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THE BEST THEY CAN DO.

It is generally admitted that men holding positions of trust whether appointed by private firms or elected by the people, will do the best they can. They will do this for their own sakes as well as for the sake of the service in which they are engaged. It is a poor recommendation, however, to say that they will do the best they can. This compassionate view will not offset in competence any more than it would offset deliberate neglect of their duty. A compassionate plea is being set up at present for the present Government. We are told that they are doing the best they can, and that for this reason their acts should not be too severely criticized.

The merchant who employs a helper in his business naturally expects him to do the best he can, but if his best is no better than the worst of somebody else, the merchant, unless extremely compassionate, will dispense with his services at the earliest possible moment, and give his place to one who will not only do his best, but whose best will be of value to the business. No one doubts for a moment that the men at the head of the various departments of our Provincial Government are doing the best they can. They owe it to themselves to earn the good will of those who elected them, and from whom they expect support in a future emergency—but if their best is not such as the necessities of the country demand, their good intentions will avail them little.

The roads in this Province during the present summer indicate very clearly that if those in charge have done their best, their best is not good enough. Our roads show incompetence, and want of judgment, such as have never before been experienced in this country. This is not the kind of service that taxpayers expect in return for the hard earned money which is being paid out. We expect people placed in charge of important services not only to do their best but to be capable of doing work which will be satisfactory to the country. This has not been done by the present heads, and no matter how much compassion may be evoked in their favor the fact remains that the best they have done has been a serious injury to the Province. The time has now come when competence as well as a willingness to do the best must be looked for. The expenses of administration in this Province are running into figures hitherto unparalleled. For this expense people have a right to expect adequate return in faithful and competent service. It is time that competence should be regarded as a qualification for public service. There are many reasons why men should be elected to our Provincial and Federal Parliaments. They may be popular, they may be "hail fellows well met," they may have wealth and ambition for public honors, but unless they are qualified to do the work that they are entrusted with, it would be more profitable to the Province and to the country at large to leave them in the quiet of their own homes and do the work that they understand how to do.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Now that the question is open and some of our Liberal newspapers have called it "silly" we are waiting for a definition by some of these wise acres of the expression, "equality of status." Few Canadians profess to understand what the expression means, although it has been banded round the newspaper world as something that Mr. MacKenzie King secured for Canada at the last Imperial Conference. If Mr. MacKenzie King at that

conference secured anything for Canada that she did not enjoy before, all Canadians, Liberals and Conservatives, would like to know what it is.

Canada is mistress of her own domestic affairs. She has full control of them. This status she enjoyed long before the Imperial Conference and so far as we can learn nothing has been added to it or taken from it by the decisions arrived at at the Imperial Conference. Now Canada wants to know if there is anything in this claim for equality of status, or what additional powers, if any, have been conferred upon her. The phrase, Independence of Canada, has figured largely in Liberal boasts in the last few years. Now we want to know how far this independence is supposed to go and what additional rights we have secured in the management of this great British Empire, of which we form no inconsiderable part.

THE INSECT PEST.

The destructive caterpillars which are now threatening the life of our city trees are still hard at work and their ravages are becoming daily more and more apparent. Unless speedily checked these insects will in a short time destroy the ornamental trees of which the city is so justly proud, and which are the admiration of all our visitors. The City Council has sprayed the trees at least once and while this may have checked, to a very limited extent, the progress of the caterpillars, they have recovered their full strength and are again at work as hard as ever. It will require a number of sprayings not only on the trees, but on the adjoining buildings, fences and other surroundings to effectively prevent the wholesale destruction that is now in progress. Walking along the streets one sees walls, fences, etc., covered with the crawling pests, and these are all preparing for the next season's operations. Unless they are checked this Fall the consequence next summer will undoubtedly be very damaging.

We trust the City Council will follow up the good work it has begun.

TOURIST BUSINESS.

Whether or not the tourist business has increased or fallen off is a matter that should be easily ascertained. That the tourist business would be of great potential value to the Province will not be questioned by anyone. Every Province in Canada is catering to it, and spending large sums of money in promoting it. Many millions of dollars have come into Canada in recent years through the tourist traffic. We are entitled to our share of this, and no Province in Canada has more to offer the tourist than Prince Edward Island has. There are differences of opinion as to the means we are employing to encourage this trade. Whether these differences of opinion are political, sectional or otherwise, there should be enough sound business sense in the Province to arrive at a business conclusion. Matters relating to the commercial and industrial good of the country should not be left to haphazard political opinions. Our business men should get together and see whether we are or are not on the right track.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Dogs generally, and ill-trained children, are the enemies of our flower gardens. Owners of the former, and the parents or guardians of the latter should be held responsible for all damages done.

