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WEST MIDDLESEX ELECTION

Few were surprised yesterday morning by the announcement in The Guardian's despatches that the Hon. J. O. Elliott, the newly created Minister of Labour was elected in West Middlesex. His election was a foregone conclusion, otherwise it would not have been held. The King government cannot afford to take any chances. Mr. Elliott's seat was one of the few seats which might be vacated with some degree of assurance that he would get back. He had had a very large majority at the general election; the Progressives did not put up a candidate and they joined up with the Liberals. In addition to these favorable conditions the government took other precautions. Mr. Duncan Marshall, who in pre-election campaigns usually acts as a sort of butler to the King government was on the ground during the whole campaign and there is every indication that the means, other than prayers, were on hand where most needed. The election of Mr. Elliott will now be hailed by the Liberal press as another evidence of the confidence of the people of Canada in the King government and their belief in the coming prosperity which that aggregation is going to cause to shine upon us.

SCIENCE AND SEA MENACES

A group of Canadian and United States scientists are going to grapple with the icebergs menace on the North Atlantic trade routes. They purpose going to the root of the matter and destroy the berg before it is born, by blowing it up while still a glacier. If there are not too many glaciers the attack will no doubt prove beneficial but icebergs will look very different in their native haunts from their theoretical appearance through the study window. That the icebergs are a serious menace to life and property on the high seas has long been known and the thermometer has so far been the only effective instrument used to guard against them and it has not always proved successful. No doubt science will conquer the problem some day and all will hope that the pre-natal method now about to be tried will be successful. There is another menace of the sea which science is now considering without any solution in sight. This is the crude oil menace to fish life. The crude oil now so generally used in oil-burning steamers has already killed immense quantities of fish and as the use of oil becomes more general its destructive effects upon sea life—fish and fowl—will still more increase. The world cannot afford to lose its fish supply nor can the world's traffic be successfully carried on without the oil burners, all of which constitutes a problem of large proportions. This problem also will eventually be solved by science which, so far, has been able to overcome most of our handicaps.

"PHARAOH'S VENGEANCE"

According to recent telegraphic news, another of the Egyptologists who dared to uncover the tombs of ancient kings has paid the penalty and his death is, by many, attributed to the "vengeance of Pharaoh."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The old fiddlers had the time of their young lives during the past two nights in Charlottetown. Who will be next to vacate a seat in the House of Commons to make room for a Cabinet Minister? There are not many safe ones left. We note that New Brunswick is demanding a seat in the Cabinet. Whether Saskatchewan and Quebec will give it to them is the question. Now for the joyriders. There were two cars out yesterday under their own power for the first time this season. The market was well attended yesterday, thanks to the frost of the previous day which greatly improved the roads. Members of the legislature have been kept so busy during the present session that they were unable to enter very far into the social life of the city, a circumstance regretted by themselves and the citizens. The frost of the past three days greatly improved the ice on the rivers, and unless an unusually severe thaw sets in the going should be good for a week or so. Farmers

superstition or not, whether the spirits of those who died three or four thousand years ago still hover around their mortal remains to guard them against desecration, or whether those who laid their dead away amid such gorgeous and elaborate surroundings took other means of protecting them we shall probably never know. It is quite true that a certain fatality has attended Egyptian research; true also that some of the world's greatest Egyptologists are still living after over twenty years of research and so the deaths which have occurred, six in all since the opening of King Tutankhamen's grave prove nothing as probably a similar fatality may have occurred among any similar group of men engaged in any other calling. (Weird stories have been told and repeated, often with additions to the originals, of written curses found in graves threatening all kinds of vengeance upon anyone who should dare to "disturb these bones," and, of course, the stories tell of the fulfillment to the letter of the curse. Nothing, however, more authentic than an occasional death under ordinary circumstances has been discovered to give any colour to what is clearly a superstition. And deny it as we may, the human race is still almost as superstitious as were the cave-men and the savages from whom we have sprung. We still have our "lucky," and "unlucky" days; we still make it a point to see the new moon over the right shoulder, or, is it the left? There are those who will not leave a house by any other door than that by which they had entered; still those who would walk out into the mud on the street rather than pass under a ladder. The list might be lengthened indefinitely of the things we should or should not do or see to avert bad luck. It is all a relic of barbarism, a little remnant of the savage still left in us and which education and growing common sense are slowly eradicating, how slowly is only too evident in our many and varied reversions.

