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A GREAT EXAMPLE

The people of Kings county are to be congratulated very heartily on the opening of a hospital in connection with the municipal hospital at Norton. The event was signalized yesterday by a formal opening at which the lieutenant governor, Mr. Justice White, Hon. Dr. Hetherington, local members of the legislature and other public men were present and joined in deserved praise of the public spirit of the people of the county. It has had a fine municipal home for nearly twenty-five years, but those persons in poor circumstances and needing hospital attention had to be sent to St. John for treatment. They may now be cared for in the institution at Norton, and its establishment will undoubtedly prove a great boon to the number of beds will soon have to be increased. A Kings county physician said to this paper not long ago that there was great difficulty in persuading people who urgently needed hospital treatment to come to St. John. The same reluctance will hardly be manifested in relation to a local institution, and there can be no doubt that lack of such care prevents many persons who are ill from recovering their health. Kings county took a great first step when it established its excellent municipal home, and it has now set a great example in adding thereto the hospital accommodation which will mean so much for so many people in the years to come. Other municipalities may well consider this example, and ask themselves whether they are doing all they should do in the interests of the health of the people.

THE CANADIAN NAVY.

The visit of the Royal Canadian Squadron to this port is an event of much interest. Canada has a navy. There has been in the past much controversy over the naval question, but it has been settled so far as the responsibility of Canada for the upkeep of a naval force of its own is concerned, and St. John this week extends a hearty welcome to a Canadian squadron. A country with a great and growing sea-borne commerce must have a naval force. There is universal hope that the disarmament conference will result in a great reduction in the number of fighting machines afloat, but there will still remain the necessity for well trained naval forces. The Canadian navy offers an inviting field for young men who love the sea and have a liking for adventure, and it also affords them an opportunity to serve their country in a very important capacity. The people of such a port as St. John, which will have an ever-growing sea-borne traffic, have an especial interest in these guardians of commerce and protectors of the coasts. The vessels now in port have had war experience and are for that reason objects of greater interest; but the thought is that this is part of our own navy and that we are bidding welcome to our own.

MISREPRESENTATION

A lady who addressed the Liberal-Conservative women of Toronto last week said to her the issue was "Choose between free trade, with your men walking the streets, and protection, with the wheels of industry turning and bringing prosperity to all."

But the Toronto Globe, speaking of tariff revision a few days ago, said: "It cannot be delayed much longer. It will not be based upon free trade by whatever party or combination of parties it may be undertaken. It will be based upon the resources, conditions and needs of Canada."

Mr. Fred Pardee, M. P., speaking last week, said:

"The Liberal party is not a free trade party. The man today—whether he is Liberal, labor man or farmer, who in all seriousness will declare on any platform that he is for absolute free trade has his head examined. It will not be, it cannot be. I am told the farmer is the greatest promulgator of the free trade doctrine. The farmer is the last man who is ready for direct taxation, because that is what it means." And today we have the utterance of the Liberal leader.

In the face of utterances such as these the Conservatives go on trying to stick a free trade label on their opponents. It will not stick. The Liberals in 1896 did not adopt free trade, but revised the tariff and gave Canada years of prosperity. They can do it again, and there is no danger whatever that the farmers will favor free trade. Their leader has declared that they have no such intention. The free trade bogey will not distract attention from the incompetency of the Meighen government, which is reorganized is not one whit better than before. It is a weaker Tory government than that led by Sir Robert Borden prior to 1917, and all attempts to save it by misrepresenting the Liberal and farmer attitude on the tariff must fail.

The new cabinet has seventeen ministers with portfolios and four without. If there is strength in numbers Mr. Meighen has made himself sure on that point. And the country pays.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT

The Times has already referred to the establishment by Magistrate Askwith of Ottawa of a court of domestic relations, apart from the ordinary police court. The Citizen says he has already been particularly successful in settling cases of domestic trouble, and that under the new system he is expected to "demonstrate his recognized abilities in the way of smoothing out tangles that otherwise would lead to the disruption of homes, and the endangering of the future of the children of parents unable to get along together, or who imagine that they cannot do so." Of the new court the Citizen says:

"The aim of such an institution would be to settle disputes that arise between husbands and wives and which are now often aired in public. In such cases legal action defeats the object sought. Neither party feels inclined in a case discussed in police court to concede anything to the other; the matter takes on the aspect of a legal or judicial battle in which justification is sought by both sides. In addition, there is the element of publicity which in itself is undesirable and which seriously compromises the chances of a satisfactory settlement of domestic disputes. All these impediments to a smoothing out of personal troubles can be eliminated by the domestic relations court. Experience has shown that many disputes can be satisfactorily adjusted by a little practical and kindly advice. Many misunderstandings will give way before a sympathetic and equitable interpretation by someone in authority."

