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THE KING'S ILLNESS.

THROUGHOUT the British Empire during the past few days, the National Anthem has been sung with more fervor and perhaps anxiety than for some time past.

Office is besieged at times with complaints, the humpbacking of the roads is persisted in.

Even at the present time the best roads are those upon which the split-log drag was judiciously used.

What the debt of the Province will be when the next accounts are brought down can only be surmised and feared.

Where will it end? If the pace set by the Government is to be continued during their term of office, we may find ourselves in a condition which will require such a drastic measure as that already suggested by Premier Mackenzie King.

SPENDING THE MONEY.

AS announced in The Guardian a few days ago, the Government has borrowed \$270,000 on the usual very favorable terms.

For a year old this is certainly going some! And the question: Where will it end? which was asked when the Government made its first financial plunge, again becomes pertinent.

Of the \$270,000 recently borrowed, \$100,000 was paid for road machinery during the past summer, \$150,000 for highways improvement, and \$20,000 for the Newport ferry.

It will be remembered that the road machinery was ordered by telephone under circumstances which were severely criticized at the time. To make room for these, a quantity of road machines formerly in use and doing excellent work, were scrapped.

Those who drive on our roads, and they are legion, know that the humpback roads in this country in many cases are positively dangerous.

A PARALLEL CASE.

A Reuter despatch from Melbourne, Australia, yesterday, contained the following:

"Having been defeated twice by narrow margins in the Legislative Assembly, the Labor Government of the State of Victoria, resigned today."

This recalls the Byng-King constitutional controversy of 1926. For the action taken by the Governor of the State of Victoria is precisely on all fours with the action taken by Lord Byng, and for exactly the same reasons.

Mr. King's position, in fact, was worse than Mr. Hogan's. Hogan was at least the leader of the largest group in the Victoria Legislature; Mr. King, on the other hand, had but 101 followers to Mr. Meighen's 117.

Lord Byng may have to wait for some time for his complete vindication, but history will ultimately give it to him.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The King's illness is a reminder that no British Monarch ever lived through more troubled times or acted in crises with greater credit.

Mussolini's actual salary as dictator is only \$1,300 a year. He makes a devil of a lot of noise for a \$25 a week man.

Canada is the fourth best customer of the United States for eggs. It beats all how they are working off their finished products on us.

It is said the steamship Vestris was leaking soon after sailing. This was no credit, if true, to United States inspection.

A few toboggan slides would save the trousers of many little ones who, for want of other accommodation, use themselves as toboggan and

Notes by the Way

THE pioneer farmers of the Maritime Provinces thought it important that they should each produce enough wheat, rye, barley and buckwheat to feed his own family, and that collectively they should produce a surplus of these and other foodstuffs sufficient to feed their cities.

They dammed the rivers and streams that had been flowing idly to the sea and established gristmills in which to grind their grain and sawmills to cut the lumber that grew on their farms into boards, deals laths and scantling with which to build dwellings and barns.

The flour mills have gone from the Maritimes because wheat is no longer produced in anything like sufficient quantities to feed the farmers themselves. Millions upon millions of money are sent out of the Maritimes yearly to pay for flour produced 2,000 miles away and pay the cost of transporting it to the Maritime people.

Our farmers might consider with possible advantage whether it would not have been of greater benefit had they this year utilized one-quarter or one-third of their outlay for fertilizer in the growth of wheat instead of potatoes.

Mr. Herman Trelle has produced on his farm in Peace River a new variety of spring wheat to which has been given the name of "Reward." On this wheat exhibited last year at the International Exhibition in Chicago he won first prize and the title of "Wheat King of America."

Was the election a prohibition victory? is a question upon which the Literary Digest admits that the opinions of leading American journals whom it quotes, "seem to be evenly divided." All the prohibition organizations claim a great victory for their cause.

Public anxiety regarding King George's illness continues and can only be wholly removed by more definite and favorable assurances than have so far been issued by his phys-



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AIR ROOM IN THE NOSE

As a parent you make sure that your youngster gets enough to eat and also sufficient sleep.

You likely try to have him remain outdoors as much as possible and also encourage him to play.

Did it ever occur to you that in addition to food and sleep he needs a certain amount of air or oxygen going into his lungs with each breath if he is to develop physically in the proper manner?

Now you haven't a spirometer which measures his lung capacity, but you can put a tape line around his chest, see that the tape line goes across the lower part of his "wings" or shoulder blades behind, and across his nipples in front.

Have him take a long breath and if he expands the tape one and a half inches above what it is when he is standing naturally, that is a fair average for a boy of twelve.

Younger or older children should be less or more than this in proportion. Now what may be causing the youngster to be getting less than the necessary amount of air?

The air passages of his nose may not be wide enough, due to the fact that they have been narrow since birth, or because there is some enlargement of the lining of the bones of the nose, or perhaps the tonsils are enlarged.

Dr. Gauthier, of Paris, has developed a unique method of widening the air passages of the nose.

He uses hollow rubber balls (so called sausages) which he inflates by injecting a syringe full of water, and leaves in the nose for several minutes.

From eight to ten sittings have given remarkable results, the lung capacity increasing almost a point.

He was able to show a number of children thus treated, whose physical development, which had been retarded, had rapidly improved.

