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## A GREAT MEETING.

Whoever may win to-day at Lily Lake—and the stage is set for some spectacular finishes—the world's championship speed meeting will go down in skating history as a wonderful success. The division of points yesterday intensifies interest in to-day's events, and it may be expected that a record-breaking crowd will watch the climax of the meeting.

There was a time yesterday when affairs were extremely critical, owing to the delay and uncertainty concerning the mile event skated on Tuesday, but the right decision as to that was finally rendered, the tension was relieved, and the great crowd thundered its appreciation of a judgment which, in its opinion, had set matters right and left everything depending upon the speed and good fortune of the contestants in the remaining events. The action of the officials thus removed the cloud which had hung over the meeting for nearly twenty-four hours, and there was general relief and satisfaction that matters had been straightened out satisfactorily.

Interest to-day centres in the 440 yards and the five miles, and although Gorman has shown his supremacy at the shorter distance he will find himself in highly dangerous company to-day, for Farrell, a really great skater, stood even with him on points at the conclusion of yesterday's racing, and there are others who are by no means out of it yet. There is no longer has a chance to stand high in the scoring, but some flashes of speed he showed yesterday led observers to think he might be formidable in the five miles, if not in the quarter. His showing has been a disappointment to the public, with whom he is a prime favorite, but his popularity is as great as ever.

The weather, on the whole, has been most fortunate, and the general verdict is that the city has well vindicated its ability to handle world championship events of this character. The spectators have been noticeably impartial and sportsmanlike, and while it is natural that they should have their favorites, the winner to-day, wherever he hails from, will receive an ovation long to be remembered.

## TAXATION COMPARISONS.

The Citizens' Research Institute of Canada has made public a detailed comparison of taxation in this country and in the United States for the year 1925, indicating that in that year, however matters stand to-day, the total per capita taxes were somewhat lower in this country than in the Republic, the figures being \$66.11 in Canada and \$67.39 in the United States. It should be understood that this includes all forms of taxation, national, state or provincial, and municipal.

Of course, it is known that the income tax is immensely heavier here than it is across the line, a condition which cries for early remedy. Federal taxation generally is much higher in Canada than in the other country, the figures being \$37.62 and \$26.22 per capita, respectively. The state taxation across the line averages much higher than provincial taxation, the figures being \$8.57 for the Americans and \$5.16 for Canadians. Municipal taxation is also considerably higher there.

Omitting federal taxes altogether, the figures are \$38.11 per capita in the United States and \$28.49 in Canada. Since 1923, however, the American federal income tax has been reduced by some \$900,000,000, or about \$2.50 per capita, which would mean that, counting all forms of taxation, the average Canadian to-day pays about \$1.28 more than the average American.

But there are other ways of looking at it. There is, for example, the ability to pay, and the people of the United States produce wealth more rapidly than we do and therefore their taxation is more easily borne. According to the Citizens' Research Institute, the net production per capita in Canada in 1923 was valued at \$836, as compared with \$483 in the United States. In this country 19.7 per cent. of the value of total net production was absorbed by taxes, as compared with 13.9 per cent. in the United States.

Considering how much greater our war expenditures were than those of the Americans in proportion to population, due to the fact that we were much longer engaged in the war and that we did not profit from the sale of war supplies to anything like the extent they did, it is natural that our scale of taxation should be heavier, and that for some time we should be at a disadvantage in this respect. The situation, however, serves to emphasize the pressing necessity for economy, permitting taxation relief, and scaling down the burden on industry and enterprise.

The Research Institute figures show that the people of Australia and Great Britain are more heavily taxed than Canadians, both as regards the total and the percentage which taxes take from the total net production of the

country. In Great Britain the burden of taxation is nearly fifty per cent. more than in Canada, and the net production per capita there in 1923 was \$835, compared with \$336 in Canada and \$322 in Australia, meaning that taxation in Britain eats up 23.9 per cent. of the total net production, compared with 19.7 per cent. in Canada and 13.9 per cent. in the United States.

