# The Evening Times-Star

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MR. PITFIELD'S ADDRESS

virtues is the one from whose friendship we derive the most benefit. Mr. Ward C. Pitfield talks to the people of the Maritime Provinces with frankness because he is a native. He did not find the scope for his own energies here, but became one of that very large coterie which only needed opportunity to win success in a larger field. Addressing the Board of Trade last evening, Mr. he would have an Agent-General in London for himself he permitted to name the man. Regarding our Crown Lands policy Mr. Pitfield urged that it be made stable, and he predicted a large development of the pulp and paper business. Speaking Mr. Angus McLean estimates that steady employthat the provincial policy which provided a second electric distribution system in Saint John had had predicted that there will soon be four or five paper an adverse effect upon the investing public in the mills operating in New Brunswick. When that United States and Upper Canada. His counsel is, is brought to pass the lumber industry will have however, that when industry down this way needs capital and advice it should go to Montreal and of development. Toronto instead of to the United States. Mr. Pitfield can speak with authority on this subject, because the company with which he is associated sion in the Maritimes. Mr. Pitfield was inistsent at the same time setting forth the reasons for discouragement and apathy, which lie entirely outside of the people, and are one of the results of Nevertheless his advice is sound. recommendations of the Duncan report have been supplemented by legislation there will be no reason to complain of a lack of enterprise and energy in these parts. The press of the provinces will appreciate Mr. Pitfield's compliment as to its non-partisan attitude and the additional influence it exerts at home and abroad on that

Board of Trade to bring back successful Maritime men to express their views on the Maritime situation. Mr. Pitfield was the first, and he has given the members of the Board and the people at large food for earnest thought and deliberation.

#### LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

TT HAS been said over and over again that rohibition would not be satisfactorily enforced contemplated. Although the police are sworn to enforce the laws, the enforcement of prohibition is left to provincial officers. A similar situation seems to be about to develop in the city of Win- what she asked for. nipeg, where there is a dispute between the City Council and the Provincial Government over the tinguish between crimes which it will consent to combat and crimes which, so far as it is concerned, may be committed with impunity in the very presence of the police. The Winnipeg Free Press vigorously objects to such a course. It says:

"The city would be justified in taking the stand that if to enforce the act properly it should be necessary to increase the membership of the city force, it would be justified in asking the province breaking of the liquor laws. This might be done by way of a direct contribution from the Governthe Temperance Act. The Povincial Government has agreed in advance to a settlement along these es, only to meet with a peremptory refusal by

Saint John readers will be interested to note that the Manitoba Government is willing, either to make a direct contribution to the city of Win-Temperance Act. No similar offer has been made as yet, so far as we know, by the Government of this province. If it were made and accepted by the province are learn whether prohibitions are learn whether prohibitions are learn whether prohibitions. the city, we would soon learn whether prohibition in Saint John can be enforced.

#### INDISCRETION OR FRANKNESS

IINDER the heading "An Indiscretion by Mr. Bruce," L'Evenement takes the Australian Premier to task over the declaration that declared autonomy implies fuller Dominion participation in perial defence. L'Evenement argues that "If it is true that the status of Canada has been changed to the point that the Dominion is now a country as free as proud Albion, British Imperialism is on the decline." If L'Evenement refer to the old Downing Street brand of Imperialism, the latter is not on the decline, but moribund, if not actually dead. The French language newspaper says further: "London has seemed to accord us a shadow of political liberty, and English politicians are profiting thereby to claim further sacrifices from Canada for the cause of Imperial defence." To just what further political liberty L'Evenement aspires is not clear, nor what English politicianssurely the Premier of Australia cannot be so classed-claim in the way of Canadian sacrifices. In continuation: "Australia is free to follow the advice of the British Admiralty." On what grounds is this tutoring insinuated? It is presumed that Australia is preparing against attack -presumably so, and preparedness is the surest way to avoid war. Let Mr. Bruce confide to fears—that were indeed an indiscretion. Whatever power may be the agressor Australia fears, Canada is protected against it; the United States will not attack because we are defenceless; Japan will not attack because the United States—could L'Evenement "under seal of secrecy" whom

This is amazing. Has L'Evenement never read history to discover that the real causes of war pacific desires on one side cannot alway preserve ace—not honorable peace? Is L'Evenement so ung as not to expect the unexpected?

