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THE P. E. ISLAND HOSPITAL.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the report of the P. E. Island Hospital for the past year. It is most gratifying to quote from the report of the chairman of Trustees, Mr. W. K. Rogers, that "the year just closed has been the most successful in our history for I take it that success as measured, from a hospital standpoint, means suffering relieved and lives saved."

No greater commendation than this can be looked for. Another quotation from the same source gives the proof: "1005 patients have received treatment through our institution; those who were unable to pay did so; those who were unable to pay received the same treatment, rendered just as cheerfully."

When a hospital falls short of this standard it falls far short of what the aim of such an institution should be; falls far short of what a Christian community looks for in a hospital. To relieve suffering, to save life, is the purpose of the hospital and this too is one of the great purposes of Christianity, one of the privileges as well as one of the duties of a Christian community.

Financially, the hospital fell somewhat below expectation. The adverse balance has fallen to \$4,709.45. What of it? More suffering has been relieved; more lives have been saved and we feel assured that the good people of Queens and King's counties whose hospital it is, whose expression of Christian benevolence it is, will cheerfully contribute the fund to wipe off this adverse balance.

Those who were able to pay contributed \$24,317.80. The difference between this and the total deficit was a gratuity from the people to those who could not pay and who yet received the same treatment as those who paid.

It is pleasing also to note that the donations from our people for the past year exceeded those of the previous year by \$1,557.96. This is encouraging and we have no doubt that when the time again comes around for the annual contribution the deficit will be entirely wiped off.

Too much credit cannot be given to the Ladies' Aid of this Hospital who, notwithstanding their limited membership raised during the year the handsome sum of \$5,000 to aid in the upkeep of the hospital.

Of the county organization which Mr. Rogers, the indefatigable chairman of trustees, inaugurated a few years ago too much cannot be said. Through it he has given the school districts an opportunity to express their appreciation of what the hospital is doing for the sick and the suffering and they

have responded most generously. That they will continue to do so we have no doubt, nor have we any doubt that through their efforts the improvements now in contemplation will place this hospital on a level with the best in Canada.

GARDENING.

Probably no pastime in which one can engage affords more pleasure than gardening, and probably no work can be more intellectually cultured, unless it be farming. To the credit of our province we have many gardens although perhaps not as many as we might have. To the farmer gardening is a sideshow and generally he has little time for sideshows while the big exhibition on his farm demands all his attention. To the business or professional man the garden offers rest, recreation and education; it is a wholesome change from the drudgery of the store, the shop or the office. Here only he reaps what he sows; here only he is face to face with absolute truth; here only he must deal honestly and squarely; here only he cannot deceive or cheat or neglect without experiencing consequences. Here also he can cultivate and develop the beautiful, can commune with Nature, can see her unvarying processes, can see her at work in her own home. Here he sees evolution in its real meaning and here he has an opportunity also of seeing the baneful processes of reversion, for every plant when neglected starts on the downward path towards its uncultivated original. The finest rose in his garden was bred up from the wild through generations of culture and selection; if that rose is neglected for a few seasons it will revert to its original savagery. And, in this the gardener finds a type of his own species. He is removed from the savage by only a few generations; neglect, moral or physical, will carry him back to his original savagery. Every plant in his garden points out this moral to him; tells him in plain vegetable and floral language that "what a man sows that shall he also reap," and tells him also that there can be no beneficial harvest without toil and intelligent care. It is not without significance that man's first home was in a garden and the garden was a pleasant one; nor is it without significance that when he sinned the garden no longer could afford him a home. In the garden there is no place for deception or fraud or dishonesty; constant contact with the eternal verities as they are to be found in a well kept garden cannot fail to make man or woman the better for it morally, spiritually, physically.

Yamaska TO THE EXTENT OF 12000 votes, and with as big a change in the average constituencies, where the majorities went below this, it will mean a big following for the Government at next election.

And yet that phalanx of optimists in the Grit party, with their matchless faculty for extracting sunbeams from cucumbers, in the bare fact of electing their candidate only their second since Mr. Meighen took office, are already on Piz-ga's heights viewing the promised land, but unfortunately for them, like the Moses of old, forbidden ever to enter its rich pastures or drink of its milk or to eat of the honey flowing down the mountain sides. To the farmers both of these elections were fatal blows. With the admitted belief that the farmers' party outside of Quebec is stronger than Liberalism, and that whatever chances the Agrarians may have in the country at large the Liberals have none, this set back in two strongly agricultural constituencies will surely convince them that their plight in the East is hopeless, and that on this side of the great lakes there is not a single seat which they can depend upon passing to their credit.

