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GIVE THE PUBLIC THE FACTS

It is astonishing that the government has not yet taken the public into its confidence fully with respect to the completion of the Valley Railway, the route, the bridges, and the provision of terminal facilities at St. John. When one considers how greatly this city and province are interested in this enterprise, it is very difficult to understand why the government, instead of speaking out, should have contented itself with a confidential communication to members of the council of the Board of Trade. For if it was not confidential we must assume that these business men would have communicated what they know to a general meeting of the Board of Trade and through that meeting to the public at large.

Ever since the meeting between Hon. Messrs. Hazen and Baxter, and members of the council of the Board of Trade, reports have been in circulation concerning a very radical change of policy on the part of the Dominion government, as well as the local government, with respect not only to the route of the Valley Railway, but as to the whole character and future of the enterprise. It is both absurd and reprehensible that the public should be denied frank and full information as to these matters in the month of July, 1915, when another summer is seen to be vanishing without action—a summer which should have witnessed the completion of the whole Valley enterprise.

The local government's conduct in connection with this railway—we speak now of the time since the Dugal investigation—has aroused not little public suspicion and disgust. We evidently have upon the eve of more promises about what is "going to be done" this fall, or next spring.

The Mayor and Commissioners and the Board of Trade should publicly demand complete information from the government in relation to these matters—and not confidential information for the enlightenment of a small circle, but information for the people of this province whose money and whose interests have been subjected to years of jockeying at the hands of a set of politicians who have proved notoriously unworthy of public confidence.

HARRY K. THAW.

For Harry K. Thaw, his break from Mattawean seems to have been a fortunate inspiration. His self-taken liberty now is sanctioned by Supreme Court Justice Hendrick of New York, and, for the first time in nine years, he may traverse the streets unmolested save by the curious, the sensation seekers and the morbid worshippers of the noted and notorious. There still remains the matter of New York State's appeal from the decision that Thaw is sane. That must be dealt with and meanwhile Thaw is under bonds of \$85,000 to appear when called upon.

Justice Hendrick took occasion to express himself somewhat critically in his matter of alienists as witnesses. It has before been said that expert testimony is as you pay for it, but nevertheless, the learned judge's outspoken words have probably not proven as the sound of lapping wavelets to the ears of those skilled in brain diseases who were called in this case.

The varying phases of Thaw's struggle for liberty, the amount of time that has been allowed to pass without a definite determination by those in authority, and the untiring efforts of his mother to gain freedom for her son have brought a considerable portion of the public to that stage where they are pleased to see the slayer of White given his liberty. His reception as he left the court house demonstrated this. What over the final result in determining Thaw's worldly fate, one thing now is certain—there should be general relief when he ceases to be an element in the news of the day. He has commanded attention too long.

That Germany is feeling the effects of the hemming-in process finds its latest exemplification in the covert threats made to Roumania. The Kaiser wants to send arms and ammunition to his ill-advised allies on the Bosphorus. He can not do so by water or by land and he seeks to frighten little Roumania into opening a passage through that country. The threat also implies a fear that the signs point to Roumania joining the Allies in their battle against Prussian world domination.

The Patriotic Fund in St. John needs strengthening. As the war progressed and more soldiers were sent from this province, the demands naturally grew larger until now a great sum is paid out every month to dependents of the men who have crossed the Atlantic. There is but one source of revenue, the contributions of those who do not fight, but whose battalions are being fought for them. Have all who could do so sent in their share—or anything at all? Are there not some who feel but little, if at all, the effects of the war—some whose income is as large as ever; whose necessary ex-

pensures are little greater than before the war began?

Congratulations to Lieutenant D. B. Pidgeon of St. John—lieutenant no more, but captain now, with the Army Service Corps in England.

Has anybody here seen Kelly? That is the daily question in the Manitoba scandals inquiry. They want the contractor's evidence but he is not to the fore. Not unlike the situation that developed in New Brunswick's investigation last year.

Why the activity by persons not far removed from Conservative control in New Brunswick in seeking to smooth over matters which are to form part of the Chandler investigation? Have the manipulators regretted the loudly declared welcome of charges?

Today the R. K. Y. C. men throw stones aside and start on their annual cruise on the St. John River. These are their "Happy Days," a phrase that has become the property of the yachtsmen. The cruise gives promise of being as pleasant as ever.

The commercial travelers win commendation for their patriotic act in raising money to provide motor ambulances for the Red Cross. The initial subscriptions do them credit. It is not the first time since the war began that these men have proved their sterling worth.

National registration may come in Canada. That means a day when all of military age will be numbered and registered. Next may come an enforced call for each to do something more in the Empire's time of stress than is being done in carrying on the ordinary work of time of peace.

The chairman of the Royal Commission investigating Manitoba election matters yesterday found it necessary to check Mr. Fullerton's flow of eloquence as he presented his argument. Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Justice Purdie said, seemed addressing himself to the newspapers rather than to the commission.

That the great armies on the western fighting ground are at close grips is indicated in despatches telling of bomb and grenade fighting taking the place of heavy gun work. These, with machine guns, are telling weapons. Of the latter the Allies have had too few. The patriotic action of St. John business men in furnishing ten or more is timely and commendable.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in a stirring recruiting speech in Toronto last night, appealed in vigorous words to the young men of Canada. There is inspiration in his sentences—"The privilege is yours, young men, the privilege of risking your life that your country may live and that freedom may not disappear from the earth." There is the war in a few words. Young men, think them over.