There is nothing like optimism. Professor Fitzpatrick, of the Frontier College, told a Toronto audience yesterday that many of those present would live to see half a dozen railways to Hudson Bay, and he predicted that in the next ten or twenty years there will be half a dozen cities on Hudson Bay, each a quarter the size of Toronto. All of which may be described as important if true. And he may be right at that.

"The Hamilton police commission has decided that it is not a policeman's duty or business to bother himself about whether a girl on the street rolls her stockings or not," says the Woodstock Sentinel-Review. "No doubt any girl could have told any policeman as much; but it is more authoritative as coming from the commission. And whatever view one may take in regard to the propriety of rolling 'em, it is a relief to find that there are some things in life these days which may be left to individual taste instead of being regulated by the law and the police."

The British Prime Minister says that with one exception history does not give a single instance of democracy holding an empire together. He thinks the British Empire will endure. If it does not hold together, he says, "quite apart from everything else, so much of our trade goes with it, that we probably will be ruined. Therefore, whether we like it or not, that we embarking on one of the greatest and most heroic adventures any nation has undertaken since the beginning of the world, and we must strive to be worthy of the enterprise." He sees signs of improving trade conditions, noting that fifty new silk companies have been formed in Great Britain since the silk duties were introduced, and he points to Canada's increasing purchasing power, due to the great harvest and the expanding mining industries in Ontario and Quebec as hopeful features, indicating a larger trade between Canada and the Old Country.

## Odds and Ends

### Ballade of the Wistful Adipose

(Sonya O'Shea in Manitoba Free Press)  
I am a maiden of ample bulk,  
Therefore, O world, I implore your pity.  
The modes have made me the most unpopular  
Ritidulous female in all the city.  
My friends admit that I'm wise and witty,  
But I ain't built boyish nor alim nor dapper.  
So now I warble this mournful ditty:  
It must feel gorgeous to be a Flap-per!

Far be it from me to sit and sulk  
Because of a couple of curves. I'm  
gritty;  
But still my feelings are not yet  
vulgar.  
Anxious to the sight, when some  
cel-shap'd Kitty  
Captures a lad who's as wise as  
Nitti,  
And then the wedding-bell sounds  
its clapper  
While I might be sunk in some deep  
dark jitty.  
It must feel gorgeous to be a Flap-per!

Sometimes I'm minded to go and  
sulk  
Off where the birds say: "Twitter-  
twitter!"  
Just because I'm a looming hulk  
(One hundred and sixty) and take  
up vitt-  
Culture for sport. I can cook  
spaghetti  
But what, oh what, cares the cock-  
tail lapper  
If I be not skinny and cutely pretty!  
It must feel gorgeous to be a Flap-per!

LENVOL  
Prince, I have wept till my eyes are  
allity.  
You don't want bulk, but the fancy  
wrapper.  
Therefore, I'm giving your sex the  
mittie.  
(It must feel gorgeous to be a Flap-per.)

Varied Consequences  
(London Observer)  
Lord Dewar, one of the most eminent of living scientists, threw new light on the obscure subject of Error in an address he delivered a few weeks ago at the London International Poultry, Pigeon and Rabbit Show. Mistakes, he explained, are as varied in their consequences as in their substance. For example, when a judge of the High Court in Appeal made a mistake it became the law of the land; when a doctor made a mistake he buried it; when a preacher made a mistake nobody knew the difference; when a plumber made a mistake he charged twice for it.

## Just Fun

"ARE you going South this winter?"  
No; I made so much money in Florida last summer I can afford to stay at home."  
Dan Corbid is a marksman poor,  
Despite his love and kisses;  
For while he always hits the mark,  
He's always making Mrs.

OLD Ma Nature is the greatest beauty doctor, but Casey says, she doesn't attract much custom because she does her work free.

A LOT of us could be more content with our lot if we did not know what our neighbors have.

GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.  
GLADYS—My dressmaker wrote to dad that she would make no more dresses for me until her account was settled.  
Helen—And what did he say?  
Gladys—He just sent her a note of thanks.—Tit-Bits.

SHE KNEW.  
LECTURER: What's the color of the human skin?  
Ruth: Well, en—about the same shade as flesh-colored stockings.—Answers.

