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WELL AND GET THE BEST.

With the announcement that the Board of Education will advertise for a man to fill the position of its secretary, much discussion has arisen as to the adequacy of the salary paid to this officer of the board in the past. Had the late occupant of the office lived he would have received \$2,200 this year; for two years previous, \$1,900 and \$2,200, he received \$2,000 a year. Prior to that his salary in 1914 and through the war years was only \$1,400. That this was not increased during that period was due to Mr. McElheran's refusal on patriotic grounds to accept increases offered him by the board. His patriotic act was, however, recognized in 1919 when he was given an honorarium of \$200.

That Mr. McElheran's salary never, at its highest figure, attained a figure much above that of skilled workmen, despite the great responsibilities attached to his post, is probably due mainly to the fact that he had grown up with the job and realized latterly that in some respects his methods were not quite in line with modern business requirements.

In addition to the purely secretarial duties of the position Mr. McElheran was purchasing agent for the board; was responsible for the obtaining and distribution of school supplies. He was practically the administrative head. These were the purely official phases of his work, but beyond and above all this was the great fund of experience in educational administrative matters which he had gathered during his more than a quarter of a century of service, experience which was always unstintingly at the service of the board or any individual trustee.

That to secure a man capable of filling the position adequately the board must pay a much higher salary than heretofore is recognized by most of the trustees. Some, however, are of the opinion that a matter of \$100 or \$200 more will secure the man they want, but the majority favor placing the salary at near \$1,000 more on the principle that if you want value you must pay for it.

Should the suggestion of some of the trustees that the secretary be also treasurer, a position at present held by City Treasurer Bell, be carried out, the responsibilities of the position, already very heavy, would be greatly increased, and the salary which would attract a man capable of filling the post would have to be correspondingly large. Altogether, the situation would appear to be one which the board must, in the interests of efficiency of service and the safeguarding of public interests, face in no parsimonious spirit.

HOW LONG WILL MEAT STOCKS LAST?

If everybody in Canada eats the accustomed amount of meat each day the present supply in cold storage, without replenishment, will last just three and a half weeks. The Internal Trade Division of the Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, reports stocks in February totalling 122,000,000 pounds. As the whole nation is estimated to consume 12,000,000 pounds a week, it is seen that the stocks in storage and in process of cure, all available, would last less than a month.

Is a somewhat narrow margin between supply and daily requirements, though, of course, it is. It brings to the mind of even the city dweller

the necessity for a steady, all-the-year-around stream of meat animals from Canadian farms to the packing plants for their proper preparation for market. This steadiness insures the food, being carried forward to the consumer without interruption, for there are two compelling reasons why unduly large stores of meat may not be held long. The first is that storage space for bulky carcasses of meat is strictly limited, and the second is that, even under the best known refrigeration, perishable fresh meats, when held, quickly deteriorate and lose sale value to the holder.

An examination of the official cold storage returns in the Dominion for the last seven months shows that meat holdings over this period have only averaged two and a quarter weeks' supply for the whole population. The figures include all meats being prepared and held for the export trade. They follow in an easily understandable table:

	Pork	Beef	Mutton
August	38,123	6,956	826
September	27,928	6,525	1,308
October	20,815	9,189	1,569
November	23,890	17,568	4,387
December	22,745	30,378	7,833
January	22,602	28,346	8,044
February	30,568	25,417	8,519

Ave. Monthly Holdings.....27,384 17,594 4,658

THE HOUSE CAT.

Many an innocent hawk, skunk, owl and weasel has been shot for the deeds of that sleek highwayman, the house cat. It is safe to say that this marauder, which enjoys all the comforts and protection of a home, in the more thickly populated districts destroys in the aggregate more wild birds and young poultry than all the native natural enemies combined. A cat has been known to kill a whole brood of chickens in a day, a feat unequalled by any predaceous animal with the possible exception of the mink. Others in the course of a season have practically destroyed whole coveys of quail or grouse, or nests full of young songsters. A well-known naturalist estimates that in the New England States alone one and one-half millions of birds are destroyed annually by cats.

The offender is not so often the well-fed household pet as it is the abandoned and neglected outcast known as the wood cat or "wild cat."

In 1905 the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in New York City killed monthly an average of six thousand sick, injured or homeless cats—a total for the year of over seventy thousand.

