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LIQUID FUEL

The Literary Digest a week ago published an article entitled "Coal Doomed by the Coming Age of Oil." It was a very interesting and important summary of the coal and oil resources of the world. It opens up a question involving billions of dollars, and one in which Canada is very vitally interested. We have immense coal fields, as well as oil, but our coal fields are not in this province. If the oil could be extracted from the coal, as proposed, the immense coal fields on the Atlantic and Pacific and in Alberta, might be used and the oil taken to any part of Canada.

Also it opens up the prospect of making power alcohol and laboratory or synthetic liquid fuels. No limit can be placed on what may be discovered or invented.

CANADIANS AS MEAT EATERS

Anglo-Saxon peoples are the greatest meat-eaters. Australians, Canadians and British, in that order, stand a long way above others in the consumption of meats. Germany, before the war, at any rate, was the nearest runner-up. The total consumption per head of all meats in the different countries before the war has been carefully estimated. The figures are now of considerable interest in Canada as bearing on the future of national production in the live stock industry. They show the yearly consumption to have been:

	Pounds	Per head
Australia	262	
New Zealand	212	
United States	170	
Argentina	140	
Canada	137	
United Kingdom	126	
Germany	111	
Italy	101	
France	79	

In beef, the United States, Canada and Great Britain are the greatest consumers, with 84 pounds, 61 pounds and 60 pounds respectively. In mutton consumption, the United Kingdom is a long way ahead with 26 pounds to 9 pounds in Canada and only 6½ pounds in the States. But in the good old standby, pork and its products, the States leads with 79½ pounds to Canada's 67 pounds and only 33 pounds in Great Britain.

A comparison of consumption for the last few years shows a decline in the United States since the "peak" war of 16 pounds a head, and an increase in Canada between 1900 and 1910 of 18 pounds.

The latest detailed estimates for both countries show the national tastes in meats to have varied interestingly, as the following table proves:

Beef and Veal	61 lbs.	67 lbs.
Pork	67 lbs.	81 lbs.
Mutton and lamb	9 lbs.	6 lbs.
All meats	137 lbs.	154 lbs.

EVERY DAY BARGAIN DAY

Want to buy a quart of diamonds for a dollar or two? Go to Tiflis. Tiflis is the capital of Georgia one of the new republics that have risen in the Caucasus on the ruins of the Russian Empire. The value of the Georgian ruble is worth hardly anything at all. But the dollar has such abnormal purchasing power in this nation of lost values that it seems less like money than magic. You can get a fine dinner in Tiflis for 10 cents, and rent a room in the best hotel for \$1 a month.

The Bolsheviks may be said to have the un-Midas touch. Instead of turning everything into gold, they reverse the English and rob everything of its value. They have ruined Georgia, as they have wrecked Russia. They have killed industry and trade and consequently the value of the native ruble. The swarms of refugees from Russia have sold their most precious possession to Tiflis merchants for food and clothing until the stores of the city have become stocked-up with diamonds and pearls of all kinds of precious things, which were paid for, perhaps, with a plate of beans or a pair

of socks. So today Tiflis is a city of the most wonderful bargains in the world for the man who counts his money in dollars.

A story has just come back from Tiflis by way of Rome that an American woman, attracted by the bargains there, bought two pounds of diamonds for a few dollars, some of the stones so large that she suspected them of having once belonged to the Russian crown jewels, which are supposed to have been stolen. Unfortunately Black Sea pirates boarded the ship on which she was sailing home and stole her two pounds of gems. If she had got them to the United States, where diamonds are at record prices, she could have become wealthy by the sale of them. It was poor consolation to think that they hadn't cost her much anyway.

TREES AND DEATH RATE

If men lived to an average of 200 years instead of sixty they would plant trees as they now plant shrubs, says the Rochester, N. Y., Times-Union.

The individual sees no return in the planting of shade trees for reforestation, for life is too short to get the crop.

In cities the trees are hewn down and every available inch of space is utilized to bring an income. The shade trees are cut down and leave our city streets glaring canyons for stifling heat in summer.

Man doesn't plant trees on any large scale because his life is too short. If he had more trees in his crowded communities his too short life would certainly be lengthened.

For trees affect the death rate. They purify the air to begin with by absorbing carbonic acid gas and procuring hydrogen. They harbor natural moisture, preventing undue and extreme dryness.

So plain is it that trees affect public health that the New York Medical Society passed this resolution:

Resolved, That one of the most effective means of combating the intense heat of summer months and diminishing the death rate among children is the cultivation of an adequate number of trees in the streets.