Another reason for expecting a provincial election in Ontario this year is that there are now seven vacant seats in a House of 111 members. These seats were all vacant before the present session and the Liberal press has been loudly protesting that the vacancies ought to be filled. The inference drawn from this is that the Government intends not to hold by-elections but to fill the vacant seats along with the others after a dissolution of the present House. Although the rule has been that each successive Legislature should hold four annual sessions, there have been several instances in which a dissolution occurred after the third session, and these examples may now be followed.

Furthermore, a Dominion election is expected this year after the Ottawa session closes, which is unlikely to take place until July. This will give the Ontario Premier the option of appealing to the country before Premier King can be free to do so. He may not choose to adopt this course, but usually a strong Government such as that of Ontario undoubtedly is, prefers to lead rather than follow and seizes the opportunity to strike the first blow. While the Parliament at Ottawa drags along its weary way, starting and stopping, and has accomplished little or nothing in almost three months since it opened on January 7, short, business-like sessions have characterized the Legislatures of Ontario and the Maritime Provinces since the last changes of Government in 1923 and 1925. The contrast arises from the fact that under efficient and energetic leadership in these Legislatures the Governments had their measures prepared in advance and when the sessions opened the public business was steadily pressed forward to completion, thus saving both time and money.

"How not to do it," has been the rule at Ottawa ever since the King Government gained control of Dominion affairs five years ago. Never since the dawn of Confederation has it been so afflicted with such unreadiness, weakness and inefficiency at the head of its public affairs as has been exhibited by the

Notes by the Way.

There has been complaints by Liberal and United Farmer leaders in the Ontario Legislature that Premier Ferguson will not state the policy of his Government on the liquor question. In that Province there has been among the "wets" a measure of hope that some form of government control might be introduced. But recently when Mr. Bracken, a private member, during the budget debate introduced an amendment favoring government control it was defeated at the close of a late night session and an acrimonious debate by a large majority.

All three parties divided on this issue. About 60 Conservatives, 8 Progressives and 6 Liberals cast their votes against the amendment, a total of 74, while about 3 Conservatives, 6 Liberals and 2 Independents, a total of 11, supported the amendment. On its face this would appear to be giving a strong support to the Ontario Prohibitory Law. But political strategy must be taken into account. The Bracken amendment had no doubt as one of its objects to compel the Ferguson Government to disclose its liquor policy to the House, which the Premier had refused to do.

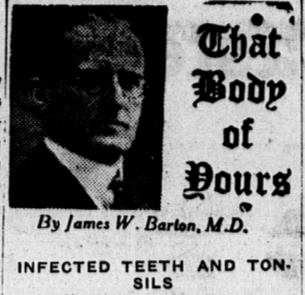
Premier Ferguson is committed to two things, one of which is to disclose his policy "at the proper time," and the other is not to repeal the present Temperance Act, which is prohibitory, without consulting the people. He might still appeal to the electors in a general election on a declared policy of government control and stand or fall by getting or failing to get a majority in his favor. It would be quite plausible to assume that the "proper time" to disclose the policy and consult the people thereon would be such time as the Government may decide upon for the coming election.

There are an increasing number who expect a provincial election in Ontario this year. The policy already announced to pay off the huge provincial debt in forty payments, beginning next year points to a general election at an early date. It also seems to point toward some large new source of revenue, for without that the payment of the debt within the stipulated time would be impossible. And what large new source of revenue is within possible reach except from the liquor traffic under Government control? Quebec and British Columbia have proved that this expedient is very fruitful of revenue.

