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LEST WE FORGET.

The people of this country who cheered their sons as they set out for the war, and who expressed honest and deep admiration of the courage and sacrifice they displayed during the most trying years of the struggle, should now listen attentively to the appeal of Canada's war pensioners.

SOME HORRIBLE EXAMPLES.

Mr. L. Frank Tooker, for forty years one of the editors of The Century Magazine, is writing his autobiography, and in a part of it appearing in the May Century he makes this terrible revelation, among others:

"Within two days there recently passed through my hands the manuscript of two authors who have a countrywide reputation of a sort. The punctuation and capitalization of one exhibited freaks of eccentricity that once would have been thought fantastic in a normally instructed child of twelve, while not one of the twenty-four pages of the other contained fewer than ten misspelled words."

He does not stop there, but, pursuing his argument that American education is "top-heavy," he says: "Our colleges and schools of journalism and extension courses have classes which teach the art of short-story-writing, dramatic construction, and other forms of literary endeavor, and students crowd them, though futilely, I believe. They think to learn all the secrets of the art of literary superstructure while they should be digging at the foundation, which is the craftsmanship of flexible English; for the superstructure is the substance of their own imagination or insight, and no one can draft it for them, and their own craftsmanship must give it form."

During the war, particularly when it was in its darkest period, there was little economy in blood or in treasure. The soldiers who fought for Canada did not spare themselves. Those who survived injuries did not get pensions unless they deserved them. Those who deserve them ought not to be in doubt about the amount they are to receive. Far better than abolishing the bonus would be to add it to the pension, which in the more serious cases, and in the case of war widows, would then be none too large.

MORE BRITISH.

Immigration increases, and a pleasing feature is that the percentage of arrivals from Great Britain is rising. Canada received 148,550 newcomers in the year ended March 31, as compared with 72,987 the year before—an increase of 104 per cent. Of the total arriving in the last twelve months 72,919 were British, or nearly fifty per cent. The United States sent us 20,321 people, or slightly less than the year before. From other countries we received 55,190, while in the previous twelve months there were only 16,872. The British arrivals increased by 111 per cent. compared with the year before.

Of course immigration in the former period was very low, but the figures for the last twelve months indicate that with improving conditions in Canada the tide of immigration will rise rapidly. The problem is more complicated than it was in the pre-war period when in a single year we brought in nearly half-a-million new settlers. That we lost many of those who came is beyond question. Today we are not seeking indiscriminate immigration as we practically did prior to 1914. Canada is selecting its immigrants with greater care, and is seeking also ways and means to keep the best of them once they have reached this country. There is the other and older problem of keeping our own folk in the land of their birth, which is one of great importance. Its solution will be easier as the country continues to recover its old business pace. As our basic industries pick up speed again the desire to seek fortune afar will not be so strong. The very conditions which prevent Canadians from leaving which in considerable numbers—normal conditions of trade and industry—tend to inlure extensive immigration, and those normal conditions are bound to be restored in a country whose resources are so great as ours and for whose natural products there is sure to be a sustained demand in other countries.

agreement should provide the big stick. When did soft words ever do more than encourage German resistance? Germany accepts them only as proof of weakness.

Press Comment

THE COMMON THINGS.

(Cape Argus.) It is astonishing how little many of us know about the common things around us. Shells and sand, birds and butterflies, sunset and sunrise, curving wave and crimson heather, flower and field, mountain and valley may hold for us a wealth of wonder and joy if we are in a mood to discover it. The realm of gold are near at hand. The right book may open us the key to the door which leads into them.

PLANT A TREE.

(Border Cities Star.) There is no excuse for not planting trees because they take a long time to grow. It takes a long time to save money, but the smartest savings of the people, invested in bank accounts, homes and life insurance, form the bulk of the wealth of this nation. As we are thrifty with our money, so let us be with our trees. Let us, if we have not already done so, start a bank account with nature by planting one or more trees this spring. It will pay us to do so.

THE RIGHT TO PLAY.

(Toronto Globe.) The Kingston Whig strongly advocates community playgrounds. These are necessities of modern life in cities because of the increased danger on the streets from electric cars and automobiles. Vacant lots disappear with the growth of cities. In addition to that lanes are being made for the special accommodation of owners of automobiles, thus cutting down the already small amount of open space. It is not fair to the boys and girls to make them choose between playing on the dangerous streets and no play at all.

THE OPEN FIREPLACE.

