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THREE MILLION A YEAR

An industry which originated in hard work, losses and discouragements and has grown to be the producer of at least three million dollars a year and is still growing, is something to be proud of, something to boast about and something to foster and encourage. Such is the silver black fox industry of Prince Edward Island. The history of the industry reads like a romance with the difference that it is not fiction, that thousands of the little silver beauties scattered in ranches all over the province and to be found in ranches in every province in Canada, in many of the Northern States of the Union, in Scotland, in England and in far off Japan, are living witnesses of the truth of the story.

The silver fox industry is a mine of wealth to this province as is shown by the fact that the yearly revenue from it is conservatively estimated at about three million dollars. The stability of the industry is now recognized by financiers. It has become a valuable branch of agriculture and we hope to see in the near future a fox ranch on every up to date farm in the province. No other live stock can possibly be as remunerative or bring such quick returns for investment. The animals are prime and ready for market if need be at a year old which is not true of any other live stock. Of course, like every other line of activity, the business must be conducted with prudence, intelligence and economy if it is to be profitable. Very many farmers have found it profitable, just as they have found farming profitable through care, attention and knowing how. Others will also find it so if they give it the attention it requires.

THE PATIENT PIONEER

Our esteemed western contemporary, The Pioneer, rises to congratulate the Conservative press on the relief afforded them by the assurance of Premier King that there shall be no election this fall. This is at least refreshing if not fresh. "They (the Conservative newspapers) have been dreading the very thought of having to face the country in its present parlous state," says the Pioneer with becoming sympathy! Our contemporary has ever been a philosopher. It is always ready to give a reason for its conclusions and to arrive at conclusions from reasons of its own invention whether they be related to the conclusions or not. It assumes in this case that there shall be no election this fall, because Premier King said so and proceeds, "As a matter of fact, there is really neither demand nor need for an election. The government is doing well and before another year rolls by the country will be reaping in large measure, the benefits accruing from tariff revision and tax reductions of the last session."

members who are making \$4,000 a year at the job and who can hang on to it for two more sessions. They would be fools to demand an election in such circumstances for it is a safe guess that very few, if any, of them shall ever get such a job again and an equally safe guess that they would not make as much honestly, that is, at any other job. No, they are not clamouring for an election.

And "the government is doing well," says the Pioneer. Mr. MacKenzie King said this also. He said the country was satisfied but the constituencies of Halifax and Kent County, the only constituencies whose opinions were asked, said they were not satisfied and several other constituencies are waiting their chance to say so too.

"Before another year rolls by," says the philosopher and the prophet of the western Metropolis, "the country will be reaping in large measure the benefit and etc., and etc." Why wait another year? Why, the country has been reaping in the very largest measure it has ever known, the "benefit" accruing from the government's "well doing." There are 2,000 closed factories in Canada, closed by the tariff manipulations, not of the King Government but rammed down the throat of the King Government by the Progressives of Western Canada and which the Government swallowed because there was on their part "no demand" for an election, and no need of an election so long as they could buy up enough Progressives to give them a majority in the House! And there are 300,000 Canadian workmen in the United States who might today be earning a living in Canada for themselves and their families but for the tariff manipulations afore-said.

We cannot but admire the patient optimism of The Pioneer and its willingness to wait till another year rolls by to see the promises of the King Government garnered and realized in full measure. There are those, however, who think they have seen too much of these and who believe that unless there is an election in the immediate future Canada will be a much worse place to live in than it is today.

THE VISION—AND THE FACT

Quite the most interesting study in this country today is the curious mentality of our Political Theorists. They go blithely on their way—eyes fixed on the horizon—caring little for the stumbling blocks at their feet. By virtue of his commanding position, our leading Political theorist is Mr. MacKenzie King, himself. Mr. King always was a theorist; and when he was acting Minister of Labor, he grasped the opportunity to give his theories full sway.

The fact that the principle of tariffs may be all wrong, does not make a particle of difference so far as this country is concerned. The tariffs are there—and Canada cannot set the pace. This country now, and for a great many years, must follow the lead of the larger, stronger nations in matters of this kind. The height of our tariff walls must be governed absolutely by those other countries of tremendous population and mass production of the most intensive kind. Even admitting, we say, that the principle of tariffs is wrong, it does not follow that this country dare divest itself of this form of protection. Many things are wrong in this world; but the wrongness of them is not an argument for refusing to face the fact that they exist.—Halifax Herald.