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By James W. Barton, M.D.

INFECTED TEETH AND TONSILS

Some months ago perhaps you read about Villa, the world's champion flyweight boxer, who died of poisoning from his teeth. Just how poison from teeth, tonsils, or other parts affect the system is not completely understood, but points have been discovered by Philadelphia physicians. The first was that in infection in joints, that the blood took into itself more sugar than normal. The blood in health is composed of materials in certain proportions and when these proportions are lowered or raised, changes must occur in the tissues to which the blood is carried. As an illustration they cite the case of a patient with severe inflammation of the hip joint and badly infested tonsils, where the amount of sugar in the blood was nearly half as much again as normal. Two weeks later his tonsils were removed, and two weeks after the operation the sugar in the blood was normal in amount. Another case was that of a patient with a normal amount of sugar in the blood in a certain date and two weeks later he suffered with an inflammation in the sinus or caverns adjoining the nose, and his blood sugar went up nearly 50%. And another point was that when a patient is having an attack of arthritis, that is inflammation of the joints or rheumatism as it is often called, it was found that the tissues do not extract from the blood as it passes through them, the usual amount of oxygen that the blood is willing to give to them. Now this is a serious matter, because the oxygen going into the tissues not only builds them up, but helps to burn up the worn out tissue. Unburned material is practically a poison to the system. Now what are you going to do with the information gained for you by these facts? They have pointed out these two important points, that the blood, when infected from teeth, tonsils and so forth, carries too much sugar in these cases and not enough oxygen with which to build up the tissues properly and to burn thoroughly the worn out tissue. In other words if after learning that you have had teeth, tonsils or sinuses, you refuse to have the conditions corrected, and your stiff joints, stiff muscles, and that tired lazy feeling, you know just who is to blame for it.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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THE OMNIPRESENT ONE — "And the Lord said unto Moses, Go unto the people and sanctify them, * * * and be ready * * * for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai." Ex. 19: 10-11. (PRAISE) — We thank Thee, Lord that Thou hast spoken unto us in the person of Thy Son, Jesus Our Lord.

THE HEART THAT'S TRUE

Tell me not of sparkling gems Set in regal diadems— You may boast your diamonds rare Rubies bright, and pearls so fair; But there's a peerless gem on earth, Of richer ray and purer worth; 'Tis priceless, but 'twere worth a fee— It is, it is the heart that's true. Bring the tulip and the rose, While their brilliant beauty glows Let the storm-cloud fling a shade, Rose and tulip both will fade; But there's a flower that still is found, When mist and darkness close around; Changeless, fadeless in its hue— It is, it is the heart that's true. Ardent in its earliest tie, Faithful in its latest sigh— Love and friendship, godlike pair, Find their throne of glory there. Proudly scorning bribe and threat, Naught can break the seal once set; All the evil gold can do Cannot warp the heart that's true. First in freedom's cause to bleed First in joy when slaves are freed; Their hearts were true—and what could quell The might of Washington or Tell? Oh! there's one mortal shrine Lighted up with rays divine. Seek it, yield the homage due; Deify the heart that's true. —Eliza Cook.

Your Birthday

MARCH 31—You are particularly fond of music. You are intellectual, kind-hearted and loving, and will have a very happy home life. The women born upon this date are excellent mothers, and retain an unusual hold upon their children as they grow up. Beware of listening to gossip, and curb your tendency to jealousy.

John Smith and His Car

By FREDERICK C. RUSSELL

John Smith is a character whom every motorist should welcome. He is not selfish, rather he is a motorist's martyr, a chap willing and glad to have exploited, in an interesting way, his experiences for the benefit of the other twenty million or more members of the motor clan.