## FAVORITE FAIR TALES.

"NOT guilty."  
"Prohibition."  
"Glad to see you."  
"The line is busy."  
"It was his fault."  
"The honest dollar."  
"Plenty room inside."  
"Love, honor and obey."  
"The brakes were weak."  
"No man can fill my job."  
"I cannot live without her."  
"The world owes me a living."  
"The world is growing better."  
"I will pay you back tomorrow."  
"I can beat the train to the crossing."

"The government ought to run the railroads."  
"Buy this mining stock and you will be a rich man in six months."

"YOU big bonehead," shouted the construction superintendent to his Swede foreman, "I told you to fire that man and you hit him with an ax!"  
"Vell, Boss, dose ax, she have sign, 'For Fire Only!'"

DAD WAS OUT.  
HARDWARE Store Installment Collector: Is your father home?  
Smart Daughter: What is your name, please?  
Installment Collector: Just tell him it is his old friend, Bill.

Small Daughter: Then he isn't in, because I heard him say that if any bills came he wasn't at home.

SHORT skirts have revealed the fact that women do not put on their FASHION Hint—Clothes won't make the girl if she makes the clothes.

## Other Views

### EMPIRE'S GOLD OUTPUT.

(Providence Journal.)  
In the last forty years the South African mines alone have yielded treasure almost equal in value to the British war debt to this country. And the production of the Rand district is now larger than ever before. Since 1920 Canada has doubled her output and the prospects appear good for an increasingly large contribution to the future of the British Empire. The future of the British Empire can not be reckoned in terms of gold alone. But it is reasonable to believe that its continued supremacy in the future will enable it to exert an increasingly profound influence on the economic destinies of mankind. With the metal that is being added to the resources of the Empire at the rate of a quarter of a billion dollars annually, the financial power of London must be reckoned with in the future as it has been for many decades in the past.

### TAKING OUT THE PUNISHMENT.

(London Advertiser.)  
Judge Talley has given his opinion on prisons and prison methods in the United States. He believes sentimental prison reformers have been a nuisance because for the most part they believe that prisoners can be reformed and changed in their ways by making their life in prison one of ease and freedom from punishment. Judge Talley pointed out that movie and theatrical productions in which they reach Broadway are shown the prisoners at Sing Sing; that they have an \$8,000 theatre; that they enjoy professional baseball games on Saturdays and Sundays and that they work on an average only three and a half hours a day, according to the report of the prison commission. Between January and June last year, the prisoners spent \$56,000 for food, purchased outside the prison, although the prison fare is bountiful, clean and healthful. Judge Talley added: "The demand of the hour in America, above all other countries, is for jurors with conscience, judges with courage and prisons which are neither country clubs nor health resorts."

## Dinner Stories

AS WIDOW JONES bent industriously over her wash-tub she was treated to polite conversation by a male friend, who presently turned the conversation to matrimony, winding up with a proposal of marriage.  
"Are you sure you love me?" sighed the buxom widow, as she paused in her wringing.  
The man vowed he did.  
For a few minutes there was silence as the widow continued her labor. Then suddenly she raised her head, and asked:  
"You ain't lost yer job, 'ave yer?"

A CLERGYMAN, taking occasional duty for a friend in one of the Moorland churches of a remote part of England, was greatly scandalized on observing the old vergar, who had been collecting the offertory, quietly abstract half a crown before presenting the plate at the altar-rails. After service he called the old man into the vestry and told him, with emotion, that his crime had been discovered. The clerk looked puzzled. Then a sudden light dawned on him.  
"Why, sir, you don't mean that old half-crown of mine? Why, I've 'fed off' with he this last 14 years!"

## Why He Can't Help



## Poems That Live

### WOODMAN, SPARE THAT TREE.

Woodman, spare that tree!  
Touch not a single bough!  
In youth it sheltered me,  
And I'll protect it now.  
'Twas my grandfather's hand  
That placed it near his cot;  
There, woodmen, let it stand,  
Thy axe shall harm it not!

