

There is no doubt that the telephone exchanges in every city are asked many queer questions. The records kept by the New York telephone exchange contain many amusing samples. The New York Times says: "Queer questions pour daily into New York telephone exchanges. A large proportion of those asking for information seem bitten with the idea that information is merely a delightful convenience for every occasion. An exchange where a record has been kept of unusual inquiries may be taken as a fair sample. Whether the foolish questions arise from misunderstanding, carelessness or mere mischief is difficult to say. One may decide for himself, after glancing over the following actual quotations:

"Information, will you do me a favor? I am going to the butcher's, and I am afraid to leave baby alone. If I put the receiver to his ear will you entertain him while I am away?"

"A subscriber who asked for a certain person, asked: 'I don't know his address, but he lives next door to the Post Office.'"

"A woman called up with the question: 'Can you give me the name of a poultry farm that sells chickens and eggs?'"

"Perhaps it was a budding financier or a gardener who inquired: 'Who is considered the Onion King on the Stock Exchange?'"

"An bashful young lady stammered: 'It is appropriate to wear a blue serge suit and tan shoes to a graduation.' What would you suggest?'"

"A woman who put this one: 'I am a department store sales girl, can you suggest a pair of shoes today?'"

"Somebody else asked for the address of a theatre, what play was there and if a certain actor was still in the cast."

"A subscriber who wanted to speak with Mrs. Smith was asked by the operator for Mrs. Smith's initials. 'Why, Central,' came the reply, 'she hasn't any initials, she's a widow.'"

"A travelling salesman who called up with the remark that her husband would be in town for only a few minutes and she wished to dine with him. Would Central please send a girl who would take care of the baby about two hours?"

"Information," one woman asked. "Mrs. Smith told me she once had a maid who lived on Morningside Avenue. Can you tell me how I can find her?"

"What is the name, please?" Information inquired.

"Really, I don't know the maid's name. Mrs. Smith has forgotten, but I thought perhaps you might know. The woman across the street has a telephone. Probably you can tell me what her number is."

"Do you know her name?"

"No, but I think she lives somewhere near 11th St."

"Another seeker after knowledge exclaimed: 'A cheque was returned to me marked 'no funds.' What does that mean?'"

"A little boy called up. 'Can you find my dog?' he said. 'His name is Jack and he has a black patch over his ear.'"

"An excited woman cried: 'Please tell me who has \$388. I found that number in my husband's coat pocket and I think it is the number of some hussy.'"

"A young man wanted to know if he might have his nickel refunded. 'I called up a girl for a date,' he said, 'and she wouldn't go out. My call did no good, so I think I am entitled to my money back.'"

"Many inquire about the weather, but the best information can do is to connect them with the weather forecaster."

"Such questions as 'Who won the race?' 'Why are the whistles blowing?' 'Did the Giants win?' are common."

"A woman asked: 'Can you tell me what the thermometer registers out of doors? I want to put my canary out, but I am afraid it is too cold.'"

"A worried mother called up to say that her little boy had failed to come home from school, and asked information if she would suggest a place where he might be found."

"I want to talk to a man who is living a cement walk on 41st street, between 6th and 7th avenues or somewhere around there," said one inquirer. "Just connect me with one of the houses along the street and they will call him in."

"Our house is quarantined for scarlet fever. Is it all right to use the telephone?"

"Information, please give me the number of a lady who lives on 5th street, just off 5th avenue. She is an artist and her husband an editor. I thought you could find it because very few editors live in that neighborhood."

"Arduous as Information's labor are, they do not go without reward. One man, pleased by a quick connection, wanted to show appreciation. He called Information back: 'You gave me fine service,' he said. 'I want to show you my gratitude. Here goes a tip in the quarter slot. Thanks!'"



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THE NEED OF MEN.

In a recent article on Conditions in the Maritimes a writer of the Sydney Post makes the point that it is the men in a town who make or mar it and illustrates as follows:—

"Pictou was a comparatively rich and flourishing town when New Glasgow was a village. A few men made New Glasgow an industrial centre, while the other remains a residential town noted for its Academy. The men are with us. When they can work together backed by their fellows to build up the Maritimes, with a conviction that reputation, profit and a sense of duty done are theirs at home they will remain with us and transform this section of the Dominion."

THE NEW FIVE CENTS PIECE

The Orillia Packet has several times expressed a wish that the man who inflicted the new Canadian five cent piece on the public should be named, and the Editor of the Beaver-ton Express thus expresses his wrath: For a real heart-breaking nuisance there is nothing to outdo the new nickel five cent piece.

