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SAFETY FIRST.

Mention is made in another column of the organization here on Tuesday evening next of a St. John Branch of the Maritime Safety League, the intensely useful and practical work of which is attracting more and more attention daily. The parent organization, the Canadian National Safety League, has been spreading its activities over the province for some time, and its organization will undoubtedly result in saving hundreds of lives and in preventing accidents such as have resulted in serious injuries to thousands.

The figures compiled in connection with accidents in the Maritime Provinces are in themselves sufficiently startling to cause all classes to feel a direct and immediate interest in the cause of "safety first" which the League is so actively promoting. In a single year, according to Dominion Government statistics quoted by the League, there were 448 deaths in the Maritime Provinces due to preventable accidents, and more than 15,000 serious but non-fatal accidents, most of which could not have happened had reasonable caution been exercised. In New Brunswick alone the figures show that there were 185 deaths from preventable accidents in a single year.

The Safety League is not the sort of institution that is satisfied with speeches and resolutions. It seeks to organize an army of citizens, men, women and children, who will take the principles of safety to heart, and be thoughtful and alert in preventing accidents of every character. The churches and the schools are asked to help, together with all sorts of organizations, including men's clubs, women's societies and junior bodies. Safety in the factories, on the highways, on the railroads, safety at every turn and in every walk of life, is not only urged, but through constant and ever expanding effort, through signs, bulletins, pictures, lectures, and personal advice, members of the safety organization propose to carry on this work, so far-reaching and of such vital concern to everybody.

There is every reason why St. John should lend full support to the movement and perfect such an organization as will further the good cause steadily and with constantly growing effect. The increase of accidents of all kinds, and the alarming number of deaths and injuries, make this movement one of the first importance. Properly followed up it will avert many a tragedy, and untold suffering and loss.

ANNEXATION—NEW VERSION.

A solemnly worded special cable from London, written by a correspondent serving the Toronto Globe and the Chicago Tribune, informs all and sundry that politicians in London have received "a rude shock" because of certain developments in Canada. The shock, the correspondent says, came chiefly from "the recent speech delivered by Mackenzie King, Premier of Canada, declaring the time had come when Canada must make up its mind between complete independence and annexation to the United States, and a more clearly recognized relationship as a self-governing State within the British Empire."

This might be good stuff for Chicago consumption, but it will not do at all in Canada, and the Globe introduces the cablegram by saying it discloses the manner in which the utterances of public men in the Dominion must have been garbled for use in Britain and European countries.

The Canadian Premier, of course, never made any such statement, or said anything which could reasonably be so interpreted. If he, or any other public man in Canada, had said what was evidently called to London, the shock would have been even greater in this country than across the water. With all the news-getting facilities at London's command it is really amazing that such a report should be published without confirmation and then made the subject of return cablegrams to this country.

The correspondent betrays considerable anxiety over the situation which he apparently believes has been created, saying that politicians in the Old Country, "while knowing the discontent in Canada and other parts of the Empire, hoped it would blow over without the necessity of formal recognition or action." All of which, to Canadians, has its humorous features.

Any expression of opinion in Canada favoring "complete independence and annexation to the United States" is not known to Canadians of this generation, and when solemn folk in London or elsewhere hear of such things they should by this time be able to recognize the "news" as something fabricated for American consumption, or as mere sensationalism that is false upon its face. The Globe rightly characterizes the report published in London as apparently the work of "some mischievous Munchausen who has been exercising his ingenuity on the cables' despatches to the Motherland."

ACROSS THE LINE.

The recent summary of business conditions in the United States, issued by the National City Bank of New York, the largest bank in that country, tends to show how shortsighted and thoughtless is the statement, too often heard, that the Canadian people are suffering from a business depression which their neighbors have escaped. In fact an authoritative statement of American conditions sounds really worse than would a true presentation of affairs in our own country. We have escaped at least some of the evils from which the Americans are suffering, and our outlook for complete recovery is quite as good as theirs.

