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### FOOD ADULTERATION

The Government Analyst at Ottawa reports that out of seventy-four samples of jams and lollies analysed by him, only fourteen were found to be genuine. Five were doubtful, and the other fifty-five were adulterated. In such a case the benefit of any doubt should be given to the jam-eater, and not to the jam.

This is a most disquieting showing. Tampering with articles of food, in such a way that a man is compelled to eat adulterated stuff under the impression that it is genuine, is an exceedingly serious business. Sometimes the foreign substance introduced to adulterate and cheapen foods, are positively injurious to the persons eating them; and men guilty of adulterating in this way are nothing short of wholesale poisoners of the people.

In fact, all food adulteration is cheating; and some of it is manslaughter. That so large a percentage of the samples collected by the department at Ottawa should be found adulterated is a terrible comment upon the honesty and common humanity of some of the people who are engaged in this business. It ought to be the duty of an officer of the Crown—if, indeed, it is not to seek out the persons to blame for trickery of this kind, and punish them severely. This should be done with the utmost publicity; for, one of the heaviest punishments, as well as the most effective safeguards for the consumers of jams and lollies, would be the widespread advertisement of the names of the manufacturers who foisted these adulterated goods on the market.

There is altogether too much tampering with food all round. Milk is adulterated and sold under dangerous conditions. Bread is delivered in open carts which permits it to collect the microbe-laden dust of the streets. Even meat is sometimes exposed to the same source of contagion. Decayed fruit is mixed with the sound article with disastrous effects. We ought, at least, to be able to compel vendors to be decently clean and fairly honest in handling the things which we must put into our mouths.—Montreal Star.

### RUSSIAN COMMANDERS NOT PRIZE COURTS

There is a long-established precedent for procedure in the case of seizure of vessels on the high seas as prizes of war. Possibly no method might have been laid down, had it not been for the former method of privateering. In order to distinguish privateering from plain piracy, the seized ship and its cargo had to be brought into port and turned over to a prize court. In time of war a belligerent has the right to make seizures of both the public property of an enemy and the private property of his subjects, and to inspect cargoes of neutral ships if they are suspected of carrying contraband of war. Such inspections occasion little irritation if the cargo is passed. If a neutral ship is caught carrying arms and ammunition to some port of the enemy, the search party has a right to claim the ship and cargo as forfeit, but must take the prize into port for submission of proofs to the findings of a prize court. In the case of the destruction of the Knight Commander, the law of nations has apparently been violated. Mr. Balfour states a conservative opinion when he says: "We hold that it is not proper that on the authority of the captain of a cruiser that goods alleged to be contraband of war should be taken from a merchant ship without trial."

If captains of cruising patrol ships are permitted to act as judge, jury and court in condemning goods and ships, any maritime power would be able to seriously cripple the merchant marine of a neutral power and without redress under the law. Russia might gratify the spite of her people against Great Britain and the United States for showing their sympathy for Japan by destroying as many merchant ships as her cruisers and auxiliary cruisers could catch. This is an impossible situation, and Russia no doubt will agree that her captains have exceeded their authority in usurping the functions of a prize court. She will make full restitution, and the affair will end without breach of peaceful relations. But those unreached cruisers may add to the provocation before they are called off. In the Trent case, Commodore Wilkes violated the law in neglecting to make the Trent a prize of war and taking her into port to be turned over to a prize court. By removing Mason, Sidel and their secretaries and permitting the Trent to proceed on her voyage, he usurped the judicial functions

of a prize court in declaring them contraband of war. This is precisely what Russian commanders are doing when they destroy a ship or cargo at sea upon their own authority.

### A PRACTICAL TEST.

The Recorder can tell pretty well how effective the Sunday sermons are, by the number of delinquent subscribers who settle up on Monday.

### THE WARMTH OF FEELING.

When such a demonstration was possible here, where every third man is a Government employee or in some way connected with the outfit directly or indirectly, some idea may be formed of the warmth of feeling throughout the country.

### THAT WAS ALL.

The Ottawa Free Press denies that its premises were protected by the police during the Dundonald demonstration. Some public works were in progress in the neighborhood of the Free Press establishment and a sturdy detachment of police was sent to see that the Dundonald scoundrels didn't steal the excavations. That was all.

### HOW NINE OUT OF TEN FEEL.

Huntingdon Gleaner, (Lib.) Above the yabbling about constitutionality, insubordination, vindication of civil over military authority, rises the bare fact that a man whose name will go down to the ages among England's heroes has been treated in such a manner that nine out of ten Canadians feel ashamed.

