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A recent issue of the New York Out-look contains an article on Chinese Character, which contains many interesting quotations from the Memoirs of the great Chinese statesman, Li Hung Chang, from which we select the following:

"After all, what is wealth? My noble and severe parent had it in goodly quantity; but it cannot be said that it made him happy. * * * I have found that neither wealth, nor distinguished decorations, nor both put together, will guarantee a man against unrest of mind or turmoil of soul. How great and honorable is the Peacock's Feather of the Throne; yet how much easier rests the head on goose feathers!"

"If I could not be Li Hung Chang, I should next prefer to be the Prime Minister of England. It is true I should not like to have his ailments, and I presume he would not like to have my rheumatism and heart troubles; but Mr. Gladstone made a deep impression upon me during the past few hours I was at his home. He appeared to me not only as a man of great mentality, but of wonderful strength of will and courage of conviction. His face looked to me more honest than any I had seen in all Europe, and I believe if such a man as he were at the head of English affairs, no great wrong would ever be done by that government."

"I cannot shed tears as some people do—there are those who shed them when they break the shell of a painted egg—but my heart was full of bitter sadness and sweet memory when I stood beside the tomb of my glorious departed friend General Grant. . . . I could not have returned satisfied to China had I left this sweet and flower-scented duty unperformed. . . . I placed a booklet of prayers at his head and I asked his blessed spirit to think of me always and to give me welcome to the Land of Sunshine and Golden Hours. This done, I am filled with an ocean of peace and content, just as when at the grave of my illustrious and most holy mother, I find joy of heart and incense of the mind."

He was in Germany on the anniversary of his mother's death, and the following is his record:
"This day I shall sealude myself from all callers in order that I may devote myself to thoughts of my celestial mother, who died fourteen years ago this day, and who for that long time has been thinking of my coming to the Peaceful Sunlight of the Nine Springs. With all the incidents of my life, its trials and lamentations, its moments of joy and pride, with each and every affair of my life, I cannot forget my celestial mother and all she was and is to me."

A New York reporter with great familiarity asked Li Hung Chang how many wives he had. He replied, "as many as I need." Not satisfied, the reporter again asked, "How many is that?" He did not wish to satisfy what he regarded as impertinent curiosity, and in turn asked, "How many have you?" The reporter replied, "None." "Good," said Li Hung Chang, "you look as if you might be able to take care of just that number."

The article from which we quote closes with these wise words: "When one finds, as the fair-minded reader most certainly does in this remarkable biography, that China produced one of the greatest personalities and statesmen of the nineteenth century, he naturally revises his estimate of the 'yawning gulf' that separates Oriental from Occidental civilization."

Li Hung Chang was well past his three score years and ten before he undertook his world-wide diplomatic journey to the Great Powers of Europe and America.

The report just issued by the Department of External Affairs of Canada, for the year ending March 31st, 1913, gives the following information:
There are thirty-four foreign countries represented in Canada by Consuls, Vice-Consuls, Consular Agents and Commercial Agents, to the number of nearly three hundred. Some of this number are natives of countries represented, but generally they are Canadians.
The Secretary of State advises all Canadians purposing to travel in foreign countries to obtain Passports from the Department. They are not necessary in all cases, but are always valuable for purposes of identification. In some of the countries of South America, viz.: Salvador, Colombia, they are required, and in the Argentine Republic travellers should also have certificates of birth. In Belgium, Roumania, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Russia and other countries of Western Europe they are required. The passport to Russia must have the "visa" of the Russian Consular Agent, and is not good after six months. If the traveller is a Jew, the "visa" will be granted only under special circumstances. In all cases, after six months residence in Russia the passport must be exchanged for a Russian document which must be renewed annually. The Department of External Affairs is always prepared to furnish necessary information in regard to these matters.

The Dominion Karakule-Arabi Sheep and Fur Company's Splendid Ranch

The January number of the "Busy East" contains some very interesting articles on some of the money-making schemes that are attracting many minds today. There appears several articles on the various Black Fox Companies and on the first four pages an article by Mr. Edgar E. Kelley on an industry that has lately come to prominence throughout Eastern Canada, commonly known as the Karakule Sheep business. The article is well set out with cuts of the costly Persian lambs. On the first page there is a splendid picture of the manager, Mr. James A. Teller, who is a man of large experience in the sheep business, having spent many years in study of the best methods for careful breeding in order to produce the very best results. Mr. Teller is undoubtedly the best authority in Canada on the rearing and breeding of the costly Persian lamb.

Mr. Kelley's own words will best describe a trip to the splendid ranch of the Dominion Karakule-Arabi Sheep and Fur Company.

"Some few days ago I had the pleasure of visiting at Lawrence town the home of these natives of Bokhara. It is a trip well worth the time and money spent. Beneath the shelter of North Mountain, in one of the finest sections of the Annapolis Valley, have the promoters of the Dominion Karakule-Arabi Sheep and Fur Company established the home. The ranch is indeed "worthy of the jewel." Is it necessary to expatiate on the natural advantages of this region, and its peculiar adaptabilities to the industry in point? Few readers there are who cannot conjure up a picture of a beautiful, fertile farm, huge, rocky barns, thriving orchards, neat, cosy farm houses (for there are two), valuable timber lands, the whole laid out on the same five-hundred broad acres, protected from the north winds by a towering mountain, and stretching away into the alluvial soils of the Land of Evangeline—a farming paradise, like many another along the line of the Dominion Atlantic Railway.

In company with the Ranch Manager James A. Teller, I arrived at the farm about three o'clock in the afternoon of a fine, bright day. The general aspect of the place and its surroundings was a treat.

