

Notes and Comments

If each man, woman and child in Great Britain had to pay an equal share of their country's war debt, the personal liability would be \$786 each.

A new microphone to collect sounds and convey them to the ears of partly deaf persons by almost invisible wires is so compact that it can be worn under a man's necktie.

It is said that not a kernel of best Mocha coffee ever gets west of Constantinople. The coffee known to the English and American trade as Mocha comes from parts of Africa, the East Indies, and even from Brazil.

A new method of diagnosing typhoid fever in 10 minutes at the bedside has been discovered by Prof. Bass of New Orleans. The present method, usually takes 12 to 24 hours. The new method permits an earlier check of the disease.

The largest organ in the world will be installed in the cathedral now nearing completion in Liverpool. This mammoth amongst musical instruments will have no fewer than 10,567 pipes and 215 stops, each actuated by its separate draw-stop knob.

Aeroplane service has been established in French Guiana between Cayenne and St. Laurent for the purpose of transporting gold from the mines. The French Government is aiding the enterprise, and lines are planned to ether mining regions that are almost inaccessible by ordinary means of communication.

A Quebec postmaster was fined \$190 and costs the other day for handing back a letter dropped in the office. Judge Cannon pointed out that the laws were very severe on this matter and that as soon as a properly stamped letter is deposited with the postal authorities it no longer belongs to anyone, even the sender, but to the person it is addressed to.

A vacancy in a Professorial chair at Queen's University, Kingston, has been filled by calling a distinguished man. The Rev. Joseph McFadyen, Principal of Hislop College, Nagpur, India, is now filling the chair of New Testament literature and Exegesis. He excelled as a student of Glasgow College, and his coming to Queen's University will be of great value to Canada. The last two Principals of this Canadian University were Nova Scotians. The one who now fills the post is Rev. Bruce Taylor.

English Teachers For Canada

Last year two ladies, Miss Potts and Miss Girdloy, spent several months in Canada, studying the possibilities of English girls obtaining positions in Canada as teachers. They presented a very thoroughly prepared report to the British government upon their return home.

Recently as a result of this report a small party of English women arrived at St. John en route to Saskatchewan, to take up teaching in that province. It is expected other young ladies will follow, who will help supply the demand for teachers in both Saskatchewan and Alberta.

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Autos are Changing Trade Conditions

Almost every Canadian farmer owns a car, says an exchange, and instead of making his purchases in the nearest village he now goes to a trade centre, where he sells his produce and buys what he needs. Four hundred farmers in Ontario were recently asked to state how far they travelled in their cars to merchandise. The replies showed an average of thirty-four miles. Only 25 per cent. of the men bought their clothing in their home village and 23 per cent. of the women. These farmers were all comfortably off and were well able to buy whatever they required.

The farmer is now the biggest and wealthiest purchasing agent in Canada. Figures show that they are buying automobiles in thousands, and this means that every year will see increasing numbers of prospective buyers throughout the rural districts in a position to reach trade centres within thirty-five miles of their homes.

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Merely a Suggestion

Bridget—Do come and look at the beautiful sunset out at the kitchen winder, ma'am.

Mistress—That's nothing, Bridget, you ought to see it rise some morning.

Ma, you promised not to punish me if I told the truth.

Yes, and I won't.

Then I must tell you that I lied to you this morning.

The Vanishing School Teacher

The United States, like some parts of our own Dominion, is confronted by a very serious situation in the growing scarcity of teachers—especially male teachers—for the common schools. Quite recently the newspapers of New York reported that there were not enough teachers by five thousand to sit at the desks provided for them in the school houses of the state. In other states teachers are quite as scarce, and where large towns are rare and where the rural school abounds they are even scarcer. The chief reason given is the low salaries paid to teachers. "Now-a-days anyone who has the brains to be a teacher can make an excellent living at some other occupation and naturally prefers prosperity to penury and school teaching. Men, except the few who feel irresistibly called to the profession, have long since ceased to consider teaching as a life work. And now that a wide field of well-paid service is open to women, they, too, are beginning to abandon the vocation that they used to claim proudly as especially their own." Not only, says the paper from which we quote, does the profession of teaching stand in danger; "what is more serious is that the community itself stands in danger. Hundreds of rural schools are closed this winter because there are no teachers to be had. The limited supply is all drained off to the larger centres. If the situation continues and grows worse, those schools will close permanently. Children in the country will have to go uneducated or, at best, scantily educated. That means that families of ambition and substance will not stay in the country, where they will not sacrifice the future of their children. The drift to the cities will gather volume and speed. Only the shiftless and the indifferent will remain in the country, and that can mean nothing except national decay." The school problem may not be so exaggerated in Canada as in some parts of the United States, but conditions here are certainly very similar. Men are turning away from the teaching profession. Few young ladies think of it as more than a temporary stepping-stone to something better. If the efficiency of our schools is not to be suffered to decline, the teaching profession must be raised to a higher plane. "The teacher must be so convinced of the value and dignity of his service that he will not lightly abandon it for some occupation that offers more ease or excitement or money. And on the other hand the public must stop being niggardly. It must tax itself more heavily for school than it has been in the habit of doing; and it must pay salaries that do not degrade the teacher in the eye of the community. Whatever else a town must skimp, let it not skimp its schools."

She: If I thought you could afford to supply a maid I'd accept you.

He: Tain't necessary. I learned to cook in the army.

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