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Simply Opposition.

THE FOURTEENTH parliament of Canada is a young thing yet, but it has been going long enough to establish the fact that the Conservative opposition is in the House, not for the purpose of offering useful suggestions, not that the experience of their members may be placed at the disposal of the people of Canada, not that the business of parliament shall be done with as much expedition as possible, but that they may oppose for the sake of opposing, that they may make things as difficult as possible for the government in power, that they may try to drive a wedge of difference between the Liberals and Progressives. So far there has been nothing to indicate that the official opposition has any desire to offer any co-operation in the carrying on of the business of the Dominion.

The people of the country are not going to be fooled in this or in any other way. The people know what they voted for, and they are concerned in only one thing, viz., the carrying out of their desire by the party which they returned to power at Ottawa on December 6 last.

HON. W. S. FIELDING, in his figures for estimates for the year, gave to the ratepayers of the Dominion the first glimpse of something reasonable. He knows the ability of the public to pay; he knows what amounts can be taken off and the public service of the country left unimpaired. The people of the Dominion are much more interested in following these figures through to completion than they are in all the fiction of MEIGHEN'S bitter remorse over the rebuff he met at the hands of the people.

The Minister of Finance is making a bold attempt to get the business of the Dominion on the basis where the people of the Dominion can pay for their government and still live.

Last year there was called for on account of current revenue, $605,400,000. This year MR. FIELDING asks $467,000,000, a horizontal *decrease*—mark the word for it has been unknown in Ottawa in recent years—of $138,000,000.

Liberals themselves are willing to admit that there are certain favorable factors that are helping to bring about the possibility of such a substantial reduction. They do not wish to take the position that any other government would be calling for an amount equal to last year. But the bare fact remains that the KING government *has cut the figures*. It is results that these people voted for on December 6, and it is results they are getting.

The government at Ottawa is showing a disposition to carry out its election promises. If the Opposition see fit to hold up business, and interfere with the voting of interim supplies, the responsibility rests upon the Opposition for the delay. For instance, the Minister of Railways is refused a vote for his department until he presents his whole railway program to the House. This he intends to do as soon as he has all the facts before him, for it is apparent that there must be a tremendous amount of detail to master before a final pronouncement can be made. The leader of the Opposition shows his sincere desire to help matters along by remarking that he does not believe the Minister of Railways has a program at all. Such a suggestion is quite in line and in keeping with his tactics right along. MR. MEIGHEN is running true to form.

The Teachers' Salaries.

A MEETING UNIQUE in idea and peculiar in conduct was held in London, when the board of education called together the teachers of the city to see what they would do in connection with reducing their salaries.

If any other group of people were called together, and asked to vote on a reduction of their salaries, what would be the verdict? They would vote against any such thing being done, and that is exactly what the teachers did. Self-preservation always comes to the surface and it always will.

Unless we are very much mistaken in our information, salaries of teachers can hardly be governed by what any one community cares to pay for their services. To use a commercial term, there is a teacher market, and into that market the teachers go with their training and their experience and their ability to do certain things. In that market they get their grading as to what they are worth, and it is from that market that the city of London or any other city has to purchase. If the city of London falls below the standard of other places for equal work, then the chances are that the city is going to lose its teachers who are sufficiently well qualified. Of course they may prefer to stay in London and teach here for less money than they can get elsewhere, but that is so doubtful as to be unworthy of consideration.

The meeting was unanimous about one thing only, viz., that all sides had been misrepresented by the press. The teachers made this claim, the board of education made the claim and the mayor made the claim, so the thing was unanimous. As usual just the plain charge of misrepresentation was made, and no specific instances were given. As far as this paper is concerned, allow this to be said: Its columns are open at all times to receive and register complaints or opinion, and never at any time has there been a communication received from any of the parties mentioned complaining of the treatment their case was receiving at the hands of the press. Many of the meetings have been held behind closed doors, and when closed door sessions are held, no person can be held responsible for statements that are made about what takes place. It is well to establish the fact that the less public business is conducted behind closed doors, the better for the public.

The whole business seems to have taken on a weird, uncertain atmosphere. If there is a definite proposition in regard to salaries, why not put it up to the teachers? As things stand at present it is made to appear that a man with an axe is after them, and yet no man and no axe are brought into the limelight, and every man who might be supposed to be the bearer of the axe has an assortment of alibis that neither convince nor condemn.

An Old Landmark.

J. L. MCCREERY penned the poem "There Is No Death" in a frame house at Delhi, Iowa, and the old house is being allowed to fall into decay.

J. L. MCCREERY was in turn an editor, composer, publisher, business manager and man of all work on the Dubuque *Times* and the Delhi *Democrat*. It is said his poetry was his relaxation. "There Is No Death" is the only specimen extant.