That Mr. Bruce was probably attempting to convert Canada to Australia's conception of Empire responsibility The Telegraph-Journal has already suggested, though whether this be an indiscretion or frank talk between brothers is open to debate. It has, however, been held that only in the basic conception, that Imperial defence resolves itself into maintaining and guarding THE friend who tells us our failings as well as Australia and Canada the same. The means whereby each contributes to maintaining these arteries varies. Canada has a railway system that is undoubtedly Imperial, and therefore moneys spent on that are-in part at least-moneys contributed to Imperial defence. The fact of the matter is that the Imperial Conference has fired all its delegates. Possibly Mr. Bruce is at the moment over-enthusiastic, but Canada may be sure that her own Premier will consider carefully what are Canada's obligations, and will act as befits the leader of the government of a virile

> storage, hydro-electric development, mill construc-Bathurst within the next two or three years, as proposed by the Bathurst Company, Limited, will ment will be provided for a thousand men, as a result of the development. Mr. Pitfield last night entered upon a new and more prosperous phase

ing last night, laid emphasis upon the fact that has provided over \$25,000,000 for industrial expancity is being broken down. There should not exist any prejudice on either side. City and province will advance together or they will not advance at all. The sooner it is universally realized that the material interests of urban and rural centres are common, and that what injures the one also injures the other, the sooner we shall be making head-

> A taxicab company of Newark, N. J., refuses to employ red-haired drivers on the ground that ninety-eight per cent. of red-headed men are reckless. The company bases this dictum on fourteen must be accepted. Assuming it to be accurate one is impelled to wonder at nature's provision of a danger signal-or is there a hair dye manufactory in Newark that needs to boost its sales?

Toronto wants a coking plant. The Mayor of Toronto intends to get in touch-immediately what money is to be granted certain cities for the electric power. Toronto is not backward in coming forward and there is no reason why others should be. We all have our claims-some of us a number of them. The importunate widow got

Kansas had better be careful. A bill has been ntroduced into the State Senate legalizing the sale of the sly cigarette. Incidentally dealers must be maintaining the best roads on the contine "thanks to our nicotine legislation."

#### Other Views

CANADA AND THE WORLD'S FOOD.

(Winnipeg Tribune)

MOST of the estimates made by scientific men
from time to time as to the assured time when the world's food supplies would run short have been proven wrong when the fatal days arrived. Canada has helped to leave them unfulfilled.

The late Sir William Crookes in 1898 gave Canada 25 years to reach a maximum of 12 million acres in wheat. Yet in the period since, Can-ada's wheat area has grown from under 3,000,000 acres to nearly 23,000,000 acres this year.

#### VARIOUS WAYS

THE death was reported in France a few days ago of a woman at the age of 104. It was said of her that she had never missed an opportunity many who might have been her grandchildren. There are different ways of getting through life.

ONE FOR MR. HEARST. (New York Times)

T would have been altogether fitting if the privilege of being the first man to talk with London over the telephone had fallen to Mr. Hearst. Inauguration of the trans-Atlantic tele-

SOMETHING DOING NOW.

phone and Mr. Hearst's discovery of a passionate affection for the British Empire have been vir-

(Calgary Herald)

THE country will look forward hopefully to the new regime in the department of immigration.

This department's work in recent years has not reflected any credit upon either the minister, his concerned. They have all been satisfied with very little in the way of actual performance.

MOVING ON. (London, Ontario, Free Press)

THE world is still far from the millennium. But the world moves and the movement is forward, not backward, and forward towards that ideal of which Tennyson dreamed in "Locksley Hall," "the parliament of man, the federation of the world."

NO HURRY.

#### News and Views From The British Capital

LONDON, December 80, 1926—Last week marked the 81st birthday of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, whose father led the Conservative peers before Benjamin Disraeli became Lord Beaconsfield. The present Duke is a handsome old Etonian Guardsman, who served in the Boer War, as his grandfather did before him in the Napoleonic wars. Soldiering is in the Gordon Lennox family, and the Great War took its full toll of the Duke's males descendants. His heir, the Earl of March, D. S. O., was an Irish Guardsman, and one of his nephews is a lobbyist at Westminster. The old Duke is a keen all-round sportsman, and a member of the Jockey Club, and will get no more sincere birthday greetings than from Tommies who recovered from their war wounds at his splen-did Highland castle near Fochabers. The alert attention and prodigal generosity with which his Grace catered for their welfare and amusement were beyond compare. The writer speaks feelingly about it, having enjoyed that wartime hospitality in a blue writer.

