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THE RESPONSIBILITY.

In an interview given when the Grand Trunk Pacific project was before Parliament, Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, then president of the Grand Trunk system, said the ocean terminals of the new railway would be Saint John and Halifax. Hon. Henry R. Emmerson at that time said the traffic was certain to come to Saint John, because the Transcontinental would afford a route shorter by 200 miles than the Intercolonial. Mr. Russell, then M. P. for Hants, said the road was being built "in order that we may be able to give a rate from the ports of the Dominion of Canada, from the Atlantic ports in particular, which will enable us to obtain the business in competition with the great arteries of commerce which flow through the United States to the Old Country."

The original arrangement provided that the National Transcontinental was to be leased by the Grand Trunk Pacific, but this was never carried out, and when the Transcontinental was completed it was turned over to the Government for operation. Thus the Government, instead of having to depend upon the Grand Trunk Pacific for the carrying out of those portions of the contract designed to keep the traffic in Canadian channels, itself became responsible for keeping faith in that respect. The Transcontinental was never under company control, and subsequently the Government took over the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Canadian Northern, and finally the Grand Trunk.

Both political parties in turn have defaulted with respect to their obligations to the people in connection with these railroads. For a short time in 1916 there was a low grain rate over the Transcontinental, but very soon it was increased by 400 per cent, and no satisfactory explanation for that remarkable increase has ever been given. During the nine years since 1916 traffic of Canadian origin has paid more than \$100,000,000 to American transportation agencies in freight charges alone, while Canadian railways and Canadian ports have been robbed of the traffic they were guaranteed by Parliament when the new railways to the West were undertaken.

In addition to the transportation money thus paid to foreign competitors, there must be considered the loss of employment to Canadians, the loss to all interests in Canada, through being deprived of the development which would have resulted from handling this business over our own ports and railways.

HUMBLE LLOYD GEORGE.

Politically speaking, Lloyd George says that there are no more worlds for him to conquer. The former war Premier appears to be growing somewhat sensitive under criticism. In a speech at Leeds he referred to the declaration of a Conservative newspaper that his advocacy of land reform is merely another bid for office. This statement he described as "a stained and rancid jibe." He reminded his audience that he had had a longer stretch of office than any other living man, had served the Crown and the nation in some of the highest offices of state, and that there is nothing further office can give him.

"If," he said, "I now choose in a more obscure and humble position, against many difficulties, and amid many humiliations, to continue my task in public life, it is because I want to spend the rest of my days, and what is left of my strength, in serving the people from whom I sprang."

A moving utterance; but what are the "many humiliations"? As statesmen go, Lloyd George is not old. It is difficult to think of him as having entirely put away thoughts of the seats of the mighty, and, indeed, his ability and his hold upon the popular imagination are so great that his return to high leadership must be regarded as well within the possibilities.

MARITIME M. P.'S.

The Maritimes have twenty-nine members of Parliament, a comparatively small delegation in a House of 245, yet one big enough to exercise a great deal of influence, particularly under present conditions, if they act as a unit. A great deal of doubt still exists as to what will happen when Parliament meets, but, unless a test vote should render another appeal to the country necessary within a few weeks, it must be assumed that Parliament will proceed to deal with the more important issues before the country.

Unless Parliament is in a position to do just that, the session would be merely a waste of time. If the House proves able to drive ahead and deal with outstanding issues, then it must necessarily take up questions in which the Maritimes are particularly interested.

It is suggested by the Halifax Herald that Maritime members should have a meeting before they leave for Ottawa, in order to discuss Maritime

Just Fun

WHILE a shine may not be worth much it adds 8 cents to the price of an apple.

NATURE is kind only to those who obey her laws.

"JOHN is so thin; he looks just like a toothpick."

"Yes. He got that way from eating plank steaks."

THE WIND is blowing in the trees; it's time to pull that ancient wheeze of saying farewell to bevered.

THERE'S more than one way to skin a cat," thought the sausage maker.

FARMERS' A. B. C's
They sow their P's,
And have their B's,
Shear their U's,
Shoot their J's,
Feed their N's,
Then take their E's

SOMEHOW or other a tax howler is always a "tax" on our patience.

PEGGY—"Does your husband talk in his sleep?"

Polly—"No, it's awfully expensively. He only smiles."

"THIS will be a cinch," remarked the harness-maker as he sawed off another piece of leather.

