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A BETTER TONE IN THE WEST.

Hon. Mr. Crerar, in discussing conditions in the prairie provinces, recently told an interviewer that no one should fail to note the fact that the West is fundamentally sound, and he went on to say that much depended upon real Canadian unity in framing public policies, as the prospects of eastern manufacturers depended very greatly upon a prosperous West.

A student of western conditions who has covered much territory in the prairie provinces since Mr. Crerar was heard from believes that a term for the better has now definitely come. There are some westerners who dispute this view, but perhaps they are too close to their own troubles to indulge in the long survey which is more promising.

A correspondent who has been a student of western conditions on the ground forms the conclusion that the depression reached its lowest level last fall and last winter, and he finds that the promise of an excellent harvest this year has already greatly changed a feeling of despondency and introduced in many quarters at least a tendency toward buoyant hope, which in itself is a great gain.

It is said on the authority of an officer of the Dominion Geological Survey that there is coal enough in Alberta alone to supply the needs of all Canada at the present rate of consumption for fifty years, and an increasing use of Alberta coal is recognized as one of Canada's necessities. Beyond the coal there are untapped reservoirs of gas and petroleum, and of many other natural resources, aside from agricultural land.

The agricultural surveys show that there is a great stretch in the northern parts of the three prairie provinces which is suitable for cattle raising, and it is predicted by the Alberta Department of Agriculture that the number of cattle raised in this region will increase rapidly until the day comes when the West will be furnishing more cattle than are at present produced in the whole of the United States.

These westerners look forward confidently to a day when some 12,000,000 head of cattle will be produced, producing great quantities of corn in addition to the present cereals.

The student of western conditions reminds us how badly the West has been hit during recent years, saying that the period from 1917 to 1921 was disastrous from a crop standpoint, and that even 1922 was a poor year in sections that ordinarily produced much. On top of the bad crops came the tumble in grain prices, while in many cases the expenses of production were one hundred per cent greater than in former years. In Alberta while the output of creamery butter was increased to more than 15,000,000 pounds in 1922, the price realized was a million dollars less than was paid for some 12,000,000 pounds in 1919. We in the Maritime Provinces can appreciate what was meant by the decline in the average value of horses in Saskatchewan from \$125 in 1917 between 1919 and 1922, while cattle were declined on an average from \$91 to \$40, other cattle from \$63 to \$23, and swine from \$27 to \$14.

The West, according to Mr. Crerar, acted on the assumption that good crops and high prices would both continue. He has said that in the fall of 1922 the West was in the fat of the West like the rest of Canada indulged in both foolish optimism and extravagance. That is to say, in a good many cases, an extravagant style of living was undertaken, and obligations were incurred which could only be met if high prices and rich crops were to continue. The thoughtful westerner, even the man who believes that a definite turn for the better has come, does not expect that the good crop year will cure all the present evils. Public men in the West have repeatedly said of late that both prudence and good judgment, and the exercise of the most careful economy will be necessary for some time if the prairie country is to get back to its old stride. Having had a succession of bad years, the westerners are hoping for several good ones in succession. The western tone is already definitely better, and if this year's crop equals present expectations a considerable part at least of the present load of indebtedness will be liquidated and the western country will experience a great measure of relief and a growing confidence which in themselves will be invaluable.

HARD TO KILL.

The foolish idea which occasionally crops up, chiefly in the United States, to the effect that Great Britain is considering, or might consider, the sale of the British West Indies in order to settle its American war loan, seems hard to kill. There was so much talk about it three years ago that Lloyd George, then Prime Minister, issued a statement which should have settled the matter for all time. But the talk seems to persist, and one of it gets across to Great Britain via cable, evidently, for only three days ago Premier Baldwin thought it necessary to declare in the House of Commons that Great Britain had not

AN ANNAPOLIS VALLEY FARMER.

(John Hanlon in Canadian Magazine.) Blue sky, red water, laving blondism. Its purple blurred in foggy mystery. Green dykelands rolling down and wheelfields fawn.

Above the house a poplar wistfully hears aimless winds laugh through the apple trees.

And whip the tall hay into airy foam. A robin gorges on the lawn, and bees through goldenrod and asters plundering rooms.

The empty barrels in the orchard lie beneath rich branches bending with the fruit.

The London market's strong, the price is high.

The farmer drives a bargain hard, astute.

The money in, he boards a train for town.

And takes his wife and children for a treat.

Rejoices in the noise, a frolic clown.

At a cheap theatre, and the crowded street.

Back home again where bloody maples splash.

The mountain flocks and only spruce is pale.

And later billiards in blind fury lash.

Drifts higher than the dykes, and then the spring's tale.

Is told by buds that break from barren boughs.

And meadow violets meeting April rain.

The farmer sows and cultivates and plows.

His only dream to reach the town again!

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

The Brute!

"My husband has no sentiment."

"How dreadful!"

"Yes. I can cry for hours without getting a penny out of him."—Sydney Bulletin (Australia).

Breaking It Gently.

Daughter—"May I go to a wedding, father?"