A BETTER OUTLOOK

The Credit Guide, an American publication, said last week of the business situation in the United States:

"Reports coming from wholesalers, manufacturers and retailers throughout the States indicate that the improvement started just two months ago is taking good root. Each successive week has reported a better condition over the previous week. Many manufacturers whose plants were idle less than two months ago are now operating a substantial part of their machinery."

Dunn's Review is equally cheerful in its report, as follows:

"More definite evidence of improved conditions had strengthened sentiment characterizes commercial reports. Despite many irregularities, the present situation is one of slowly reviving activities after a protracted period of depression, with the economic recovery widening in scope. A gradual but distinct turn for the better in the steel industry is encouraging, adding to the hopeful phases in some other basic lines, and a lessening of price unsettlement is a factor making for more confident operations in different quarters."

Braintree's says: "A widening circle of improvement in trade and industry is reflected in last week's reports."

Conditions in Canada are regarded as showing some improvement. There is no possibility of other than a very slow recovery, because of world conditions generally. It is highly satisfactory to be able to say that New Brunswick, in regard to business failures, unemployment and general trade depression, is probably in a sounder position than any other portion of the country.

A cattle exporter said in Montreal yesterday that St. John was a bad port for handling live stock, being unprovided with stockyard accommodation. There is a job right ready to the hand of any minister. As a matter of fact cattle were shipped from St. John in former years with great success. Why send them to Portland or Boston? Where is the Borden policy of Canadian trade through Canadian channels? Has Premier Meighen ever heard of it?

The Montreal Gazette told Mr. Meighen that "he should call to his aid men of affairs whose judgment and experience are of utmost value, and yet who cannot long disconnect themselves from their personal business." Can it be said that Mr. Meighen has done so?

St. John is of late getting more than an ordinary number of disagreeable sensations. Crimes that shock the community have not been frequent in the past, and it may be hoped recent experiences will render them less frequent in the future.

Now we shall hear from a thousand platforms that Canada can only hope to achieve her destiny by plying it in the hands of the gentlemen whose names were handed out yesterday at Ottawa. The country will require an introduction to a number of them.

Was it the announcement of the Meighen cabinet that so disturbed the elements yesterday? The members may reasonably have premonitions of a coming storm—with rocks ahead.

It must have been a thrilling moment when Mr. Baxter took over from his friend Mr. Wigmore the portfolio of customs.

AROUND THE CAMP FIRE

When we've finished washing the plates of tin,
When the darkness falls and the gang comes in,
That's the time when the tales and the talk begin.
In the circle about the fire;
The talk of the way the day was spent,
Of the things we did and the roads we went.
Of pleasant ventures that brought content,
And sated the heart's desire.

The pipes are lighted, the fellows sit
Or sprawl about as the shadows fall,
And there is freedom of thought and wit
Till the light of the embers dims.
And then comes singing—from foolish things,
Of "Pretty maidens," and "kindly moons,"
To old, old songs like your mother's croon,
Soft lullabies—or hymns.

The night breeze rustles the leaves above,
And we talk of the things we are fond of,
The men like and the girls we love,
Who make life worth the fight;
Till the ash gray over the glowing coals,
And the spirit of drowsiness controls,
And each man into his blanket rolls,
With the sleepy word, Good-night!