With the evidence of these elections so strongly before them, and a Government gain of 1200 votes in an enemy constituency, who can believe that Mr. Meighen will not carry, in a general election, some twenty to thirty ridings where the majorities only ranged from less than 1000 down to fifty or a hundred votes. Surely the signs of the times are pointing clearly to a splendid Government victory.

Well, if York-Sunbury isn't a straight notice to quit, then Yamaska, in Quebec, most surely is, for here the Liberal candidate was elected by a majority of about 1800. But even here it doesn't appear so to us for if figures do not lie this majority for the Mackenzie King party is just about 1200 votes smaller or LESS THAN IT WAS FOR THE LIBERAL CANDIDATE at the last election in 1917. It rather on the other hand appears to us that the good old Province of Quebec, although still infected by a large Liberal following, is severely slipping from their grasp. And this result was shown, notwithstanding all the bitterness of creed and racial appeals, of conjuring with the spirit of their beloved dead statesman, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and of reviving all the old conscription and anti-British prejudices which did so much to make a solid bloc of Quebec in that unfortunate period. It is surely a source of satisfaction and of congratulation to Premier Meighen and the Government, that this prejudice has died down in

THE PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

P. C. ENUMERATORS

Sir:—A returned soldier of Prince County is desirous of getting the following information: 1. How many enumerators have been appointed for Prince County and list of same. 2. How many of above appointments are returned soldiers and list of same. 3. Why was the Local Command of the War Vets not consulted in connection with these appointments and why was the Association not asked for a list of returned men eligible for said appointments. 4. How were the appointments made and by whom recommended? 5. To whom did the Census Supervisor of Prince County write for recommendations to the position of Census Enumerator in the different districts in Prince County? 6. Were any of these letters asking for recommendations of persons to fill positions as enumerators sent to any branch of the G. W. V. A. in Prince County or to any Officer in Prince County or to any prominent returned Overseas man in Prince County requesting them to submit a list of returned soldiers eligible to fill the positions of Census enumerators. 7. Were not the instructions from Ottawa to the effect the supervisor should appoint returned men where eligible? Why did the Supervisor not carry out these instructions especially when he is a member of the G. W. V. A. himself and presumably an Overseas man? I am Sir, etc., RETURNED SOLDIER, Prince County.

Others' View Points

THE WAR OF THE FUTURE

From the Egyptian Mail We put our Guards back into red coats, and when Punch wants to play with the idea of another war with Germany it shows Marshal Foch sharpening a trooper's sword on a grindstone, as though warfare was still to be a gentlemanly affair to cut and thrust and could be prepared for by slicing an apple without touching its support. It would have been nearer the truth if the cartoon had shown him examining the contents of a box respirator—but that would have meant less to the sentimental civilian tradition of war as it fought out. And all the time in the background the "chemical warfare services" of civilization are preparing the new weapons.

COLLIES' SAGACITY

(From an Exchange.) Many are the stories told of collies' sagacity, one of the most remarkable being the record of one shepherd in Ettrick. What was once the great forest of Ettrick was this night only a dense sea of mist and fog. The shepherd in despair exclaimed to his dog, "Sirrah, my man, they're a' awa'!" He gave no command to the dog, in fact he only spoke for sympathy. But the sheep dog dashed off into the mist, and the next morning the five hundred missing sheep were gathered in and Sirrah was mounting guard over them. How the animal got them in the dark was beyond comprehension of the shepherd and, he adds, "If all the shepherds in the forest had been there, they could not have effected it with greater propriety."

EVER DECEITFUL

(From the Cincinnati Enquirer.) Germany is declared to have more prosperity than she cares to admit, but if she thinks she can deceive the Allies by playing possum, she is going to get a rude jolt.

SCHOLARS AND MEN

(Philadelphia Public Ledger.) When Cecil Rhodes founded his famous scholarships at Oxford he stipulated that the men who gained were to be leaders not merely in a rank-list, but among their fellows. They must be scholars and athletes too. They must be men of commanding influence and personal force. Most schools have discovered the fallacy of assuming that a high stand in the classroom assures professional eminence. A recent study by Raymond Walters, of Lehigh University, of the careers of engineers shows that college-trained engineers have done much better than those who have not had the technical schooling and the foundation of theory. But in every educational institution today less stress is laid on mere knowledge and retentive memory than on character. We find Harvards' faculty giving a Minnesota Junior, a wounded veteran of the war, the high honor of one of its chief scholarships, not for scholastic excellence merely but for the qualities that go to make up the composite of an all-round man. This scholarship was created in the name of an admired and beloved football captain of a few years ago. It was designed to emphasize the characteristics that Francis Burr possessed. It was meant for the man most like him in these engaging particulars. Scholars of old bent and worn the lore of classic tome and lonely midnight research, would have been scornful over the award of distinction to any but a bookworm. Today we know that a man prepared to face the world needs more than what he found in print and learned by not at school. We are prepared to bestow scholastic distinctions accordingly.