This infernal horror has been inflicted upon an innocent public has not been revealed. As a promoter of profanity and other non-Christian virtues it has no equal. You innocently pass it for a quarter and the recipient brands you for a "beat." You receive it as a quarter and you are filled with disgust at the smallness of the individual who palmed it on you. The collection plates are filled with the obnoxious coin which the faithful pass to the Lord's treasury as quarters. The thing has no virtues and no friends—Happily, there are not many of the pesky new five cent pieces in circulation in Nova Scotia. The old coin still predominates.

\$200 INSTRUMENT IS RAISED FROM RIVER

Annapolis Royal—A surprising instrument valued at more than \$200 which was lost in the canoeing accident on the Port Medway river, September 3rd, when Edward Sabine and Earle Goldsmith were drowned, has been recovered. Ernest A. Mills, Edward B. Ritchie and J. N. McLaughlin left here on Tuesday afternoon, with a complete grappling equipment and camped near the scene of the accident. On Thursday morning Mr. Ritchie hauled the instrument to the surface, and the party returned home on Friday.

A very valuable note-book, belonging to surveyor Arnold Smith, was lost at the same time, but floated ashore after the accident, practically undamaged.

WHICH WAS THE GREATER WASTE?

Western Paper Compares Two Recent Events.

(Minneapolis Journal.)

A long Island millionaire spends \$250,000 on a sumptuous entertainment in honor of the Prince of Wales. Many good folk find themselves wondering over this sinful waste of money that might have been spent to better purposes. To them it seems a case of hospitality valiantly transmuted into wild extravagance. And yet—

A segment of the American public contributed more than three times as much to the divided between a negro fist-fighter, a wild man from the pampas of Argentina, and the canty manager who brought them together in the ring. And the lion's share of this huge sum went to the promoter, the man who is clever at the game of taking it away from the public.

Which was the greater waste? What shall be said of a public that pays a purveyor of pugilistic amusement \$800,000 for a single night of it? The rich may spend their money foolishly sometimes, but have they anything on the great American public?

VISITORS' DAY AT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Middleton—Thursday was Donation and Visitors Day at the local Soldier's Memorial Hospital, and judging from the success of the day, the hospital is increasing in favor. Although the day was very favorable for visiting, yet an unusually large number came from the town and surrounding districts Lawrencetown, Williamstown, Farmington bringing gifts of every description to aid the work being carried on. People from many of the other outside sections, sent their donations.

Prominent among the gifts was a generous donation from the local Rehebe Lodge, which institution equipped and is maintaining a room now to be used as a maternity room. The ladies of Toppook and Wilton completely equipped and are maintaining a room, and this precedent is being followed by several other of the nearby districts, who have already collected a substantial amount for that purpose.

Recently the Hospital Commission decided to operate the Hospital themselves engaging a matron, nurses and a housekeeper, instead of leasing the building unfurnished. Thus it became necessary to equip almost completely the whole plant, and it was with such a purpose in view that assistance is being asked at the present time. From the generous receipts accorded the various ladies in the visits to nearby districts, it is apparent that the new plan of operation for the Hospital is much in favor, as everywhere the people visited have been very sympathetic and also liberal with their gifts.

In Germany a heart of glass which beats by the aid of a little electric motor and sends a red fluid coursing through glass arteries has been placed on exhibition at the Dresden Hygienic museum. The apparatus is approximately the size of a human heart and was intended to be of special interest for medical students to illustrate the function of that organ.

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ENGLISH WHOLESALERS LOSE MILLIONS YEARLY.

(Philadelphia Ledger.)

In the last three years English wholesalers, especially in the textile trades have lost \$120,000,000 by swindlers who have taken advantage of the defects in the English credit system.

More than 5000 firms have been defrauded in the same way, and new losses are being reported every week.

These "long-firm" frauds, as they are called in England, began in 1921 when wholesalers were overstocked with goods and anxious to sell on any terms; and they have continued in spite of numerous convictions.

Gang after gang has been arrested and sent to prison. At first the swindlers were punished only by six or nine months' sentences, but during the last few months, the Judges have been more severe. One swindler recently was sentenced to penal servitude for four years.

Tactics of Swindlers Same.

Chambers of Commerce have been making a strong effort to stamp out these frauds. Scotland Yard, too, has put several detectives on the job to see if the frauds can be prevented.

In almost every case the tactics of the swindlers are the same. Several men first organize companies with high-sounding names. They open up stores in several cities. They buy goods and pay cash. They send larger and larger orders to the wholesalers. They create good-will.

Then they suddenly cash in on the good-will that they have created. They order goods from a score of wholesalers. They give each other as references.

In this way they receive a large quantity of goods, probably worth \$100,000 or more. They sell the goods at once for 30 or 40 percent of their value and disappear.

Most Miscreants Foreigners.

Several weeks later the same men with new companies, play the same trick in other towns with other wholesalers as the victims.