IT'S dangerous to make love to another man's wife; but it's more dangerous to make love to his widow.

DON'T blame a man for being dignified. The less a doctor knows, the more Latin he must use.

A COLLEGE confers a sheepskin; but the school of experience tears off a couple of yards of human hide.

If there is anything more humiliating to a girl than blushing when she shouldn't, it's not blushing when she should.

"I'd like to be cremated, but I'm sure my wife wouldn't like it."

"Why so?"

"She always complaining about my leaving my ashes around."

WHY the prejudice against the two-dollar bill? It will buy a dollar's worth of stuff anywhere.

THE new question of the Age: "Why the — should an engineer be civil?"

I was born in Alabama,
Raised in Tennessee;
If you don't like my coconuts,
Don't shake my family tree.

RUSHING in upon the leopard he shot him on the spot.

"I DIDN'T get a wink of sleep" usually means, "I waked up several times."

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY
A SIGN is now being hung by the bureau fifty-five feet by three and one-half feet, inscribed, Charleston Welcomes You to be hung from the steel girders inside the gate at the union station—Charleston, S. C., News and Courier.

EARLY to bed and early to rise and the world will list you among the dyes.

"I SURE was in hot water last night," said the boy after his Saturday night bath.

Can't see as there's any less work in this what you call quantity business. Just the same, if it wasn't for this "what you call quantity business," it is highly improbable that he would be taking a trip to Detroit to play his fiddle before Henry Ford.

London's Latest Club.
(London Sunday Times.)

The very latest thing in the way of London clubs is the Chester, which is to open next month at a luxurious house in Grosvenor Place that once belonged to the Rothschilds, and has a wonderful marble staircase and painted ceilings. Lord Bective, Princess Catherine Yourievsky, and Mrs. Claude York are among the titled ladies as vice-presidents. The club is both for men and women, and women will be specially favored by being allowed to have bedrooms there. An unusual feature is an amateur dramatic society—members are to stage their productions at the private theatre at the club, and leading actors and actresses will act as a judging committee.

How to Live 150 Years.
(Philadelphia Ledger.)

At the cost of a few cents a head, the span of life may be extended to 150 years, claims Sir Ronald Ross, the scientist, whose researches have led to cures for malaria and sleeping sickness. His idea is that a few cents from the pocket of each person spent in scientific research would result in new medical knowledge that would keep germs and old age away so that man could easily live 150 years.

The name of Sir Ronald Ross is one that will live in history in connection with medical research. It was while in India in 1898, as a surgeon in the British army, that he began research work in malaria. After two years of work he resigned from the army in order that he could carry on his investigations unhampered. Finally, success came in 1899, when working on a discovery made some time before, he found that two kinds of mosquitoes carried the germs, and that to reduce malaria all that had to be done was to prevent the pests breeding in marshes and pools.

What About George?
The young man George had been "hanging round" for some time, and among other trifling tokens had presented the daughter of the house with a little book giving the meaning of Christian names. She sat turning the pages after he had gone.

"William means 'good' I see," she remarked. "James means 'beloved'." She blushed slightly. "I wonder what George means?"

"I sincerely trust, my dear," said her father, tartly, "that George means business."

More than \$500,000,000 worth of candles of all sorts are annually consumed in the United States.

Forests can only exist where there is a summer temperature of 50 degrees and an annual rain fall of 30 inches.

The Specialty



Mr. Taxpayer: "Pardon me for altering your advertisement, Mr. Baldwin, but I think it's now really very much more like the truth."

—From London Opinion.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNARD

WHOSO WOULD BE A MAN—

IS YOUR mind your own? Then you are different from other men.

Thinking for yourself, acting as YOU think best, is like swimming against a furious current. It always is easier to go down than UP stream, and most men are content to drift along with what is known as Public Opinion, with no more individuality of mind than a sheep, an animal that must have a leader.

WHAT I must do, is all that concerns me, not what people think."

This rule of Emerson's, equally arduous in actual and intellectual life, may serve for the whole distinction between greatness and meanness.

It is harder because you will always have about you persons who think they know what is your duty better than you know it.

"It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinions; it is easy in action to live after our own; but Emerson opines, 'the GREAT man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps

with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude."

THERE is no one thing that ALL men love.

As Montaigne observed in one of his essays, "There never was in the world two opinions alike, no more than two hairs, or two grains; the universal quality is diversity."

