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Morning Maxims
It is only the pure in heart who shall see God, and simplicity, sincer-
ity, and obedience are the indispensable organs of religious knowledge.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1933.

POLITICAL BOUQUETS

At the beginning of the session of the Legislature the exchange of bouquets between the Opposition and the Government were so frequent and odorous that the Minister of Public Works (Hon. G. Shelton Sharp) felt constrained to remark that the Legislature seemed developing into a mutual admiration society. Notwithstanding, the bouquets not only continue to shower in the Legislature but the contagion has spread to outside bodies, and we now witness the unique spectacle of a complimentary extract of a minute of Summerside Board of School Trustees being formally submitted by a member of the Opposition and ordered to be recorded in the Journals of the House. This compliment was paid to the Acting Premier, Dr. the Hon. W. J. P. MacMillan, who, in his capacity of Minister of Education, gave his warm-hearted cooperation to the Board in the provision of adequate facilities for higher education in Summerside.

RAILWAYS IN 1932

Canadian railways reported gross operating revenues for 1932 as \$290,932,246 compared with \$354,900,662 in 1931. This was a decrease of \$64,028,416. Operating expenses were reduced from \$318,471,811 to \$255,286,887 and the net operating revenues from \$36,498,851 to \$35,645,358.

COMPULSORY VOTE

The Senate is comprised largely of ex-members of the House of Commons with practical experience of running elections. In the discussion now proceeding on the cost of elections, the almost unanimous opinion has been expressed that running a modern election demands the wealth of a Croesus either on the part of the individual candidate or the party he represents. How to remedy matters is the problem the politicians of the higher chamber have set themselves to solve. One solution suggested is compulsory voting on the part of the electorate as is the law in Australia. This implies that any one entitled to vote must record his or her vote under pains and penalties of fines or imprisonment. Provision is made, of course, for illness and other causes, beyond the control of the constituent. It is here that the Australian compulsory system has to a certain extent fallen down. It is difficult to get a conviction that the non-voter abstained without reasonable and legal cause. But compulsion has served to keep the loofer and persistent bribe-taker from waiting around for the highest bidder. The elector must vote if able to be out, and with the secret ballot no one knows how he registers his franchise; the most present bribe-giver can assume that, having got his man to the poll, he will vote as promised. It is a sad reflection on the intelligence

NOTES BY THE WAY

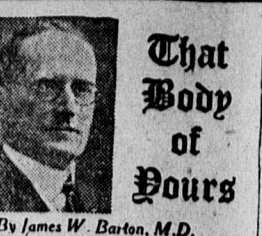
Shortly after his inauguration President Roosevelt invited the newspaper correspondents for their first conference. He seems to be on admirable terms with the newspaper men, about a third of whom he called by their first names, and he said that he hoped to become better acquainted with the others whom he knew slightly. The new President evidently understands how important to him may be the good will and liking of the newspapers corps, and in saying so we are not suggesting that the President was pretending something he did not feel. He really likes people, and that he should like the highly trained and specially selected body of newspaper men who represent the United States press in Washington is only natural. Mr. Hoover's relations with the press were far from cordial. He was suspected of using his official position to discipline some of them who did not mask their dislike. Mr. Hoover was far from being what is popularly called a mixer, and was never really at home with the newspaper correspondents. He did not understand them, and was inclined to dislike them.

THE BASIS OF CREDIT

Not long ago an American publicist expressed his conviction that at the root of the present worldwide depression there lies a psychological element which, could its dour complexion be subdued, or even partially overcome, would go far towards creating a different and better atmosphere and prove itself no small factor in helping humanity along the way of recovery. There is much truth in this statement, says the Montreal Gazette. Just now the pessimist is very much in evidence. More than ever he is blatantly insistent that the worst is yet to come and that things are, in general, bound to go to the dogs. On the other hand, and happily, there are those who, not at all oblivious of nor indifferent to the stern logic of hard facts, nevertheless have some bracing message to deliver and refuse to halt themselves upon a transitional period of durance vile, pointing out that the attitude of mind preserved tells very strongly and in a practical fashion when dealing with just such crises as those under which civilization is now laboring. And all responsible statesmen, after having gone the entire round of the nostrums or recipes put forward to ease the situation, at the last analysis come back to the dictum that the real basis of credit is confidence. Without confidence the most ambitious and opulent schemes are bound to end in failure. But with this moral ingredient there is a high possibility of nations finding their way out of the darkest and most difficult passages of painful experience it is our lot to endure.