Most of these swindlers, not all are foreigners, and many persons believe there is a huge organization back of these frauds. There is a central chief—a man higher up—somewhere in London. That is the general opinion.

This arch-swindler has not yet been discovered. He is only a theory as yet; but some believe he has gone from London to the United States, as Britain has become too hot for him.

These "long-firm" frauds have been so numerous that the Government has been forced to take action.

A committee is now sitting to strengthen the bankruptcy laws. Its findings are in private. Its general object is to revise Section 154 of the 1914 bankruptcy act, which deals with concealment of property, fraudulent removal of property, false entries, etc.

Credit System Inefficient.

The fact is that Great Britain has no satisfactory system of credit rating in the sense that the United States has.

There is no commercial rating book in Britain, as there is in the United States. There is no National Association of Credit Men. There is, in reality, no credit data apart from a hotch-pot of opinions and guesses and the "long-term" swindlers have been quick to take advantage of this fact.

True, there are a number of "inquiry agents" in England, who render as good a service as they can, under adverse conditions.

There have been "inquiry agents" in London ever since 1857. They offer twenty-five reports for \$15 or 100-00 reports for \$450.

They claim to have agents in every town, and possibly their claim is fairly well founded. But they have to contend against the English love of privacy. They are not allowed to inspect books and to verify balance sheets, as they are in the United States.

Not only is English business darkened by secrecy—it is in the shadow of the libel law as well—a very drastic law that prevents the destruction of a man's credit or reputation.

Insurance Against Debts.

If an honest man expressed his candid opinion of a scamp, in England, it is quite possible for the scamp to obtain heavy damages for the injury that has been done to him.

Consequently, the "inquiry agents" can only render a very incomplete service, and some of the largest whole salers do not use their services at all.

The usual habit in England, if the truth must be told, is to supply the goods first and to make inquiries afterwards.

The general practice is to ask for two references—a banker and a business man. But references are easily obtained in England. They are seldom refused. There are several London furniture stores that advertise "no references required."

Apart from these "long-term" frauds, the percentage of bankruptcies is low in Great Britain. Most firms are more afraid of a decrease in sales than they are of bad debts.

It is possible to insure against bad debts in England. A policy can be taken out to cover 75 per cent. of the loss and premium varies from 2 to 5 per cent. For foreign accounts, the rate runs from 3 to 8 per cent.

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ARE SURPRISED BY REDUCTION IN DEATH RATE.

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How to Purify the Blood

"Fifteen to thirty drops of Extract of Root, commonly called Nether Seal's Carnative Syrup, may be taken in water with meals and at bedtime, for indigestion, constipation and bad blood. Persistence in this treatment will give permanent relief in nearly every case." Get the genuine at druggists.

TO MRS. RACHEL SAUNDERS, ON HER 99TH BIRTHDAY.

To our dearly beloved and highly respected friend and sister, greetings.

We as a community feel a pardonable pride in claiming you as an Albanian, we also feel it to be an honor to celebrate this, your ninety-ninth natal day by holding this "Old Home Week" of service and festivities.

You are thrice welcome to our midst today and we trust that this birthday, 16th of Aug., 1924, may be one of the happiest of your life, one around which pleasant memories will cluster.

No doubt dear sister, your mind today has reverted to the past, when in early girlhood in this your native Albany you dedicated your life to God and have through all these years so nobly lived and kept the vows you then made, thus giving to those who are younger in years a worthy example.

Although your life has not been void of shadow, yet that has dealt you with you, leaving few furrows upon your brow.

It gives us pleasure to present you with these flowers and trust that your brow may be garlanded with those never fading flowers, love, joy and peace in that bright home where time is not marked by years and where the inhabitants never grow old.

We now extend to you in behalf of this community our heart-felt congratulations and may the sunset of your life be radiant with the glow from the other shore, where we think you will have an abundant entrance, there to dwell for evermore with your Saviour face to face, and all the loved ones who have gone before, throughout the endless ages of eternity.

Address by Annie S. Fair:

Just a little sunlight, just a drop of rain,
Just the Master's goodness brings the golden grain,
Just a mocking thorn-branch, just a bud unclosed,
So with warning symbols doth God make the rose.

Just a day of laughter, just a night of pain,
So from peace of early youth, on to peace again.

Ninety-nine of busy years full of work and hurry,
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DIGBY COUNTY WANTS HYDRO DEVELOPMENT.

Digby—There is good reason to believe that within a short time a strong delegation comprised of Digby County's most prominent citizens will visit Halifax for the purpose of impressing upon the Power Commission the necessity of the immediate development of Hydro at Bear River. Digby county was promised Hydro two years ago and the citizens are waiting. It was suggested at the Town Council meeting a few days ago that a delegation go after the information and force a showdown on this important matter.

