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Canada's "Grievance"

Only one note of Imperial disharmony has been struck by the Royal Visit to Canada, says the London Times. An eminent correspondent has placed it on record that Canada has a grievance against the photographers of Great Britain, because they have never done personal justice to Her Majesty the Queen. No doubt the charge will be reported in other dominions, which will henceforth be still less contented with hearsay evidence about Their Majesties. After the happy experience of Canada we must expect that Australians, New Zealanders and South Africans will ask to see for themselves, as they have every right to do. After so great a demonstration of the value of the personal element in Imperial relations, and with travel becoming easier and more rapid every year, England cannot expect to retain such a monopoly of the royal presence as she has enjoyed for centuries past.

Fishermen's Study Courses

The rise in the number of clubs formed for the study of the fishery industry by fishermen themselves with a view toward improving their lot has been noteworthy, reports the Fisheries News Bulletin. Between August, 1936, when the work was first undertaken, and April, 1937, no less than 425 study clubs were formed among the fishermen with a membership of approximately 4,000 members. In June, 1938, the number of study clubs reported as functioning was 615, while 18 fishermen's associations were reported as having been organized, most of them co-operatives, and a group of credit unions. In the November '38-March, '39 period, close to 1,500 additional clubs were established—in Nova Scotia about 460, New Brunswick 740, Prince Edward Island nearly 200, and the Magdalens 65.

The number of workers in the field to carry on this special work varies from time to time, but in February 1939, there were thirty-four of them, thirteen of them in Nova Scotia, thirteen in New Brunswick, six in Prince Edward Island, and two in the Magdalens Islands.

Cost of the program is defrayed by the Department of Fisheries, "cost" in this case including assistance given to representative young fishermen to enable them to attend an extension short course at an Atlantic Coast university.

Reindeer Increasing

Some five years ago the Canadian government brought into the northern regions of the Dominion a herd of reindeer, numbering less than 2,500, as an experiment. The belief was that these useful creatures would increase and multiply, for the benefit of the native population. They would, it was hoped, provide not merely a badly-needed supply of good food, but also furnish the materials for clothing and prove serviceable in other ways. It is most gratifying to learn that the experiment has succeeded. It had been feared that the intense cold and other unfavourable climatic conditions, such as sudden storms, might decimate the herds; a certain number of animals are annually lost from these causes, but a report just issued by the Department of Mines and Resources shows that they are more than holding their own; in fact, their numbers have almost doubled, in spite of the animals slaughtered for food. The care of the reindeer is now committed to the Eskimos, with a government chief herder acting as supervisor.

On the summer range at Richards Island, off the Arctic coast, 1,200 fawns have been born this year. Last fall 900 deer were taken from the main herd to establish a native herd in the Anderson river area, about 150 miles east of the government reindeer station. Adding this year's fawns, the total number of the main herd is given as 4,700. It is stated that, though the reserve is located some two hundred miles north of the Arctic Circle, from 85 to 90 per cent. of the young animals survive, the fawns "scraping around for moss to augment the milk provided by their mothers" within a few days of their birth. It would seem, then, that claims are being made good, and that scepticism regarding the feasibility of the experiment was without foundation.

War Veterans' Death-Rate

It is reported that the officials concerned in the recording and study of statistics affecting the payment of pensions to veterans of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in the Great War have discovered the possibly significant fact that the death-rate among such veterans has been higher among those whose period of war service began at an age younger than twenty-five, than among others. Still another fact observed is that the death-rate among the younger veterans after being noticeably higher, has suddenly dropped.

The lesson with regard to comparative ages, suggests the Frederick Gleaner, seems to be that a man younger than twenty-five at the time of beginning war service had not the resistant physical powers that the man of twenty-five or more had, and for that reason had in his body after his period of service the detrimental effects of such service, with the result that his death was likely to result within the next twenty years. That there have been exceptions to this must be recognized for each and every one can recall some veterans who enlisted when youngsters, went through the toughest kind of service and to-day are pictures of health. This fact probably is reflected in the sudden drop in the mortality rate of the younger veterans. Those who had the seeds of disability sowed in their systems on service have passed on and the more resistant survive. Evidently those who were more seriously affected have succumbed.