No. 4.—Learning To Drive—Well

"Suppose you're an expert by now?" I bawled, greeting Smith upon completion of his driving lessons. "The instructor told me I was the most adept pupil he had had this year," Smith boasted. "I smiled at this. 'That's what they all say,' I added. 'And why shouldn't they? It is their business to sell cars and please their customers even if they have to flatter them.' 'Oh, so you don't believe I can drive?' Smith asked surprised to think that I had questioned his ability. 'All right,' he said 'I'll just prove it to you.' My car was standing there at the curb. It was not the make of car he had ordered, but the shift was the same, and there was nothing radically different in the controls. So Smith took the wheel, and I sat beside him. I waited while his nervous hands wandered over the instrument board in the confused act of looking for the choke and the ignition switch at the same time. 'Do things deliberately,' I said. 'Make sure you're in 'neutral' turn on the ignition, pull out the choke, advance the gas, retard the spark and press your foot on the starter button.' Smith went through the starting procedure, taking about four times as long as necessary. 'I'll all come to you after you have driven a while,' I added, trying to build up his confidence. 'There is nothing to it when it becomes mechanical.' Before I had finished the car went off with a series of jolts that shook us up rather badly and didn't help the engine any. 'Easy!' I cautioned. 'When the car bucks like this throw out the clutch and give the engine a chance to get up speed. In driving a car keep your mind on the speed of the engine. First you had it going too fast and now it is going too slow. Suppose you pull up to the curb again and I'll show you how to run the engine as a stationary power plant.' Smith thought he knew all this, but as he followed my suggestion he allowed the engine to stall three times; once because he had the choke out too far and flooded the carburetor again because he did not choke it enough, and finally because he was opening the throttle wide with the spark too far retarded. If he could not run the engine properly while the car was at a standstill, his trouble would only be trebled in actual driving. After we had got over the difficulties of starting a cold engine, Smith did better. This encouraged him to boast that he was going to take me right down to the traffic. 'I'm willing,' I agreed, 'if you'll show me that you can stop the car.' He laughed at this. 'Why that's the easiest part about it.' 'The best' he related to a telegraph pole some 30 feet ahead and gave him the command to stop. We were then going about 18 miles an hour. I watched him. First he asked me, 'What telegraph pole?' and then 'Why?' By that time we were 10 feet past the place where I wanted him to stop. We then agreed that I should give the signal to stop and that he should bring the car to a standstill as soon as possible after receiving the command. 'Stop!' I shouted at a time when he least expected it. This was because he had a lot of foolish notions, but the idea took a long while to travel through his system. Finally after looking around for the foot pedal, he jammed on the brakes and the car stopped. I had marked the place where I had given the signal by a tree. He had taken 40 feet of space in which to stop. 'You should have been able to stop in half that distance. You have no right to enter traffic and endanger other drivers unless you can. Driving in traffic is good practice, but don't attempt it until you first know how to stop. You can practice that on an open boulevard.' 'But I had the wheels locked,' Smith complained. 'Why didn't the car stop right away?' 'You slid the tires,' I explained, 'whereas you should have applied the brakes on and off. Your way of doing it is bad for the tires and tolly in slippery weather.' It was actually two weeks after this that Smith took me for a ride in traffic. He was learning. Next Week:—The Car is Delivered.

65th Session Of P. E. I. Orange Lodge

The 65th annual session of the Right Worshipful Grand Orange Lodge P. E. I. convened at Kensington on Wednesday last. The attendance was large considering the state of the roads for travelling at this time of year. Grand Master John Y. Phillips of Summerside presided. In his address Grand Master Phillips gave an able review of the year's work and showed that the future of the Association looked very encouraging. Grand Secretary W. W. Muttart

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370 Persons are Killed at Level Crossings

OTTAWA, March 30—A considerable decrease in the number of railway accidents and in the number of fatalities is shown in the annual report of the Dominion Railway Board for the calendar year 1925. During these 12 months there were 2,713 accidents on Canadian railways, in which 272 persons were killed and 2,955 persons injured, as compared with 2,834 accidents in the previous year, when 318 persons were killed and 3,254 persons injured. Classifying these casualties, there were 6 passengers killed in 1925, as against 17 in 1924; 76 em-

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