The statement of the National City Bank, which should tend to restore a sense of proportion among people on our side of the line, shows that the revived state of industrial activity which marked the first quarter of the year passed its high point by the middle of March and that a downward movement followed. In many important industries the United States has been affected by uncommon difficulties. For example, the bituminous coal industry was threatened with a strike last winter, and that caused the average citizen and many consuming industries to buy ahead and store the largest stocks of coal they had ever accumulated. After the strike was averted these reserve stocks were drawn upon, with the result that the soft coal industry has been running at scarcely more than half capacity. Consequently there has been much mining unemployment, low prices, and a great deal of demoralization. For some time past the depression in this industry has been one of the worst in its history, and this has been one cause adversely affecting the general business situation. The American textile industry is at present in bad shape, too, with high prices for raw materials prevailing and much doubt as to supply in months to come.

The chief American agricultural districts have been struggling against extremely adverse conditions, and the purchasing power of the farmers has been gravely crippled. The heavy decline in the prices of farm products has brought about much hardship, and the farmers complain loudly because of the high prices they have had to pay for what they buy. For nearly four years they have been in a state of discontent and uncertainty, and up to the present there is little relief in sight for them. California has a serious drought during the period when it usually has abundant rains, and this has caused grave apprehension as to this season's crops, and is one more factor affecting trade unfavorably. An outbreak of foot and mouth disease among the cattle spread over nearly the whole state, not only causing heavy losses of live stock, but greatly curtailing both business and travel.

These are only some of the unfavorable features mentioned in the National City Bank's review, but they are sufficient to show how unwise it is to form the impression that everything has been going along swimmingly in the United States as compared with Canada.

There are coming improvements in world conditions which will benefit Canadian farmers and tradesmen, and which will have a like effect in the United States, where relief is much needed. Many Canadians who have returned from the republic have experienced at first hand the conditions to which we have referred, and not a few of them are advising their fellow-citizens of the folly of seeking fortune in green fields afar through listening to hearsay evidence. Canadians should not exaggerate their own troubles, and most of them do not. Indeed it is characteristic of this country that a great majority of its people have faith in it, and look forward, as they are well justified in doing, to an early return to normal conditions.

CITIZENSHIP.

There are three great influences in developing true citizenship. Dr. Michael Clark, of Red Deer, told the Calgary Canadian Club in a recent address, and these influences are the parent, the teacher and the preacher. When he mentioned the preacher, the speaker asked if he might be permitted to add: "When he knows his job and sticks to it."

Dr. Clark said that the obvious and fundamental function of the Canadian Club is to train citizens by teaching them to think of Canada, not merely of their own village or town. Patriotism he defined as consisting in part of pride in our country's history, its achievements and conditions and anticipation of its future greatness. In order to have that pride it is necessary that we should know something of the history of our country, and here Dr. Clark suggested that the Canadian Clubs have a fruitful field of activity. He warned his hearers against a too narrow nationalism, and said we might promote a sound internationalism without peril to our patriotism.

Dr. Clark reminded all that in the reaction which was bound to follow

the war we are prone to dwell upon the chaos which still exists. "Who expected anything else?" he asked. "You cannot have five or six monarchs practically falling off their thrones without some disorders following. Some of us are too prone to dwell upon the sufferings which came to us, sufferings which to some where very great indeed; but I prefer, for the most part to dwell upon the great accomplishments of the war, and along with the other line of thought which I am trying to give you, is it not a fact that the British Empire in that war was a large portion of the instrument by which the institutions, which we had enjoyed and achieved for ourselves two and a half centuries ago, were brought to those other nations of Europe, along with institutions which we began to achieve for ourselves two and a half centuries ago. We brought these to the nations of Europe which unfortunately could not obtain them for themselves. For it is a fact that all free institutions throughout the whole of Europe have emanated from the empire of which we form a part."

In speaking of the Boy Scout movement, Dr. Clark said that there are people who talk about its military side, but who forget entirely its educational side. They forget that the first duty of the scout master is to teach the habit of self-control, combined with courtesy, kindness, attention and helpfulness to others. He asked if anyone could conceive a finer education than that. In concluding his address on the Evolution of Citizenship he said: "What then do we need to develop our larger citizenship to the full? Honest hearts in our young people, linked with the other qualities which I have just mentioned, and may I say for all of us, simpler creeds, the simplest creed after all is the shortest and best. No citizenship will be complete, which has not learned at least that creed through its author and founder, which tells us that the first and greatest command of the law is to love God, and the second is like unto it, to love our neighbor as ourself."

Press Comment

WHO GETS THE TOURIST DOLLAR?

