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Settle This Controversy.

It is unfortunate that a discovery so important as effective treatment for high blood pressure should, at its very inception, become involved in controversy regarding its discoverer. Dr. W. J. Macdonald of St. Catharines, in a paper read before the Academy of Medicine in Toronto, told of experiments he carried on in this line, and the inference is that he is the discoverer of the treatment employed.

Against this is the statement of the dean and members of the faculty of the medical school of the University of Western Ontario that the extracts forming the basis of this treatment resulted from the research work of Dr. A. A. James and Dr. N. B. Laughton carried on in the laboratories of the school in this city. It is claimed that Dr. Macdonald secured his first samples of the extract from London.

If the discovery turns out to be as important in the field of curative medical practice as reports so far secured indicate, it is essential in the interests of medical history as well as in order that justice may be done to individuals that the question of priority of discovery be definitely established. The time to do this is now, while the salient points in the controversy are fresh in the minds of those who can give the necessary testimony, and while there is a public interest in the discovery that will sanction impartial inquiry.

It is quite evident that no conclusion that will carry with it the seal of finality can be reached by a continuance of the present controversy. Efforts through the Ontario Medical Association executive, and by articles in the Medical Association's Journal setting forth the priority claims of each side to the controversy, have failed to bring a settlement.

One way is open. Have the premier of Ontario, as minister of education, appoint a commission which would have full powers to take evidence, examine witnesses and reach conclusions which would be impartial and accepted for all time as authoritative. It is certain that the medical school of the University of Western Ontario would welcome such an investigation. It is not asking anything more than simple justice for the school here and for Dr. James and Dr. Laughton.

What Does The Free Press Think?

The London Free Press maintains an ominous silence regarding the campaign being waged by Hon. Arthur Meighen in Quebec. Beyond pointing in its news columns to the fact "Bagot welcomes Arthur Meighen" it has no opinion.

So far it has nothing to say for or against Mr. Meighen's Quebec policy that calls for a general election before Canada decides on what stand it shall take in future wars. It has not reminded Mr. Meighen that his statement in Toronto on September 23, 1922, is very much at variance with his address at Acton Vale, Quebec, on December 1, 1925.

The Free Press did have very decided views on the matter in September, 1922, when the inquiry from Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George was sent to Premier King asking if Canada desired to send a contingent to the Near East. While the prime minister was calling his cabinet and securing by cable the opinions of those who were abroad, the Free Press was advising the course of action he should take. On September 18, 1922, it said:

"While the Dominion is the most pacific country in the world and asks today for nothing but continued peace and prosperity, yet Canadians will be prepared to show in substantial form if there is to be trouble that they are back of the motherland in suppressing the one great anti-human specimen of humanity." To quote Gladstone again, Hon. Mackenzie King, as prime minister, need have no hesitation in informing the authorities overseas to this effect. "There will be no politics in Ontario if the necessity is such that hostilities must be started."

The Free Press urged that the prime minister send his answer. There would be no politics about it. The next day, September 19, the Free Press was even more urgent in its advice, and said:

"In the opinion of the Free Press there is no doubt what should be the answer of Hon. Mackenzie King—it should be the complete and wholehearted assurance to Great Britain that Canada stands behind her in the present crisis and is ready to forward help if the situation is such that aid is required. Any other answer or any procrastination would not represent the spirit of the great mass of patriotic people who so loyally stood fast during the long, dark and trying days of the great war."

That is a very plain, forceful statement. There is in it no suggestion about consulting cabinet ministers, calling parliament or holding an election. It was the duty of the prime minister to take it on his own responsibility to speak for the Dominion of Canada.

On September 20 the Free Press went farther in developing this idea of the premier sending word at once on his own initiative. It said: "Sir Robert Borden took this position in 1914. Before war was actually declared he had informed the British government that Canada would support her in case of hostilities. Sir Robert took the responsibility and then called parliament to endorse his action and to decide upon the size and character of the expedition. Mr. King should follow his example."

After Hon. Arthur Meighen delivered his address in Toronto on September 23, 1922, the

Free Press approved of his position entirely, and stated he was right in his opinion that: "When Britain's message came then Canada should have said 'Ready, aye ready, we stand by you.'"

