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THE PROHIBITION COMMISSION

In justice to the Prohibition Commission, whose activities in the enforcement of the Prohibition Act, were referred to in those columns a few days ago, it is only fair to add some information regarding the difficulties placed in their way by those whose duty it is to prevent the illegal importation of liquor into the province.

It is well known and may be positively stated that no liquor is illegally sold in this province except smuggled and moonshine liquors. No charge and no insinuation has, so far as we know, ever been hinted at against any one of the provincial vendors. All the trouble is, as has been said, with smuggled and illegally manufactured liquors.

The Prohibition Commission realizing this, secured the appointment of Mr. W. H. Barbour as Customs Excise Enforcement Officer, during the summer of 1923. Mr. Barbour had always been a terror to illegal traffickers and, when given this additional authority he did not disappoint the Prohibition Commission. He got after the smugglers and moonshiners and very effectively held them in check.

His efforts, however, while quite satisfactory to the Commission did not suit the friends of the smugglers and moonshiners at Ottawa. With such a man as Barbour in office, what chance would the smugglers have? And there was money in smuggling; the smugglers evidently had friends at court. And so, somewhere about the first of January, 1924, Mr. Barbour was dismissed.

On January 15, 1924, the Prohibition Commission, through their secretary, Mr. Henry Smith, wrote to Mr. W. F. Wilson, Customs-Excise Prevention Officer, Ottawa, requesting the re-instatement of Mr. Barbour, stating that:

"During the past seven months Mr. Barbour has been doing excellent work and the Prohibition Commission is very much surprised to learn that his authority has been taken from him. Mr. Barbour was appointed at the request of the Prohibition Commission with the assistance of the Members of Parliament for this province, and as he was acting without salary, there seems no reason why he should not be continued in office."

The argument used by the Commission was, unfortunately, the wrong one. "Mr. Barbour has been doing excellent work!" Had they known the men they were dealing with they probably would not have mentioned this. Was it because the "friends" at Ottawa knew it, that they dismissed him? Anyway the reply they made to the Commission's request was, after courteous acknowledgment receipt of the letter from Mr. Smith, curtly this:

"In reply I beg to advise that the Department is not disposed to authorize the re-employment of Mr. Barbour as Custom-Excise Enforcement Officer."

And so Mr. Barbour went off duty and the smugglers and moonshiners came on and have had things pretty much their own way ever since. Liquor has been imported in shiploads. Some of it has been captured and, through unofficial action on the part of members of the Commission, some of it has found its way into the government bonded warehouse.

Yet, notwithstanding these official obstacles placed in their way the Commission has succeeded in reducing the number of drunks coming before the Police Court from 310 during the last two years of their predecessors, 1922 and 1923, to 210 during the past two years, 1924 and 1925.

So, after all, there is much to encourage in this improvement which, like all the other improvements that have come to Canada during

the past four years, came in spite of rather than with the help of the gang at Ottawa.

COURTESY

It was a happy thought, and in keeping with their general principles, for the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire to offer prizes for school essays on the Cultivation of Courtesy. Courtesy in this age, as was no doubt the case, in all former ages, is not being given the place its importance demands in our schools or in many of our homes. This also, we are convinced, is no more true of today than of former days.

There is always and always has been the complaint among certain people that things generally, including the manners of the young, are not as they were "when I was young." The same complaint was expressed in the manuscript of an old philosopher who lived about the year 300 B. C. "The children of today," he said in his eightieth year, "are not as courteous to their elders as we were when we were boys." It is an age-old complaint and the reason is age-old also, namely, the old cannot think young nor can the young think old. A corrective for the complaint might be found if the complainant were to sit down and quietly review some of his or her own youthful escapades and summing up some well remembered samples of "courtesy" then indulged in; but that by the way.

The thing is that there is not as much courtesy among young or old as there ought to be but, as in the ages past, the want of it, where it should be expected, is the exception, not the rule.

Some children are born courteous, born into a courteous atmosphere, reared in courteous surroundings. They are invariably ladies or gentlemen regardless of age and they carry with them the atmosphere of their home and early training. True, the surroundings in school and in the business world may rub off much of the politeness of the early years, may blunt the sensibilities that once shrank from coarseness and boorishness and some care must be exercised to guard against this.

This is where the school can wield an influence for good or ill. Courtesy should be the first law of the school; courtesy not only to the teacher but courtesy between the pupils themselves, courtesy to visitors, on the play ground, on the street.

What, after all, is courtesy. Reduced to the last analysis it is kindness. The kind child or man or woman can scarcely fail to be courteous. True the kindly act may lose much by the manner in which it is administered, may lack in courtesy grace and this is where the value of cultivating courtesy comes in.

Courtesy has nothing to do with wealth or poverty, with good clothes or poor clothes. The child of the wealthy home may be boor and impudent and anything but courteous; the poor ill clad child may be in essence a lady or gentleman.