Certainly the whole matter is one for the city and the state to handle. The judgment of the individual citizen is not to be trusted in this matter. Trees should be maintained in all the streets of the city with the possible exception of main thoroughfares in the congested sections. Especially should the localities of the poor be protected against tree-lessness. As fast as trees and shrubs die they should be replaced.

Is the moving picture spirit to dominate our literature? The serious charge is made by an American organization of writers known as the Authors' League that the editors of magazines are developing a taste for only such stories as can be easily and profitably turned into movie plays, and that writers who desire to succeed, as most writers do, must keep their minds on the screen all the time they are writing. It is a serious matter; but probably there will always be enough editors looking for stories acceptable on their merits to satisfy the public demand for such work. And it is quite possible that many of the stories in the magazines might be improved by being brought up, or down, to the standard of the movies.

SHOCKING

It shocks me something awful, to go upon the street, and see the dear young ladies, once quite demure and sweet, now showing up quite boldly their dainty little ears, which they kept closely covered during several recent years.

Some are yet a little bashful, and only show a part of their shell-like appendages, the dainty bits of art which nature, in her wisdom, placed upon each pretty head, so that every pretty maiden could hear all that was said.

I am trying hard to figure why they are now so bold, and shock us all severely, and make our blood run cold; can it be that fashion's dictates laid down in gay Paree, have caused the dear young ladies to lose their modesty.

Or is it that at Christmas they received a dainty pair of very pretty earrings, and these they wish to wear; but whatever is the reason it sure is strange to see the ears that once were hidden, now showing bold and free.

OTHER EDITORS' OPINIONS

DESERTED WIVES

Regulations which put the onus upon the deserter's family of trying to find him are not merciful to wives and children who cannot procure the required evidence of desertion. The wife, in such circumstances, cannot marry again until her husband is "legally dead" and she can draw no pension as a soldier's widow. A correspondent thinks that a court of inquiry might sit on each of these cases and advise what should be done. The proposal seems reasonable. When the Mothers' Allowance Act in Ontario is working smoothly the unfortunate mothers who have been deserted may come within its provisions.—Toronto Globe.

THINGS IN CHINA

The tragedy being enacted in China today is one of the saddest in the world's history. Millions of human beings are in danger of imminent death, or as a missionary writing from South Honan puts it: "Unless money continues to flow in till next May the sufferings of millions will but be prolonged in vain."—Oshawa Telegram.

EXCHANGE SCHOOL TEACHERS

An interesting proposal, and one which has in it much that is of value, has been adopted unanimously by the education committee of York, England. The committee agreed unanimously to offer the elementary and secondary teachers, both male and female, the opportunity of exchanging their positions with teachers in A. R. Symons and John Stark, many Canada. Alderman J. B. Morrell, of York, who introduced the proposal, said the idea was suggested to him during a visit to Canada, and that the teachers in this country would welcome such an opportunity of seeing what teaching methods were followed in England. In the same way, he suggested, the English teachers would learn much from their experiences in Canadian schools, and the plan would be one of benefit to the Empire.—British Whig.

THE GREATEST NAVY

Playing the fool is what, as a nation, we seem inclined to do. We haven't had enough war. We evidently relished the long lists of dead and wounded that used to fill up the columns of the daily press. We want still heavier taxes. We have grown fond of wasting money. We want to waste a few billion more. So we have begun to talk about the greatest navy in the world.—Chicago News

SPEED UP MOTHERS' PENSION

Criticism was indulged in at the Legislature because of delays in the issue of mothers' pensions and slowness in connection with the carrying out of the act. There may not be much to the particular charge ventilated, but there is a widespread belief that too much time is being lost in connection with the issuance of pensions after they have been favorably reported upon by the local boards.

While it is well to go slow sometimes, in order to prevent any impositions under the act, it is also important that undue delay shall be obviated and the pensions paid promptly after they have been properly passed upon.—Guelph Herald.

C.M.A. DELEGATION WILL VISIT HERE TOMORROW

Twenty-five or more members and officials of the Canadian Manufacturer's Association, will be in Belleville tomorrow afternoon and evening as the guests of the City. The trip to Belleville is part of an itinerary which began from Toronto this morning for a tour of Eastern Ontario cities in order to enable the members of the C.M.A., to meet the business men of the industrial centres of the East and to learn the progress of industrial development in each centre. They are in Brockville tonight, tomorrow morning in Kingston, Wednesday in Peterboro and Thursday in Oshawa. J. S. McKinnon, president and W. H. Shapley, members of the Executive Council head the delegation and W. A. Crank, is acting as secretary.