Changing Tastes.

The Duke's chauffeur, who lost an eye at Mons, told me all about it. He said that the convalescent nmies began to kick about an improvised football. The Duke promptly motored off to buy goal posts and footballs galore. The next lot tried to golf with their crutch sticks. The Duke motored off, and returned with 'umpteen golf clubs and a barrage of balls. Then came a party who tried to invent croquet equipment. Off went the Duke again, and returned with complete croquet sets. Summer saw a fresh consignment of raw material in hospital blue, who started playing cricket with-out proper equipment. Off went the Duke, and returned, like Santa Claus, laden with cricket out-fit. Then someone mentioned billiards, and, hey presto! three tables appeared in the big hall. The chauffeur confessed that the writer's "lot" puzzled the Duke. "You chaps do nothing but dance," he said. But the Duke noted that, too, and as there were not nearly enough maids to go round a bevy of pretty maids promptly arrived.

Three Staff Musketeers.

Early in the New Year the much-heralded Early in the New Year the much-heralded Imperial Defence College is expected to open its temporary doors at Buckingham Gate. Its object is to train a potential military and civilian staff in big phases of Imperial strategy, and to combine for this common central outlook all three fighting Services. Commandants will be chosen in rotation from the Navy, the Army, and the Air Force, beginning in strict official precedence with Admiral Sir Herbert Richmond as the naval first appointment. Of the three chief instructors Captain G. ment. Of the three chief instructors Captain G. C. Dickens represents the Navy; Col. J. G. Dil the Army, and Group Captain J. D. la Ferte the Air Force. Major Clemens, formerly secretary to tary of the new college, which will restrict its course to 30 selected students, half from this country and half from overseas. A unique point about the establishment is that no additional charge will be thrown on the Service Estimates.

#### Play a Nation's Part

(Winnipeg Tribune)

PREMIER BRUCE, of Australia, is a man PREMIER BRUCE, of Australia, is a linear of action, with the active man's contempt for mere words and phrases. The speeches he has made in Eastern Canada have given evidence of made in Eastern Canada have given evidence of as cobwebs, nevertheless have enduring qualities. He is at his best in such ing qualities, with its exquisite fancy

"We are proud to think we have selfgoverning rights. We are proud also to
think that we belong to the greatest Empire the world has ever seen. We must also recognize our obligations and assume our recognize our obligations and assume our share of responsibility. We must play a nation's part in the world's history, and not live selfishly unto ourselves. The people of Australia are willing to assume their own responsibility and play their own part."

"Play a nation's part"—the words carry a real message, and it is well that Mr. Bruce is on hand just now to speak them. All the pother about the limitations of our constitutional position, all

the limitations of our constitutional position, all the self-glorification some Caandians have indulged in since the Imperial Conference, all the laborious efforts to explain how our status has been advanced a foot here and six inches there, are all futile. These things count less than a feather's weight in the scale. A thousand declarations by the Imperial Conference could not add an inch Canada's stature as a nation, nor detract from Nations are made great, not by words, but deeds. They are make strong by the strength their people, not by proclamations. Play a nation's part, and every other nation the world will be glad to recognize our nation-

Mr. Bruce has brought away a true picture of the Imperial Conference. He has his perspective right. What counts is not pretty word pictures on paper, but the way duties and obligations are discharged, and the part a nation plays in the

#### Canada's Soldier Farmers "How was Professor Puffy's speech last night?" was asked.

(New York Times) FIFTY years or more ago Sir Wilfrid Laurier FIFTY years or more ago Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke of Canada as the "Granary of the Empire," and was the butt of the flippant, who regarded Canada West as a barren wilderness. Last year the value of Canada's exports of grain and flour was \$475,000,000. Settlers who knew little or nothing of farming have made a success of taking up land in the West. Since 1917 the Government has aided veterans of the World War with grants of land. Major E. J. Ashton, Commissioner of the Soldier Settlement Board, says

of their venture:

"That soldier settlement has produced a considerable crop of failures is admitted. What is not generally realized is that its successes form just as large a part of its general numbers as do successes among the farming public, and that today among the successful are men who have taken a leading part in Canadian agriculture."

ing part in Canadian agriculture."