What does a paper which had such outspoken views in 1922 think today when Mr. Meighen in his Quebec campaign says these views were all wrong? What does it think of Mr. Meighen's political somersault, whereby he has now as his Quebec policy, as printed on the front page of the Free Press on December 2:

"However, if a crisis should arise in this country in which our liberty might be menaced I declare that so long as I shall be in power in this country no troops shall be sent out of the country without the people being consulted."

The Free Press had a voice in 1922 when it was urging Premier King to commit the country to military action without consulting cabinet or parliament; it had a voice to approve of Mr. Meighen's criticism of Mr. King because he did not take such action. Today it is silent while Mr. Meighen wows Quebec by promise of a course of action which both Mr. Meighen and the Free Press denounced in 1922.

Crowding the Buses.

Bus operators in London have been warned that they must not crowd their conveyances, and four of them have been fined because they did so.

It is not such an easy matter to enforce a similar rule on the street railway, which comes, according to local authorities under the railway board.

There is a clause in bylaw 916, the agreement which gives the street railway its right to operate in London, which says:

"Cars shall not be crowded (a comfortable number of passengers for each class of car shall from time to time be determined by the city engineer and approved by council), and no greater number of passengers shall be carried upon or permitted to be in any car than the number so authorized, if any passenger on board the car objects and calls the attention of the conductor to the crowding."

It will be a long time before there is a complaint about overcrowding under that ruling. When cars are crowded it is because people want to get home. Can you imagine a passenger in the car going to the conductor and telling him there are too many passengers on board? What would the conductor do? Where would he make a start in his weeding-out process?

In view of this, why all the commotion about a few extra passengers on a bus? Let's get home.

Making Communists.

Communist members of the German Reichstag are prepared to fight the arrangement whereby the ex-kaiser and his relatives come into possession of estates and moneys valued at three billion gold marks.

There is neither sense nor reason for making such distribution, and it is just such instances of handing over gold and treasure in such heaps to those who are already too well provided for that makes dissatisfied men turn to communism or any other ism that will voice their protest.

Worrying About the Weather.

A correspondent wants to know if this paper has heard the report, or seen it, that this is going to be the coldest winter in the history of Canada. We have both heard it and seen it.

This is the fourth day of December and the elstern that stands at the back door has not been frozen yet. So far as we've noticed, the comb on the speckled hen hasn't been touched with frost yet, and she's roosted on a low branch of the apple tree most of the time. Four weeks from today will be the first of January. Then February is a short month, and only once in the last 20 years has the coldest day of the year come in March.

No doubt it will be cold, but it's been cold here before. In 1912 it went down to 24 below zero on January 13, and two years later on the day after Christmas it was 22 below. Worse still, in 1915, on the 30th day of January, it was 27 down. We can't guarantee that this record will not be repeated—in fact, we don't know anything about it, and we have a lingering suspicion that the majority of people are in the same fix.

But for all that there's nothing to worry about. The generations that have lived on this very well-regulated world have always had weather prophets, and the generations to come will be bothered with them, too.

If our correspondent believes that this winter's going to be colder than any other winter, then let him set his house in order. Even yet it is possible to dig in the ground and bank up the kitchen. He can stuff old rags in all the cracks around the windows and fashion a piece of cork to fit in the keyhole at night. Then in the spring, if he's kept fairly warm all winter and the beconia and the potted geranium have not perished, he'll know for certain that he has a good house which the public will be keen to buy at his own figure.

Note and Comment.

The first ballot we'll mark will be the one to give the nurses a decent place to live.

Turkish women now bare their faces at dances, while in this country the men face the bared.

A man is generally very careful where he keeps his bonds, because there's a principal at stake.

Speaker at a railroad banquet said the railways were a great factor in producing peace—also peace.

A chap who was caught breaking into a store at 4 a.m. claims he was following the advice to shop early in the morning.

Toronto girl gets a position at \$100,000 a year in New York designing dresses. And a lot of other folks will now be employed designing ways and means to pay for them.

Copper-Toed Shoes

By ARK.

Young Angus came to me today and showed me how his boots had went, you wouldn't offer for those wrecks not half of one new shiny cent.

