ACROSS THE ISLAND

Century-Old Paper Reported Cure-Alls

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I'M QUOTING today from a newspaper that is 100 years old to the day. It's the same one I quoted several weeks ago when I told the story of the first meeting of the Fathers of Confederation, the centennial of which we celebrated here on Tuesday.

The old newspaper—it was called the Protestant and Evangelical Witness—was loaned to my by Glen MacLaren, New Perth, and it was his brother, Bruce MacLaren, Charlottetown, who suggested several other items that might be interesting so I've kept them until this week, which seems timely for reproduction.

Readers must agree with me that the constant drumming of insupportable claims for patent medicines over radio and TV sometimes gets monotonous, and at times utterly ridiculous. But the claims of today have nothing on those made 100 years ago.

Dr. Hoofland's German Bitters, for example, could cure just about everything and provides a tonic for those who had been affected.

Let me illustrate:

"IT WILL effectively cure liver complaint, dyspepsia and jaundice. Will cure every case of chronic or nervous disability, disease of the kidneys and diseases arising from a disordered stomach. These diseases included "constipation, inward piles, fulness or blood to the head, acidity of the stomach, nausea, heartburn, disgust for food, fulness or weight in the stomach, sour eructations, sinking or fluttering at the pit of the stomach, swimming of the head, hurried and difficult breathing, fluttering at the heart."

It would also cure "choking or suffocating sensations when in lying posture, dimness of vision, dots or webs before the sight, fever and dull pain in the head, deficiency of perspiration, yellowness of the skin, and eyes, pain in the side, back, chest or limbs, sudden flushes of heat, burning in the flesh and even constant imaginings of evil and great depression of spirits."

I should explain that while the advertisement did not actually say the bitters would cure all of those ills directly, it did emphasize that all of those ills were caused by disorders of the digestive organs, and the German Bitters would cure those disorders.

Bitters Cured Almost Everything

BUT THAT is not all. The bitters really were wonderful cure-alls. "They will give you a good appetite, strong, healthy, steady nerves; brisk, energetic and healthy feelings; a good stool; healthy and a sound constitution."

The same bitters "will make the weak strong, the delicate will be made hearty, the thin will be made stout, the depressed will be made lively, the shallow complexion will be clear, and the dull eye will become clear and bright," if the people so affected will take German Bitters.

For those suffering debility from fevers of any kind the bitters will dispel the fever. "One bottle will have surprising effect on delicate children."

There is more, but it's of the same type of claims. And the large advertisement concluded by quoting a clergyman who attested to the wonderful healing and restorative powers of the bitters.

There were very few doctors in those days, apparently. And it's just as well, perhaps, for what would be the purpose of calling a trained medical practitioner if people believed even one-half of the claims for the bitters?

Respiration Method Is Still Good

SO MUCH for the extravagant claims for the patent medicine. An even more interesting part of the old paper is the lengthy description of the Sylvester method of artificial respiration. And the same Bruce MacLaren tells me that the method is almost the same as they are using for artificial respiration today for those who have apparently drowned.

One difference is that people were placed on the floor or ground with their face downward in the Sylvester method, whereas the Hogar-Nelson method now in use places the patient flat on his back, with the head tilted far back to ensure a clear air passage.

But the Sylvester method seems to be making a comeback, I am told. "It actually has some advantages over the Holgar-Nelson method" I'm not going to expand on that—I'm no first aid expert—but I thought those two notes from 100 years ago today would be interesting to readers of this column.

One more note from the century old paper says that "Holloway's Pills are effective for all disorders affecting the liver, stomach and bowels", and that covers a wide range of ailments.

And the claim for the Holloway's Pills included a flat statement that they were the "best remedy known in the world" for more than 70 ailments that ranged all the way from Ague and Asthma to tumors, ulcers and for Scrofula or Kings Evil, whatever that may have been.

Harbor Activity Is Interesting

STILL ON the 100-year-ago theme, our family have had a splendid view of the activity in the Charlottetown harbor that has been commemorating this week the Confederation ceremonies of 1864.