LIGHTER VEIN

Another Defeat.
An election petition was being tried, and a witness was called to prove bribery.
"One of the gentlemen says to me, says he, 'Hodge, you must vote for the Tories.'"
"And what did you answer to that?"
"Well," says I, "how much?"
"And what did the agent say?"
"He didn't say nothing." Then 'tother gentleman comes to me and says, 'You must vote for the Liberals, Hodge.'"
"And what did you answer?"
"I said, 'How much?' So he arst me what 'tother agent offered, and I told him five shillings." "And what did the Liberal agent do?"
"He gave me ten." Counsel sits down triumphant and up gets counsel for the other side.
"Did you vote for the Liberals?"
"No." "Did you vote for the Tories?"
"No; I ain't got no vote!"

WHAT!—AT FIFTY-EIGHT!

(Toronto Star.)
A Toronto man aged fifty-five sustained a shock on Saturday when he picked up a copy of an English paper and read therein some advice as to how men at the advanced age of fifty-eight ought to order their daily lives. It written that a man aged fifty-eight has seen a long road, and this is what he receives:
"Rise early, good wash.
"Glass of water (chill off), biscuit, half an hour's rest.
"Breakfast, newspaper, garden, do odd jobs.
"Dinner, read and nap, good wash.
"Tea, a walk with a companion.
"Early light supper, an hour's rest, bed."
What a day! What a thrilling day! Another suggestion was that a man when he reaches the age of fifty-eight ought to keep fit and keep busy.
The Toronto citizen was shocked at this matter to our notice, but he was shocked at first by the thought that in three years he might be getting such advice as this, but we assured him that the Star would hesitate to offer this prescription to any Canadian under the age of seventy-eight.
The idea that a man at the age of fifty-eight ought to put a garden around the back lawn between menials, taking naps, and going for gentle walks accompanied by a companion who will read to him, is not a very attractive prospect. The idea that he does not bother into the path of some vehicle—this idea does not find much favor in Toronto. Even the herding of a flock of sheep, which might be at times, does not seem job enough for the average man under sixty in this part of the world.
Men don't get old in this country any more. The practice of getting old has been discontinued. It was a bad habit and has been dropped—it was bad for the man and bad for his family. In earlier days men were bearded, and as these turned grey the men withered, they became crabbed, bent, and they were the objects of pity. They were the chimney corner and talked of the past and glories of the future.
There is none of that now. A man of seventy nowadays, instead of being a former, proud of decrepitude and all sorts of ailments, is a young man prematurely grey. He dresses like a living person, and is one. In the downtown world he probably occupies a responsible place in his own right. He knows how many home runs Babe Ruth made this year, he will show you with a scrap of paper and a pencil just how the bowls lay when a fluke shot put him out of the Dominion bowling tournament, or he will tell you when he got the best bass fishing this August that he has had in a dozen years. Or he may be too busy with big affairs to bother with boys' games like golf or bowls or fishing.
At fifty-eight he certainly doesn't aim to toddle around like a senile patriarch, minding a beehive on the back lawn, nibbling a biscuit, talking a nap, and calling it a day. Middle-aged persons of fifty-eight do not take to that sort of thing nowadays at all. They keep shaved, shined, brushed, and busy, and are vastly the better off for it.

NEW FOG DEVICES.

(Scientific American.)
Three new fog devices to overcome the drawbacks of mist and fogs to aid men are stated to be under discussion by British authorities. The first consists of the "laying along the route traversed by the airway." This automatically sends up into the air a constant series of signals. The second machine is in such a position that the strength of the signals is kept constant the airman is assured that he is flying along the cable line. The second machine is in such a position that the ground is not visible, and consists of a wire, with a weight attached, which is lowered when the weight touches the earth the airman learns that it is time to "flatten out" his machine. The third is called the "artificial horizon." It is a gyroscope instrument which shows an artificial horizon line always in front of the pilot and enables him to detect instantly when his machine is heeling over too much sideways in its relation to the real horizon, which is temporarily invisible. A tiny model of a machine is placed precisely the movements of his own machine.

DUPONT OFFICIAL SUED FOR \$100,000

West Indian Alleges That C. W. Mills Broke Marriage Promise—Thought He was a Widower.