There is a perceptible improvement in the care with which cars are being driven on the streets, due no doubt to the watchfulness of the

Notes by the Way

INTEREST is being stimulated in the Belfast by-election by the announcement of a series of public meetings commencing at Caledonia on Monday, August 6. The nominations take place on Thursday, August 9, and the election is fixed for Thursday, August 16. There are three candidates in the field, Mr. George A. MacLean, Conservative, Mr. Callum J. Bruce, Liberal, and Mr. W. E. Bentley, Prohibitionist. The vacancy is due to the appointment of Mr. George S. Inman to the Prince County Court Judgeship; and the vacancy is being contested by the Conservatives on the record and policy, or lack of policy, on the part of the Government.

The direct issue of Prohibition vs. Government Control does not enter into the contest, as Ex-Premier Stewart has given the assurance that until after 1929, when the Plebiscite promised by the Saunders Government, takes place, the controversy is a "closed book" so far as the Conservative party is concerned. Mr. Bentley, on the other hand, desires to fight the Saunders Government on its non-fulfillment of its pre-election Prohibition promises, and seeks the suffrage of the electorate as a straight, uncompromising critic of the Saunders Government's pussy-footing on the issue.

Were Mr. Bentley elected he would constitute a party all by himself, as the fact that he has entered the field against the official candidate of the Conservative party ipso facto rules him out of the party; while the Liberals, which he supported at the general election, also have an official nominee in the field. In neither provincial nor Dominion politics is there any room here for a third party; it has been attempted in the Dominion elections before, Mr. Bentley being the sponsor for the Progressive party when the attempt was made to foment that ill-fated, illegitimate child of Western Liberalism upon the robust legitimate two-party system of Eastern Canada.

Here we believe in, and adhere to the two-party system, and all that is to be gained by running a third party is a split vote in favor of either Conservatives or Liberals. The electors of Belfast should have no hesitation in casting their votes in favor of Mr. George A. MacLean and thereby strengthening the Opposition force in the Legislature, so ably led by Ex-Premier Stewart.

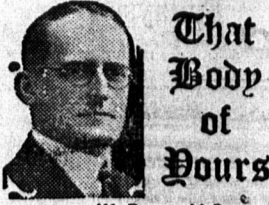
A curious incident with reference to the tragic death of the Mystery Millionaire, Captain Alfred Loewenstein, has just been disclosed at Ottawa. Early this summer the Captain visited Canada in connection with his international financing undertakings, and under date of July 20, the Toronto Star reports: "Before leaving, Capt. Loewenstein flew to Ottawa and dined with Premier King. It is learned that before starting for home Captain Loewenstein forwarded his cheque for \$2,000 with the request that it be applied to charitable objects, particularly, it is understood, soldier welfare work. The wishes of the now deceased capitalist will be carried out."

Again, under date of July 27, The Toronto Star says:—"Cheques donated by Captain Alfred Loewenstein to the veterans at Christie St. Hospital, \$1,000; the Women's College Hospital, \$1,000; and the Hospital for Sick Children, \$500, have been duly met. The Star learned on enquiry today. The fact would make it appear that the business of winding up the financier's vast estate is proceeding smoothly and that the discovery of his body has eliminated any tie-up of his property, which might have resulted had the courts been unable to declare him legally dead."

Now the question that naturally arises is why should cheques given by Captain Loewenstein for definite purposes while he was in Canada be held back and cashed only after he had returned to Europe, been drowned through dropping from his aeroplane in the English Channel, and his body picked up after many days? It is not customary for alert business men to risk such delays and loss of interest in cashing cheques, even of reputed millionaires, and why should charitable and philanthropic institutions take such risks?

police; still there are offenders who seem to take a fiendish delight in tearing along the streets and tooting their horns, when all decent citizens are, or ought to be, in their beds. A few of these require rounding up.

We sleep, but the loom of life never stops; and the pattern which was weaving when the sun went down, is weaving when it rises in the morning.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

ONE FORM OF DRUG HABIT

A monthly Medical Bulletin tells of a well dressed intelligent looking man of middle age going into a drug store and addressing the soda water clerk said "Give me something for a headache." The clerk poured him out a liquid which he drank without further word or question. Now what the soda water clerk had given him was a powerful opium tar drug that would not only stop his headache, but has stopped the heart itself in a great many cases. "It cures a headache by hitting the nerves such a tremendous blow that for a time they fail to register pain or anything else."