The bankers of the Empire metropolis urge caution in expenditures, both public and private. They do more—they call on governments and people to curtail. With the war costing Britain alone \$15,000,000 a day, these men of financial experience see the need of a word of advice. Too many, as yet untouched in pocket, have come to regard conditions with complacency.

The appeal of Nursing Sister McKell of Fairville for funds to purchase some comforts for the badly wounded soldiers under her care in No. 2 Hospital in France may well have been made with confidence. The work she herself is doing and the supreme sacrifice of her brother Rudolf in battle warrant a generous response to this particular request, even in a time when many are giving so generously to other projects allied to the war.

Hints for the Cook

Ginger Bread Pudding.
One egg, ¼ cup butter or lard (if lard is used add a pinch of salt), ½ cup sugar, ¼ cup molasses, 1 level teaspoon soda, 1 cup flour and ½ teaspoon cinnamon. Last of all add ½ cup boiling water. Batter is very thin. Serve warm, with whipped cream.

Molasses Cookies.
One cup molasses, one cup sugar, ½ cup cold water, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoon ginger, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 egg and ½ cup melted lard added after flour.

Queen Muffins.
One-fourth cup of butter, 1 egg well beaten, 1-½ cup of sugar, 1½ cups of flour, ½ cup of milk, 1½ teaspoons of baking powder. Bake in buttered gem pans, in a hot oven, 20 minutes.

Cream Tea Biscuits.
Blend thoroughly 1 beaten egg, ½ cup sugar and a little nutmeg. Sift together ½ cups bread flour, 2 rounding teaspoons baking powder and ½ teaspoon salt. Add 1 cup sweet cream to the first mixture and then the flour mixture. Have ready well-grated gem pans and bake in moderate oven nice brown. This quantity makes eight.

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"Not sure? Didn't you hear anything?"

"No; but perhaps I was travelling faster than the sound of his voice."

And He Cleared.

Builder—I've just caught that man Brown hanging about smoking during working hours, so I gave him his four days' wages and told him to clear out.

Foreman—Good! "evens, guv'nor! That chap was only looking for a job!"

Convicted.

First Lawyer—Did his speech carry conviction?

Second Lawyer—It did! His client got five years.

It is Spreading.

David was viewing the wonders of the zoo with his father for the first time. David's mother is an ardent suffragist. Over the cage of the secretary bird is an inscription which reads:

"The male secretary bird hatches the eggs and rears the young."

David slowly spelled out the inscription and turned inquiringly to his father.

"Is the secretary bird's wife a suffragist, too, pa?" he asked.

An Error in Debate.

"I think I made a mistake in arguing the question of expense with my wife."

"What do you mean?"

"She wanted an automobile, and I inadvertently told her that I couldn't afford it."

"Well!"

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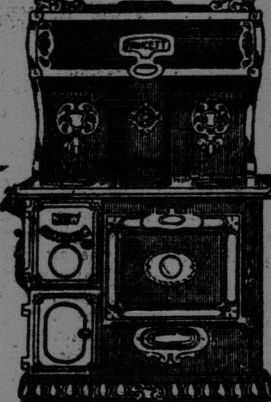
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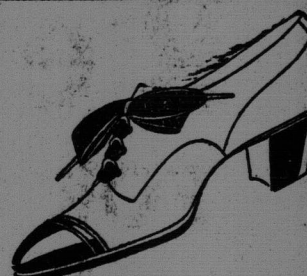
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DELIGHTFUL FLAVORS

(By Peter McArthur.)
Now that thrift is being commended as a national virtue, all kinds of strange theories are being exploited in the papers and magazines. Thoughtful editors assure us that it is the "high cost of living" that increases our expense accounts and that they undertake to show that all kinds of unpalatable things are really as nourishing as the most exquisite dainties. Possibly there is much truth in their contentions, but it does not follow that we should put our palates in cold storage to await more prosperous times. All dainty flavors are not expensive and before beginning to acquire merit by thrift it is worth while to make a slight investigation.

I am not of those who believe everything they see in print and I suspect that many of those eulogies on unpalatable dishes are written by editorial dyspepsia of the kind that you see posing at lunch hour in the tied cafeterias of Montreal and Toronto—pallid intellectuals who dine riotously on a gluten biscuit, a poppin tablet and a glass of skimmed milk while meditating a luminous leader on a possible European hegemony.

Because that they are pigeon-livered

there shall be no more cakes and jam, or ginger hot 't the mouth. Nonsense, and yet again nonsense! Flavors are as essential to our health as sterilized food products. Flavors aid digestion more than anything else. The very names of them cause our mouths to water and our stomachs to be sufficed with the secretions and juices that dissolve and assimilate our food—with the juices of which a scientific poet chanted—

"Yes, even your names are sounds of large import—
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Without a copious flow of these juices a man is merely a living grouch and it is the flavors that stimulate them to the finest issues. And of all flavors none are so appetizing as those of the fruits. From the first strawberry to the last peach they aid digestion—they even aid in the digestion of unpalatable dishes, high in proteins and other desirable constituents whose names I cannot recall at the moment. Also by using fruit we get a proper quantity of those "vitamins" without which we are now assured that life is impossible.

If we use the fruit that happens to be on the market at the time, not exotics and imported fruits, but home grown berries, cherries and other fruits in their season, we get the flavors necessary to insure good digestion at the lowest possible cost. Bear in mind that no food is cheap that causes indigestion. If you do not enjoy your meals you will not digest them to advantage, so you can afford to laugh at all the editorial wiles and enjoy the best flavors of nature whenever you get the chance. And nowhere can you get them better than in our home grown Canadian fruits.

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