Spending last week's vacation in one of our shore-front summer cottages, imagine the thrill to arise one morning and see four Canadian warships anchored in full view off our front door. The view was even more interesting on Tuesday morning—the actual 100th anniversary of the original Confederation conference—when the sleek warships were shrouded in mist which added greatly to the interest of the overall picture.

LATER THAT afternoon the Matheson family—the Jim Dambbells from Park Corner were with us—stood on the same spot and we had a splendid view of the "SS Victoria" entering the harbor with the ladies who were representing Sir John A. Macdonald, George Cartier and the rest of the men who came here 100 years ago from what is now Ontario and Quebec to sell their idea of a Canadian union to the people of the Maritime Provinces.

The previous night, with dozens of friends, we had occupied the same spot for a grand view of the fireworks which were being set off across the harbor in Victoria Park.

The sight of the four warships brilliantly outlined in lights, was one of the most interesting sights we have seen in this harbor for many years.

House Won't Move-Devil Leaves

I'VE BEEN asked not to reveal the location of this old farm, but a travelling pack pedlar was reported to have been murdered in a house by the owner many years ago. In the intervening years anyone who stayed in the house could hear the sound of someone continually washing his hands. I believe the idea was that the guilty person was trying to wash the blood from his hands.

After the owner died, the house changed hands and the new owners were pestered by the same ghostly noises. Finally they decided they would have to get out of the house, or find some way of stopping the noise which they no longer could tolerate.

A wise old neighbour who had come from The Old Country, suggested they move the house on to a new location. "Very often the curse that has been placed on a home, is on the location or the cellar, not on the house itself", the advisor suggested.

A PROFESSIONAL house mover was hired to move the building. He spent one day getting the house raised from its foundation, and putting long skids under it, so it could be hauled to the chosen location, not far away. Greased planks were provided for skids, so the moving job would be easy, and the time finally came about 10 o'clock next forenoon to hitch the horse into the old stumping machine and move the house off its location.

There was no earthly reason why the building would not move easily, for there was nothing human or physically visible to hold it. But all that the man did was break equipment. A hame strap would break, a trace, or some other part of the equipment. One thing after another broke and was repaired, until well on in the middle of the afternoon another break occurred, and the man threw his cap on the ground in anger and shouted "I can't move this house, neither can anyone else "UNTIL THE DEVIL LEAVES IT" as he raised his voice in frustrated anger.

Immediately following that outburst, a big, black dog jumped out of the cellar and loped down a sloping field to a river which ran below. The dog plunged into the water, never more to reappear.

After that, I was told, "the house moved easily, and there was no further interruptions."

ON THE AIR

THURSDAY PROGRAMS

CFCY TV

3.30 p.m.—Musicale
3.58 p.m.—Sign On
4.00 p.m.—R.C.M.P.
4.31 p.m.—Vacation Time
5.30 p.m.—Mr. Piper
6.00 p.m.—Yogi Bear
6.31 p.m.—Gazette
7.01 p.m.—CFCY TV News
7.15 p.m.—Keyboard Melodies
7.30 p.m.—Citizen James
8.00 p.m.—Dr. Kildare
9.00 p.m.—Vacation Playhouse
9.30 p.m.—Eric Sykes
10.00 p.m.—Grindl
10.30 p.m.—Music Stand
11.00 p.m.—The Untouchables
12.00 p.m.—CBC TV News
12.13 a.m.—Local Weather
12.14 a.m.—Sign Off

CKCW TV

3.45 p.m.—Station Sign On
News, Weather, Sports
4.00 p.m.—R.C.M.P.
4.30 p.m.—Vacation Time
5.30 p.m.—Yogi Bear
6.00 p.m.—Leave It To Beaver
6.30 p.m.—Television News
6.45 p.m.—Weather
6.50 p.m.—Sports
7.00 p.m.—Premiere Theatre
8.00 p.m.—Dr. Kildare
9.00 p.m.—Vacation Playhouse
9.30 p.m.—Eric Sykes
10.00 p.m.—Grindl
10.30 p.m.—Music Stand
11.00 p.m.—Alfred Hitchcock
12.00 p.m.—CBC TV News
12.15 a.m.—Viewpoint
12.20 a.m.—Lionel Network News
12.25 a.m.—Sign Off