A MENTAL STRAIN

(Boston Transcript) "I'm thinking of a trip to Paris this summer." "Really, old man, you can't afford that. You're not accustomed to that sort of thing." "I merely said I was thinking of it. I can afford to think, can't I?" "No; that's what I meant. You're not accustomed to thinking."

MAN'S POCKET CAPACITY

(Chicago Journal of Commerce.) An Eastern contemporary sees the abandonment of the waistcoat—the President leading. It has been retained for years merely because of its pockets. Men are as fond of pockets as women are of silk stockings. They have five

pockets in their trousers—two side two hip, and one small watch, four and sometimes five in their waistcoat; and from five to seven in their coats. What does a man do with fifteen pockets? In his coat he carries his pocketbook, letters, tobacco and cigars, spectacles, handkerchief; in his waistcoat there are pencils, fountain pen, watch, nail equipment, emergency medical tablets, chewing gum, odds and ends; in his trousers are loose change, pen-knife, keys, extra handkerchiefs and glasses. When he loses his waistcoat and its four pockets he is much put to it to dispose of the essentials it carries. Talk about a boy's pockets! a man's carries a larger variety of all sorts of things.

TAKING PRECAUTIONS

(Houston Post) The composer appeared in the office of his publisher one morning, and with calm assurance returned a cheque for \$200. "You can destroy that," he told the publisher, "and make out one to my credit for \$500." "Nonsense," came the reply. "That's your royalty to date for your last song." "Oh, no, it isn't!" said the composer. "Do you mean to insinuate that the firm is—"

OUR "KITH ARE NOT OUR KIN"

(New York Times.) Among the many "questionnaires" that have been devised or brought to light since the latest of Mr. Ellison's many successes in gaining the public attention was one that contained the inquiry: "What is meant by 'kith and kin'?" Now, that is a phrase familiar to every ear, and used at least occasionally by most speakers of English. Yet seemingly not more than one person in fifty, if as many as that, knows what "kith" means, if it means anything different from "kin." The words are, or at least used to be, far from synonymous, though the two are related by derivation. The dictionary makers know and tell the difference, but strangely few people ever have looked up "kith" and discovered that it means "friends" or "acquaintances," and that therefore the old phrase is not merely one of the alliterative duplications so dear to the Anglo-Saxons, but names two really distinct classes.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

(American Legion Weekly.) A western evangelist makes a practice of painting religious lines on rocks and fences along public highways. One ran:—"What will you do when you die?" Came an advertising man and painted under it: "Use Delta Oil. Good for burns."

A Prince's Monuments.

(From the New York Outlook) As a benefactor the Prince of Monaco has erected two monuments. One is the Oceanographic Museum at Monaco. It stands on the rock of Monaco proper, projecting into the sea. A striking building in itself, it is also in striking contrast with the other and better-known building at Monte Carlo hard by. Its location is perfect for its work; the lower three stories are below the cliff's summit; they contain a great aquarium, large and small laboratories and a hall for the preparation of the skins and skeletons of fishes. The other part of the museum, two stories high, is above the cliff's summit. The Prince's other monument is at Paris. Seeing the need for a branch of his Monaco Museum in some great city where exhibits, lectures and scientific courses might reach a larger number of people than at Monaco, he erected an Oceanographic Institute in the Latin Quarter, close to the Sorbonne, and thus in the student district. The building is one of the sights of Paris.

How Are You?

(Boston Transcript.) A New York man declares that the ordinary reply to the question "How are you?" is either trite, ungrammatical or mendacious. Frequently too, it is elaborate and tiresome. It would be better, would it not, if more people regarded the rhymed rule in the matter, which runs: Don't tell your friends about you indigestion. "How are you?" is a greeting, not a question.

Tried Perfection Ice Cream Yet? Perfection Ice Cream, the delicious food made from pure cream, sugar and flavors in a perfectly sterile atmosphere, is for sale by the following dealers in P. E. Island. As the number of our customers is daily increasing it is impossible to give a complete list, but if you always watch for the green-and-gold sign you will soon find the "Perfection" retailer nearest to your home. Distributor for Summerside and vicinity: R. T. Holman, Limited. Central Creameries, Ltd.

Dreams Considered By The Neurologists

Do you believe in dreams? That is to say, do you believe that they mean anything? There have been many recorded instances of a man dreaming a certain number and finding out later that it was a great lottery. There are people who are what the Irish call "clever dreamers." There is some significance in the thoughts that come to them when asleep. Remembering their dreams they find guidance for their subsequent acts. Joseph, we suppose, was one of the earlier psychoanalysts. He could interpret dreams. The ancient Greeks and Romans were stuffed with superstitions concerning portents and omens. Frequently their lives were directed with reference to what they had dreamed. Lately as a result of the works of Sigmund Freud the world of science has been compelled to pay some attention to dreams, for Freud worked out a thorough system by which dreams could be interpreted.