(New York Times.)
Charles W. Mills, Vice President and General Manager of the Newmont Trading Company, 121 Fifth Avenue, who conducted the \$5,000,000 sale of shoes at the Grand Central Palace for the du Pont interests, and in connection with the sale ran a contest for the prettiest ankle in New York City, is made defendant in an action for \$100,000 for breach of promise begun by Mme. Josephine de Seyray, 305 West 106th St., a copy of the summons and complaint was served on Mr. Mills in August by Ivan E. Maginn, 1476 Broadway, counsel for Mme. de Seyray, and a copy of the defendant's answer has just been served on Mr. Maginn by ex-Governor Charles S. Whitman, attorney for Mr. Mills.
Mme. de Seyray, a striking brunette, came to this city from her home in Guadeloupe, in 1910, to visit her mother, living in one of two apartment houses owned by the mother at 1, 972 and 1374 Webster Avenue, the Bronx. While Mme. de Seyray and her two children were here, her husband, a professor of French in the Ecole de Guadeloupe, died. Later she says she met Mr. Mills, with the results described in her complaint. Among other things the complaint alleges:
"That heretofore and on or about the 20th day of July, 1920, and at various times thereafter up to and including the 31st day of March, 1921, in consideration of the promise of the plaintiff, who then was and still is a widow and legally capable of entering into the marriage ceremony, to marry the defendant upon request, the defendant promised and agreed with the plaintiff herein to marry the plaintiff herein upon request." But she alleges that after March 31 Mr. Mills refused to marry her.
Mme. de Seyray maintains that by Mr. Mills's conduct toward her, she has been "severely and painfully injured in her character and reputation in the community where she resides," and that her nervous system has been "severely impaired," necessitating the attendance of a physician, wherefore she seeks judgment for the sum of \$100,000.
In the office of her lawyer, Mme. de Seyray displayed much jewelry which she said had been given to her by Mr. Mills. Among this was an engagement ring which she had given her last Christmas, a week after another engagement ring had been stolen from her apartment by a burglar. She also exhibited a wedding ring which she said she had bought from one of her young women friends with money furnished by Mr. Mills when he was informed that Mme. de Seyray wished to obtain the wedding ring.
The young widow said she was introduced to Mr. Mills in a French restaurant in West Forty-ninth Street in the early part of 1920, and that she thought he was a widower because he frequently mentioned his two daughters, who were in college, but never mentioned any other member of his family. She heard later, she said, that he had no children.

At the offices of the Newmont Trading Company it was said that Mr. Mills was now connected with the offices of the company in Wilmington, Del. Ex-Governor Whitman, in Newport, last night refused to discuss the case further than to say that a copy of Mr. Mills's answer had been served on the defendant. The answer contains a general denial of all the allegations.

"A SONG IN THE AIR"

(Montreal Gazette.)
There are so many movements for uplift in great centres now that the average citizen might possibly feel somewhat surfeited, but the relation of community singing to good citizenship is a matter of which the average person would think. Community singing has been carried out in the city with capital success during the summer evenings. It was a happy thought, the inspiration of the Kivans Club. In a great commercial centre there is grave danger of the material swamping the spiritual.
The appeal to the stomach must always be powerful in a great community, where the shiftings of economic life make for insecurity as respects the great army of workers. There are diversions; but they are not of a nature to encourage the individual expression. The Kivans, singing and dancing, to the individual it encourages self-expression, lacking which you have defective and unambitious citizenship. There is more in community singing than a vote. It means interest and concern. The act of singing has an elevating effect; and as the bent voices rose in the air there came to the thought, the idea that there was something desirable in life. Man was more than a "patent digestive apparatus." He was a spiritual being. Men always sang going into battle. The power of collective song has to be more largely tested, but community singing gives a new dignity to citizenship, and wherever it is practiced the police force is diminished. The man who sings in the vast community circle will not steal the spoons. The moment you put a song in his mouth, you ally him to what is clean and decent and uplifting. The man who sings the thrilling heart songs of his early youth will not steal the ham from the corner grocery. Community singing is a moral and spiritual asset, and should be encouraged in every possible way. It would pay the city to keep it going all the time, as this in evidence, the general citizenship would be advanced in importance, in dignity, and in that spirituality which, blended with the material, forms the desirable equipment of good citizenship.

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New York has many things of interest to the sightseer, but not until recently did the megaphone man point out a barber shop, says the New York Times. Heretofore barber shops have been places to read pink weeklies while awaiting the strident "next," but not so at the new Terminal Barber Shop which opened in the Knickerbocker

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