### TAKING A DESPERATE CHANCE.

The Globe delayed its bold challenge to Dundonald until the day he left the capital to take the steamer for England. Wasn't it a bit rash? Dundonald may peradventure chance to see the challenge and reply to it. It would have been better to wait another day or two until the enemy is out of sight of land.

### EXAMPLE OR SMALLNESS.

Ottawa Citizen. The premier refused to allow the house to adjourn for an hour later in the evening that the members who desired to do so might take leave of Lord Dundonald. As an example of smallness and partisan bitterness the action was quite in keeping with the government's attitude throughout the whole Dundonald affair.

### POWER OF THE PRESS.

Ottawa Citizen. It is suggested that a suitable memorial of the stay of Lord Dundonald in Ottawa would be to christen the new driveway Dundonald Drive. The name would have the advantage of being euphonious. Of course, the government is small enough not to consider the suggestion, but if the people of Ottawa decide that the driveway shall be known by that name, what can the government do?

### MODERN VERSION.

Toronto Telegram. The Globe's idea of an appropriate send-off for Lord Dundonald may be expressed in modern improvements to that immortal poem, which has been amended to read as follows—

Not a drum was heard, not a boom in note,  
As his trunk to the daypo we carried,  
Not a piper screeched his farewell skill,  
O'er the scene where our hero had married.

### A SENTIMENT DEMANDING REPRESENTATION.

Ottawa Citizen. "There's a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." There is also a psychological period in the affairs of nations which requires to be recognized. Such a psychological moment has arrived in the history of the Canadian affairs.

This country needs a government that will fittingly represent the feeling and sentiment which caused forty-thousand people to gather on the streets of this city on Tuesday night and cheer themselves hoarse.

That multitude had no political complexion, as party lines are drawn at present. Neither was the tremendous outburst of enthusiasm altogether a mere personal tribute to Lord Dundonald. To the great mass of the people Lord Dundonald represented a sentiment.

The existing government does not represent that sentiment. It is avowedly hostile to it. Yet in this vicinity the great majority of the people think more of that sentiment than they do of the government or their party affiliations.

That sentiment is general throughout the greater part of Canada. And it demands a government that will adequately represent it to the exclusion of the consideration of lesser issues.

### Summer Croup

A croupy cough is a dangerous thing for the little folks in summer time. The fever that accompanies it is liable to cause serious illness. Give them

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### HARD TO SAY GOOD-BYE.

Montreal Star. It is funny that the government, who want Dundonald to go bad enough, are so unwilling to hear him say "good-bye."

### HOW THE COUNTRY FEELS.

Brockville Times. "Ottawa on Tuesday evening is going to make 'Pretoria night' look like a prayer meeting, and that Toronto effort at vivaciously resemble A Quiet Sabbath at Drumtochty." — Ottawa Citizen.

There are comparatively few towns in Canada which would not turn themselves inside out to show their sympathy with Lord Dundonald. The railways are running excursions to Ottawa for Tuesday night, and the railways are keen judges of what the people like. Canada's sympathies are with Lord Dundonald and the next elections will prove this.

### G. G. F. G. BAND'S REFUSAL.

Montreal Gazette. The band of the Governor-General's Foot Guards has refused to take part in the Ottawa Dundonald demonstration because of fear that it will have a political complexion. This should cause something of a sensation in musical circles. Hitherto it has been assumed that a brass band was the most unpartisan thing that blows, that it knew no politics, and would tune up for a Whig, a Tory, or an independent, on the 17th of March or the 12th of July, for a funeral or a fair, with equal alacrity and disregard of anything but financial considerations. It can be trusted that the new idea will not spread.

### SOME PLAIN SPEAKING

Once a young preacher in Scotland who had charge of a mission station with a small salary was appointed to the chaplaincy of a jail. On the Sunday previous to leaving his charge and before he began his sermon he announced the fact, and said that he had three reasons for his departure. "In the first place," he said, "I leave you because you do not love God, for very few of you come regularly to church; in the second place, you do not love one another, for there have been no marriages among you during the three years I have been your minister; and in the third place, you do not love me, for you contribute very little to the small income I get. I have no more to say this subject. You will find my text in the fourteenth chapter of St. John's gospel, second verse, 'I go to prepare a place for you.'"

### LORD ROBERTS ON CIGARETTES

Some of the Canadian papers having alleged that Lord Roberts was not opposed to cigarette-smoking, a Montreal lady wrote to His Lordship, and received the following reply: "I do not know how your opponents could have told you that I consider cigarettes are a necessity, and that cigarette-smokers can march much farther than non-smokers. My opinion is that every one would be better without smoking, and that so far as boys are concerned, it is a pernicious and injurious habit." Did not Baden-Powell once say something to the same effect? — Westminster Gazette, London.