For they were shot clean through and through, for Angus is a husky child, he kicks most everything he sees and races in a way that's wild. The toes were worn and turned up too, the heels went slantin' to the west, the shoestings had been tied in knots, yet of the boots they were the best.

Says I to Angus "Look here, son, how come you bust your boots like that, it looks as though you kicked tin cans and booted at each stray brickbat."

Which set me thinkin' of the days when I was just wee Angus' size, when things were full of fun each day, when sun shone bright in childish skies.

I used to have a pair of boots that lasted for a year or so, and they were made of cowhide too with copper trimmin' on the toe. Why boots like them they'd last a boy as long as feet will last a hen, the only thing we had to get was leather laces now and then.

I bet that Angus if he could would like a pair of boots like them, for they were built to stand the gaff and riveted from stern to stem. It ain't no use in taking him to look for such things in the store, alas that copper-toed design is not bein' turned out any more. (Copyright)

The Once-Over

URGES NEW POLICE STATION.

Either waves from a rare atmosphere were called into play last night by Hoax N. Spoofus, popular candidate for mayor, when he broadcast by radio another of his ideas for municipal efficiency and economy.

"I am entirely in favor of putting the new police station in the building now occupied by the chamber of commerce," he stated between bursts of static. "There's room for both there. I would place a large electric sign over the entrance reading 'Welcome' for the benefit of tourists. It would be the first place they would call on reaching the city, and the chamber officials, after showing them the police cells, could hand each a neat card with the message, 'Drive slowly and see our city. Drive fast and see our jail.'"

Some folks drive as though they thought "highway" should be spelled "my way."

Guelph district has a huge wolf. So has London. He's been sitting on the doorstep of our humble abode ever since dad bought the new radio set.

English movie audiences now hear sheep bleat on the screen. Does it follow that movie stars will no longer be dumb?

All some of us know about Ford is a few good stories.

Detroit police emptied 50,000 gallons of beer into the river. Let us all join in singing Shall We Gather At the River?

Moving picture concerns are fighting over the Locarno peace films. Already the famous pact has resulted in further battling.

A book on fishing remarks that "Usually the taste of the angler determines the kind of bait to be used." Personally we never taste the bait before using it.

A local paper has discovered a bulldog that would rather eat fire than meat. Now then, all together: "Hot-dog!"

Short skirts are causing a new disease in England, to say nothing of protruding eyes on the part of the male population. E. J. P.

Isn't It the Truth?

Among the things there is room for at the top I improvement.

You don't yet amount to anything if only small people envy you.

"Get a wiggle on." An ancient saying that meant to hurry, not to dance.

Sign of prosperity: "Wheel! Gimme a thousand shares. Here's a dollar down."

Few great men really are as ridiculous as they appear in controversy.

In private life, however, only those with unquestioned capacity to pay can put it off.

Carrots and spinach may not make you live longer, but at least it will seem longer.

When at last the war debt is paid, government can afford to bribe everybody to obey the laws.

Alas! giving the boy "advantages" you didn't have may only develop weaknesses you didn't have.

"When the state is most corrupt, then laws are most multiplied." Some modern cynic? No, Tacitus said it.

"Eventually thought will be sent by wireless." And then at last the announcer will know what we think of him.

Correct this sentence: "He had never been hunting before," said the man, "but he didn't point his gun at any of us." R. Q.

Editorial Opinion

TWO STANDARDS.

THE HON. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, J. R. ELSON, has imposed the heavy penalty of four years in Kingston penitentiary on a young man of no means and without friends who admitted his guilt for forging a small check. The attorney-general is being appealed to to reduce the sentence. It does seem that in this country there is a double standard of justice, one for the poor and influential and another for the rich and influential.

AN EDITOR'S WOES.

FROM THE BOSTON TRANSCRIPT. PROFESSOR PHELPS relates that when he was a boy he used to set type on a religious journal which became noted for its typographical errors and misplaced paragraphs. One day in the column "Ministers and Churches" there appeared in the proof "Lillian Russell will wear tights this winter." How it got there no one knew. The editor in disgust crossed out the line and wrote "such is life" on the margin. When the paper appeared it contained among news of the clergy the item about Miss Russell, followed by the editorial comment, "such is life!"