WINNOR VETERAN HAS RECORD THAT FEW CAN BETTER.

Howard Shaw Has Ridden Bicycle Over 50,000 Miles.

When G. Howard Shaw, 60 year old Windsor athlete rode to the finish line in fourteenth position in The Herald and The Evening Mail 45 mile race Saturday, the composers of "Youth must be served" were again disappointed, for 12 youths were bested by the Windsor veteran. Shaw rode rings around many riders 40 years his junior and completed the 45 miles in splendid condition.

Howard Shaw is one of the oldest bicycle racers in Canada. He has travelled over 50,000 miles on his wheel and the past season he covered 2,000 miles. He enjoys taking a spin through the province and that is one of the reasons he started in The Herald race. He has won prizes in his three starts and appears strong to compete in the race for many years to come. He negotiated the 45 miles well under three hours on Saturday.

MADDENED SWOPFISH ATTACK FOUR DORIES.

North Sydney—Four dories were smashed by sword fish on the Glace Bay grounds, according to information brought here by local fishermen. In each case the infuriated fish rushed the dory and ran its sword through the bottom or sides. None of the fishermen were injured. The schooners to which the boats belonged were not identified, but they are said to be mastered by Bragg, Boutilier, Prince and Hatchford.

LONDON'S MEAT BILL FOR LAST YEAR \$175,000,000.

Statistics for London's meat supply last year have just been published. The metropolis ate more meat than in any previous year, despite the widespread unemployment. Londoners devoured 800,000 bullocks, 5,500,000 sheep and lambs and 900,000 pigs.

The value of the year's meat is set at about \$175,000,000 and \$150,000,000 of this was imported. The figures have stirred up protests against the importation of so much meat from overseas, English farmers are being urged to study Danish methods and to raise at least half of the meat that London consumes.

A BEAR SHOW.

Annapolis Royal—Two men from the South Shore arrived in town on Tuesday, with a "trailer" attached to their automobile, containing a live bear in a crate. This crate was deposited in the lower part of the town, a tent arranged over it, and a small admittance fee charged for a sight of Bruin. The men and bear proceeded up the Valley on Wednesday on their way to the exhibition at Windsor.

BECOMES PASTOR OF HANTSPOUT CHURCH

Hantsport—Rev. Z. L. Fash, has received and accepted a call to the United Baptist church here and will take charge of this circuit after Nov. 2nd. Mr. Fash spent several years in Halifax in charge of one of the churches there, since when, owing to the delicate health of his wife, he has resided in Southern California. He and Mrs. Fash and family are being welcomed back to the denomination in Nova Scotia.

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FACTORS IN THE PRICE OF GASOLINE.

Three Reasons For The Recent Reductions—Further Reductions Are Expected In Halifax.

1st. The cost of Crude Oil.—There is practically no Crude oil produced in Canada. Canadian refiners are therefore dependent entirely on foreign fields for ninety-eight and a half per cent of their supplies. They buy from the crude oil selling companies in the oil fields at the posted prices at the wells from time to time. These posted crude oil prices fluctuate with supply and demand. The prices paid—that is, the cost of the Canadian refiner of his raw material—are entirely beyond his control. An average of at least ninety days ensues after the date of the purchase of crude oil before the same is delivered to the refiners in Canada, so that today Canadian refiners are refining crude oil purchased from two to four months ago at prices materially higher than today's price of crude oil.

2nd. The climate of Canada makes the sale of gasoline a distinctively seasonal business. In some of the summer months, as high as thirteen per cent, of the total oil consumption is sold and distributed, whereas in some of the winter months consumption declines to as low as four per cent. This wide fluctuation in demand necessitates an investment in plant distributing equipment as well as stocks of crude or gasoline, far in excess of the investment necessary if the gasoline sales throughout the year ran fairly uniform one month with another. This results in materially increasing the costs of manufaturing and distributing gasoline in Canada as compared with similar costs over the greater part of the United States.

3rd. The unusual conditions existing at the present moment are the very considerable over-production of crude oil, particularly in the mid-continent producing fields. This over-production of crude has brought about during the past few weeks a decline in crude oil prices, there is today in the hands of certain small refiners in States, larger stocks of gasoline than they had on hand a year ago, and active efforts are being made to now dispose of this surplus gasoline stock, regardless of cost, rather than carry it through the coming winter.

These it is stated are the three reasons for the recent reductions in the price of gasoline. Reductions in the United States have been followed by reductions in Canada, and it is possible that in the readjustment now going on further reductions in gasoline prices will follow, not only in the city of Halifax but throughout the entire Dominion of Canada. This is exactly what has happened in the past, while similar conditions prevailed.—Chronicle.

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