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THE POTATO SITUATION.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish a comprehensive analysis of the potato situation in the State of Maine by the secretary of the Maine Potato Shippers and Growers, Inc., together with recommendations for the better marketing of the product. It will be observed that emphasis is placed upon two main factors: the control of production and the quality of the tuber. It will also be noted that one of the recommendations is to protect the United States producer by a higher tariff on the Canadian product, and in this connection Prince Edward Island is specifically mentioned.

So far as our potato growers are concerned, they now know the situation. The United States market will in all probability be either closed to them or so nearly closed as to be of little dependence. They must therefore seek elsewhere for their market. Recent experience shows that Central Canada has a large and as yet unexploited market for Prince Edward Island potatoes, and for the purpose of reaching this market the analysis above referred to is as applicable to us as to the United States growers in reaching theirs.

Another market of great possibility is that of Cuba, and it is gratifying to note that our Provincial Government at the request of the Boards of Trade and potato shippers, has endorsed the recommendation of the Maritime Board of Trade that direct steamship service between St. John and Cuba be established with a view to promoting permanent and satisfactory trade for the benefit of the potato industry of the Maritimes.

This Province, through rigid inspection and grading, has already secured an enviable reputation for the quality of its potatoes. Attention must now be directed to marketing and distribution. It will be noted that our American competitors are depending upon the co-operation of growers, shippers and Governments, state and federal. Without such co-operation in this Province no substantial progress need be expected. To this end a representative committee is now at work, and we trust it will have the cordial support of all concerned.

FEDERAL ELECTION SIGNS.

Symptoms are developing which indicate that a Federal election is in the not distant offing. It is true similar symptoms have manifested themselves on former occasions, but they have been assuaged by applications of emollients during election campaigns which tended to tide over the crisis until the next time. The standardization of the Murray Harbor railway has long been a sore which threatened at different times to become troublesome; but no permanent cure has yet been effected. These symptoms are again showing themselves. It is felt that something must be done before another election period comes round, and gestures are being made in that direction at present.

The standardization of this branch will involve expensive changes in the Hillsboro Bridge, if not indeed a new structure. This would mean a considerable expenditure of money, and efforts are now being made to stave off the expenditure and yet to save the face of the Government. A proposition has been mooted to start the standardization of the road at the Murray Harbor terminal and carry it along the line until a suitable jumping-off place can be found from which a branch may be laid to connect with the eastern line, and to carry the standardization through to Charlottetown without

would be done with the line between the new junction and Charlottetown, a section which at present it appears will be left hanging like Mahomet's coffin between heaven and earth. Doubtless some promise may be trumped up to overcome this difficulty, and to give the people along this section equal or near equal railway facilities with the people of the rest of the Province.

A survey has been made between Hermitage and Peake's Station; another between Lake Verde and Mount Stewart is being undertaken. Either of these lines if built would be approximately ten miles in length, and would doubtless serve a useful purpose for the people in the territory concerned. It would also serve as a temporary provision for the carrying on of the traffic with the southern side of the Province while the Bridge is being reconstructed. So far as the Murray Harbor-branch is concerned, the proposal would lengthen the mileage for shippers and passengers, but this would no doubt be overcome, presumably by specious promises. How the link between Charlottetown and the new junction, wherever it may be located, is to be negotiated has not yet been revealed.

The people along the Murray Harbor line feel that they have been fooled too long with promises, and they will be satisfied with nothing less than the standardization of the whole road, including the Hillsboro Bridge, whatever the cost may be. A branch line between the two railways would no doubt be a great convenience to many in the interior of the Province, but the main question, for the present at least, is the standardization of the whole Murray Harbor line. The danger of the present proposition is that connection with Charlottetown once being established, even by a circuitous route, the building of the Bridge may be indefinitely postponed. In this way it would serve the purpose of the politicians by doing duty at some future election. No definite information, however, as to the new proposition, is as yet available.

AN APPEAL FOR AID.

The St. John Board of Trade is appealing to the people of Canada to support its protest against increase in top wharfrage rates at St. John. The charges levied, it is claimed "were already higher than at Halifax and competing United States ports"—that is, before the present increase was imposed by the Harbor Commissioners, acting upon instructions from Ottawa—and the Board submits "that increased charges are manifestly unjust to this port (Saint John) and very definitely in conflict with national interests. The terms of the London Agreement (1866) are invoked and it is contended that under that Agreement "Maritime Province ports have the contractual right to Federal financial aid to develop national trade through their ports, and are therefore entitled to a scale of charges which will place them in a position to compete successfully for Canadian trade."