The opening and closing verses follow:

There is no death; the stars go down
To rise upon some other shore.
And bright in Heaven's jewelled Crown,
They shine forevermore.

And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
Is life—"There are no dead."

LITTLE 'TISERS

Indications are not lacking that the world is getting down to a good sound basis again. A New York man was making a bomb and it exploded, killing him.

Our idea of a smart man is the chap who can ride home in his neighbor's car with a disinterested look that stamps him as the bored owner of the car.

Funny, isn't it, but as soon as a man gets a few rows of Dutch sets stuck in the ground he thinks he's qualified to have the government crop bulletins mailed to him.

After all, it's not all fun getting married into the royal family. For did not the newspapers run it like this: "Princess Mary and her husband leaving for their wedding trip."

Foot Measure.—O. C. Topics.—If you are good at arithmetic.

How high are the girls wearing their dresses?

Above two feet.

The Winnipeg *Free Press*, sensing that a provincial election is near, advises people to go up and have a look at the members of parliament, because many of them may never come back.

United States is beginning to find out that it cannot ship its goods to foreign countries because prices are too high. And when that comes to pass all the tariffs in the world will not help United States.

The Vancouver *Province* man, tired of eating raisin and lemon pie, whets up his jaded appetite with the following prospects: "In the race for the earliest plant of the season rhubarb is reported to be leading dandelion by a pie length."

The M. C. R. has been doing a decent thing in St. Thomas this winter, in putting crippled cars at the disposal of those in need of fuel, with the understanding that they be broken up and used. Over 100 cars in all have been disposed of in this way.

Spring Poetry.

A man there was who took his hoe,
his shovel and his spade,
He was just burning up with vim,
this backyard garden jade,
He started in a week ago to plant his
shrubs and shoots,
And now he spends his twilight
scrapin' mud from off his
boots.

Every man, whether he is dry, wet or two per cent, admires candor. Thus do we submit for consideration the splendid testimony of the Brantford citizen who on appearing in court on a charge of being drunk, said: "I wouldn't mind paying a fine if I had had the satisfaction of being drunk."

Toronto harbor is now clear of ice. It is an impressive moment each year when the old scows that ply between the island and the city start their nickel expeditions once again. A kind and indulgent providence and a certain amount of good luck has permitted quite a few of those old tubs to keep away from the bottom of the bay for the last fifty years.

Several from this district who follow affairs at the O. A. C. very closely claim that the experimental station at Vineland in the Niagara district and the horticultural department at the college should be united under one competent head. The Vineland station does a great deal more practical work in fruit experiments than it is possible to do at Guelph, and access to the Vineland station and district would be a great asset to students at the college.

READ YOUR CHARACTER

[By Digby Phillips.]

NO. 174—DETERMINED HANDS.

Can you spot the person who is habitually determined? Or, in the case of the average person, can you tell at just what moment he makes a decision of sufficient importance to involve the element of determination?

It's easy. When you know how.

You wonder that you ever hesitated a moment before saying, "Why, yes, of course I know."

You tell whether a person is determined or not by the clenching of the fist. You didn't need a character analyst to tell you that. It's just another instance which shows that the science of characterology is nothing mysterious. It's just an orderly and conscious study of things you already knew. Science is merely carrying an already existing knowledge to its logical and orderly conclusion, plus the increased knowledge which generally results from this process.

You know that it is instinctive for a man to clench his fist when he is angry, or when he makes a determined resolve. Observe more closely. It is when he suddenly and violently clenches his fist that he is angry, and it is when he does it more slowly and calmly that he is just determined. Likewise, the man who has the habit of carrying his fist clenched is the man who is habitually more than usually determined in his decision. Of course, you have to temper your judgment of these things by common sense, making allowances for a man's surroundings at a given moment. He may be angry or determined, and yet not be particularly anxious to show it, in which case, nine times out of ten, he will consciously refrain from clenching his fist. But there are other ways in which he will betray it.

Tomorrow—The Sign of the Orator.

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MERRILL SHUDDERS EVERY TIME HE THINKS OF IT.

POETRY

WE have received from the Rev. W. H. Wilson of Youngstown, Ohio, a brother of the late Nicholas Wilson, the poem, "The Dream of Logan, the Hero."

Mr. Wilson was born and educated in this city, under his brother, and the late J. B. Boyle. He has sometimes referred in his letters to the fact that prize books were given when he was a student attending the Union School, and that they stimulated him to a greater endeavor. This fact is referred to also by the late Dr. Campbell in his book. Mr. Wilson refers to Dr. Campbell in a very kindly manner. "To us," he says, "of half a century ago, he was 'Tommy.' He was a good and useful man." He is anxious to get a copy of the last book "Pioneer Days in London." The piece of poetry, "The Dream of Logan, the Hero," is taken from an article written by himself.