A Great Play



Brush Up the Spellers

By "SODBUSTER."

WILTON GROVE, Dec. 3.—We were talking over the good old times and the bad old times at supper time tonight, and while it is a nice thing to think that a good deal of the hoodlumism has passed away, there are some things that it might be a good thing if they were revived.

I don't know if it was common in all parts of the country, but at least in one section in Wilton Grove a custom prevailed until some twenty-five years ago, namely, looking out the teacher whenever the calendar year brought a school day on Dec. 21, supposedly the shortest day of the year. It had been a custom long before my day at school, but the first teacher that I remember helping to look out didn't resent it at all.

When she found the door was locked she walked away, and before she got to the road the door was thrown open.

She started back, but the door closed, and next time it opened she merely waved her hand to us and went on home. However, the next time we tried it we had a different teacher, who had always used the simplified form of spelling, and some people use it without ever trying at all, and most of us were a bit sure how to spell, and try to find a word with the same meaning that we can spell, and if the spelling matches were revived at least partly learned to spell the English as it is now written, for we would have to unlearn what we already know, and learn the other unfamiliar way.

I have been told that a professor in one of the schools in London, when he writes to the minister of "Education" always uses the simplified form of spelling, and some people use it without ever trying at all, and most of us were a bit sure how to spell, and try to find a word with the same meaning that we can spell, and if the spelling matches were revived at least partly learned to spell the English as it is now written, for we would have to unlearn what we already know, and learn the other unfamiliar way.

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The Wilton Grove United Farm Women of Ontario held a spelling match last winter, and it remained for a mere man to spell all the women down. A class in First United Church, Westmin-ster, has already held a "spelling down" this winter, and while we're thankful for small mercies, I feel it would reach the greater number if it were made a custom to hold it up and include everybody.

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Some day one nation will be honored more than for hazing such a trait. That honor I covet for my beloved Canada.

And so, in that spirit and with these hopes, I say with all my heart and soul—

"CANADA FIRST!" Vancouver branch, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Canada First.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—I would like to see the following printed in your valuable paper of which I am a daily reader: INTERESTED.

Not merely in breadth of expanse and wealth of resources, but in things of the spirit.

Not merely in natural beauty, but also in ideals, principles and character; not merely in national prosperity, but in the happiness and contentment of citizens.

Not merely in the assertion of rights, but in the willing assumption of duties; not in splendid isolation, but in courageous co-operation.

Not in arrogance and disdain of other people, but in sympathy, love and understanding.

Not in treating along the old, worn, bloodstained pathway which ends inevitably in chaos and disaster, but in a new trail along which other nations will follow, where wars shall be no more.

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Barriers in Education.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—I have seen it urged several times that the school curriculum in the colleges is not flexible enough to give the students a chance to fit themselves for what they want to do, and I have just heard of another case which seems to illustrate the point.

There is a pupil at school who knows definitely what she wants to do, and is anxious to do it, but for a course in design, and for this she has a talent that is being encouraged. Before she is able to attend the advanced school for this work she must have her matriculation standing, and in order to get that she must secure her standing in all the subjects on that course.

She has no liking for arithmetic and allied subjects, such as algebra, and although she makes every possible effort she cannot secure her standing in them. In the line she intends to follow for her life work it will not make any difference whether she knows algebra or not, and yet she is held up on that one subject.

There are always those who know what course they want to follow, and it seems to me there is something wrong with the regulations that make it necessary for pupil to obtain pass standings in subjects that they are not going to use, and which will not be of any use to them.

Pupils are not all constituted the same; they have various talents, and the encouragement and development of these peculiar talents is what makes a worth-while education, for it leads the pupil to the field for which their natural gifts are fitted them. Anything that stands in the road of that kind of development is a hindrance, and is not in keeping with the development of recent years, which is toward specialization.

LONDON PARENT.

Bus and Street Car.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—I was reading in The Advertiser last night where the police magistrate had fined some of the drivers of the buses in London because there were more people riding in these rigs than

25 Years Ago

From The Advertiser, Dec. 4, 1900.

