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EDITORIAL

Indian Givers A newspaper report states that a judge at Dorchester, N.B., has granted naturalization to a German in that town.

If the report were true, it would be of great interest to many people in this community. The fact probably is that the judge has merely recommended the man for naturalization. Final action and the certificate of naturalization itself, can be issued only through the Secretary of State at Ottawa.

We have a good many cases of similar nature right here in Kitchener. In 1917, the Government made provision that people of German birth who had lived here many years, could become British subjects. About 100 of our people, some of whom had sons in the war, duly made application, were accepted by the late Judge Reade, but never were granted their papers by the powers-that-be at Ottawa, whose promise had apparently been intended for election purposes only.

Worse and Last June Last June, although the war was over, Parliament amended the law and made it still more stringent. Under its provisions, no man of German or Austrian birth can be naturalized until he has lived in Canada another ten years.

It was pointed out to Premier Borden that this would work great injustice to men who had resided here for many years and particularly to those who had made their applications in good faith eighteen months before and who were quite within the law as it stood then, even during the war.

Fast Residence Not Considered It was suggested further than a man's previous residence should fairly be considered in connection with the 10 years' clause. Premier Borden and Mr. Rowell had taken a similar position at the Peace Conference and this was drawn to their attention. The Prime Minister admitted the injustice but stated that the new provision in the Act was to meet the wishes of the British Government. He further promised to make an effort to adjust the matter by conferring with the Imperial authorities. Since then Premier Borden has been either absent from Ottawa or ill and nothing further has been done.

We doubt whether this New Brunswick man can obtain naturalization under the law as it stands. If he does it will be a most notorious case of discrimination against the people of this city.

Further action is being taken, and it is to be hoped that these old and desirable citizens may become Canadian citizens in name as well as in fact.

Military Spirit Follows War Almost invariably, after a great war, history shows that the military spirit aroused during the war, is difficult to curb after the war is over.

Canada is not an exception. General Sir Arthur Currie says we shall have compulsory military training in Canada, which practically means conscription made permanent.

We hope he is wrong. We have had enough of the real thing to make us abhor the trappings and the pomp and circumstance of even playing at militarism. Already a law has been passed increasing our standing army from 5000 to 10,000 men. We ought to have fewer fighting men rather than more.

The Irony This erstwhile peaceful country of it, threw half-a-million men into a welter of blood. 60,000 Canadian boys gave their lives far from home—for what?—that militarism might be crushed in Europe.

Militarism was crushed. Conscription is abolished in Germany and Austria. Would it not be the irony of fate if the nations which destroyed militarism in others should themselves become the victims of the thing they formerly abhorred?

COMMENT

Next thing, Beck will be trying to buy our Street Railway.

Some men think they are hustling when they are only being pushed out of the way.

Guelph is crowding because the new Lieut. Governor was born there. The poor fellow couldn't help it.

When a girl uses rouge, she is as dangerous as any other "Red".

What! A woman of American birth in the British House of Commons. At any rate she wasn't too proud to fight.

Members of Parliament may keep their hats on when in their seats. Bet Lady Astor would have done so anyway.

Premier Drury does nothing by halves. He's a Free Trader, a Prohibitionist, a Methodist preacher, a farmer and a Prime Minister.

Premier Drury takes a crack at the National Policy, also the Transcontinental Rwy. But he supported Laurier, under whom the railway was built.

The new attorney-general, Mr. Raney, was formerly the race-track and prohibition prosecutor. At yet he has no seat in Parliament. Where will he run? Hardly at the Woodbine, opines the Toronto Telegram.

Prof. Porta of Ann Arbor University says the planets are in such a position that the world will likely come to an end on Dec. 17. Prof. Hussey says it's bosh. The date is very significant. If he is wrong, no one will have a chance to tell him so.

Col. Currie, M.P., describes the Union Govt. as "colorless." Most people thing that a Government that fears to face the electors whose confidence it has lost, has a vivid streak of yellow.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

Alas, The Politician.
(Canadian Nation, Ottawa.)

Political life was bad enough before this. The average member of parliament has to get elected in the first place. That takes time and money—to say nothing of promises. Then he has to subscribe to everything that needs money in his constituency. If he finds the money, he is a grafter, and if he does not, he is a tight-wad and will not get re-elected. He has to steer between the Scilla of Free Trade and the Carybdis of Privilege on the one hand and between the Devil and the Deep Sea on the other, as represented by the Drys and Wets respectively. (Those who dislike these similes may transpose them.)

Now, the added straw that breaks the camel's back, comes the menace of the Farmer. If the politician is wise he will let the Farmer have a hand in the game. Let him run the show for a time, and he may find that it is not as easy as it looks from the fence.

