woman wore a picture of her baby. A church official who had undertaken the collection of the annual missionary appropriation, had pinned across the front of his coat the picture of a mission station in China, and below it a typewritten request for funds. An artist wore a picture of a bungalow on the mountainside and explained that her ambition is to own one some day.

The evening brought many surprises, for in the usual small talk of the occasional gathering we do not learn the extent of our neighbor's talents. One of the guests asserted that the fad party brought out more delightful and interesting conversation than she had known at any affair for a long time. The plan is one which may be carried out by any hostess, no matter how limited her facilities for entertaining may be.

A poverty social is fun. Write your invitations on wrapping paper and put them in the cheapest envelopes you can find. Ask your guests to wear their oldest clothes, and offer prizes for those who are dressed the poorest. Play old-fashioned games, serve the refreshments in the kitchen. Use a kitchen table with an oilcloth covering. Light the room with candles stuck in carrots and potatoes. Have benches, boxes and peach baskets for the seats. For a centerpiece use half a pumpkin filled with fruit. Serve sandwiches, peanuts, pickles, ginger and sugar cookies, popcorn, apples, pears and other fruit.

Progressive conversations are highly entertaining. Cards should be prepared with a list of subjects, such as "Should the Weather Be Tabooed As a Topic of Conversation?" "Do You Prefer the Mountains or the Sea-shore and Why?" "Which is the Greater Education, Reading or Tractable of Expressing Emotions?" The gentlemen's cards should be larger than those of the ladies, and each pair, large and small, should bear the same number.

They should be distributed haphazard, and the lady and gentleman having the same number are matched for the first topic of conversation. For a fixed time, say five minutes, the first topic is to be discussed. Then, at a signal, the gentlemen move on to one place, leaving the ladies seated as they were. Thus each topic is discussed until the list is completed. At the close the gentlemen decide by vote who was the best talker among the ladies, and the ladies do the same for the gentlemen. Have a prize that the victorious pair can share together, a small dish of bonbons would do—Evening Wisconsin.

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But it cannot rob you of peace of mind
Or bring to your cheek the blush of shame.
And the world, however it may connive
To keep you down and to hold you back,
Must respect the hopes that you keep alive,
Though its praise may be for the gifts you lack,
And the scorn on the lips of the richest man
Is not a thing you have cause to fear,
When you've done your work as well as you can
And your past is clean and your conscience clear.

RADIUM BANK FOR USE IN CANCER CURE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Stimulus has been given to the movement for a radium bank in this city by the announcement last night by Dr. Howard A. Kelley, of Johns Hopkins University and Dr. Robert Abbe, of New York, that the word cure cannot now properly be applied to the radium treatment of cancer. Dr. Kelley exhibited photographs of patients before and after being cured, and told of the cure in forty-eight hours of a man suffering from malignant cancerous growths on the face and head. The physicians were careful to state that the cure can at present be applied only to superficial cancer in its early stages. What the mysterious element may accomplish in advanced and internal cases is a matter for further experiment, they said.

ASKED FOR DETAILS OF GERMAN MISSION.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 16.—The grand vizier today replied to the ambassadors of Great Britain, France and Russia, with respect to the German military mission, which is to take up the reorganization of the Ottoman army. The ambassadors had demanded that the grand vizier put in writing the precise details of the role to be assumed by the nation. The grand vizier now replies that the duties of the mission will be purely technical and declares that they will have no authority over the Dardanelles and Bosphorous forts.

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