Mr. Wilson's many friends will be pleased to read the articles sent by him.

THE DREAM OF LOGAN.

THE HERO.

On Alleghany's heights the evening sun
Long shadows o'er the lonely road had thrown,
And mirrored on the pool a stalwart frame,
The dusky chief who gave that vale his name.

With head upraised the circling hills to scan,
And face whose lines bespoke no common man,
One eye swept round from sun to river's narrow;
One sightless orb pierced by the foeman's arrow.

Flooded with glory of departing day,
The mountain's rift, the valley's gateway, lay;
Awhile he gazed; then turned him to the East,
Where stately pines adorned Bald Eagle's crest.

That eye that never quailed before a foe
Now films with grief; his feathered head bends low;
His heart is bowed; his bosom heaves with sorrow;
This vale he called his home he leaves tomorrow.

And why should cruel fate pursue the brave,
Whose feet had hasted white men's lives to save?
By law (not right), the wigwam's site was sold;
The law of Penn betrayed her friend for gold.

That night in shelter of his humble hut,
His blanket wrapped about him, Logan slept;
Nor fear nor care disturbed his resting frame,
But to his soul a gentle vision came.

THE DREAM.

He stood as at eve by the spring, where it rose
From cavernous depths, when it issues and flows
To join the blue river that sweeps to the sea,
Shedding mountain-top blessings on homes of the free.

He gazes again down the water-worn gap;
The vista with splendor of sunset lit up.
It darkens; the stars twinkle down from the jet,
Like sentinel lights in the canopy set.

Then a spirit low whispers in dreams of the night;
A scroll from the sky is unrolled to his sight;
Down the vista of time his enrapt spirit flew,
And a century's lapse brings a new world to view.

He saw through the pass eager multitudes throng;
On foot and in wagons they hurry along;
To the stroke of their axes the grim forest yields,
And the smoke of their cabins curls up from the fields.

The secrets of ages they haste to unseal;

LEARN A WORD EVERY DAY

TODAY'S word is REPATRIATE. It's pronounced — re-payt-ri-ayt, with accent on the second syllable.

It means—to restore a person in a foreign land to his own country; to bring one back to his native land.

It comes from—Latin "re," back, again, and "patria," native land.

Companion word—repatriation.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

Here We Have Items of Local and District Interest As Recorded in The Advertiser of 1897.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1897.

Weather—Fair; milder; rain at night.

At the annual meeting of the Ingersoll Athletic Association the following officers were elected: President, Thomas H. Noxon; first vice-president, Walter Mills; second vice-president, S. King; secretary, C. H. Bowman; assistant secretary, Gordon Ellis; treasurer, G. D. Cuthbertson, Thomas Wells, C. W. Riley; sports committee, John Ross, S. Gayfer, Dr. Hutchinson, A. Ganning, Gordon Ellis; entertainment committee, G. B. Cuthbertson, C. L. Wilson, Dr. Hutchinson, George Duncan, J. P. Boles; rooms committee, W. Brett, D. O'Neil, S. P. Leake, J. B. Jackson, J. H. Hegler; auditor, W. H. Jones.

The western executive of the Presbyterian Alliance has been called to meet in the city of Chicago on Thursday, April 15. Rev. Dr. Caven of Knox College is the chairman of the committee. The other Canadian representatives are: Rev. Principal MacVicar, D.D., Montreal; Rev. Principal Grant, D.D., Kingston; Rev. Dr. Cochrane of Brantford, and the Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto.

A large meeting of wheelmen representing the London Meteor, Forest City, Y. M. C. A., Conservative and Glenmore Wheeling Clubs was held in Paynes' Emporium on Saturday night. Mr. Chas. Ellis of the Forest City Club was moved to the chair. Speeches were made by Wm. Payne, Thos. Jones and Wm. Abbott of the Meteor Club, R. Kirkpatrick and F. Screaton of the Y. M. C. A., H. C. McBride, Dr. Belton, Ald. Stevely and Alf. Talbot.

A most enjoyable entertainment was given last evening in Wesley Hall by the Busy Bees of the First Methodist Church. The following took part in the program: Eva and Lila Harding, Dorothy Bolton, Fred Brickenden, Stanley Weekes, Margery Underwood, Olive and Ruby Sussex, Mr. Thomas McCormick, jun., Harold Little, Minnie Mara, Willie Brock, Ruby Irwin, Florence Johnston, Edith Greer, Ethel Teasdall, Florence Belton, Bertha Smith, Howard Fethers-ton, Bessie Irwin, Lottie Veder, Lottie Milburn, Hilda Tune, Maude Pearson, Ethel Vaders, Mildred Belton, Pearl Jackson, Miss Edith Allen, Rev. Mr. Daniel acted as chairman, and Mr. J. Fetherston as accompanist.