Father—"Must you go?"

Daughter—"I suppose so. I'm the bride."—Parade.

Wanted to Know.

"Waiter, a plate of oysters."

"But there's no 'v' in this month, sir."

"Is this a spelling bee or a restaurant?"—Boston Transcript.

Not So Slow.

First Girl—Can't you drive that car yet, Why, Mr. Gold-Burne has been giving you lessons for at least a month.

Second Girl—Yes, I know—but he hasn't proposed yet!—Passing Show (London).

Time to Leave.

Lecturer—Allow me before I close to repeat the words of the immortal Webster.

Hayseed (to wife)—Land. Hays' got to start in on the dictionary.—Princeton Tiger.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRE.

Sir Lomer Gouin, Minister of Justice, and Hon. G. P. Graham, Canadian representatives at the League of Nations assembly in September, together with Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of Interior and Immigration, will represent the Dominion at the Imperial Economic Conference in London in October.

Premier King will be in London at the same time, to attend the Imperial Conference, and it is probable that he will be accompanied by Hon. E. M. Macdonald, Minister of National Defence.

An unidentified schooner and an unknown seaman played the hide-and-seek game in the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence yesterday when an ice patrol steamer destroyed a derelict of the Newfoundland coast.

The schooner had made a show of being home port to be Lunenburg, but her name had been partially eradicated.

It was announced at the closing of the public school in Sussex yesterday that the Frank Singer medal for proficiency in manual training had been won by the late George Manning, who was drowned a few days ago.

The pupils carried out an excellent program of the best and several prizes were presented.

LONDON CHURCH FIRES.

Outrage at Holy Trinity, Tulsa Hill, Third of Kind.

London, June 2.—(By Mail.)—An attempt to burn down the Church of Holy Trinity, Tulsa Hill, was discovered on Thursday night. The building had been broken into by way of one of the windows, and fires had been started in two cupboards in the church room where candles and candles were kept. Fortunately, the fires were put out before much damage was done. This is the third case in which an attempt has been made in this church recently to set fire to a church, and altogether fires have occurred at six South London churches in the last few months.

EDITOR ON TRIAL IN ILLINOIS ON LEGION'S LABEL CHARGE.

Chicago, July 6.—Selection of a jury to try Arthur Lorenz, former editor of the Illinois Staats-Zeitung, charged with criminal libel against the Illinois department of the American Legion, has begun in Judge Hugo Gan's court. A \$100,000 damage suit also was filed against Lorenz.

Lorenz is alleged to have written an editorial published in the "Illinois Staats-Zeitung" on December 18, 1921, denouncing members of the Legion as "an instrument bought with British gold to suppress truth, to gas free expression of opinion, to beat down every free expression of opinion and to be a free organized labor."

At the meeting of the governors of the New Brunswick Protestant Orphan Homes, held yesterday afternoon in the British street home, it was reported that there was still a great lack of accommodation in the homes. There was also a scarcity of money, but it was reported that the general health of the children in the homes was good. The summer vacation activities have begun and the children are being well entertained. Routine business was transacted. D. C. Clark presided at the meeting.

COUPLE CHARGE POLICEMAN WITH STREET ATTACK.

Enright Orders Silence on Brooklyn Man's Story That He and Wife were Clubbed Without Cause.

New York, July 6.—Mystery which envelops the case which cannot at present unravel surrounds an assault made recently on Mrs. Mary Hojnacki of 147 Fifty-fifth Street Brooklyn, and her husband, William J. Hojnacki, 125 Greenpoint Avenue, Long Island City, waiting for a trolley car. Mrs. Hojnacki was charged in Long Island City court on the charge of felonious assault and released on \$200 bail for hearing.

Mrs. Hojnacki is in St. John's Hospital, Long Island City, suffering from a possible fracture of the skull and serious lacerations of the head, where, it is said, she was struck four times by the officer's club. Her husband, William Hojnacki, was struck once, according to his story, and was prevented from rescuing his wife by the mocking revolver of Darcy.

While Mrs. Hojnacki's condition was said to be critical, Dr. Samuel Berkow, who is attending her, said he expected she would recover.

Won't Talk With Prosecutor.

Police Commissioner Enright gave orders that the case was not to be discussed and Darcy refused to tell even William Groat, Assistant District Attorney of Queens, who had taken place. The only fact the police would verify is that Police Surgeon Francis J. Murray examined Darcy after the alleged assault and declared him too much intoxicated for duty.

With his head ringing from the blow, the police said, he held together by court plaster, Hojnacki sat in his little home and wondered at the same time, to attend the Imperial Conference, and it is probable that he will be accompanied by Hon. E. M. Macdonald, Minister of National Defence.

"We had been standing perhaps ten minutes at the corner," he said, "when a trolley came along. Then this man Darcy, accompanied by another man came up. I paid no attention, as I was waiting for a trolley, and he came too. Then he drew his club and struck my wife. One, two, three, four times."

"What did you do? Didn't he say anything before striking your wife?"