(Vancouver Sun.)

Every man, woman and child in Vancouver should be interested in how the tourist dollar is being spent.

Here are a few of the businesses among which it is divided: garage, hotel, gas station, tire company, barber shop, beauty parlor, laundry, cleaners. The tourist dollar that goes into restaurants and cafes is distributed much as follows: flour mills, farmer, wholesale grocers, meat packers, fish market, produce company, ice cream manufacturers, food products manufacturers, and bakeries.

And then there are a few more that invariably get a slice: clothing store, candy store, telephone company, hardware store, department store, florists, theatres, drug stores, news stands, telegraph company, ladies' store, tobacco store and fruit stands.

If you are interested, directly or indirectly, in the prosperity of one or more of these businesses, then every tourist who comes to Vancouver is putting money in your pocket.

IN HEREFORDSHIRE

In laughing, sunny Herefordshire
Are valleys rich and deep,
Where lanes like green and shining threads
Go winding, half-asleep;
And little red-footed villages
Lie lost, like poppies in the corn,
And drowse, and dream, and take their
bass

From morn again to morn.
In misty, rain-wet Herefordshire
Are hills that seek the sky,
Where tall trees bow a lofty spine
To greet winds passing by;
And fields go tumbling like a sea
Round gray old towns that stand and
gaze
Each street a home of history,
And glimpses of other days.

In dreamy, wistful Herefordshire,
When evening shadows creep,
And all the ache of old desire
Has turned at last to sleep,
Where tall trees bow a lofty spine
To greet winds passing by;
My heart will go a-wandering
For ever and a day!
—Elizabeth S. Fleming.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

The Nerve of Him.
"What are you writing, old man?"
"An article entitled 'Advice to Graduates.'"
"Ent! Advice to grad—Well, of all the presumption!"

Well Concealed
Dauber (showing his latest)—"The greatest art is to conceal art."
Critics—"Well, judging from this picture, I should say that you are an expert at it."

Cause and Effect.
"So Dick Brown is married; self-centred old Dick!"
"Yes, and from the reports I hear now, he is storm-centred."

Cheap at the Price.
"Bobby, if you're a good boy this afternoon while I'm entertaining company, I'll give you a nickel."
"A nickel! Gee whiz, mother, you're always lookin' for bargains."



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USE OF PRIVATE AIRPLANES MADE EASIER IN ENGLAND

London, June 14.—Private airplane flying is to be simplified in Great Britain by the abolishment of the irksome regulations requiring that a plane must be passed as airworthy every day and must land only at a recognized airfield. A plane now will be certified as airworthy in the first place, and then it is up to the owner to keep in condition. Also he may land in a field near his home provided it does not endanger the public.

BUFFALOES STAGE DEGREE.

Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, New Brunswick Lodge No. 4623, of this city, held an enjoyable evening

Bovril
puts the "goodness"
into the stewpan!

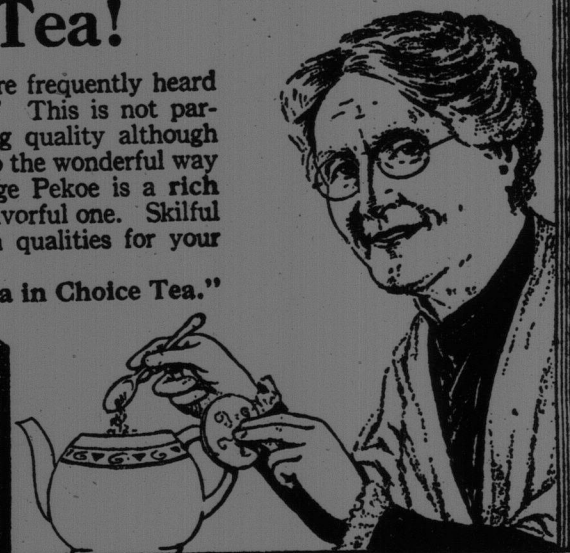
at Revere Beech, Martinon, on Thursday where they were the guests of one of the members. Nearly every local member of the order attended, some going by way of the river in the motor boats, Rosie A., Seagull and Chiew.

These boats belong to members. Others went by automobile. A Lodge was held and six candidates initiated. Although the lodge was organized only in January last, rapid strides have been reported.

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