The expectation now may be that any increase in the veterans' death-rate in the next few years will be among the older veterans. Time is gradually reducing the numbers of the ex-servicemen but there still are thousands of them in all parts of the Dominion and their influence still is to be felt.

Editorial Notes

Saint John the Baptist.

Midsummer Day—according to the Calendar.

About the only abundant crop so far has been June brides.

Driving without a licence in Italy will bring a maximum penalty of a year in prison plus a \$250 fine.

What a lot of deserving democrats are looking vainly for the leaves and fishes promised them at election time! Never mind there is another season of promises in the offing—a Federal election.

Evidently the move to get Hon. Mr. Ralston back into parliament is to provide a successor if need be to Hon. Mr. Dunning as Minister of Finance. By the same token, should Mr. Dunning retire from the representation of Queen's the Liberal candidate would more than likely be the Hon. Dr. Cyrus MacMillan.

U. S. A. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace reports that tree shelterbelts promised to help make the Great Plains region an actual "breadbasket" for the nation rather than an "advertised drought land." He reported that forestry workers found it difficult at first to find farmers willing to allow tree planting because of a "rather common belief that the trees would not grow," but that support for the tree-planting project now "seems to be unanimous" in the region. Eighteen-inch seedlings planted in 1935 and 1936 were now thirty to thirty-five feet high.

It is an amusing commentary on so-called advanced scientific methods that the British Parliament, which was recently being pressed to legalize birth control to reduce the number of births, is now worrying over the fact that the already falling birth rate will result in a reduction of the population of England and Wales from 41,000,000 as at present to 30,000,000 thirty years hence. It is now suggested a premium should be paid for all children after the first three. All that Lord Dawson of Penn., a birth control sympathizer, suggests as a remedy is "to advertise the advantages of motherhood and family life from the medical and social viewpoint." In the expressive phrase of ex-Governor Smith of New York "oh, yeah?"

Machinery has been set in motion to prepare the province of Alberta for a general election this fall—provided there is a general Dominion election. It is generally agreed in political circles now that Premier William Aberhart will go to the country immediately before the Dominion Government. If Premier King should decide to wait until 1940, it is likely Premier Aberhart will follow suit. In any case, organization for the election battle is well under way by the Social Crediters. During the last two weeks, civil servants have been instructed to prepare the necessary forms and printed matter, and ballot boxes are being checked over and made ready for use in the basement of the legislative buildings. Organizers have also been dispatched into the various ridings. Such routine activities—as yet officially unannounced—have caused an injection of action into various political factions which will seek approval of the Alberta electorate when the time comes for a campaign. Headlined the last few days has been a fresh attempt of both Liberal and Unity organizations to come to terms on an anti-Aberhart solid front.

More optimism is now felt in the west regarding the grasshopper threat to this year's wheat product, according to the crop report of Lake of the Woods Milling Company, Limited. The report follows: Continued cool weather with light rains and showers in Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan and heavy rains across Alberta and western Saskatchewan, as well as raising the moisture reserves in the more favored districts and narrowing the size of the dry areas, have further improved prospects this past week to a point where it is doubtful if the general outlook has been more favorable for a good many years. Earlier reports outlined the seriousness of this year's grasshopper plague in the west. Reports now are more cheerful regarding these pests as many observers feel that the cool weather has eliminated what might have been serious losses to the young plants early in June, and that the improved moisture conditions will create a better than normal growth of grass which, it is hoped, will supply these pests with sufficient feed to minimize their activity in cultivated fields. In the dry areas of south-eastern Saskatchewan, is an example of what can be expected should unfavorable weather conditions prevail as reports from parts of the Radville-Weyburn area show crops sown on stubble land as completely destroyed by hoppers during the past ten days.