Members of the A. O. U. W. held their annual dinner last night. Those taking part in the entertainment and speechmaking were W. Nichols, Joseph Gibson, Stephen Grant, Fred J. Darch, Finley Marshall, Dalton male quartet, recitations by J. T. Dalton.

Court Pride of the Dominion A. O. F. elected the following officers of the ensuing year: P.C.R. W. S. Lockhart; C.R. J. Wheatcroft; S.C.R. William Wheatcroft; treasurer, M. D. Dawson; financial secretary, J. W. Wootton; S. W. G. Bartlett; J. W. A. Corbett; S.B. W. B. Riley; J. B. J. Lang; A.S. R. Taylor; M.S. A. Wootton; medical officer, Dr. James D. Wilson; trustees, R. Taylor, F. Rossier, William Moss, auditors, M. E. Brown, T. Spettigue and F. Rossier; organist, W. Burdick.

The committee preparing a suitable gift for the soldiers returning from South Africa have a list of 70 names for such recognition. A meeting to carry plans further was attended by Aldermen Bremer, Winnet, Henry, Bartlett, Winder, Jolly, Pritchard, Douglass, Stevenson, ex-Mayor Wilson, J. W. Jones, R. W. Bennett, William E. J. MacRobert, Wm. L. Birt, P. Birtwright, Police Magistrate Love, Lt.-Col. Stacey and Secretary Bell.

MAKING HAY.

Frenchman: Madame, you charge ver much too big price for rat room.

Landlady: Oh, you know we at the seaside must make hay while the sun shines.

Frenchman (indignantly): Be gay, madame, you will never make ze hay of men. You must not sink ze net where all flesh is grass zat you can make hay of me.

SLIGHTLY DAZED.

Speaking of white mule, two rustic sports were uncertainly flivvering their way home from the county seat.

"Bill," said Henry, "I wonder to be very careful. First thing y'know you'll have us in a ditch."

"Me," said Bill in astonishment. "Why, I thought you was driving."

There were seats for.

Now let me tell you what took place last night and before I knew anything about the fine, I was waiting on the corner to get a ride home. I work in a warehouse downtown, and it is hard enough to get home, but I got back to where the car is, which is generally about 6 o'clock.

A bus came along, but by the time I got to it it was full, and the driver wouldn't let any more passengers get in, so I had to wait. I went around the corner to do a couple of errands that I had in mind. When I got back I caught a street car and it was full and people were standing, and they were not turning them back because there were not seats for them all.

It seems to me that there is something of a snag between the law that governs these two ways of getting home. If it's not legal for the buses to crowd them in and let them stand, then why should it be legal for the street cars to do the same? I know I'm not up on law, but I've always tried to make myself believe that I had a certain amount of common sense.

The law may be just according to the letter of the law, but it's not very strong on common sense.

London, Dec. 3. ONE WHO WAITED

"Miracle" Wheat.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—Last week while reading my daily Advertiser, I noticed a report concerning the discovery of "Miracle Wheat." Please allow me space to correct that statement by giving you some real information on the subject.

The original plant of "Miracle" wheat was discovered and named by Mr. K. B. Stoner of Fincastle, Virginia.

In the year 1904, Mr. K. B. Stoner noticed growing in his garden advanced usual plant, which at first he mistook for a kind of grass, but which upon further observation proved to be wheat.

The plant had 42 spikes, each stalk bearing a head of fully matured wheat. The unusual yield from this single plant prompted him to save the grain, which he continued to produce for several seasons, and in 1906, about two years after discovering it, because of its remarkable producing qualities, he named it "Miracle" wheat.

A DAILY READER

Vanessa, Dec. 3.

PEPS will soon End That Racking Cough & Breathing Difficulty.

Cold-on-the-chest, and stubborn Coughs are speedily relieved by the soothing and healing Junes given off by Peps tablets.

Peps comfort and strengthen weak chests. They heal sore irritated membranes, clear the bronchials of obstructive phlegm, and soon overcome the nervousness, breathing difficulty and painful cough.

Breathing Peps medicine into the chest is safer and vastly more effective than swallowing druggery cough-mixtures into the stomach.

THE REMEDY YOU BREATHE

KEEP YOUR SCALP Clean and Healthy WITH CUTICURA