The Halifax Herald, while pointing out that there is a conflict of opinion between the Harbor Commissioners and the St. John Board of Trade, concludes an editorial on the subject by declaring that the St. John Board of Trade has done good work for the Maritimes, and they will find the Maritime people with them in every legitimate claim they may have upon fair treatment and constructive measures.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Every day and in every way we

Notes by the Way

AS TO letter postage, a despatch from Ottawa tells that there is reason to believe that the Canadian budget of 1929 will provide for a two cent rate between Canada and the British Isles. Also it is stated that the British Government is considering the re-establishment within the Empire of penny postage, instead of the present rate of three half pence. Canadian experience has established the fact that any temporary loss of revenue from a reduction of letter rates has been quickly made good by increased correspondence and sale of postage stamps.

Of the thirty ex-Presidents of the United States, twenty had been lawyers before their elevation to that high office and four of the others had been soldiers. All but one were married men, or had been married before their election. The one exception was Buchanan, who remained a bachelor throughout his life.

The British West India Islanders are thinking about Federation, and a meeting of delegates, expected to number 1,000 has been called to assemble next month at Bridgetown, Barbados, to consider the matter. The population of the widely dispersed islands is made up of white, brown and yellow colored people, roughly estimated at 8,000,000 souls. Jamaica is the largest of the group having an area of 4,200 square miles and about 750,000 people. Like Prince Edward Island, it is divided into three counties.

There are in the British West Indies 17 distinct Colonial Governments. The federation movement has been in progress for some years, but among so many different governments and interests it may require years of negotiation yet to complete the work. With the exception of the Bahamas all the British West India Islands are in the torrid zone. A federation will probably be formed, as in Canada sixty years ago, embracing the larger colonies, but not all the 17 different units.

How recent was the date when men began to fly will be noted by a coming celebration at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. It was there on 17th December, 1903, that Wright Brothers made their first public and successful flight. Delegates to the International Aeronautic Conference will assemble at Kitty Hawk to dedicate a monument and other memorials of the great event and otherwise celebrate its 25th anniversary.

There were Republics thousands of years ago, but those of ancient date became Kingdoms or Empires later. The first half of the nineteenth century was fruitful of new republics, especially in South America. More recently, during and since the Great War, monarchies fell in Russia, Germany and Austria in Europe and in far-off China. Omitting Russia, which is still in a state of political chaos, 100,000,000 of people in Europe and 400,000,000 in Asia have passed from under monarchial rule and become republican.

Still the great Universe remains a Monarchy, under the Great King by Whom earthly kings rule and earthly princes decree justice. And if we believe inspired prophecy, we must believe that there will be kings and princes while the earth remains. A King is something more than a President, whose rule is quite ephemeral. The Crown worn by King George will belong to him so long as he lives. May he yet live long to wear it, is the prayer of his many million subjects.

The dynasty behind him, as a son of Edward, the Peacemaker and the grandson of Victoria the Great and Good, lend a lustre and dignity to the great office which he holds, which are entirely wanting in the office of a President. "There's a divinity that doth hedge a king," as Shakespeare wrote, and a filial affection as of children for a father. Does this love exist in the same measure toward a President?

We pray God save the King, and long live our noble King, singing with heart and voice. What is there like it in a republic? Compare, if you will, a President with a King, a President's son with a prince, and Heir to the Throne that has stood for a thousand years; a President's wife with a Queen, and note on which side rests the higher rank and dignity. A prince is trained from his cradle up to manhood in the duties and traditions of Kingship. Are Presidents thus to the manner born, and trained to fit and adorn the highest station?



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Ours

THE OLDEST AILMENT. If you asked what was the oldest ailment known, you might have to think for a time and then simply make a guess. What you have always known as rheumatism, now called arthritis, is the oldest ailment of which we have historical record; joint disorders affected men in the stone age even the animals previous to that, says Dr. D. L. Tabern.

It is pretty definitely believed now that the majority of cases of arthritis are due to an infection of some kind. In Great Britain, where rheumatism is so prevalent and causes so much distress and loss of time from employment, most intensive study of the cause of rheumatism is being made.

It is agreed that about 80 per cent. is due to infected teeth and tonsils, 15 per cent to the intestine including gall bladder, and the other 5 per cent from other points in the body.

However after the infected teeth and tonsils are removed there are often further attacks of rheumatism, much to the distress of patient and physician.

This simply means that although the factory that is manufacturing the poison has been destroyed, the product of the factory, the poisons, are still in the body, and set up trouble in the joints and in the heart itself. The natural treatment therefore would be, after the infectious part has been removed to use any and every means to hurry the circulation and remove these poisons from the system.