Now pain is pain, and no one can be blamed for trying to get relief from it, but a drug that can knock a headache "cold" can only do so by knocking the entire nervous system "cold," and Nature demands repayment for such treatment. Now just as high temperature is a symptom, a high pulse rate a symptom, low or high blood pressure simply symptoms, so also is a headache only a symptom of trouble, or as this writer graphically puts it "headache is merely a symptom, a red flag frantically waved by old mother Nature."

It tells as plainly as possible that somewhere in the internal regions something is going wrong." In a former article I spoke of twenty causes of headache, but there are likely more of which I didn't think or know. It doesn't look like good sense therefore to take a powerful drug to stop or cure the headache without any endeavor to find out the cause. While this writer had in mind that taking powerful drugs might quite readily cause a "drug habit," my thought is that the common sense thing to do would be to try and find out the cause of the pain.

If you have the headache once you are quite likely to have it again; therefore a little investigation on your part with the help of the family doctor should enable you to locate the cause and so prevent this type of headache in future days, to say nothing about the damage and danger of any drug habit being formed.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

August 2, 1928

OUR GOD REWARDS—The great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool; and rewardeth transgressors.—Prov. 28:10.

PRAYER—Dear Lord, give us wisdom that we may receive the rewards of righteousness.

THE IDEALIST

"He is a dreamer," people say, "Who will not see the sun at noon, But seeks, instead, the shadows grey, And the pale radiance of the moon."

"He is the sort our logic hates; He does not heed the stubborn things That science tells us, but sits and waits To hear the beat of angel's wings."

"He looks beyond the commonplace—All that we see in man and woman—And seems to find in every face A glimpse of something more than human."

Yet he is never overmuch Concered his critics to refute. Because his soul has felt a touch That gives it knowledge absolute—And Truth is more than lucky guess, And Friendship more than idle whim, And Beauty more than prettiness, And Love is more than life, to him.—H. T. J. Coleman.

HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK By ROBERTA LEE

Restoring Silk

To restore thin silk, dip it in a weak solution of gum arabic, two level teaspoonful dissolved in a quart of water, and then strain through cheesecloth.

Glass Tube

When a glass tube is necessary for the patient who cannot sit up to drink from a cup, a stick of macaroni will serve satisfactorily as a substitute.

Sandwiches

To keep sandwiches fresh, wrap them in a dry napkin and then in a towel wrung out of cold water. Place them in the refrigerator.

In a miniature bowling alley the balls are propelled with billiard cues and when a pin is knocked down an electric circuit registers the fact in a light on a board.

CENSUS OF INDUSTRY

Lumber Industry 1925-6. Statistics for P. E. I.

Historicus.

The extent of the lumber product of Canada is a subject which affords considerable room for feelings of pride. The industry is not by any means as extinct as the Dodo. Had the legislation of the past 50 years done its duty and taken steps to conserve our wood lands as it should have done, and has been done by some of our sister provinces they would not need a lesson of such large dimensions. Instead our sisters permitted the depletion to go after the pioneer period almost to the bitter end. It is not too late yet, however, to end the work of slaughter by latest scientific processes. We venture to assert that the growth of marketable wood in P. E. Island is much more rapid than in any other province in the Dominion. The soil is fertile, and the climate most favorable for the growth of nearly all sorts of trees, and their growth is really phenomenal. Watch the growth of its limbs from year to year, and you reach a fair estimate of how high it will climb in a few short years. Doubtless the wood land will require some attention to give the budding youngsters a fair start. But it can be done, and is being done in poor soils in other places. Besides there is so little poor soil on P. E. Island that the worst should have a good chance from start to finish.

The forest areas of Canada are estimated at 1,250,000 square miles, says an official report published at Ottawa early in the present year (1928.) Less than 40 per cent. of this carries marketable timber (6 inches in diameter), and only about 20 per cent. carries saw timber (10 inches in diameter). The balance of the forest area carries young stands which have come up after fire or lumbering operations. "About 2,000,000 square miles of forest land in Canada has been set aside in reserves or parks or otherwise permanently dedicated to forest production."

For a considerable proportion of the present forest area there is little reliable information as large areas have not yet been thoroughly explored. The estimated stand of timber of merchantable size (disregarding present accessibility) is 422,075,500,000 feet.