(London Times.) There has grown up everywhere an etiquette, almost a ritual, of the fire-side, supported by a host of conventional superstitions. In our day, however, it is not fair to the boys and girls to make them choose between playing on the dangerous streets and no play at all.

A QUICK RECOVERY.

(Toronto Globe.) During his mission to the United States in 1887-8 Mr. Joseph Chamberlain was entertained by the New York Chamber of Commerce, when his health was proposed by Mr. Lamar, a member of President Cleveland's cabinet. He had carefully prepared his reply, but he was so disturbed by hearing Mr. Lamar quote one line from a passage which he had intended to use, but he quickly recovered. He said, "in his concluding observations quoted a line from an English poet; if he will permit me to complete the quotation, I think it is particularly apposite to the view which I am endeavoring to impress upon you. It is Cowper who says, indeed: 'The bond of commerce was designed to associate all the branches of mankind; and if a boundless plenty be the role of Trade is the golden gift of the globe.' The audience was impressed by this proof of his knowledge of the poet and of the excellence of his memory, but he kept his own routine, modestly accepted their congratulations.

SEEK SUPPLIES FOR LABRADOR HOSPITAL

The local branch of the Grenfell Mission is planning for its first collection of garments for the mission this season and has sent out to its circle of particulars of the kind of garments most required. The appeal this year is specially stressed because of equipping a new hospital, The Emily Beaver Chamberlain Memorial Hospital at North West River, Labrador, which was built by Mrs. Lockwood as a memorial to her mother, was destroyed by fire and one patient was burned. Mrs. Lockwood has offered to supplement the insurance money to the required extent and there will be need of entirely new equipment.

30-DAY LIMIT ON MOTORISTS TO U. S.

American motorists crossing the border into Canada this summer will be presented a neat little yellow card, Canadian motorists making the trip to the States will be presented blue cards. Failure to present the cards to the Customs officers on return will make the owner or driver liable to a fine of \$100.

Mr. Robert Forke, leader of the Progressives, will vote for the Liberal budget proposals and against the Woodworth amendment. So will most of his followers. The Progressives regard the amendment as a want of confidence motion, and if they supported it, as Mr. Forke says, they would be logically bound to vote against the Government's tariff and taxation changes, of which they are in favor. Mr. Forke stoutly repudiates the idea that there has been any bargaining between his party and the Government.

A SCARLET AMARYLLIS

(Nan Terrell Reed, in New York Times.) A window plant—A Scarlet Amaryllis, Leaning toward the Sun. Oh, shining, golden, tickle Sun, That painted cup is only one Of many who will beg your smile Or share your radiance a while. That lily lasts a day or two— A week, perhaps, and dies, while you— Some permanent, like Earth, endure, And all Eternity is yours. It may be Man or Circumstance That gave that flower bud a chance To blossom where a World could see, Or only in a room—for me; And blossoming, although it dies, While living it delights my eyes. Was that its purpose?—Who can tell? We do not know our own too well. If recreated we must be, And so return as plant or tree. A myrtle bush, a plot of grass, Where new generations pass; If recreated we express Some silent form of loveliness, I hope I'll go to some dull room— And bring the beauty of a bloom— A window plant, A Scarlet Amaryllis, Leaning toward the Sun.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Best Thing To Do "I've reached the end of my rope and want your advice." "Well, tie a knot in it and hang on." Restless, Naturally Sweet Young Thing—"What makes the heat jump about me?" Another S. Y. T.—"Bob says the poor thing is on a tack."—The Harvard Lampoon. She Approved He (after proposal)—"I shall work hard and in a year or two I'll have our own little home in the country." "I can rent it and board in town, can't ye, dear?" That Determined Look "When my wife has made up her mind," began Peck. "Well," asked his friend. "I can generally notice the make-up on her face."

Why Did The Owl Howl?

(Dry Goods Economist.) Cockney Visitor—"What's that awful noise outside?" Country Host—"Why, that's an owl." Cockney Visitor—"I know it's an owl, but why's it howling?" A Job to Suit (The Continent.) Foreman—"Here, now, Murphy, what about carrying some more bricks?" Murphy—"I ain't feeling well, governor; I'm trembling all over." Foreman—"Well, then, lend a hand with the sieve."

UPKEEP GIFTS DECREASE.