"The stock, exclusive of horses, etc., consists of seven pure blood Karakule ewes, seven pure blood Karakule rams, seven three-quarter bloods, and two hundred and fifty head of Lincoln, Cotswold and Leicester, the latter breeds some of the finest of Ontario full-blood stock.

"We visited the male Karakules first and found them segregated away from the rest in a snug barn, each boasting his own warm individual quarters. I began to wonder: Why the padlocks on the doors? Why all this care of a few sheep? Sheep are simply "sheep" to the layman.

"One of the rams is named 'Teddy,' in honor of Roosevelt, the man whose part in the importation has previously been set down.

"Teddy" well deserves the honor himself. His militant bearing reflects no small degree of credit on his vigorously aggressive namesake. As I approached him he treated me to a look of disdain, and backed away a few paces with lowered head and crafty, baleful eye.

"Look out!" exclaimed Mr. Teller. "Teddy doesn't care much for strangers."

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But, after all, it is doubtful if a few kicks, judiciously applied, would have harmed the ram. The Karakul is as tough as a heavy knot; and a peculiar looking customer in the bargain. He is a hardy, broad-tailed, medium-sized sheep of considerable length. The rump is characteristicallyally rounded and usually steep. The rams are horned, but the ewes are usually hornless. The ears are small and pendulous. The face is narrow and much rounded and together with the legs is covered with short glossy hair. The body of the adult bears a coarse, long, hair-like wool varying in color from a light gray to black. The absence of soft under wool is said to be an indication of purity of blood.

From the quarters of the males we visited the ewes; next the three-quarter bloods; and wound up with Lincoln, Cotswold and Leicester. The main barn would prove a treat for the practical shepherd, who realizes the value of lots of room, well laid out quarters, and clean, down-to-date conditions. Experts tell me that this is one of the very finest sheep barns in Canada. An acreage of some three hundred feet of the modern type of feeding racks on the main floor and in a tender-dry basement look like real business. While commodious hay mows, root cellars, granaries and the like token expert management.

Then there are the orchards, that will already produce 2500 barrels of apples regardless of the fact that most of the trees are still young. Rich soil for the production of all the necessary hay, roots and grains—and a surplus will prove one of the farm's chief assets.

Apart from all these advantages, the selection of location was made for reason of the very tough sod over which the sheep will rove. The Karakule is a heavy type and all too valuable an animal to be allowed a possibility of mishap through miring or slipping a leg.

One particularly pleasing feature of the whole proposition is found in the fact that it will contain no "water," while no preferred stock or bonds will be sold. The company is capitalized at \$150,000, which is worth of stock will be issued, the paid up capital being made to conform with the physical assets. This stands as a gratifying departure from the usual method of attempting to make the "physical assets" conform with the men of keen business ability and irreproachable integrity. They realize the value of the proposition they have in hand, and mean to establish it on a sound business-like basis. And in that attitude they are deserving of no small measure of commendation.

The Company are having printed at the Monitor press a splendid Prospectus, setting forth many strong and convincing arguments why this proposition of sheep raising should yield the careful investor as handsome returns as any heretofore offered. It is a sixteen page pamphlet, nicely printed on good book paper with many cuts of the costly beauties, and can be had for the asking by writing to the Secretary, J. E. Shaffer at Lawrence town, or to W. A. Warren, Bridgetown.

Public Auction

To be sold at public auction at Anderson's stables, Bridgetown, Saturday, Feb. 7th at 2 p.m., 1 good working and driving horse, 10 years old, about 1200 lbs. weight, the same having been taken under Bill of Sale.

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TOP

TEA

St. Mary's Church, Belleisle, Annual "At Home".

The annual family gathering of the congregation of St. Mary's church, Belleisle, was held in the hall on Monday evening, and proved an unqualified success. The room had been tastefully decorated for a previous function and, thanks to the thoughtfulness of Mr. Tomh, the embellishments remained for the benefit of the "At Home." Men, women and children made up a party of about one hundred. Supper commenced at 6.45, and from thence for an hour with many a good natured quip and sally, home thought and jest, the big family disused the good fare provided to the accompaniment of the cup that cheers but does not inebriate. Justice done to these preliminaries, the hall was prepared for the second course which consisted of a well arranged programme of music, readings, tableaux vivants, etc. One striking thing about these entertainments is you never know what to expect next. Those behind the scenes always have some surprise in store—either a new discovery in historic ability, some new interpretation of a well worn theme, e. g. "Bring back my Bonnie to me," or a most uncanny knack of forecasting the future. Of this last the tableau depicting "When the women get the robe—before and after," was a splendid sample and must have been such an eye-opener to the men that they will now probably hesitate before centering such power upon the ladies. Toward the end of the programme the Rector took advantage of the occasion to remark how happy they always were at this annual family gathering. Everyone seemed to vie with everyone else to make the thing "go" and "go" it always did. He then appealed for the same spirit in all their undertakings—church attendance, special services, Sunday school, and all the work pertaining to the welfare of the whole. Several problems were before them and others would rise from time to time, but each and all could be solved by united effort under the blessing of God.

We understand that many of the items in Monday evening's programme will be repeated at the "Collar Social" to be held in the same hall tomorrow (Tuesday) evening, but we are also informed that a number of genuine surprises are yet in the packet or "first production."

Agricultural Meetings

Institute meetings addressed by Mr. W. H. Woodworth of Berwick will be held at:
Tapperville on Monday, February 9th at 7.15 p.m.
West Paradise on Tuesday, February 10th at 7.15 p.m.
Prof. W. S. Searly and Blair of Experimental Farm, Kentville and Mr. Woodworth will speak at Bridgetown, Tuesday 17th at 7.15 p.m.
Paradise Monday 16th at 7.15 p.m.
Melvern Square, Wednesday 18th at 7.15 p.m.
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