And who is there that is not attracted by the little lady or gentleman whose graceful courtesy sheds a halo over the soiled, it may be, patched garments, from the play ground. If parents and teachers realized that the measure of the home and the school is unconsciously carried into the open by their children, we feel sure that the home and the school is unconsciously receive more attention in many instances than it does today. Let us all cultivate and practise courtesy, not the mechanical and artificial variety which often is its own condemnation but the variety which comes of true kindness and respect for others.

Notes by the Way

That over 25,000 persons were killed and 741,000 injured in automobile accidents last year in the United States is the alarming statement that has recently been widely published and stands uncontradicted so far as we know. Admitting that this occurred in a very populous country which has millions of motor cars, the statement carries with it the conviction that a very serious new danger to life and limb has come into the world in recent years. And this new danger is increasing from year to year as the number of cars on the streets and highways is being multiplied.

In Belgium recently there was a meeting of the International Congress of Medical Climatology. Just think of that for a moment, physicians coming from all parts of the world to discuss the effect of climate upon health or on ill health. One physician gave an account of the results from treatment by the sun in a series of 2000 patients. He stated that, speaking generally, fully 75 per cent of tuberculous persons can be subjected to this treatment without harm. The sun does not cause congestion, not hemorrhage, whether the treatment is given at a mountain or a plain sanitarium.

Even in those cases where there is an accumulation of air or gas squeezing one lung, and preventing it from working, thus making the other work faster, it has been found quite safe to use the sun treatment. Another ailment, aside from tuberculosis, which is benefited by the sun treatment, is where the patient is recovering from pleurisy. Physicians, particularly insurance examiners, will tell you that pleurisy is very often a forerunner of frequent attacks of pleurisy means rejection by many insurance companies.

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The lungs are a very soft tissue indeed, and it is surprising that more damage is not done to them by thoughtfulness and carelessness. However by gradually exposing a portion of the body daily to the sun or a limited time, and gradually increasing the part exposed, and the length of time, wonderful results are obtained in these chest cases. The effects of the sun in preventing rickets, or bone softening in children, is not known to all civilized people.

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Put in another way, the automobile accidents we are considering took away the lives of twice as many people as there are in the city of Charlottetown and injured or maimed more people than are now living in the two Provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. These alarming facts are recited here and now solely in order to promote caution and of necessary vigilance on the part of car drivers and officers of the law which are the guardians of public safety.

If we admit that nine out of ten car drivers are competent, alert, careful and law-abiding, what about the other one-tenth who are not so? To the careful and competent we owe the exemption from fatal car accidents which this City and Province have hitherto experienced. The motoring season has just begun and the tourist season is close at hand with bright prospect of increased numbers coming, and many of them bringing their cars with them. Not all of those who come will be so careful in their driving when on a holiday trip abroad as they may deem it prudent to be when at home. It is worth while, therefore, to begin the season right with due precautions to guard the public safety.

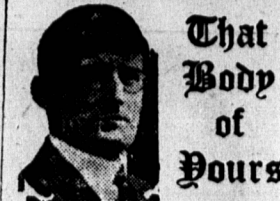
As it is now cars are seen running after nightfall without headlights and sometimes running at unlawful speed also. We have heard many complaints on this score in past years—not so many this year. In such cases the unlighted car is a source of great danger to pedestrians and some narrow escapes from being run over are related. The foot passenger who is about to cross the street sees and gives attention to the bright headlights of an approaching car and fails to see the unlighted car that may be following it, or coming swiftly around a near-by corner.

We all hope that the good fortune of past years may be continued, and the Automobile Association may be relied upon to do what it can to promote general carefulness. Safety first is a sound motto on railway trains, equally sound in motoring and all should work together to that end. Too many drivers, relying upon past good fortune become careless of the future.

Think of Norway forbidding the importation of foxes from Prince Edward Island because of a little outbreak of rabies in Ottawa six months ago. It was all past before the Norwegians heard of it. Ottawa is almost as far from our fair island as Norway is from the North Pole, and sometimes we wish it was even farther away!

It is announced that the Maritime Rights Commission will meet "some time in June." Let us hope it will be in June of this year! The place of meeting has also yet to be selected. As to that, may we suggest that some city in the Maritime Provinces might well be chosen. And if this suggestion should be adopted, why not say Charlottetown, the Cradle of Confederation? It was here that the Fathers met sixty-two years ago. John A. Macdonald, George Brown, George E. Cartier, A. T. Galt, Thomas A. Arce, McGeer, Charles Tupper, S. L. Tilley and others thought it worth while to come. It is true that none of these gentlemen were Knights or Baronets then. Such honors came later.

The old Colonial Building of grey stone is still standing and within it is the Legislative Council Chamber. And on its wall is a Bronze



By James W. Barton, M.D. A CLIMATE SOCIETY

In these days when we are thinking of all the different methods of treating ailments, and we learn that the surgeons have their special conventions, likewise the general practitioners, the public health physicians, those treating ear, nose and throat, those treating tuberculosis, and so forth.