A marked falling off in the gifts for maintenance was reported at the meeting of the directors of the New Brunswick Protestant Orphanage Home yesterday afternoon. It was said that the total amount received for maintenance during the month was \$400 and the average monthly expenses of the three institutions now being conducted was \$2,800. Dr. James Manning presided at the meeting which was held in the British street home. Other reports were satisfactory. The children's health was good and the institutions were filled to capacity. Arrangements were made for the annual meeting in the Board of Trade rooms on May 12.

LAWYER ILL; CASE DEFERRED.

The case of C. B. Fairley, collector of customs in Campbellton, who is under arrest charged under section 369 of the Criminal Code, which deals with the offence of stealing from the Government, which was to have come up for hearing in Dalhousie on Wednesday has been postponed owing to the illness of the Crown prosecutor. Fairley was remanded, but the case will, under the law, have to come before the Judge within eight days of the date of remanding.

OPENING OF ROADS MAY BE HELD UP

Wet Weather May Mean Possibility of Extending Closed Period.

Unless the weather between today and Monday was of an exceptionally drying character, the plans of the Department of Public Works to open the roads in the southern counties of the province for automobile traffic on this date, would have to be foregone, said Hon. P. J. Veniot, Premier and Minister of Public Works, who was in the city last night. The plan of the department, he said, had been to open the roads on Monday, May 5, but the heavy rain of yesterday had put a crimp in the arrangement owing to the fact that such weather was ideal for bringing the frost out of the ground, and this being so, it would be foolhardy to allow cars on the road at a time when they could do the most possible damage. The date would have to be deferred to some future time not too far distant, he said. The condition of the roads in the northern parts of the province was bad, and it would probably be weeks before automobile traffic would be allowed over them, the Premier said. In many parts the roads were still covered with snow which also extended to the fields, making the surface on a line with the top of the fences.

INQUEST RESUMES TONIGHT.

The inquest into the sudden death of Raymond Nichol Latid, aged 4 years, which occurred in his East St. John home on Monday, April 24, will be continued before Coroner H. A. Porter and jury in the County Court rooms this evening at 8 o'clock. At the previous hearing evidence was given by the father and mother of the boy, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Laird, who he had partaken only of good wholesome food; that he had slept in bed with two other children; that when awakened at 4:30 in the morning, when the father was getting ready for work, the boy presented the appearance of being very ill and soon afterwards died in his father's arms. H. L. Abramson, provincial pathologist, said last evening that he could not give any information regarding his findings as to the cause of death until this evening at the inquest tonight. The death of the boy was sudden and violent, and at the previous hearing Dr. Abramson stated that he could not understand how a boy with numerous ulcers in the stomach, along with a large perforation on the stomach wall, could sleep through the entire night to the early morning without some distress or sickness showing.

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFIED.

The regular meeting of the Knights of Columbus was held last evening, following which the first degree of the order was exemplified to a small class of candidates.

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A STORY OF THE BOSS OF TAMMANY

Somewhere back in the days when Charles F. Murphy, Tammany boss, had quit driving horse cars in Fourteenth street and started the first of the chain saloons which he ultimately owned on the East Side, a young fellow, who had "just gone to work," was sent by his employer to collect some bills, says the New York Herald-Tribune. The young fellow, now a man of middle age and head of his firm, recalls the day well. His was not a de luxe list of bills due. Murphy's saloon was in no lap of luxury, but he caught the boss behind his bar and made good as a collector. He got something more; an invitation. "What you going to drink, kid?" The boy was no mollycoddle, but he had been brought up to take saloons in great moderation; to give them the frosted eye. Yet this man, with the pomp and circumstance of a monarch, was in the Gas House District, deep in the East Side, and perhaps it wouldn't be etiquette to offend him. The boy hesitated just a moment too long. Murphy, leaning over the bar, said, "Listen, kid, if you like ginger ale or sarsaparilla, say so and have it, and don't let anybody bully you into beer." That was the only contact with Charles F. Murphy that one New York business man ever had, but he never forgot it, and since Mr. Murphy's death he thought it worth telling.

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Large advertisement for REX King of Cigarettes, featuring a man smoking and the text "Supreme quality and proven excellence". Price: 10 for 15¢, 25 for 35¢.

Advertisement for EMERSON & FISHER, LTD. featuring cleaning products like O-Cedar Polish Mop. Text: "Helps that Clean and Brighten After Moving".

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Advertisement for CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CHANGE IN SERVICE. Text: "Effective Monday, May 5th, S. S. Prince Edward Island will make two round trips daily (Except Sunday) between Cape Tormentine, N. B. and Borden, P. E. I."