THURSDAY

6.28—Sign On
6.30—New & Weather
6.35—Country & Western Roundup
6.55—News & Weather
7.00—Hebrew Christian Hour
7.15—Country & Western Roundup
7.30—News & Weather
7.35—CFCY Farm News
7.41—Country & Western Roundup
8.00—News
8.11—Weather
8.16—Country & Western Roundup
8.45—Weather
8.50—Atlantic News Roundup
8.58—Thought For Today
9.00—CBC News & Voice Report
9.10—Preview Commentary
9.15—Notes & Music
9.27—Matinee Musical Charades
9.30—Notes and Music
9.35—Notes & Music
9.55—What's The Song
10.00—News & Weather
10.40—Mr. Co-op Program
10.50—Notes & Music
11.00—News Headlines & Weather
11.05—News & Views on Groceries
11.20—Notes & Music
11.27—Matinee Musical Charades
11.30—Notes & Music
11.45—Bulletin Board
11.50—Notes & Music
11.55—Atlantic News Roundup
12.00—Weather
12.05—Town & Country Time
12.30—News & Weather
12.43—P.E.I. Road Report
12.45—Town & Country Time
1.00—Weather & Ice Road Report
1.05—What's On Tapp—CBC
1.45—Cafe Variety
2.00—New & Weather
2.05—Tops in Country and Pops
2.27—Matinee Musical Charades
2.30—Tops in Country and Pops
3.00—News Headlines & Weather
3.03—Trans-Canada Matinee CBC
3.30—Tops in Country and Pops
4.00—News Headlines & Weather
4.03—Canadian Roundup CBC
4.10—Tops in Country and Pops
4.30—The Outports
5.00—News & Weather
5.05—Matinee Musical Charades
5.08—The Outports
5.25—Marine Weather
5.28—The Outports
6.00—News & Weather
6.15—On Parliament Hill CBC
6.20—Sports Parade
6.30—Tonight's Music
7.00—Back To The Bible
7.30—News & Weather
7.45—Program Schedule
7.46—Red Cross Program
8.10—Tonight's Music
8.58—News Headlines and Weather
9.00—Soundings—CBC
9.30—CBC Strings—CBC
10.00—National News CBC
10.30—Chicho's Place
11.00—News & Regional Weather
11.05—Starlight Serenade
11.30—News Headlines & Maritime Weather
11.35—Starlight Serenade
12.00—News, Sig. Weather & Sports
12.05—Sign Off

CBA THURSDAY

6.00—The Gerry Fogarty Show Part 1
8.00—News & Inland Weather
8.15—Maritime Sportscast
8.21—The Gerry Fogarty Show Part 2
8.35—Max Ferguson Show
9.00—CBC News & Direct Reports
9.10—Preview Commentary
9.30—A.M. Chronicle
10.15—Invitation
10.30—To Market with Music
11.00—CBC News
11.05—Shirley Bratt
11.15—For Consumers
11.20—Record Album
11.30—The Archers
11.45—Devitt Drops By
12.00—Jamboree Junction
12.15—Tennessee Ernie Ford
12.30—Maritime Farm B'cast
1.00—CBC News & Inland Weather
1.15—What's On Tapp
1.45—The Open Road Show
1.59—D.O. Time Signal
2.00—The Open Road Show
2.45—John Drainie tells a story
3.00—CBC News
3.03—Trans-Canada Matinee
4.00—CBC News
4.10—Music in the Air
4.30—Tempo
5.00—Maritime Fish B'cast
5.20—Tempo
5.40—CBC Notebook
6.00—CBC News
6.15—On Parliament Hill
6.20—Today's Editorial
6.30—Music in the Evening
7.30—Maritime Magazine
8.00—Assignment
8.30—Pratley at The Movies
9.00—Soundings
9.30—Music of Chopin
10.00—CBC National News, On Parliament Hill And Speaking Personally
10.30—Chicos Place
11.00—NC Chamber Orchestra
12.00—CBC News
12.30—Sports Scores, Inland & Marine Weather

GARDEN GROWS IN MANHATTAN

NEW YORK (AP) — Tony Ardarelli is growing everything from corn to cucumbers in the heart of Manhattan, not far from Times Square.