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Daily Lessons In English

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "he is apt to be here soon." Say "likely to be." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: entrance. Pronounce an-trā, the first a as in "arm," last a as in "tray," accent last syllable. OFTEN MISSPELLED: assent

SYNONYMS: command, instruction, order, direction, mandate. 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: PSEUDONYM; a fictitious name. "His stories were published under the pseudonym of Raymond."

There are no days like the good old days. The days when we were youthful, When humankind were pure of mind And speech and deeds were truthful.

Before a love for sordid gold Became man's ruling passion, Before each dame and maid became Slave to the tyrant fashion!

There are no girls like the good old girls; Against the world I'd stake 'em. As buxom and smart and clean of heart As the Lord knew how to make 'em!

They were rich in spirit and common sense, And they all supportin'; They could bake and brew, and had taught school, too, And they made the likeliest courtin'!

There are no boys like the good old boys, When we were boys together; When the grass was sweet to the brown bare feet That dimpled the laughing heather; When the peewee sang to the Summer dawn Of the bee in the billow clover; Or down by the mill the whippoorwill Echoed his night song over.

There is no love like the old love, The love that mother gave us! We are old, old men, yet we pine again For the precious grace—God gave us! So we dream and dream of the good old times, And our hearts grow tenderer, Softer, As those dear old dreams bring soothing gleams Of the Heaven away of yonder.

Happenings of the Week

Let me today do something that shall take A little sadness from the world's vast store; And may I be so favored as to make Of joy's too scanty sum, a little more.

Let me not hurt, by any selfish deed, Or thoughtless word, the heart of foe, or friend; Nor would I pass, unseeing, worthy need, Nor sin by silence, where I should defend.

One of Queen Mary's favorite occupations is to send flowers to London hospitals when she is staying in the castle. The Queen picks at the flowers herself and after tying them into little bunches personally superintends their transport. On her last visit to London the Queen did not follow one of her war-time pursuits. During that period the authorities found walnut husks were useful and the Queen spent many hours picking them off the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Houle entertained the cast of "Anne?" very delightfully at dinner on Tuesday followed by a few hours of music.

The cast of "Anne?" was also entertained to dinner at the Victoria Hotel on Thursday evening by the Odd Fellows, and on this happy occasion Mrs. Houle was presented with a lovely combination travelling bag by the Odd Fellows and a beautiful flower bowl by the members of the cast.

Miss Hutcheson, Lady Superintendent of the P. E. I. Hospital, left Thursday on a vacation to Toronto.

Col. Alexander Macphail of Kingston, spent a short time in Montreal this week with his brother, Sir Andrew Macphail. Mrs. Macphail and their son, Jack, will join Col.

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Macphail, at their summer home in Orwell, early in June.

Mrs. Samuel Kennedy opened her lovely home on Brighton Road on Thursday afternoon, entertaining for the Ladies' Guild of the Baptist Church. Although the weather in the early afternoon was most inclement, there was a large attendance of ladies, who were cordially welcomed by Mrs. Kennedy, assisted by Mrs. R. C. Eaton and Mrs. P. Forsythe. Mrs. H. S. Henderson and Mrs. J. A. Webster had the pleasant duty of ushering the guests, who were admitted by little winsome Joyce Stentiford. In the dining room, where the tea table was most attractively arranged with exquisite roses, Mrs. I. J. Yeo and Mrs. E. D. Nicholson poured tea, and were assisted in serving by Mrs. R. Quigley, Mrs. H. L. Bellhouse, Mrs. H. W. Yeo, Mrs. A. Baker, Mrs. J. E. Sterns, Mrs. F. Tinney, Miss Finlayson and Miss Trennaman.

Dr. and Mrs. Cyrus McMillan are among the patrons and patronesses for the McGill Convocation Dance, to be held in the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, next Thursday evening.

Among the welcome visitors here this week was Miss Ford of Toronto, secretary of the National Board of the Y.W.C.A., who is making a tour of the Maritime Provinces. On Thursday afternoon the local Y.W.C.A. held a reception in Miss Ford's honor at the Cundall Home, when quite a number of ladies called to meet Miss Ford and to hear her interesting address on the work of the Y.W.C.A. in Canada and also in India. Afternoon tea was served, affording those present an opportunity to become better acquainted with Miss Ford.

Senator and Mrs. McLean, of Souris, have come home. Mrs. McLean to remain for the summer, the Senator to return on Tuesday to his parliamentary duties at Ottawa.

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On Monday, the 24th, although many of the members have already tried out the links. Tea is to be served, and a pleasant afternoon's sport is anticipated. The hostesses will be Mrs. MacCreedy, Mrs. W. S. Stewart, Mrs. E. Smallwood and Miss Palmer.

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