Now no mechanical or other method can increase the lung capacity like play, because play creates an actual "need" of air.

However it should be worth your while if your youngster is not developing properly to have his nose examined, and see if there is enough "air room."

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

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UNQUEENABLE JOY — Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.—Isa. 51:11

PRAYER—Now blessed be the Lord, our God.

FROM THE HEART'S JOURNEY

"When I'm alone"—the words tripped on his tongue. As though to be alone were nothing strange.

"When I was young," he said; "when I was young I thought of age, and loneliness and change.

I thought how strange we grow when we're alone, And how unlike the selves that meet, and talk.

And blow the candles out, and say good-night. Alone The word is Life endured and known.

It is the stillness where our spirits walk And all but inmost faith is overthrown.—Philip Season.

Daily Lessons in English

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say, "He is likely to die at any time." Use "liable" to express a possible event regarded as disastrous.

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: forked; fork is preferred to fork-ed, excepting in poetry.

OFTEN MISPELLED: longevity. SYNONYMS: absent-minded, dreaming, musing, preoccupied, abstracted.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: OMINOUS; foreboding evil; inauspicious. "The remarks were followed by an ominous silence."

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NOTES OF A NATURALIST

Specially Contributed to the Guardian

The month of October 1928 had fifteen days on which more or less rain fell, the 24th being particularly stormy.

On the 18th, a solitary grackle visited the sheltered valley of the brook: evidently these birds stay later than I imagined. High winds were prevalent, causing rough weather on the North coast, and forcing the gulls inland to pick up a scanty living from the fields.

Towards the end of the month, some youthful trappers, who operate a little distance away, noticing strange tracks, set a muskrat trap on a log which spanned a brook. Their "catch" proved to be a skunk (Mephitis mephitis). It had pulled the trap into the water and was drowned.

From reports in the various Island papers it would seem that this animal is becoming more abundant. This is to be regretted, since whatever good points the skunk has (and contrary to general belief, it has many) they are more than offset by the fact that it is a determined destroyer of poultry.

A notable trait of this animal is its liking for the neighborhood of man-kind; it will often make its abode under the floor of a barn or other building. Skunks are very playful, and a writer in the Geographical Magazine states that when captured, they come to have much affection for their owners.

The offensive secretion so much dreaded by other animals, is projected from two tiny tubes, one on each side of the anal orifice; but a simple surgical operation (performed when the animal is young) is all that is necessary to remove this means of defence.

Mention of the scarcity of water in the brooks and springs brings to mind a conversation with a neighbor who has had much experience in well-drilling. He asserted that the water-level or "water-table" was slowly lowering on the Island.

"For," said he, "I am often consulted by owners of open wells which were dug fifty or sixty years ago, and which are now dry. By drilling a well twenty or thirty feet deeper, the water for again met with, in sufficient quantity." Asked what he thought was the reason, he was of opinion that the general cutting down of the forests was the principal cause, since forests hold the snow, and also prevent the sun from drying the ground too quickly.

Birds of Prince Edward Island

Continued

(3) Tube-nose Swimmers: Nostrels formed by a short tube above the bill. Leach's Petrel. (106) Oceanodroma leucorhoa. 8 in. Tall forked, coverts white, not tipped black ("rump white"); legs shorter than (109). Summer visitor in Gulf; rests on land.

Wilson's Petrel. (109) Oceanites oceanicus. 7 in. Tall square, rump white as (106), but upper parts darker. Legs long, webs yellow. Summer visitor; as (106).

(4) Torpalmate Swimmers: all four toes joined by webs. Gannet or Sooty Gannet. (117) Sula bassana. 35 in. Plumage white except primaries which are black. Bill heavy, pointed and bluish-black. Feet bluish-black. Face bare. Summer visitor, breeds in Gulf.

Single-crested Cormorant; Shag. (119) Phalacrocorax carbo. 36 in. Eyes green; bill slender, hooked at the tip. Tail with 14 feathers. Plumage glossy black; white patches on neck and flanks in breeding season. Gular pouch shows heart-shaped.

Summer visitor; breeds about Gulf. Double-crested Cormorant. (120) Phalacrocorax auritus. 30 in. Bill and eyes as (119). Tail with 12 feathers. Gular sac convex behind, not cordate. In breeding season has two ear-like tufts of black feathers. Summer visitor, of frequent occurrence in the Gulf.

White Pelican. (125) Pelecanus erythrorhynchos. 5 ft. Bill very long, yellow, with a large pouch below, and in the breeding season with a thin upright knob about the middle of the upper mandible. Rare, reported from N. E.

American Merganser, Goosander; Sheldrake, and locally "Shelduck." (129) Mergus americanus. 25 in. Bill toothed serrate, not flattened, red; nostrils midway along bill. Eye red in male, yellow in female. Male black and white; head brown, black, no crest. Female gray and white, throat pure white, head brown.

created. Summer resident, breeds in P. E. I. Red-breasted Merganser; Sheldrake. (130) Mergus serrator. 22 in. Bill as in (129) but nostrils nearer the eye. Resembles (129) but male crested also, and a band of rusty and black streaks across his breast. Throat of female not pure white. Summer resident; reported by Bain.

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