EDITORIAL NOTES

St. Patrick's Day. This is nomination day for a Councillor in Ward IV. Usually March 17 is the beginning of dry streets—for the St. Patrick Day paraders. Good Friday falls on April 14, and the opening of the fishing season on April 15. Won't there be a lot of disappointment—or law-breaking. Senator MacRae is a self-confessed "hard boiled egg" but even he, now he is in the sanctuary of the Senate, does not want to go through another general election as organizer. The United Kingdom is continuing to make increased purchases of Canadian dressed poultry. The total January export was 265,975 pounds, of which 220,261 went to Great Britain. The export in January, 1932, was 190,506 pounds. This trade has more than doubled in the past twelve months. The Edmonton Journal having commented upon a record of 77 degrees below zero at Fort Vermilion, Alta., included in the Canada Year Book meteorological tables, has received a communication from Dr. H. A. Hasman, of the Fort, who states that the "official" temperature registered by the Government thermometer, and duly witnessed, on January 11, 1911, at the Dominion Experimental Station, 0,



By James W. Barton, M.D. NEURASTHENIA—TIRED MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY

You may meet an acquaintance some day and casually ask him how he is feeling and instead of saying he is "feeling fine" or "all right," he tells you that he feels tired all the time, doesn't sleep well, has indigestion, pain in his back or on the top of the head, memory is going back on him, in fact he thinks if he doesn't get better he'll soon be dead or in an insane asylum. What is likely the matter with him? He is really in an exhausted mental and physical condition and while many might call it "blue funk," he really needs definite treatment. The cause of his tiredness may be due to hard mental work, worry or other depressing emotion, or to poisoning from some infection in his system. The fact that exhaustion is the cause of the symptoms is proven by the fact that prolonged rest or change almost always helps, whereas mental or physical work makes the patient worse.

Thus we find some physicians using strong drugs to induce rest and sleep. The patient gets no food for about six hours and then the freshly prepared drug is injected into his veins, instead of by the mouth. While this has undoubtedly helped many cases, who were exhausted physically as well as mentally, a great many other cases can be helped by causing tiredness of the body, without tiring the brain whatever. Forcing the patient to eat good food, giving short rests, and then forcing him to take vigorous exercise, and keeping up this process—eating, resting, exercising—all day, so tires the patient that natural sleep results.

Thus at the end of some weeks, or months if necessary, the individual has increased his lung power, strengthened his heart, developed a normal appetite, established a regular intestinal habit, and sleeps naturally all night. In other words his body processes are strengthened, and as his brain is resting because it is not really needed, he becomes his old self again. Hard work outdoors would correct a great many cases of neurasthenia as this condition is called, and prevent many nervous ailments.

The Poet's Corner

THE SECRET ROOM
In the old house
There was a secret room
Behind the wainscot in the panelled gloom;
You could not see it:
Only if you pressed,
A Spring released the secret all unguessed.

So in my heart
Is hid a secret room—
Fragrant with memories, and
dedicate,
I hold it safe,
None other enters there—
Clean for your sake, untenanted,
and bare.

The old house keeps
Its secret. There shall come
One day, as to a long-forsaken
home,
He who seeks rest,
And with unflinching feet
Enters, and finds his sanctuary
sweet.

—Enid Clay, in "Everyman."

Roosevelt's Text

(Sydney Post-Record)
The Biblical text chosen by Mr. Roosevelt at his inauguration on Saturday was the thirteenth chapter of St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians. Opening the old Roosevelt Dutch Bible, he laid his hand on the Apostle's noble eulogy of charity as he took the oath of office. The Book he used contains a record of the births, marriages and deaths of all the Roosevelts from 1670 to 1840. But it contains nothing more enduring than the passage which begins, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." If the selection is typical of the man who used it as his official message to his country, the people of the United States are fortunate indeed in their new president.

A New British Product

(Industrial Britain)
Fire-defying material discovery of Manchester electrical engineer. Three mills situated on the outskirts of Manchester have been bought for conversion into factories for the mass production of a new non-inflammable, non-conducting material, which is claimed to be an efficient substitute for wood, metal and other substances. It may be an important factor in preventing such fire tragedies as that which overtook the liner "Atlantique."

The invention of a Manchester electrical engineer, the product was originally intended solely as an insulating material for high tension switchboard work. But in laboratory tests during the past two years by one of the biggest electrical engineering concerns in the world, the great potentialities of the material were realised.