Yet men do not act according to their own distinctly individual bent, but in accordance with the force of that most powerful of winds, Public Opinion.

CONFORMITY is the favorite subject in the pulpits and in the schoolrooms; yet Man owes all his progress to the NONCONFORMISTS.

"Whoso would be a man must be a nonconformist," Emerson proclaims. No law should be sacred to a man but that of his nature.

Thoreau erects a guidepost for us: "Let every man mind his OWN business and endeavor to be what he was made."

Of were I in the wildest waste, Sae black and bare, cold and bare, The desert were a Paradise, If there were there, if thou were there; Or were I monarch of the globe, WY' thee to reign, w' thee to reign, The brightest jewel in my Crown, Wad be my Queen, wad be my Queen.

—Robert Burns.

"INASMUCH . . . UNTO ME."

With meagre frames, with faces pinched and wan, With eyes that hold a haunting wistfulness.

Among the Christmas throngs unseen they press—

O hidden eyes, unseen ere they be gone!

Wraths are they of poor little folk who died Unloved, uncared for, strangers all to joy;

Who suffered hunger, ne'er had doll nor toy, Nor felt the happy thrill of Christmas-tide.

They pause from playing in the streets of Heaven, And take again their garb of misery To bring God's message to all who will but hear.

"What offerings bring ye Me who all have given?"

"Bestow your gifts the poor and sad to cheer, For so ye give them even unto Me!"

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A LIGHT REVISION.
(Boston Transcript.)

"The survival of the fittest," on the streets, seems to mean the survival of the fittest.

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Who's Who

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

WINSTON CHURCHILL.

A ONE man "literary strike" is being waged by Winston Churchill, well known American author. He recently announced that he would write no more books to be held at the present high prices. He complains that those who really enjoy books cannot buy them because they cost at least \$2 and others read them just because someone else recommends them as good.

In discussing the fact that he has not had a book published since 1919, Churchill said, "I won't turn loose the stories I have written for myself to be sold at high prices to people who won't appreciate them."

Winston Churchill was born in St. Louis, Nov. 10, 1871, and was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1894. A year later he was married to Mabel H. Hall. His first novel, "The Celebrity," was published in 1906, followed the next year by "Richard Carvel." His best known works are the latter and "The Crisis" and "The Inside of the Cup." His last novel, "The Dwelling Place of Light" was published in 1917. In 1919 he wrote a play, "Dr. Jonathan."

His home is in Cornish, New Hampshire, where he lives with his wife and son, Winston, Jr., aged nine.

Other Views

THE INCHCAPE ROCK.

(Ottawa Citizen.)

Lord Inchcape, head of the P. and O. steamship line, asserts that this year has been the worst for shipping in the whole history of the sea.

And he can't blame this on Ralph the Rover.

HIS SUCCESS.

(Ottawa Journal.)

A Los Angeles woman says her husband's one ambition was to be a perfect drunkard. Since she obtained an absolute divorce from him we name that as the one thing that this noble and inspiring objective.

THE QUARTET KICKED.

(Border Cities Star.)

The Ontario editor who wrote "one of the most enjoyable features of the church social was the singing one of the quartet" is still roosting in the topmost branches of the tree out behind his office.

ANOTHER CRACK AT TORONTO.

(Peterboro Examiner.)

A funny thing about the hog judging competitions at the Royal Winter Fair was that the winner was not a Toronto winner in the whole list.

THE KIND OF SPEAKER HE WAS.

"So Bliggins spoke at the banquet last night? What sort of a speaker is he?"

"Bliggins is one of those fellows who says by saying they didn't expect to be called on, and then proceed to do it."

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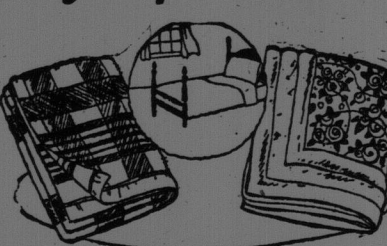
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ced to demonstrate that they can't well as for commercial and industrial progress—Mr. J. D. Mooney (General Motors Corporation, Detroit).

THE BRITISH WAY.
The British seem to have developed their plans for the future on the principle of taking the punishment now—a good philosophy for life as

DO YOU REMEMBER?
(Kincaid Review.)
Say, do you remember the good old days when doctors saved off your leg if you stubbed your toe?

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