Accordingly heat in various forms electricity, and the drugs which increase the circulation (especially of the lymphatic system from which the joints receive their nourishment and give up their wastes) are being used.

Another point, and it is most important, is that once the infected teeth, tonsils, or gall bladder have been removed, that in addition to the heat or drugs used, every effort should be used to move the affected parts and thus prevent stiffness; that is in cases where the X ray shows that it would be safe to do so.

The idea then is that although rheumatism is the oldest ailment known, it is only in the last thirty years that we have learned something of its cause and how to treat it intelligently.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

December 15, 1928. AN INSPIRING INVITATION—Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come buy, and buy, and eat; yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price.—Isa. 55:1.

PRAYER—Lord, grant us Thy Spirit that we receiving freely, may give freely.

December 16, 1928. THE INNER LIGHT—Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.—Isa. 60:1.

PRAYER—"Light of light, enlighten me."

"THE FIRESIDE." There's a rapture when the sunset fades in the crimson west, While most peaceful is the gloaming.

When day is lulled to rest; And in the light of the hearthstone Fond comfort doth abide, While the wind moans down the chimney At the cheerful fireside.

Alone in the silent chamber In the rose-tinted light, With so many youthful memories Though the cool, pensive night; While old-time scenes are reflected, Where sombre shadows fall, By the light of glowing embers That flicker on the wall.

Since the Summer bloom has faded Dead lies the mouldering leaf, A token of Autumn's closing With passing life so brief; And the moon peeps on the pillow Through swaying boughs that sigh A sad requiem o'er the hillside Where cherished loved ones lie.

While oft in the evening stillness I hear the vesper hymn, When a fancy takes me backward Through shadows growing dim; And a Celtic gladness lingers Where lily water flows, While the sound of distant church-bells Bring twilight to a close.

Wellington F. MacKenzie

The Land We Love

By Frank Yeigh

TRADING ESTABLISHMENTS. Q. How many trading establishments are there in Canada? A. According to the latest returns, Canada, had in 1924, 60,181 retail stores reporting 3,782 wholesale ones and 2,851 wholesale-retail. The large sum of 1,580,000,000 is represented in capital of these 65,034 es-

Happenings Of The Week

If we noticed little pleasures As we notice little pains; If we quite forgot our losses And remembered all our gains; If we looked for people's virtues, And their faults refused to see, What a comfortable, happy, Cheerful place this world would be!

Every woman's heart has gone out in sympathy to three anxious women at Buckingham Palace, on whom the strain of the crisis through which the King is passing is falling most heavily.

Queen Mary, at the height of her long, wearying vigil, was called on as one of the six counsellors of state appointed to undertake important business of the realm, and on the first day of her counsellorship has been the signator of a huge bulk of official documents that have accumulated during the sovereign's illness.

Yet her duties as mistress of Buckingham Palace are unrelaxed. She is a constant visitor to her husband's sickroom, and her habitual cheerfulness is acknowledged to be of the greatest help to the royal patient in his struggle for recovery.

In her ordeal the Queen is sustained and comforted by her devoted daughter, Princess Mary, and her daughter-in-law, the Duchess of York, who spend hours at the palace daily, sharing with each other the multitude of duties connected with the great household and relieving the Queen of countless personal tasks.

Baby Princess Elizabeth, daughter of the Duchess of York, is also a ray of sunshine to her grandfather. Each time she visits Buckingham Palace, she begs to see her adored grandfather, saying "Lillybet see grandpa today?" When refused little "Lillybet" sends childish messages and cherished tokens of her love, all of which are faithfully conveyed to the King.

With the approach of Christmas there is a lull in social activities and last hour gifts are keeping the knitting needles flying and fingers busy.

Mrs. Noel DeBlois was hostess on Monday evening for the weekly Bridge Club.

Mrs. McCready entertained the Thursday afternoon Bridge Club this week.

Mrs. T. B. Woodman entertained very delightfully at seven tables of Bridge on Wednesday afternoon.

The ladies of Zion Presbyterian Church are being congratulated on the success of their annual tea and sale Thursday afternoon.

The Hon. R. B. Bennett and his sister Miss Mildred Bennett, arrived in Ottawa Wednesday from the Pacific coast, where the latter spent October and November.

The high tea at Notre Dame Academy on Thursday was among the pleasant public functions this week, widely patronized.

Mrs. A. Campbell, accompanied by her four sons, left Thursday for her home in New Orange, N. J., after an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. H. T. Prowse.

Miss Ethel Bagnall has left for New York, having been with her sister Mrs. J. A. Rodd in Ottawa for sometime.