Notes By The Way

Canada wants more people and the number of immigrants who came to us last year was disappointing. Present indications that the total for this year will be but slightly larger than last year. Britain, unlike Canada, has more people than she wants and is very desirous to export the surplus of them, preferably to her Dominions overseas. Unable to find employment for them at home and compelled to dole out millions to support them in partial or complete idleness, she quite naturally prefers to contribute to their passage across the sea and to assist in establishing them abroad.

The British Government in this way months ago volunteered to expend much money on the voyage and the land settlement of those to be shipped abroad, for any of her emigrants, leaving to them the choice of their destination. Australia accepted the British offer months before the Canadian Government took action. Now we find certain Liberal journals in Canada trying to fool their readers into believing that Hon. Mr. Robb and the King Government originated the scheme and that Mr. Robb has achieved a great success in bringing the British Government to consent to it! How much credit is due to him and to the King Government for the "agreement" that has been reached can be easily estimated.

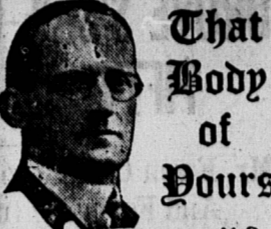
The immigration problem in Canada is admittedly a difficult one. Hitherto a large proportion of the immigrants who came or were brought to Canada really made the Dominion a mere stepping stone for their immediate or ultimate entry and settlement in the United States. Now, under the new regulations there these are stopped at the border, but many still manage to evade the officials and contrive a fraudulent entry. Hundreds of nominal immigrants to Canada are still on the waiting list trying to get across. Unfortunately there is much unemployment in Canada as well as in the Mother Country, with the prospect of a large increase in this class when cold weather comes on.

The King Government is unwilling to contribute to support the unemployed as has been done in past years, and is trying to shift the responsibility upon the provincial and municipal authorities. The latter are most unwilling to shoulder the burden. If the Dominion brings in immigrants who are unable to get immediate work too many of them, as has been found in the past, congregate in the cities and become a public charge. Why should the provinces and cities be held responsible for the support of those brought hither by the Federal Government? How the matter will be finally settled can only be conjectured at present, but it is a very vital and important one.

The Department of Immigration was never before so neglected as under the King regime. It had formerly a ministerial head, as its importance justified. It is now entrusted to an acting minister and Hon. James Robb is from time to time spoken of in the ministerial press as Minister of Immigration, but when he took up its duties it was not specified. Mr. Robb is one of the most capable and acceptable members of the King Cabinet, but has far too much to do in trying to manage three departments. He was appointed Minister of Trade and Commerce in December, 1921. Since Mr. Fielding's illness and disability during the past ten months the heavy duties of Acting Finance Minister have been imposed upon Mr. Robb. How much time or attention he could give to immigration may be imagined. The need of a Minister of ability devoting all his time and energy to immigration has seldom if ever been greater.

Reconstruction of the Cabinet at an early date seems to be foreshadowed in the Ottawa correspondence of the Toronto Globe. It is intimated that Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Murphy will shortly tender their resignations and that Hon. A. B. Hudson, former Attorney General of Manitoba, and Hon. Thomas Crerar will be given Cabinet portfolios and also that H. B. McGivern, M.P. for Ottawa, will become a forecast member of the Cabinet without portfolio.

What is even more important is that it is intimated that this is expected to go blend the Liberal and Progressive parties that by the time the general election comes the old two-party system will be re-established much to the general satisfaction. This looks very much like the "fusion" which was much talked of last year but could not then be effected. The complete restoration of the two-party order



By James W. Barton, M.D. DOES NATURE REALLY FALL DOWN?

You eat something that is harmful, your stomach rebels, and a vomiting spell gets rid of the offender. So it is with the bowels. Something irritates your nose, a couple of good sneezes, and you are relieved. A coughing spell will get rid of an irritating substance in the throat or bronchial tube.

Something harmful gets into the intestinal tract, and long-tudinal muscles work overtime, and it is expelled from the body. These processes work without your brain entering into it whatsoever. However, there is one point where you might feel that Nature falls down on her job. "How is it," you ask, "that Nature allows in so many people such an accumulation of waste material in the large intestine. That this waste matter can thus be allowed to get absorbed into the blood, and through the blood, poison the whole system. Because as a matter of fact, this poisoning is just as real as any other known poison."

Well as I've said often before, that body of yours was meant to eat natural foods, all kinds of foods as supplied by earth and sea. By eating these foods, whether cooked or raw, Nature provided you with a means of preventing this accumulation of waste matter. The all round diet always including vegetables and fruits, contains just the necessary materials to stimulate the action of the intestine. These foods all contain the walls or frame work in which the real food material is held, resembling somewhat the cardboard crates in which eggs are shipped.