In 13 years, Ardarelli's backyard garden off West 48th Street has been producing enough fresh vegetables and fruit to supply the whole neighborhood.

But most frequently the crops go to the girls who work at the laundry next door.

Ardarelli explained Monday:

"The girls—they call out of the window: "Give me one. Give me one." I hand them a tomato or squash or zucchini. What am I going to do with all that? I give to all my friends."

Ardarelli was born in Manhattan, but grew up in Italy. He returned to New York when he was 18.

In 1951, he asked the New York Central Railway for permission to use a 20- by 75-foot plot alongside its west-side railroad cut. Ardarelli is a Central track foreman.

The plot adjoins the rear yard of his ground - floor apartment.

FORECASTS DEATH TOLL

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Highway Safety Council predicts the Labor Day weekend could set a record for deaths, injury and damage this year. The council says the highway death toll could exceed 75, with another 1,500 injured. An average of 58 persons have been killed on the weekend over the last seven years, with a high of 77 in 1963.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q 10 6
♥ 10 5
♦ 10 9 8 2
♣ A 6 2

WEST
♠ J 9 5 2
♥ K Q 9 7 4 3
♦ 6
♣ 7 5

EAST
♠ 8 3
♥ 8
♦ K Q J 7
♣ K 9 8 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A 7 4
♥ A J 6
♦ A 5 4 2
♣ Q J 10

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 NT	3 ♥	3 NT

Opening lead—king of hearts.

The declarer does not see the opposing hands, but he can many times force the defenders to reveal exactly what cards they have.

Take a case like this one, where South is in three-no-trump and West leads a heart. Declarer takes the ace, but is in no position at this point to judge how he will eventually fare.

Let's say he plays the queen of clubs and loses the finesse to the king. Back comes a club which South takes with the jack. West discarding a heart.

South now has seven sure tricks — three spades, a heart, a diamond and two clubs — and can build up an eighth trick by leading a heart. His ninth trick presumably will have to come from spades, but he has no way yet of knowing how the spades are divided or how to play the suit so as to obtain a fourth spade trick.

In an effort to learn more about the hand, South plays a low diamond at trick four. East takes the eight with the jack and returns a club to the ace, West discarding a diamond.

When declarer now cashes the ace of diamonds and West shows out, South has all the information he needs to assure the contract. He learns from this play that West started with four spades, which is all he needs to know to guarantee four spade tricks.

West obviously started with seven hearts, since East showed out on the second heart lead. West also started with one diamond and one club, having shown out on the second lead of each of these suits. He therefore must have started with precisely four spades.

So South plays a spade to the queen and a spade back to the ace, followed by another spade. When West plays low, South finesses the ten with 100 per cent assurance that it will win the trick.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Laughs at
6. Pierces, as with a dagger
11. Metal tag of a shoe lace
12. Piece of furniture
13. A dried fruit
14. Bower
15. Observe
16. Humor
18. Female sheep
19. Contests at Indianapolis
21. Withdraw from business
24. Useless plant
28. Make correct
29. Coronet
30. Miserable: sl.
31. Sounded, as a pleased cat
32. A traffic tangle
34. Vitality
37. Tree
38. Exclamation
41. Permit
43. Rowed
45. Fibbers
46. Kind of linen thread
47. Companionable: Brit. colloq.
48. Speaks imperfectly