A meeting of the northwest veterans of 1885 was held in the city hall last night with Major A. M. Smith in the chair. Among those present were Lieuts. Grigg and Bapty, Col.-Sergt. Borland, Corpls. Wm. Wanless and T. Parkinson, Bugler R. Coughlin and Ptes. Hayden, Martin, Bayly, Quick, Moriarity, Lancaster, Drennan, Walton, Herrick, Johnston, McNamara, Arbuckle and Ironside.

The following committee were appointed to meet Saturday to make arrangements for their annual picnic at Springbank on July 25: Col. Gartshore, Major Beattie, Major Smith, Capt. Butler, Lieut. Bapty, Corpls. Wanless and Parkinson, Ptes. Thomas Watson, Quick, Farrell, Thos. Walton, Lancaster and Ironside.

Fifteen companions of Bruce Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Petrolea, including R. Ex. Comp. Robert Scott, the grand superintendent of London district, paid a fraternal visit to St. George's Royal Arch Chapter, London, last night. Among those in attendance were: R. ex-Comps. Munson, Burke and McWhinney, and V. ex-Comps, A. A. Campbell, grand steward of Grand Chapter. Among the visitors were: R. ex-Comp. J. S. Dewar, P.G.S.N.; ex-Comps. H. R. Lyons of Oxford Chapter, No. 76; J. D. Balfour and Alex. Findlay of St. John's, No. 3; Comps. Allardice of King Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton; H. W. Irvine, W. J. B. Eardley, H. Warner, W. O'Brien, W. J. Clarke, Tracy O'Brien, J. A. Gauld, D. W. McCoubrey, J. M. Slater of St. John's, No. 3, London, and Comps. J. Belasco Bloss, P. Corey, John Stalker, Ernest Preston, R. G. Denham, John Read, Jas. Peat, M. Armith, S. Stokes, R. Dunlop, E. W. Marshall, A. E. Fitzgerald, Robert Palmer and J. A. Stinson of Bruce Chapter, Petrolea.

Our Own Country.

Question—How many Experimental Farms has Canada?

Answer—Canada has 22 Experimental Farms, in addition to seven sub-stations, two tobacco stations and over 100 illustration farms. The experimental farms save the Canadian farmer from 50 to 60 million dollars annually.

Question—How many automobiles are there in Canada?

Answer—During 1921 the number of automobiles in Canada increased by 64,562, making a total of 467,496. Saskatchewan leads the Dominion with a car to every fourteen of its population.

COMMON SENSE WAYS TO KEEP WELL

Banana Valuable Food When Eaten Ripe

BY DR. R. H. BISHOP.

TO MANY people claim they cannot eat bananas because this fruit "does not agree with them."

The average stomach will digest the banana all right if it is given the right kind of a banana. The trouble lies in the fact that we commonly buy and eat unripe bananas.

This fruit is fully ripe and ready to eat only when the peel is golden and freely speckled with brown patches. Some people, children especially, wrongly object to such bananas and say they are overripe.

If people would confine themselves to such bananas as these there would be no bowel disturbances, as the green banana is apt to produce.

Furthermore, experiment has shown that the sugar in a ripe banana is very completely absorbed from the intestine and made use of by the body.

On the other hand, if we eat bananas not fully ripe the starch of the fruit has not been as completely changed into sugar and the food substances of the fruit are not as available for the body.

The banana has been called "the poor man's fruit" because it is always in season and readily obtainable at a reasonable price.

When we examine into the composition of fresh fruits we find that the banana has greater food value than any other common fruit, its nearest competitor being the grape.

However, it is too bulky and contains too little protein and energy to permit its use as the sole article of diet.

A man of average size would have to eat between 80 and 90 bananas daily to satisfy protein requirements.

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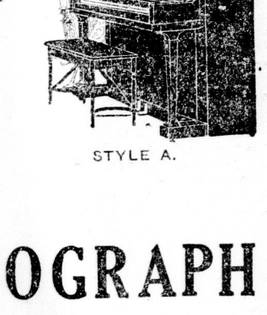

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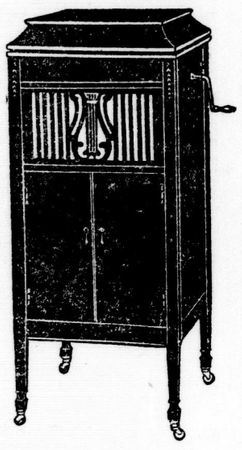

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