NOTES BY THE WAY

How would the authorities of the University of British Columbia feel if some staidly-disposed person offered them \$9,000,000? What kind of an Irish reel would Hon. John Hart execute on the lawn in front of the legislative pile if somebody sent him a certified cheque for even half this amount to put into the consolidated revenue fund against the day when the province's highest seat of learning nor the provincial treasury is likely to be tempted with such sweet morsels. But Dr. Niles Murray, vice-president of Columbia University, was recently offered \$9,000,000 and he refused it, spurning it, turned it down definitely. Why did the eminent educator refuse the offer? There were conditions attached to it, strings that would have restricted the freedom of thinking and teaching which are implied in any university worthy of the name. For instance, Mr. A. would offer a million dollars to found a school of economics, provided that only doctors in that field in any university are to be benefactors, either directly or indirectly. Thus it is interesting to note one instance in which at least a glacial academic freedom were held secure against invasion. Universities are supported by money from someone. If it is the state, the state which has the right of control. But there remains the peculiarly about money given to a free academic institution: It must be free at any price, and it must not bite the hand of its donor. — Victoria Times.

Millions of hot meat pies are eaten every year in Australia, made by city people. The juicy meat pie, with a steaming pot of strong black tea, is regarded as the ideal quick lunch by the average shop or office worker of either the pie, as made in Australia, has the advantages of being tasty, sustaining and cheap. To take it out costs but a few cents, but when served in a cafe with tea the charge is 18c—and no tip, for tipping is not usual except in the more exclusive hotels or restaurants. The dimensions of the pie are 4 inches square, 3 inches deep, and the "puff" variety, and the meat generally is of excellent quality, either beef, mutton or lamb. There is plenty of gravy and a primary essential is that it be served piping hot. Mass production, the good quality and low price of Australian pies are well known. The notable difference in the eating habits of the two countries is that in Australia deserts (or "sweets," as they are called) are served hot, except in such cases as lilies. To offer an Australian cold pie would be equivalent to offering an American cold coffee. — From the Australian Press Bureau.

Duncan, a saddle-backed tortoise, is being sent from the Regent's Park Zoo to the University of Whipsnade for a holiday, and on his return to Regent's Park was extremely bumptious. Winter lethargy reformed, but recently he broke out again. He bullied all his housemates and upset their dignity by snapping at them and turning them over on their backs. The zoo rarely has trouble of this kind with tortoises, but occasionally one of the giant specimens feels trippy and amuses himself by upsetting his companions. Some time ago a turtle became so ill-tempered that he could not share his tank with others. As a punishment he was put in a pond with George, the man who feeds the tortoises. They were not good companions, for George tried without success to swallow the turtle, and the turtle tried with equal lack of success to bite George. When they parted the turtle was a reformed character. — London Sunday Times.

Once when the late Gov. John Johnson, of Minnesota, had finished making a stirring and important address before a distinguished audience, a friend remarked to him: "This must be the proudest moment of your life, speaking before such a great assemblage—Supreme Court Judges, Senators, and Congressmen." Most college graduates, when they are in the moment of your life, speaking before such a great assemblage—Supreme Court Judges, Senators, and Congressmen, after brief reflection, "Well what day was?" the friend inquired. "The proudest day of my life," replied the governor, "was when I was a boy of twelve and, on receiving my first pay of \$3 for a week's work, I went home to my mother and said, 'Here, mother, you needn't take any more of my money.'" — Christian Science Monitor.

The craft of writing can be taught. Through practice and intelligence can acquire the technique of clear and orderly statement just as certainly as they can be taught to read and multiply. Training in writing will not make every boy and girl a literary artist or anything remotely resembling one, but it will produce competent craftsmen. Most college graduates, to judge from their letters, are not competent writers, not because they are deficient in intelligence but because their training has been neglected. They have had too little criticism of their writing and the standard of accomplishment in the courses they have taken has been set far too low. — Chicago Tribune.

