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WORK THE ONLY CURE

Verbal warfare between sympathizers who bewail conditions in Cape Breton, but who differ as to causes and remedy, is of no use at this time.

It will be just as easy to disclose the governing facts now as it will be one week or six months hence.

THEY WANT COKE

If coking plants can be established in Saint John, Halifax, Quebec, Montreal and Toronto, as it is hoped they will be, the Maritime Province coal industry would enter upon a period of unexampled prosperity.

The Star quotes Mr. Landt as most hopeful that the whole situation may be revolutionized by the establishment of coking plants which could convert Maritime soft coal into coke which could be substituted for American anthracite.

LEVEL CROSSINGS

The danger of level crossings, to which public attention is directed in startling fashion from time to time by tragedies of the road, commands increasing discussion as spring brings on the season of greatest motoring activity.

At the approaches to such crossings an obstacle in the form of an "island" is constructed, so that approaching drivers are compelled to reduce their speed so much that the cars are under complete control.

At best, of course, it is only a compromise. It would cause altogether too great delay where traffic is heavy.

INCOME TAXES

This is the income tax season, and although diminution of the federal income tax is not now expected this year, the Citizens' Research Institute of Canada keeps plugging away at the need for revision.

Of late the Institute has been comparing the federal income tax in Canada with that in the United States, keeping in mind the fact that this country must always be in competition with its neighbor for population and for capital, and that therefore it is necessary that it should rid itself of every handicap which can be avoided.

The population of this country, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, had increased by 3.1 per cent, at the end of 1924 as compared with 1922, yet during that period there was a decrease of 17.7 per cent in the number of individuals paying income taxes and of 32.7 in the number of corporations paying such taxes.

"The people of the Eastern Provinces," says the Manitoba Free Press, "can do much to help solve the most pressing of our western problems, and westerners in turn should give fair and unprejudiced attention to the problems of the East.

CAT CAUSES \$40,000 FIRE. CARDIFF, Wales, April 3.—A cat chasing a mouse caused a \$40,000 fire here recently. While pursuing a mouse in a warehouse, the cat knocked over a box of matches from a table. It ignited when it fell on the floor.

Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends."—From "Notes on a Voyage."

Tricks in Movies

Some of the tricks of the movie business are explained in the March issue of St. Nicholas Magazine by Fred Gillman Jopp, who recently took an exploration trip through the largest studios of Hollywood.

One of the most important men of the entire industry—and one of the least known—is the engineer, or "hot-dog engineer" as he is called in movie parlance.

The cost of the original Mayflower was, approximately, \$4,000. That of the duplicate, built by Charles Ray, was estimated at \$63,000. Tons of specially designed machinery, beneath the vessel, served to rock it during the filming of the furious gale.

"One of these engineers was responsible for building 850 to 500 covered wagons on the plains. The great herd of buffalo that were used in the picture were mean and vicious, so the engineer had an added problem—that of protecting the players while at work.

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IN LIGHTER VEIN

Injured Motorist—"Doctor, tell me the worst!"

A Night at the Show. He—"I took Maud to a musical evening last night."

The Trail of Smoke. Friend—"But why do you ask your

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patients so many questions about what cigarettes, cigars or wine they use?"

That's Duffel. Employer—"Why didn't you come when I rang?"

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