This framework—roughage as it is called—acts just in the same way in the intestine as an irritating substance would in the nose and the throat. It irritates the muscles of the intestine, and they are stimulated to action, thus driving waste material along. Eating very refined or concentrated foods is all right, if you eat some rough food to counteract it and likewise take a few bending exercises, which have the same effect upon the muscles of the intestine as the rough food.

Where there has been any serious ailment with the stomach or intestine that has made them a bit tender, then rough foods are a mistake of course.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

A LITTLE BROOK

Dimpling, rippling softly, through the quiet woods, Where the mother partridge in leafy shadow broods, Splash, and dash and chatter, sparkling, dorkling flow, Down the grassy hillside to the vale below, Sunny, shining brooklet, I am loath to part, Till I learn your secret of a happy heart.

"I'm a hillside brooklet, so my way must be Steep and rough and winding, but it pleases me. Then I rest a moment in a quiet pool, Where the lacy spray keeps all the mosses cool. When the icy winter makes me white and dumb, I sleep beneath the drifts until the robins come." Little brook I love you, and I understand; I have shining moments like your silver sand. I have noise and turmoil when I rushing go, Then quiet pools of peace just when I need them so. When an icy finger stills my heart from pain, Then softly will I dream until I live again.

By MAY HOWE DAKIN.

Your Birthday

AUGUST 27.—You are loving kind, and noble-minded, and always generous to a foe. You will select a mate who will make you very happy. You are inclined to let ambition rule your life. Live out of doors as much as you can. You will travel a lot. Your birth stone is the sardonyx, which means a happy married life. Your flower is the poppy. Your lucky colors are orange and red.

things with the tariff as the main issue between them would be welcome to thousands of both Conservatives and Liberals throughout the Dominion if only for the reason that nothing could be much worse than the "government by barter" under which the country has groined for three years past.

The Public Forum

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CAN'T BE DID.

Sir.—You couldn't please Bell pocket organs and their correspondents no matter how hard you try. It's a something that simply can't be did. They groaned over the ruts let by their Premier Bell, until, if you didn't know them, you would really think they were hurt, or felt that way. They growled most vigorously because their autos had to rattle over the stones or tumble into the ditches left there by the Bell-Crosby blunders. Their eyes almost blistered at the sight of broken down bridges and ill-gated by-ways, the horrid botchery from four years of Liberal rule and their breathings of anæsthesia and sweatings of trouble seemed to be because the Stewart Government didn't wave the magic wand and, like the genie of Arabian Nights' fame, cure the Bell-Crosby's four years' bungling while these mal-contented slept in the night.

Now there is a diversion to their whining tune. The old grand dunt man out to their satisfaction. They found there was "something in it" and they swivelled around right about face with a great grit-like facility. They are grumbling still; you can bet your boots on that; but it isn't the holes and ruts and holes that worry them for the present. The crime now is that the Stewart Government are too busy re-building and repairing. Here is their latest mournful dirge from the Summerside Farmer, "Fortune bridge undergoing repairs, road to Alberton closed; bridge at Brooklyn school being renewed, road to Alberton closed. Montreal bridge and being rebuilt, road to Alberton closed. Earlier in the season the Gillian bridge was closed for some time, also road to Dougherty bridge and a Gough's bridge." And then the Farmer's correspondent waxes eloquence in appeal and denunciation, "What has Alberton done, 'Why are we the most wretched' " "Is it willful inefficiency or is it a plain 'don't care a hang'?" "Our crime must be heinous that we are thus punished."

Yes, the punishment is surely terrible. Almost as bad as the small boy so dirty that he had to take a bath. Their crime, too, was truly heinous when they helped out the Bell-Crosby Government in to leave behind them such an appalling list of broken down bridges and neglected roads to need such repairs. Their punishment is fair and just for such want of foresight and common sense judgment.

The Farmer and Patriot declares that these "Conditions last week were positively outrageous." Let me tell that Liberal combination that these outrageous conditions have prevailed in more places than in Alberton and it is the legacy from Premier Bell to Premier Stewart, and the inexcusable bungling of "Good roads" Crosby handed to Minister of Public Works MacDonald, a gigantic program of repair and reconstruction to be undertaken and overcome. For some time they have been howling most hideously because of these "outrageous" conditions of the roads. Now they whine because the work of repair and rebuilding is in rapid and efficient progress on a scale with the vast extent of the damage. But what difference? They will growl going or coming, it is their trade, they will even growl at the excess of fruit and foliage if they ever reach the city of pearly gates and golden roadways. They live grouching and will die the same. I am, Sir, etc.