Air Survey to Be Made From Colomb-Béchar to Niger Bend.

Paris, June 4.—(By Mail.)—A plan for a railway across the Sahara which has been the subject of prolonged controversy, seems likely shortly to come before the Chamber of Deputies in a form suitable for practical discussion. The project appears to have settled in favor of a line running from Oran through the middle of the desert to the Niger Bend.

Arguments in favor of this route are numerous. As the railway is intended for military use, the alternative of a line through Mauritania to Senegal would have the disadvantage of running near the Spanish territory of Rio de Oro, and close to the Atlantic Coast. The other alternative, a line from Oran to the Niger Bend, would suffer from the same defect of possible insecurity.

The line now being seriously considered would include the railway already constructed from Oran to Colomb-Béchar. Thence it would be continued to Taurit, either by the valley of the Sahara (in which case it would be a short-cut to the recently discovered coal mines at Kanak), or by the Wadi Nunus, which might be a shorter route. The line would be used to explore this district in order to provide materials for a decision.

MONTREAL MAN HELD IN BOSTON.

Said to Have Confessed to Stealing of Bonds in Connecticut.

Boston, July 6.—John A. Deyoung, claiming Montreal as his home, and Charles Belbin of his home, were held in Boston yesterday night were held in \$10,000 each in the municipal court yesterday for a hearing.

In their possession were found two \$10,000 New York Central Railroad bonds said to be part of the loot resulting from the burglary of the post office and general store, Broad Brook, Conn., about a month ago.

The police said Deyoung had confessed that he and two other men broke into the store after stealing an automobile in Hartford, filled the car with goods, took three \$1,000 bonds and drove off pursued by a sheriff and posse. Shots were fired at car, Deyoung said, and it caught fire. He and his companions escaped in the woods, where he lost one of the bonds in a ditch. He said that Belbin had offered him \$100 if he would sell one of the bonds.

CHEAP FIRE ALARMS.

Noise of Pictures Falling Awakened Families.

London, June 8.—(By Mail.)—At the Professional Fire Brigades Association conference, which was confined at Croydon yesterday, Chief Officer W. J. Dane, of Croydon, the president, said that as a cheap domestic fire alarm pictures hung with cords were easily the first in the line of fire, and that he had found that people had been awakened when a house was on fire by the noise of pictures falling.

LAYS CANCER GAIN TO AMERICAN DIET.

Osteopath Advises Return to Natural Food and Exercise—Says Middle Age Should Not Be Awaited to Look for Symptoms.

New York, July 6.—The prevalence of cancer in this country is due to American cooking and dieting, according to Dr. R. D. Emery, who addressed 2,000 osteopaths at the opening session of the convention of the American Osteopathic Association in the Waldorf-Astoria. Citing insurance statistics showing that the liability for cancer was increasing faster than the cancer death rate, he said that this indicated the necessity of not waiting until middle or old age to look for the symptoms of the malady.

"We know that the native tribes, such as the Indian and the Eskimo, do not have cancer," he said. "Remove these natives from their diet and custom them to a diet, lack of exercise and vitiated air, and their vitality is lessened. As a result there is stagnation of blood and corresponding influences. Acidosis develops and irritation of the tissues results. Then follows susceptibility to cancer."

"If we are to eliminate the cancer evil we must get back to natural food and diet as well as rational exercise. The time to attack the cancer problem is in the baby, teaching the growing child the value of correct living. The evils of cancer are cooking, refining and adulteration."

In his address to the delegates, representative of the United States and Canada, Dr. George W. Goode of Boston, president of the association, said that it was not uncommonly known among the laymen that osteopaths in this State took precisely the same medical examination as the physician of the homeopathic or allopathic schools, never applying for a license. The examining board recognized neither individuals nor schools, he said.

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"The hospital must no longer be regarded merely as an institution for the treatment of the sick. It must in future be the headquarters from which the public may receive its education on how to live in order to escape the hospital as a place in which to be sick. This health education must further be carried on by the printed page. Why cannot we replace the sensational pseudo health material found in the magazine sections of some of our daily papers with sound, wholesome information on better living in the daily press and in magazines devoted to such a cause?"

The fact that the average span of life has been increased from twenty

years in the sixteenth century to fifty at the present time has been due, pseudo health material and the cutting in half of the tuberculosis death rate, and the better control of infectious and contagious diseases. The next step was the instruction of the public in intelligent living.

Two United States Senators are scheduled to address the institute Wednesday night. They are Walter E. Edge of New Jersey and Dr. Royal S. Copeland of New York.

With regard to a resolution that upon the death of an ex-soldier from a disability, for which he received, or was entitled to receive, a pension, the dependents should automatically become eligible for pensions, Dr. Beland said that if the ex-serviceman was entitled to pension, as a matter of law, he should have been receiving it. Appeals on this score would, however, be rendered more easy by the recent legislation which provided, among other things, for an appeal before a board, to hear appeals locally. The recent amendments to the pension act had also considerably modified the restrictions as to eligibility for pensions by dependents of deceased ex-servicemen.

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