What Dreams May Come True.

As a neurologist he found that he got his best clues to the mysterious maladies of his patients by listening to their dreams. Troubles that the doctor could not understand, deep seated, unknown to the patient in his waking moments—or rather her waking moments, for women are Dr. Freud's favorite sex—would be revealed by the operations of the subconscious mind in sleep. The Freudian theories made rather a profound impression, especially upon those who were not themselves grounded. The chief objection to them which other neurologists find is that he traced almost every dream and every mental ailment back to sex. His chief defect as a neurologist is the same defect observable in so many novelists. Sex to him and to them is what makes the world go round, and if it does not go quiet round, but makes an elliptical stagger now and then sex again is responsible. Take it from Dr. Freud and all nerve troubles are traceable to suppressed, frustrated or perverted sex instinct.

THE OLD GARDENER SAYS

The yellow butterflies which look harmless enough when flying around the garden are really danger signals to the cabbage grower, for these butterflies lay the eggs from which cabbage worms are hatched. To keep the worms away, begin dusting the cabbage plants when they are very small with air slacked lime to which a little pairs green has been added, or, better still, spray them with arsenate of lead, one pound to a gallon of water. There is absolutely no danger in using poison on young cabbages, as the heads grow from the inside and the outer leaves on which the poison falls will later be removed.

Notes By The Way

In the House of Commons the other day, Mr. Crerar was not above raising the religious cry. Checked up by the Prime Minister, he had to admit that his statements were based on hearsay evidence alone. "Somebody told somebody else." Meanwhile Mr. Lemieux and Mr. Lapointe are busily engaged in racing the racial cry in Yamaska. Both Oppositions, apparently, are united in the old Liberal game of exploiting race and power.

Australia used to have a tariff on binders.

At the behest of Free Traders such as we have in Canada, she took the tariff off, and behold the result; binders advanced in price from \$150 a few years ago to \$600 at the present time. In other words, while binders in Canada were advancing in price by 126 per cent the normal advance in the cost of most commodities, under Protection, they were advancing 275 per cent in Australia under Free Trade. No wonder Australians are swinging back to the highest tariff the Commonwealth has ever enjoyed.

Keep the Knights and the Creatives nalled down to this questions.

If, as now seems certain, action of Washington is going to exclude nearly two hundred million dollars worth of our products from the United States, how could you justify admitting American products duty free, thus increasing enormously our unfavorable balance of trade, and driving the value of our dollar in New York down to fifty cents? Mr. Crerar says our income taxation is not high enough. Yet it is higher than that which the Government imposed when Mr. Crerar was a member of it, and when the needs of the war made revenue even more vital than it is today.

The United States, declare Opposition speakers, is reducing its national debt.

Perhaps so, but in proportion to population, the war effort of the United States, in treasure as well as in blood, was inconsequential. Moreover, the United States is doing less than Canada in the way of pensions, and it has not spent money without stint in taking care of the needs of its returned men. If Canada is not paying off her debt, the reason is at least a not ignoble one. To hear Opposition speakers talk on the budget, one would never think that the Canadian business profits tax was as heavy as any in the world, that we tax large incomes heavier than Great Britain, that our income tax, in respect of smaller incomes, is on a par with that of the United States, and that, finally, Canadian business today is subjected to a corporation tax which takes ten per cent of all profits in excess of \$2,000.

Current Comment

The Meighen Government have got "another notice to quit," or so the Liberal press are informing the people, although we are so obtuse as not to see the force of either their logic or reasoning. That the election of a Conservative against the combined forces of both the Liberal and Farmers' parties, in a preponderantly agricultural riding, and by the handsome majority of over 1,000 votes, is a "notice" for the Government to hand over the reins of power to the snowed under candidate or their friends; is a deduction of logic altogether too far fetched for our powers of abstraction. Of course the majority was not as large as in 1917 when the whole country was aroused to a special war effort, and with Liberals in vast numbers supporting the Government as against the enemies of the nation the votes in all constituencies were abnormally large, and with Colonel McLeod, a soldier of exceptional personal popularity as the then candidate, a majority vote was polled much larger than ever before.

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ALMOST TIME

Almost time for the pretty white daisies Out of their sleep to awaken at last. And over the meadow with grasses and clover To bud and to blossom and grow so fast. Almost time for the buttercups yellow. The ferns and the grasses, the roses and all. To waken from slumber and merrily hasten To gladden our eyes at Spring's cherry call.

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