Annual statistics covering forest products including those of the lumber industry were first collected and published by the Forest Service of the Interior Department in 1908, and were continued until 1916. Since that date the work has been carried on by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Forest Service, the results being published in an annual bulletin usually provided by a preliminary report.

In the report referred to, the lumber industry of P. E. Island is 1925-6 was estimated at 44 mills, \$139,038 capital invested; 24 employees, \$12,875 wages and salaries paid; cost of materials, \$72,320; gross value of production, \$131,853.

Later we may compare the above figures with those of the other Provinces, which thus presented would, in some cases, make a showing more creditable than was expected—when lumber growing and manufacturing are so sadly neglected, with the result that for five months of each year unemployment is often keenly felt, and is now the only industry that is not keeping abreast with the times in our far-famed Island home.

The Land We Love

By Frank Yelsh

CANADA'S NET DEBT

Q. What is Canada's Net Debt? A. A decrease of \$87,160,784 in the net debt of Canada during the fiscal year which closed on March 31, 1928 is reported. Last year the statement issued at the close of the fiscal year showed a decrease in the net debt of \$61,429,500. The net debt as on March 31, last, according to the statement was \$2,260,673,585. Ordinary revenues collected during the past fiscal year amounted to \$410,144,559, or an increase of \$26,233,338 over those of the previous year, the statement shows. Ordinary expenditure also recorded an increase amounting to \$15,407,665, and stood at \$306,708,741 on March 31, last.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say "no one other is so generous as she." Say "no one else." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: geyser. Pronounce the ey as y, in "by," the s as in "sir," or as z. OFTEN MISPELLED: Presbyterian; s, not z.

SYNONYMS: arrogant, domineering, dictatorial, overbearing, dogmatic, imperious. 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: CRYSTALLIZE; to bring to definite and permanent form. "Thomas Jefferson caught and crystallized the spirit of free institutions."

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Of what does the wedding cake consist? A. The wedding cake is a rich, dark fruit cake, finely frosted and

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ornamented. Q. What will a well-bred man or woman never do in a hotel? A. He will never, not even in his own room, make such noise as will attract attention or disturb other guests. Q. What is a very important element of success in every department of dress? A. The choice of proper and becoming colors.

THE BOATS

The Queens Gardens, a paper for boys and girls published in Philadelphia, reproduces the following poem written by Erma Patterson, aged 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Patterson of this City.

THE BOATS

Safely down the River of Life, Past the dangers of Sin and Strife, Wafted along by the wind and tide, Safely steered by its Holy Guide Came the boat of selfishness.

Wrecked at last on the Sands of Strife, Down the rolling River of Life, Thinking alone of themselves the while, Grumbling along with never a smile— The fate of the craft of selfishness.

Oh, which will you choose—the sorrow or joy? The work for a while with joy in sight, Or joy with sorrow beyond the bend? Oh, take the one that leads to the right. Choose Unselfishness, my friend!

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Grain crops are in good condition and harvesting is general. The estimated yield is 130% of average while for root crops the estimate is 110%. Pasturage is excellent. In the Okanagan district some Macintosh apples will have scab. All other fruits are comparatively clean. The estimated yield of apples is 110% of average, late cherries 110%, plums 70%, hops 60%, tomatoes 130%, potatoes 80%, small fruits 100%. Pests have caused a substantial amount of damage to hops.

Little besides the boiler is carried on the first unit of a new British locomotive for high speed express train service, the driving mechanism being on the tender.

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So that England will not have to depend upon foreigners a London technical school has established a course to teach British boys to become waiters. An attachment for automobiles with which brake and transmission bands can be adjusted from the driver's seat while a car is running has been invented. Heat resisting paint for wood or metal, composed of powdered carbide sludge, coloring matter and linseed oil, has been patented by its Pennsylvania inventor.

Advertisement for RT. HON. R. B. BENNETT AND MISS MILDRED BENNETT King's County, Friday, Aug. 10. Includes list of events: GEORGETOWN, AT 3 P. M.; SOURIS, AT 8 P. M.; QUEEN'S COUNTY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 11th.; PICNIC EXHIBITION GROUNDS AT 1 P. M.; BANQUET BEACH GROVE HOTEL 8 P. M.; PRINCE COUNTY, MONDAY, AUGUST 13th.; TIGNISH, AT 2 P. M.; SUMMERSIDE, AT 8 P. M. All cordially invited to come and meet the New Leader and his brilliant sister.

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