C.O.B.A. MEETING

The Central Ontario Amateur Baseball League convenes at Hotel Quinte tomorrow afternoon for the annual meeting. Most of the clubs in the league in years past will be represented.

New York declares jade is the color of the moment for jewelry, whether it be hatpins, rings with enormous stones, bracelets or the carved jade dangles, worn on bits of black ribbon around the throat, which are most effective against dark crepe and woolen dresses.

OBITUARY

MRS. MARGARET MCKENNA.

The death occurred last evening of Mrs. Margaret McKenna at her home 38 Great St. James Street. She was the widow of the late John McKenna and was born in Dundee, Scotland in 1849. She came to Canada with her parents at the age of four years. In 1870 she was married to John McKenna who died fourteen years ago. She was a daughter of the late Alex. Fullerton. A year ago her eldest son, Alex. F. McKenna, died in Calgary. Surviving are four sons and six daughters.—William, St. Catharines, John of Toronto, James of Memphis, Douglas, of Winnipeg, Mrs. D. McEachren, Toronto, Mrs. R. McCurdy, Coneseon, Mrs. D. M. Farrell, of this city, Mrs. W. Clapp, Syracuse, N.Y., Mrs. W. McPherson, Dolcy Alta, Miss Jessie of Mount Albert, Ont.

Mrs. McKenna was a member of John St. Presbyterian Church.

CLAUDE OLIVER JOHNSON.

The funeral of Claude Oliver Johnson, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Cephas Johnson, who died as a result of an operation for the removal of a lead button from his throat, was held to Belleville cemetery on Monday, Rev. Rural Dean Swayne officiating.

MRS. MARGARET SYMONS.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Symons, widow of the late Thomas N. Symons, was held on Monday afternoon from the family residence, Yeomans Street, Rev. Rural Dean Swayne officiating. The interment was made in the family plot in Belleville cemetery. The bearers were James Marshall, R. M. Pates, Joshua Canng, E. Whelan, A. R. Symons and John Stark. Many floral tributes were received in memory of the deceased.

LATE MRS. HARRIET E. FISK.

All that was mortal of the late Mrs. Harriet E. Fisk was laid away in the family plot in Belleville cemetery on Monday afternoon. The Rev. Dr. Cleaver, pastor of Bridge Street Methodist Church conducted an impressive service at the home of Mr. Norman C. Fisk, 137 Charles St., and was assisted by Rev. Dr. Baker, of Albert College, who paid a tribute to the life and character of the departed. The bearers were Messrs. J. Waddell, J. O. Herity, W. Boyes, A. Walsh, R. D. Adams and Claude Wallace. Many flowers had been contributed in memory of the deceased lady.

ASKS DAMAGES IN CASH FOR INJURY TO STOCK

Alleged negligence in permitting a hole in a swamp to be opened in which a bull fell and was killed and a heifer also fell being injured so that she required attention for some time, Mr. Willoughby Anderson, of Ameliasburg, brought action for damages against W. G. Anderson in the local division court yesterday. It appears that the defendant took out of a swamp in February 1920 some muck, such as is used for a fertilizer. A hole was left and the animals fell into it in September last. Judgment was reserved.

FROGS GET READY

Frogs are not singing yet, but they are getting in shape. Yesterday a Bellevillian who had occasion to pass a pond of these singers, found them with their heads sticking out of the water, getting the pure oxygen into their throats for the coming metropolitan spring outburst of croaking.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Agnes Simmons and family wish to thank their many friends for kindness and sympathy extended to them during the illness and death of the late Miss Frankie Simmons, also for the beautiful floral offerings from the Board of Education, Belleville Teachers' Association, teachers and pupils of her class and pupils of Queen Mary School as well as personal friends.

LATE JACKSON A. SARLEY.

The funeral of the late Jackson A. Sarley took place this morning from the home of his parents, Front of Sidney, to Belleville cemetery. Rev. Mr. Wallace officiating, assisted by Rev. Mr. Mutton. The bearers were W. Carter, R. Tilford, H. Townsend, M. Hall, Ed. Green and Cleo Colling, members of the cadet corps of Queen Alexandra School, to which deceased belonged. Members of the Steel Co. staff were among those who attended the obsequies.

Rub it in for Lame Back.—A brisk rubbing with Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil will relieve lame back. The skin will immediately absorb the oil and it will penetrate the tissues and bring speedy relief. Try it and be convinced. As the liniment sinks in the pain comes out and there are ample grounds for saying that it is an excellent article.

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