ANTI-GROUCH.

Birds Heal Breaks With Plaster Casts

Ten different cases have now been authenticated by responsible French hunters and naturalists in which snipe and woodcock have bound up wounded or broken legs in a veritable plaster, sufficient to make sure the healing process and even to reduce the fracture, says an article in the Springfield Republican. In one case, real splints were bound to the broken leg. This is surgery. A scientific observer says: "I have examined the leg—a skillful surgeon could not have done better." M. Cappe de Bailion began with observations he made in the case of a wood hen. She had a mud plaster round her broken leg. It was held together with down from her breast. Next M. Henry when hunting in the Creuse in mid-France, shot a wood hen with a similar dressing round a broken leg. The plaster had hardened and the fracture was old.

Seen on Partridge, Too.

All this was not very artificial and someone suggested that some kind hunter picked up the wounded birds, plastered them up and set them free. But authenticated instances of far more elaborate surgery came in and they must be attributed to the birds themselves. So far, such cases have been verified in France only with snipe and woodcock who are first cousins. Only one observer, M. Teyssonneau, has found partridges with wounds bound up with mud and feathers. From easy cases let us go to the more difficult. Dr. Guido Pabis, who was attached to the Italian Embassy in Constantinople, has

hunted woodcock and snipe in Sardinia and in Thrace, and in each country he has found birds, emaciated and still suffering, that had covered their wounds with mud and down. Last year M. G. Garon shot in the Doubs in Eastern France a woodcock that had a dressing round the lower leg. "It was a kind of plaster, a mixture of earth, herbs and little feather, tightly bound up and completely hardened." It was a recent wound from a bird shot without breaking it and the wound was not yet cleared.

Varies Application.

M. Durlinge, in the Allier near Vichy, shot a wood hen that had round the leg joint a dressing made of "earth, moss and leaves, held together by dry grass. The wound was old and the leg seemed perfectly healed." In cases where the leg was broken, it is noticed that the bird varies the applications as a surgeon would do. In the Upper Loire region M. Danjou, who is a doctor, killed a wood hen with a leg broken by some other hunter. Signs of the shot were visible and the break was one that needed to be immobilized to heal. It was the right leg and the bird had folded it against her body and held it there by a band made of her breast feathers stuck together with the hardened blue that issues from her crop. "The bone had become enlarged, but it was fully clearing—and the fracture had been reduced."

A Real Splint

A still more curious case is reported by M. Moriceau of Paris. He brought down a snipe whose leg was held together by a ligature of grass. This was wound round the entire leg from the claws up to the second joint. The ligature was so carefully made that he had difficulty in finding the two ends which had been turned under. It covered a recent fracture from a hunter's shot and would have done credit to an expert hospital nurse. The climax is reached by a forest inspector at Vesoul, a graduate of a government scientific school. He killed a wood hen whose leg was bound up with two bits of wood serving as splints bound tightly together by rushes. He was dressing healed perfectly. A callus had formed and the break was healed without a twist in the leg. Naturalists ask—Why have snipe

and woodcock learned to practice surgery like this rather than other birds equally exposed to hunters' shots? No doubt, they have a special surgical instrument from Nature in their long beaks. There have a very sensitive cuticle at the end under which nerve filaments open directly. With this they see practically at the bottom of marsh mud which they probe for worms and this, with the wide-reaching flexibility of the beak, makes a wonderful instrument for dressing their wounds.

How It May Happen

Is it intelligence that directs the instrument? It would be if a human surgeon did the same operation. It is certainly not instinct that always does the same thing like a machine, whereas each of these wounds differs from others, and needs a separate diagnosis. Nearly all deal with gunshot wounds and antequity had no guns when instinct was developed. One French naturalist suggests an intermediate explanation. The handy long beak with its end as sensitive as an eye reaches round to the spot where the pain from the shot is felt. Then it soothes the sore spot with familiar mud and when this falls off puts it back and tries to keep it in place with equally familiar moss or grass and down in a suder way, many beasts rub sore spots.

W. G. Y.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27
WG Y (Scheneectady, N. Y.)
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11:30 a. m.—Stock market report.
11:40 a. m.—Produce market report.
11:45 a. m.—Weather report.
11:50 a. m.—Report on Farm Movement of Lettuce, from the New York State Dept. of Farms and Markets.
11:55 a. m.—Time signals.
5:00 p. m.—Produce and stock market quotations; news bulletins; baseball results.
5:30 p. m.—"Adventure Story" (courtesy of Youth's Companion, SILENT NIGHT).
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