The past is done. The future is in the hands of the Arabs and Jews. No progress can be made while the Zionists continue to proclaim their "resistance to surrender even though blood is shed." Such an attitude is as deplorable as Arab terrorism. The only way to the world-wide sympathy felt for the Jews today. The vast majority of Jews no doubt regret the verbal excesses of a political minority. From the time that Zionism received no support from some of the most influential people of the Jewish faith, yet through the efforts of Britain, a National Home for the Jews—a conception which Mr. Asquith for one, thought "fantastic"—has been established in Palestine. It will be the home of more than 600,000 Jews. Here is an achievement in which we should feel pride, and the Jews gratitude. — Daily Mail London.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

CHICKENS COMING HOME TO ROOST

Sir,—Those who a second time trusted to Liberal promises are already cruelly suffering the pangs of disappointment. Those big programmes of work for the working men and employment for the unemployed, true to Liberal practice, are shelved, and the unfortunate still hungry and without work. The promise works are hanging by nothing doing shelved for the time being; no doubt being held up to again do service in the Dominion election which is soon expected. They will then be trotted out again to trap the gullible unemployed voters. But will they still be gullible, and gullied again? Sometimes the worm will turn. How many times can they fool the unsophisticated voter. Last election shows that they can't fool the labor vote in the City. With them it was "once caught, twice shy." I am, Sir, etc.

SOME WILL CLAIMS

Sir,—It may not be a pleasure, yet have a measure of satisfaction in calling the bluff of Liberal bombast and empty boastings. Among these was that "cook-a-doodle do" noise that Hon. Thane Campbell was the only provincial premier to be returned to power in two successive elections. We have on the other hand some notable exceptions on the Conservative side. Hon. W. W. Sullivan was elected three times in succession—1879, 1882, 1888, holding office in the appointment to the Supreme Court, and never defeated at the polls. There is then Premier J. A. Matheson, elected in 1911, and Campbell in 1916, in succession. There is the Premier, Jas. O. Stewart, although not in immediate succession, returned to power in 1923, and again in 1931. Records of his endorsement which the present incumbent can never even hope for.

LEWIS P. TANTON

Keep A High Boiling Point!

(Y. Y. in "The New Statesman and Nation.")
 Apart from machines, human beings do make some slight effort to control their nerves. The clergyman must often wish he had a gun in the pulpit when the most moving passages in his sermon are interrupted by the coughing of a parishioner suffering from alcoholic catarrh. Yet, I think, no English clergymen has ever shot a parishioner for coughing. Musicians, again, must frequently be irritated to the point of murder by their audiences, but even Sir Thomas Beecham has never used a lethal weapon than his tongue on a talkative occupant of the stalls.

Self-restraint has become characteristic of the professional life. Professorial life, however, have at least the consoling knowledge that they are paid for being irritated. I doubt whether any doctor could listen without screaming to the long recital of an invalid's ailments if it were not for the thought of the fee that would come after.

Even when we are not paid for being irritated, however, it pays to "bottle it up." I know a man, for example, who becomes intensely irritated if a woman sits next to him at a dinner-party keeps letting her napkin or handkerchief fall to the floor. He does not tell her how furious he feels, however. He knows that if he told such women what he thought of them, and assailed them with all the epithets that plead in his brain for utterance, he would soon cease to be asked out to dinner. Hence he stoops courteously to the floor and with a smile restores the napkin or the handkerchief, leaving the impression that to keep drooping such things is an addition to feminine charm. It is the only thing to do in this world.