A company has been formed in London and the material will be commercially produced for insulation work. The inventor claims that the substance has even greater resistance to fire than asbestos and will be made entirely from British mineral compounds. Tiles, walls and floor boards can be made from the material at competitive prices, and can be made in any colour except pure white.

The new discovery is expected to become an important factor in electrical engineering, housing, shipbuilding and hospital equipment.

Earthquakes

(Exchange)
An earthquake in Chile preceded by a day the recent California disturbance. Recently Japan was smitten. Science is slowly learning why and when earthquakes occur. An Austrian geologist who solved the greatest jig saw puzzle in history and pieced together the continents of the earth into a whole contributed his share to the understanding. The chief cause of observable earthquakes is the slipping of the rocks along a crack. Such cracks are of all sizes. One sees gravel banks that have cracked when they were frozen with half a dozen cracks due to toy earthquakes in an area about large enough for a house site with no displacement greater than a few inches. Yet that other great Californian earthquake of 1906 involved slips up to twenty feet. On big mountains are cracks that run across the country for miles, but these are of gradual growth a yard or so at a time. The Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea form a crack ten miles wide and a mile deep. Miners know these slips as faults, and very troublesome they prove at times when they cut a coal seam or a mineral vein.

"The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain." The crust of the earth is ever twisting and pulling and pushing, accumulating strains slowly until the rocks can stand it no longer and break. An especially unstable belt encircles the Pacific and includes Japan, many of the islands and the western coasts of the American continents. Another similar zone runs east and west with many twists and turns. It borders the Mediterranean, the Caribbean and goes through Central Asia.

The cause of this greater instability probably also accounts for the new and high mountains in those sections. There is reason to believe that the continents were once one body of land which, splitting apart, drifted southward from the North Pole and since that time, with a widening Atlantic, Europe and Asia have been slipping eastward and the Americas westward into the low spot on our planet's surface, the Pacific basin. There are movements south and toward the Pacific, explaining both the east to west buckling, and again around the Pacific. Washington, Rome, Paris, Milan and Greenwich have reported that all these observatories have moved southward slightly toward the equator. Greenland holds the record for speed, having moved six hundred feet westward since 1922. Italian and Japanese scientists

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.

WEST RIVER SEAL

Sir:—I notice in both our papers of the 15 inst., a sketch about a large animal shot at West River. The person from whom this information was derived doesn't know anything about the happening and didn't see the fish, or animal as he called it, and wasn't in a position to give any details about something he didn't see. Saturday evening about 7 o'clock while Mr. Samuel McEachern was entering his lane, which is about 600 yards from West River Bridge he almost fell over a peculiar object lying across his path. Mr. McEachern's wife, who was near by, immediately summoned the neighbours, who arrived almost instantly. After a short consultation it was deemed advisable to shoot the object which was done by Mr. Louis Berrigan and pelted by Mr. Samuel McEachern.

Apparently, after many inquiries, it turned out to be a Harpon Arctic Seal.

It is anticipated that this fish had come down to the Gulf with a school of other seals and had wandered away from its friends and made its way into the Harbour and up West River. When arriving at the open water about the bridge, it began to slip up and take notice it was astray and decided to make its way across country towards its native north, when it unfortunately fell into the hands of its opponents. This fish measured 7 1/2 feet in length and 7 feet in circumference, weighed approximately 500 lbs. Its pelt was a silver grey in colour, much the same as that of our southern seal. This pelt will not be on exhibition in any of the windows here as is stated. Mr. McEachern has obtained 12 gallons of the finest oil procurable from the carcass which he later sold for fox feed. It might be mentioned this animal when confronted by its opponents made little or no resistance.

I am, Sir, etc. ONLOOKER

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Sir:—In answering "Disatisfied's" letter of the 16th I may say that I have the same backbone in me that I had from 1911 until 1918. He also states that I get other help. All the help I get is at the table at meal times. He also states that I don't care much for those depending on me. If he had cared as much for his own country as I do for my family he would have stayed there and not burdened the government here with shipping him back. He also says that they are young men who

have been attempting to predict earthquakes in advance and indeed forecast unusual disturbances for this year. They explain that just as ocean tides are caused by the attraction of the sun and moon, so too the solid earth feels the influence of sun, moon and planets in a less manifest way. Their influence is sufficient to turn the scale when the strain has accumulated. The longer the pressure is resisted, the greater the intensity of the eventual earthquake. A lull usually follows a severe tremor. Usually the strain is taken up by numerous slight earthquakes. In a single year six hundred and thirty have been recorded in Japan.

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