But not many politicians can do this. There is something about the life that gets into a man's blood. You often hear politicians talk of retiring from the game, but they rarely do—of their own choice. There are few who cannot say with Omar:

Indeed, indeed, Repentance oft before I swore—but was I sober when I swore?

In politics a man is damned if he does and damned if he doesn't; he loses his time, his money—and his reputation, but he keeps in the game. He is like the dog and the porcupine. The dog knows he will get stuck full of quills if he catches the porcupine, but that knowledge never deters him.

H. C. L. in Serbia.

Today in Serbia a single spool of cotton thread costs from two dollars to twelve. When the American Red Cross arrived in Nich with the Army Food mission, a small piece of soap cost six dollars, a pair of shoes fifty-five dollars, and a man's suit of clothes of the cheapest quality, \$240.

At one place several Red Cross men were billeted in the home of a once well-to-do family. The owner met them in rags, and as she drew the remnants of her garments together to cover the spots of bare flesh which persisted in showing through she said, "At least my soul is clean." —Red Cross Bulletin.

Couldn't Be Done—So He Did It. Somebody said that it couldn't be done, But he, with a chuckle, replied, That "Maybe it couldn't," but he would be one Who wouldn't say so 'til he tried. So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin On his face. If he worried, he hid it. He started to sing as he tackled the thing That couldn't be done—and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do it; At least no one ever has done it." But he took off his coat and took off his hat, And the first thing we knew he's begun it; With the lift of his chin, and a bit of a grin, Without any doubting or quit it, He started to sing as he tackled the thing That couldn't be done—and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,

There are thousands to prophesy failure; There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,

The dangers that wait to assail you. But just buckle in with a bit of a grin, Then take off your coat and go to it. Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing That "cannot be done"—and you'll do it. —Herbert Guest.

MISS BROWNE HAD TO GIVE UP POSITION

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QUEEN ALEXANDRA 75 YEARS TODAY

London, Dec. 1.—Throughout the British empire and in every other nook of the globe where a handful of sons and daughters of Britain may be gathered tribute will be paid to-day to the Queen Mother Alexandra on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of her birth.

Queen Alexandra, the widow of the late King Edward VII. and the mother of the present British sovereign, was born in the Gule Palace, Copenhagen, Dec. 1, 1844. She was the eldest daughter and second child of Prince Christian Glücksberg (afterward King of Denmark) and Princess Louise of Hesse. The early life of the Princess Alexandra and her sisters was very quiet and domestic, her father's income being so small that many economies had to be practised, thus the children were in the habit of coming in from a walk, of changing their pretty frocks for less spoliae overalls, they were taught to be tidy in their own rooms and learned how to make their own clothes.

When the Princess was ten years old she came to London on a visit to the Duchess of Cambridge and attended a party given by Queen Victoria at Buckingham Palace. It was in 1861 that Prince Albert Edward met Princess Alexandra. The meeting took place in Germany at Speyer. A year later they again met at Rumpenheim. Queen Victoria visited Brussels later and the betrothal took place at the Palace of Laeken.

It was on February 28, 1863 that Princess Alexandra left Copenhagen for England. The marriage was celebrated at Windsor and the first ceremony there since that of Henry I. in 1122.

From the day of her marriage to the present time no word of other than good has been said of Queen Alexandra. She has devoted much of her time to helping the poor. She has a deeply religious nature. When her husband (then Prince of Wales) was dangerously ill with typhoid fever in 1871, a groom was smitten with the same illness at the same time. The Princess many times visited him, and when he died she erected a tombstone over his grave at Sandringham, bearing the inscription: "One was taken, the other left."

One of the heaviest blows of the Queen's life was the death of her eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, in 1901. Queen Alexandra is reported to be in excellent health for one of her years. Her most serious ailment is catarrh, from which she has suffered from time to time. Some years ago she became quite deaf.

TO HAVE SMOOTH, WHITE, SOFT SKIN ALL WINTER

Does your skin chap or roughen easily in this weather, or become unduly red or blotchy? Here is a quick, easy way to overcome the trouble and keep your complexion beautifully white, smooth and soft the winter long. Just get an ounce of ordinary mercurized wax at the nearest drugstore and use a little before retiring, as you would apply cold cream. Upon arising, remove the coating with sudsy water. The wax, through some peculiar attribute, flecks off the rough, discolored or blemished skin. The worn-out cuticle comes off just like dandruff, only almost invisible particles. Mercurized wax simply hastens Nature's work. Used as required, it keeps the face constantly free from devitalized, scurfy skin and only the healthy, young-looking skin is in evidence. It's the best treatment known for weather-beaten, aged, muddy, freckled, pimpled and all unbecoming complexions.

CANADIAN FOOTBALL Intermediate O.R.F.U.