That old familiar tree,  
Whose glory and renown  
Are spread o'er land and sea,  
And wouldst thou hew it down?  
Woodman, forbear thy stroke!  
Cut not its earth-bound ties;  
O spare that aged oak,  
Now towering to the skies!

When but an idle boy  
I sought its grateful shade;  
In all thy gushing joy  
Here too my sisters played.  
My mother kissed me here;  
My father pressed my hand—  
Forgive this foolish tear,  
But let that old oak stand!

My heart-strings round thee cling  
Close as thy bark, old friend!  
Here shall the wildbird sing,  
And still thy branches bend.  
Old tree! the storm still brave!  
And, woodman, leave the spot;  
While I've a hand to save,  
Thy axe shall harm it not.  
George P. Morris.

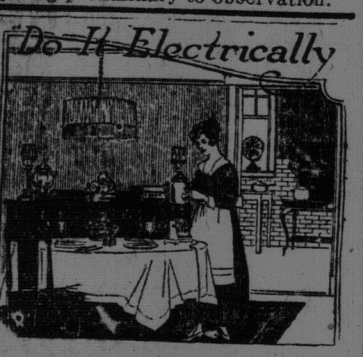
## The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

### EDUCATION IN THE STREET.

WHAT do YOU see when you walk in a crowded street?  
Just a lot of humans, a pretty girl here and there, some rushing automobiles, the flit in the gutter? Or many persons, each a walking history of human experience each with wisdom written in his face that is waiting for you to read?  
Observation is education.  
Observation, as Arnold Bennett observed, endows our day and our street with the romantic charm of history, and stimulates charity—not the charity that signs cheques, but the more precious charity which puts itself to the trouble of UNDERSTANDING.

ONE is curious about one's fellow creatures; therefore one watches them. And generally the more intelligent one is, the more curious one is, and the more one observes, Bennett wrote.  
"The mere satisfaction of this curiosity is itself a worthy end, and would alone justify the business of systematized observation. But the aim of observation may, and should, be expressed in terms more grandiose.  
"Human curiosity counts among the highest social virtues (as indifference counts among the basest defects), because it leads to a disclosure of the causes of character and temperament and thereby to a better understanding of the springs of human conduct.  
"Observation is not practised directly with this end in view (save by priests and other fustian souls); nevertheless it is a moral act and must inevitably promote kindness—whether we like it or not.  
"It also sharpens the sense of beauty. An ugly deed—such as an act of cruelty—takes on artistic beauty. An ugly deed—such as an act of cruelty—takes on artistic beauty."



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## Good Queen Bess Had A Preference For Kissing Games.

ARE we ever to see a revival of the brawl, that highly popular kissing game of Good Queen Bess' day?  
At its most formal performance it was never stiff and decorous. Generally it was a mirthful romp, which afterwards became so disorderly that today the very word signifies rough-and-tumble horseplay with blows and threats of blows. But if, in these well-behaved days, we gave it a start, it would surely not be out of place in a modern ballroom.

"Master" asks Moth, in "Love's Labor's Lost" "will you win your love with a French brawl?" The brawl had come from France. It was usually danced to open a ball. It certainly broke the ice and banished shyness. The leading couple placed themselves in the centre of the ring, where the gentleman kissed all the ladies in turn and his fair partner all the gentlemen, the figures continuing until every couple had followed the example set. Then, when danced by a group of only half a dozen couples, each person exchanged at least 86 kisses—and doubtless many men snatched a second helping.

The company split into groups to dance the brawl, for obvious reasons. Were only 20 couples to dance it in one group each person would have exchanged 400 kisses. The Puritans of the Elizabethan age were very down on the brawl. Still, it had a stupendous success, never equaled by a West European dance before or since. Even Queen Elizabeth let herself go in a brawl and swapped smacking kisses with as keen a gusto as any of her young maid of honor chits.

That fine old sportsman the Duc de Montpensier, finding his death-bed dull, with all the bolsters fun going on downstairs, roared to his attendants that he didn't care a fig for what the doctor said, and had himself carried downstairs on a litter to watch the brawl and call jovial comments to the

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