DOWN

1. Travelers' aids
2. Monster
3. Hint
4. Know: Scot.
5. One of a ship's personnel
6. Situation
7. Black, viscous substance
8. Fr. priest
9. Severe shock
10. Withered
17. A preservative
19. Skating areas
20. To whirl
21. Twilled fabric
22. Ostrich-like bird
23. Number
25. Auditory organ
26. Before
27. Father: affect.
28. Disturbance
31. Chum
33. Full of tidings: colloq.
34. Inside of the hand
35. Pen-name of Lamb
36. Map
38. Cheats
39. Succor
40. Beverages
42. Metallic rock
44. Cuckoo

Yesterday's Answer

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X E
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

KWUFU RFU HGZZVUI RI ORKOW-VPN RI VPHUOKVGPI.—ZR FGOWU-HGCORCZY

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: AS COURAGE ENDANGERS LIFE EVEN SO FEAR PRESERVES IT.—LEONARDO DA VINCI

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE

GRANDMA — WHEN I GO TO THE MARKET THIS AFTERNOON, JOY... — I THINK I'LL GET SOME JARS OF BABY FOOD FOR MYSELF... — TO HAVE ON HAND FOR SUPPER THE NEXT TIME I CLEAN HOUSE... — ...AND AM TOO TIRED TO EVEN CHEW!

MICKEY MOUSE — MORTY, YOU CAN'T LOOK AT TV TILL YOU FINISH YOUR SPINACH! — WHERE ARE YOU GOING? — TO SEE! — THE PICTURE ISN'T WORTH THE PRICE!

NURBIN — DO YOU THINK YOU FIXED ENOUGH? — I BELIEVE SO... — THERE'S EIGHT SANDWICHES, LEMONADE, PICKLES, OLIVES, AND FOUR BAGS OF POTATO CHIPS! — TRIPLE FEATURE PLUS FOUR CARTOONS — TWO, PLEASE.

SECRET AGENT X-9 — Slick slaps one jump ahead of Phil and O'Hara... — THIS TRAFFICS ROUGH, PAL! I'M LOSING HIM! — HE MADE A RIGHT TOWARD CENTRAL TERMINAL! — Marie has followed orders... — SLICK! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? — LOSING SOME COPS! YOU BOARD THE TRAIN! I'LL MEET YOU THERE! — TO LOWER LEVEL — TRAINS — I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE WITHOUT THIS!

ETTA KETT — SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH OUR CAR! IT WON'T START! — I'LL PHONE THE GARAGE TO COME FIX IT — HURRY, DEAR! —OR YOU'LL MISS THE BUS! — LET ME PHONE WINGEY! HE CAN FIX IT" — THAT BATTERY YOU BORROWED! GET IT RIGHT BACK ON DAD'S CAR!!

HENRY — SEE HOW BILLY ROPE A BULL — at the COUNTY FAIR

JOE PALOOKA — JOANNIE WANTS ME TO SEND HER SOME THINGS SHE FORGOT... HER TENNIS RACKET, A BLUE SWEATER, AND HER CAMERA! — AND I WAS SURE IT WAS ANOTHER THREAT! IT SHOWS HOW MY MIND IS BUILDING THINGS UP! I'LL HAVE TO SNAP OUT OF IT! — IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY ON YOU, JOE!... BUT MAYBE YOU'LL FEEL A LITTLE BETTER IF I TELL YOU WHAT IS BEING DONE BY THE POLICE! — WHO'S THAT NEW WAITER? I DON'T LIKE HIS LOOKS! — GOLDEN GLOVES TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

MUGGS & SKEETER — WE'RE HAVING COMPANY AT THE HOUSE TONIGHT! — YEAH? — MY UNCLE, WHO IS A PSYCHIATRIST, IS VISITING US... — IS THE PARTY FOR HIM? — WELL, IT ISN'T EXACTLY A PARTY... — MAMA'S JUST HAVING A FEW NEIGHBORS IN FOR GROUP THERAPY!

THE LONE RANGER — DROP MATCH! — BANG! — H-HOLD YOUR FIRE! — ...NG RANG... WHIRLS AND FIRES AT A FIRE GONG... — BONG

L'IL ABNER — YOUR LITTLE GREEN DEVIL IS READY, RABBIT!! — RABBIT?... RABBIT? — HE'S GONE!!