Sarnia 6; Dundas 6.
Junior O. R. F. U.
Hamilton C. L. 8; Sarnia C. L. 7.
Hamilton Y. C. 23; St. Catharines 2.
Excelsiors 17; Wesley, Belwoods, 1.

The Sarnia football team qualified to meet the Toronto Capitals in the finals for the intermediate Ontario Rugby Football Union championship Saturday by their victory over the Dundas fourteen by 6 to 6, winning the round by 10 to 11.

Arrangements have been completed for the play-off in the intermediate O. R. F. U. final. Sarnia goes to Toronto on Wednesday to meet the Capitals in the first

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game and the return game will be played at Athletic Park here next Saturday.

With the Sarnia Collegiate Institute team scheduled to play in Sarnia next Saturday with Hamilton C. L. it was arranged to put on a double-header, the junior semi-final starting at 1:30 p.m. and the final at 2:45.

The Sarnia football club suggested Ben Simpson, Ross Craig and J. Mallette as officials for the final series. The Sarnia Collegiate has but a one-point lead to overcome next Saturday in order to go into the finals.

(By Hardware and Metal).

The tendencies generally throughout the entire hardware line are firm and upward. There are numerous changes noted this week. Orders for shipments beginning on December 31. While generally speaking, it is not advisable to carry stocks around inventory periods, some of those best informed advise stocking up at the present whenever goods may be most satisfactorily

procured, even if these goods will not be required for three or four months as the investment would be a sound one.

Amongst the many advances are noted sash cord, which is now quoted at No. 8 to 12 at 83c, No. 7 at 84c and No. 6 at 85c. This may possibly go higher, some firms in the United States are already quoting 5 cents higher over our corresponding prices. 1847 Rogers flatware is quoted at 30 per cent discount, being an advance 24 points. Canadian padlocks and night latches as predicted by Hardware and Metal last week, have advanced 10 per cent.

Plain galvanized wire No. 9 is quoted at \$5.60 per cwt. and \$6.00 for barbed. Champion scales are slightly higher, the new prices are: No. 4 E. B. at \$6.00, No. 10E. B. at \$8.10, No. 240, \$13.70, No. 600 at \$30.60, No. 1200 at \$37.80, No. 2000 at \$53.00.

Sash weights are now selling at \$3.00. Woodenware comprising ladders, bake boards, ironing boards, clothes horses, etc., have advanced and the new lists, it is expected will be released from the publishers about December 1. The American Window Glass Co. have withdrawn their lists and it looks as if higher Canadian prices are pending. Stoves and ranges are up 5 to 10 per cent, and it is expected the new prices will be available by December 1.

Wrought nipples are higher, also roller breast snaps, Roehdale pruners Canadian Beauty electrical appliances, Trimmo wrenches and parts, solid handle screw-drivers, Rayo lamps, made up logging chains.

WHAT WOMEN WERE DOING FIFTY YEARS AGO

Harriet Hosmer was practising sculpture in Paris. Four prominent English magazines edited by women, Julia Ward Howe was speaking on "Ruch Women, and Poor Women." Maria Mitchell was lecturing on astronomy to the girls at Vassar. The University of Michigan had

just voted to admit women as students.

Mrs. Lydia Saxton was appointed chaplain of the Leavenworth penitentiary.

Louisa M. Alcott's "Little Women" was one of the "best-sellers" of the day.

"Lotta" was investigating \$20,000 earned in a seven week's engagement in New York.

"George Sand" was mentioned for one of the vacant seats in the French Academy.

Ex-Queen Isabella of Spain was writing her autobiography in the shape of a novel.

Empress Eugenie was writing a history of her visit to the opening of the Suez Canal.

The American Woman Suffrage Association was given birth at a convention in Cleveland.

Mrs. Ottendorfer was sole proprietor of the largest German daily newspaper in New York city.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton was engaged in a very successful lecture tour of the middle West.

Detroit boasted of a woman barber "who shaves, shampoos and cuts hair in the highest style of the art."

Alice and Phoebe Cary received as a Christmas present from the poet Whittier, a copy of his "New England Ballads."

The public was discussing the election of Miss Elizabeth Peabody as Clerk of the House in Washington Territory.

Springfield, Worcester and several other Massachusetts cities had elected women to the school boards for the first time.

A resolution proposing a woman suffrage amendment to the constitution of Ohio was introduced in the Legislature of that State. Miss Allie H. Jameson was commissioned a notary-public at Marshalltown, Iowa, the first woman notary in her section of the country.

TO-DAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, former German imperial chancellor, born in the Province of Brandenburg, 63 years ago to-day.
George D. Strayer, professor of educational administration in Teachers College of Columbia University, born at Wayne, Pa., 43 years ago to-day.



How to Buy a Shirt

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