Difficult reclamation work, severity of the climate and loneliness of the women folk account for most of the failures among the soldier-farmers. But in 1925-1926 there were 17,281 settlers who met their obligations to the Government. In fact, met their obligations to the Government. In fact, Major Ashton reports that they paid almost \$4,000,000 into the Dominion Treasury. The most prosperous could show bank accounts of from \$15,000 to \$20,000. "Canada," he says, "has a large investment of faith and cash in her soldier settlers."

#### Psychology

THE psychology of propaganda was explained in this way by an advertising expert at a recent this way by an advertising expert at a recent dinner: "A boy boarded an excursion steamer," he said. "Every bench and camp chair was occupied. The boy devised a trick. 'Seen the whale?' he began to ask the excursionists near him. 'Tied to the pier on the other side.' His whale story was laughed at. But he kept on repeating it. Gradually, one by one, the passengers got up and crossed over. The boy got a seat. Soon he could have had 100 seats. For the whale story had at last got in its work. Everybody had hurried off so as not to miss the whale. He sat alone for some time. Finally he hopped up and rushed to the other side of the boat, muttering, 'Maybe there is a whale there; after all.'"

#### America and Greece

(Boston Post)

THE old and the new will come into stark con-(Winnipeg Tribune)

NE hundred thousand peonies are to be sent from Canada to England next July in honor of Canada's jubilee. Considering present weather conditions it probably would be just as well to defer the shipment for a while.

THE old and the new will come into stark contrast when the new Ford factory is completed under the shadow of the Parthenon in Athens. But the contrast between modern and ancient times is of less importance to Americans than the fact that a new Ford factory in Athens is bound to result in better roads throughout Greece. Students

### Queer Quirks of Nature



By ARTHUR N. PACK. which Papa Puffin seek which Papa Puffin seeks to inveigle the Murre, and a cousin of whom we Mamma Puffin.

Murre, and a cousin of whom we strongly suspect the Murre is secretly ashamed, for whoever saw a more grotesque bird than this Puffin, which inhabits both sides of the North Atlantic and shores of the Arctic Ocean.

The bird averages 11 to 15 inches in height when full grown, is black or sooty black above and white or sooty gray beneath.

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These plates are shed after the breeding season and are supposed to be the persuasive paraphernalia by

# Poems I Love

DE LA MARE is not only a poet of HAVE you noticed that big things distinction, but a writer of ex-ite prose. "The Memoirs of a keep your shirt on. quisite prose. "The Memoirs of a Midget," published in 1922, placed him as a novelist among an exalted group.

THE paramount question before the Always he has the poet's point of view, no matter what his subject; and some the down payment?" a poem as this, with its exquisite fancy and charm.

Ere my heart beats too coldly and To remember sad things, yet be gay, would sing a brief song of the world's little children

The primroses scattered by April, The stars of the wide Milky Way, Cannot outnumber the hosts Magic hath stolen away.

The buttercup green of the meadows, The snow of the blossoming may, Lovelier are not than the legions of Magic hath stolen away

The waves tossing surf in the beam,
The albatross lone on the spray, Alone know the tears wept in the children

grey, Seems to echo the far-away calling of

Magic hath stolen away. "Wonderful, sir; absolutely amaz-

ing!" responded old Gaunton Grimm. "Actually, he did not ascribe all the sins and scrimes in the catalogue to bobbed hair or jazz!" "HAS your present wife a more even

temper than your first one?" "More even? No, even more."-Tit-



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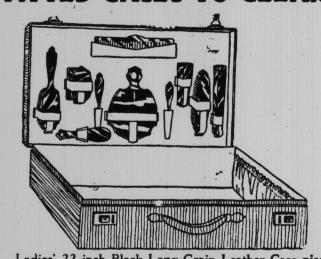
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city. After the kiss of greeting, she ment.

"YOUR honor," said the burglar, "I was foodless, friendless and home-

"My man," said the judge, "you move me deeply! Food, shelter and companionship shall be yours for the next nine months."

"NO bank for me! I put my sav

"I heard you've been telling you

IT was bad luck your wife fell or

"Yes, they took her into a hat shop."—Karikaturen, Oslo.

AS USUAL

PASSENGER: Is the train running

Porter: Yes, mum. I don't know

were going to retire on your mo

a banana skin."

MOTHER had come in from the noticed her daughter's bobbed hair. "Well fer pity's sake, Lizzy," she exfarm to visit her daughter in the Her eyes opened wide with astonish-

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