### THE ALOE PLANT.

Have you heard the tale of the aloe plant  
Away in the sunny clime?

By humble growth of a hundred years  
It reaches its blooming time.

And then a wondrous bud at its crown  
Breaks into a thousand flowers;  
This floral queen, in its blooming season

Is the pride of the tropical bowers,  
But the plant to the flower is a sacrifice,  
For it blooms but once, and in blooming dies.

Have you heard of this aloe plant  
That grows in the sunny clime,  
How every one of its thousand flowers

As they drop in the blooming time,  
Is an intent plant that fastens its roots

In the place where it falls on the ground,  
And fast as they drop from the dying stem,  
Grow lively and lovely around?

By dying it liveth a thousand-fold  
In the new that springs from the death of the old.

Straight character cannot come out of crooked living.

The two offices of memory are collection and distribution.

Little things console us, because little things afflict us.

Women want many words when they try to explain in writing what they mean.

## Humor and Philosophy

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### MY DENTIST.

I know a man who's most polite;  
He's kind and full of tact.  
But on my spirits like a blight  
His smile and presence act.  
When I'm compelled to visit him  
My mental sky is gray and grim.

He seems most gracious and urbane;  
A courteous person he.  
But I reluctantly remain  
In his suave company:  
I don't like his style a bit;  
With me the man is not a hit.

His little hammer out he takes  
And knocks and knocks and knocks.  
And how I hate it, goodness knows!  
I'd not endure such shocks  
As he distributes every day  
If I were sure of princely pay.

With saw and hammer, drill and file,  
He deftly shows his skill  
Upon my aching jaws the while  
He's chasing up his bill.  
And then to meet that bill's demands  
My last lone dollar leaves my hands.

### Fable of the College Boy Who Came Home.

A young man who had filled up on a College Education clear to the Hat-band and had accumulated all of the Branches, including Latin, Ancient History, Football, the College Yell and the ability to Smoke a Brier Pipe, came Home after it was All Over to show his Old Fogey Parent how to Run the Farm.

Naturally the Neighbors who had kept their own Sons at Home, hopping over Large Triangular Clods and separating the Cows from their Milk, Shook their Heads and said that William's Highfalutin Notions might do to run a Bank, but they they would never be of Much Service in Snatching Success from the Bosom of the Unwilling Earth.

William heeded not their Scoffings. After Kissing his Mother and Shaking hands with the Dog, he said to his Father, who was Admiring his Broad Shoulders: "Father, you have Worked Hard and have Earned a Rest. Tomorrow Morning you remain in Bed. It has been My Custom for Some Time to take an Hour's Exercise before Breakfast. I can just as well take that Exercise Doing the Chores. After that Meal I shall Sally forth to the Field, where, as Added compensation, in Addition to the Joy of Labor, I know I shall Accumulate a Beautiful Tan that will be the Envy of all my Mates. Do not Call me for Dinner, for I have Adopted the Two Meal a Day Plan, and by Adding that Hour to the Working Day I think we will be Able to Discharge the Hired Man after the Rush Season is Over."

Then William went out Into the Kitchen to Blow Smoke wreaths, so that the Hired Man would no Longer feel superior to Him.

William was as Good as his word, and it was not many Months until he

had paid off the Mortgage and Purchased another Farm.

Moral—A College Education is all Right if Properly used.

Go Well Together.  
A miss and a fortune together as one  
To callers are not always in,  
But that combination for some mother's son  
Is not a misfortune to win.

A Picnic For Them.  
"I see that several counties in Illinois are overrun by rats."  
"What a chance for the railroads to sell excursion tickets to the Chinese!"

Unappreciative.  
"Madge's face is her fortune."  
"Oh, dear! I hope she won't will it to me."

Pert Paragraphs.  
When a man goes out of his way to make an enemy, he never knows in what unexpected place the enemy will turn up.

Why isn't common sense commoner, considering its name?

Already the small boy is beginning to count the days until the Fourth of July.

It is a wise leader who is careful to lead the people the way they want to go.

Blood is thicker than water, but it is not bluer than some milk.

There may not always be enough glory to go around, but the islands of the sea think there is enough Old Glory.

It is hard to convince a man who has been against the real thing that a girl's no means yes.

The man who smokes stogies because he likes them better than anything else is always first to reach for the ten cent cigars when some one else is buying for the crowd.



Grandma

Here sits dear old Grandma in silk and old lace,  
We boast that no wrinkles disfigure her face:  
She's healthy and bright and I've oft heard her say:  
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