"Canadians Endangered"

(Ottawa Journal)
 Under this heading the Toronto Star points out that Chengtu, bombed by Japanese forces last Sunday, is the headquarters of the large West China mission of the United Church of Canada. The United Church is one of the religious bodies responsible for the

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All For An Egg

(Hamilton Spectator)
 It always seemed to be taken for granted that about the last living creature to need psychoanalysis would be the hen. It is true that the hen has been subjected to more man-made nonsense than has any other inhabitant of the earth. She has been maintained a rugged independence. Known neither in folk lore nor legend for the type of glamorous attribute that gives lustre to the pelican and the phoenix, it does an eminently useful job for mankind. It seems a little unfair, then, for science, after a considerable bit of probing, to come along and say that the reason a hen sits on an egg is not because of the maternal instinct; it is due to pure selfishness. It was a German psychologist, Dr. Looser, who revealed this theory in England, presumably a refugee smarting under the treatment he had received at home, he wrote an article in the *British Weekly Nature* putting the hen on the spot. His idea was that when a hen approaches the "broody" season, feathers fall from her underbreast soon after she lays an egg. The result is a bald patch is hot and inflamed, so that the hen wants to rest on a cool curved and smooth surface to relieve the irritation. That surface usually happens to be an egg, but not necessarily so. Immerse a hen in cold water, or give her a billiard ball, says Dr. Looser, and she can become quite indifferent to eggs. Of course, dispute this, and it is certainly no field for the layman observer to enter even with mild curiosity. It might be said that the hen gets so little gratitude for egg-laying—not even a decent retiring allowance—that it simply cannot be so sentimental about eggs. Dr. Looser did not consider that part of it. Poets might

That Body of Hours

By James V. Barton, M.P.
 THE TURKISH BATH
 Some boxer on a program has been hurt or cannot arrive in time, and it becomes necessary for a substitute to get rid of three or four pounds of weight in a few hours' time. As the boxer has never been in very active training he has been taking plenty of foods and liquids. In extreme cases, a dose of Epsom salts is taken, not so much to get rid of bowels, but to get rid of weight, perhaps less than a pound but to drive excess water out of all the tissues. And water is heavy. The favorite method boxers use to get rid of weight in a short time is the Turkish bath. "The Turkish bath consists of about five minutes in the steam operation of the West China University. The Japanese attacked this University, damaged the mission's hospital, took nine lives. Japan has expressed regret for damage done to foreign interests at Chengtu. Japan, however, has expressed no particular regret to the Government of Canada. She doesn't have to. Japan knows that Canada is powerless to defend or protect her nationals in China. Knows that the protection of Canadian nationals rests with Great Britain. With the British Empire, it takes an incident like this to shoot full of holes the contention held sometimes in this country that the defence of Canada and Canadians is a Canadian matter. That, in defence we are "on our own."

All over the earth today Canadian nationals, Canadian citizens, are in the matter of the protection of their lives and property, the wards of the British Government. Of the British Navy. Powerless to protect them, powerless to help them in any way, we leave their defence to the British people. And as with our nationals, so with our shipping. With even our Canadian Ensign on the high seas, the humiliation of this is no less in that such a situation exists; it is in the fact that, in the face of it, some among us keep proclaiming that we are capable of defending ourselves and that whatever we do in the way of defence measures should be "solely for Canada."

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room, ten to fifteen minutes in the adjoining hot room, vigorous rubbing by a masseur with hot water lathered over the body at frequent intervals during the massage, followed by a shampoo with soap. The next stage is a plunge and swim through the cool pool (or a cool shower), and finally, an hour of leisure in the cooling room.
 You can see that from the moment he enters the steam room until his cool shower or plunge, heat is being applied, and the perspiration as he sits in the hot room pours from his skin. And as mentioned above, water is heavy. He may remove three to five pounds by the Turkish bath at the weighing time, 3 P.M. He is able to "make" the required weight. As he has done without liquids of any kind during all this time, he will take a large drink of water immediately after the weigh-in, and by the hour of the bout that same evening he will have likely regained all the weight lost by the Turkish bath.
 When the Turkish bath is being used to relax the individual, remove soreness and stiffness, and not to remove weight, the attendant may give him plenty of water to drink, which causes further perspiration. Then, while lying in the cooling room, he may drink as much water that by the time he is ready to leave, he is the same weight as before taking the Turkish bath.

DIES IN NEWFOUNDLAND
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