Mrs. E. A. Large entertained at her residence in Summerside at a delightful afternoon tea in honor of her sister, Mrs. William C. Schurman, who has been visiting in Summerside for some days.

A delightful afternoon tea was given on Wednesday by Mrs. Charles Waugh, of Summerside in honor of Mrs. Duff, who is leaving at the week end for New York. Mrs. Duff has been staying in Summerside for about eighteen months and has made many friends there. Several delightful gatherings were held this week in her honor.

The continued serious illness of Mr. John McLaughlin is causing grave concern. His brother Rev. Neil McLaughlin and sister, Mrs. P. N. Pate are at present with him.

a class of thirty, her marks being three below the highest. On her graduation she was asked to remain on the permanent staff of the McLean Hospital.

Miss Virginia Large of Summerside gave a charming little birthday party, on her seventh birthday, to a number of her young friends. The dining room was decorated in red and white, and a dainty birthday cake with seven tiny candles graced the centre of the table. A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by the little guests in games and merry-making and Miss Virginia was the recipient of some very pretty gifts.

The Christmas gift which Queen Mary will present to the King is a beautiful silver model of Christopher Columbus' ship. The ship is executed with marvelous fidelity, reproducing in the smallest detail the Santa Maria.

Notwithstanding the King's illness Queen Mary has shopped extensively for Christmas. She did it early, before her husband's condition became serious. Up to the day of the King's illness, she could be seen almost daily in the west end shops, and has always patronized many charity bazaars in search of presents for her family and friends. She loves to visit toy shops, to choose gifts for her three little grandchildren, and has collected a number of delightful toys for their Christmas stockings this year. The Queen of Spain, and the Queen of Norway, also have shopped here, rubbing elbows with crowds of other women. Queen Mary and the Queen of Spain chanced to meet in the silk department of a large store. After greeting each other affectionately, they continued their tour together, Queen Mary always prefixing each purchase with the query: "Is this Empire-made?"

The announcement was recently made of the engagement of Miss Bertha Isabel Purdy, R. N., of New York, to Dr. Wm. Walter Henderson, of Spokane, Washington. Miss Purdy is at present on a visit to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Purdy, of Alberton, where she is a general favorite and was the guest of honor at several delightful parties lately. She leaves shortly for Spokane where she will take a major part in an interesting event there, to take place in the near future.

Miss Ida Henderson is leaving Monday morning to spend the holiday season with her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Hoar in Windsor, Ont.

Genuine sympathy goes out to Mr. John McLeod and family, in the former's illness, and the death of Mrs. McLeod who is so kindly remembered by her friends.

Former friends here will be interested to know that Mrs. J. C. Laird of Montreal, entertained at the tea hour Wednesday at the University Women's Club in honor of Mrs. Wesley Frost, wife of the new American Consul-General at Montreal. Mrs. J. C. Tatley and Mrs. David Whittall presided at the tea table.

Miss Roberta McKelvin, of Summerside, had a very pleasant visit to Charlottetown this week.

Mrs. (Captain) Bazil Kelly, of Summerside, is spending a few weeks in Charlottetown and while there is a guest at the Lennox Hotel.

Mrs. G. A. W. Robertson is leaving this morning to spend Christmas with her daughter Mrs. Carty in Halifax.

The work of Queen Mary's London Needlework Guild, an active branch of which exists in this city, was on view on Monday at the Imperial Institute before being distributed to the various charities and hospitals of London. In the centre of the table which was piled high entirely with gifts from members of the Royal family were seven dainty crocheted cot covers in pink, white and blue which had been worked by Queen Mary. Princess Mary had knitted some jumpers, while the Duchess of York contributed some pretty baby clothes.

The Summerside Curling Club opened out for a real good season of sport and fellowship by a rally meeting on Thursday night, at which His Worship Mayor Arnett was the guest of honor at a bean supper. The President of the Club, Mr. H. T. Bégué very ably presided over an enthusiastic and jolly crowd of seventy-five members. The chief speakers of the evening were,

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Modern Etiquette. By Roberta Lee. Q. What rule governs the use of the titles "Mr." and "Mrs." on Christmas cards? A. Omit the titles if the names follows the greeting; use the titles if the name precedes the greeting. Q. Can a man take an out-of-town woman guest to luncheon or dinner, without asking her host to accompany them? A. To luncheon, yes; but not to dinner. Q. If a guest is on a diet, ordered by his physician, may he notify the hostess of the situation? A. Yes, it is the sensible thing to do. Q. What should a man wear at a high noon wedding house reception following? A. Bridgegroom or gentleman guest at church floor wedding followed by reception should wear morning suit and silk hat.

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