The principal reasons for keeping cats are their attractiveness as house pets, their usefulness as companions for children, and their alleged value as rat and mouse killers. It is impossible at present to obtain correct figures on the subject, but it is safe to say that a few persons during a normal lifetime run across more than half a dozen cats which habitually attack rats. Occasionally a hunter cat is found which seems to delight in catching rats. It is a common experience, however, to find premises well supplied with cats overrun with rats and mice.

Lovers of the cat should be content with one, or at the most two, of these pets, and should see to it that outcasts do not run at large on their premises. Now that cats are known to carry in their fur the germs of not only ringworm, but also of such dreaded diseases as tuberculosis, diphtheria, scarlet fever and smallpox, and flees and ticks which transmit bubonic plague and spotted fever, the presence in the household of tabby is not without its dangers.

LIGHTS OF HOME.

"I like to walk at eventide, When dusk shuts out the din, I like to watch the friendly lights Of lamps that shine within."

After sunset, as twilight deepens, they begin to blossom one by one until everywhere are the golden flowers of the lights of home. The steady, glowing wonder of them grows, as the darkness sings of their beauty and color and meaning, until "the night is alive with a thousand thoughts," and the heart with the world-old gift of love, and the blessings of home.

Following the winter paths through the park, studying the lovely contours of leafless trees against the last rose flush of sunset, there are to be seen here and there the dark, silent little bird homes among the trees, and a sense of loneliness awakens a longing for the return of birds and leaves and flowers. Then like so many friendly stars, the home lights softly bloom and the sleeping joys of spring and summer are forgotten as their brilliance deepens in the growing darkness.

Everywhere they beckon, those bits of glory, and tired toilers answer their summons without question, with a content and heart-warming that is beyond naming. All the wonder and peace of a place set apart for love and happiness and deep content, a nook entirely one's own, bailed by the master architect, love, have concentrated

the gold of beauty and meaning into the pure radiance of these flowers of welcome. It is then comes the realization—

"Though the way may be long, In the light of a song, They forget they were weary before."

As quick, eager feet follow the home paths to "corners of heaven itself," guided by small bits of heaven's own brightness.

To each and every one of the lights of home take their distinct and beautiful meanings, whether their loveliness has been dimmed by years that have carried away golden dreams and left but memories, or made more meaningful and sacred with the coming of every twilight or lit with all the wonder and brilliance of dreams of the yet-to-be.

LETTERS

FISHING THE THAMES. To the Editor of The Advertiser: Dear Sir,—Having been informed that the fishermen have applied for net seine licenses for use on the River Thames between Chatham and Lake St. Clair for the season of 1931, I thought it advisable to refer to a few matters in connection with same. Now, I might state that when they were granted to these men last year, 1930, the department notified them there would be none granted for the year 1931. The licenses asked for are for operating in the River Thames a few miles below Chatham, west to the mouth of St. Clair. Now, I might state that the River Thames extends east from Lake St. Clair through an inland section of Ontario, connecting with London, Chatham, Woodstock, Ingersoll, St. Marys and a large number of smaller towns too numerous to mention, which represent a very large population of the western part of Ontario, and they should be entitled to the benefits of the said river for pleasure and recreation. Some fifteen years ago the Government of that time took up this matter and gave it due consideration and refused to grant any more licenses for all time for seine net fishing on the River Thames, and for ten years the people enjoyed the pleasure derived from same. Then when war was declared these same fishermen took a mean advantage by applying to the present Government for seine net licenses and obtained same under the plea of furnishing food for our people in the western part of Ontario. In fact, all the fish that they caught were shipped through London to Buffalo and New York City for the last five years. Our people could not purchase any. And also during the past five years they used the same mean, contemptible method to block the river with their unlawful contrivances, which prevented any fish from getting any farther from the lake into the river. In fact, I have talked with a large number of farmers and other people along the river and some of them have said, "I've got some books. It's for my English VI. semi-finals. Look, have you got 'The Fish Harvest' by that Spanish cave-man? And I want a book of poetry, too. Something kind of jazzy."

BEAUTY—THE VANISHER. (Edna M. Thomas.) She laid on me a certain homesickness Not theirs who up and down the world may roam. But, in unguarded moment, falls the stress That makes of one a wanderer at sight. Then in my ear a voice would whisper me: "Wouldst thou and I in mine own home might be!"

A fleeting glance she gave from some lone nook, and her loneliness and loveliness made one; And she was in that hushed adoring mood That sees descend the cloudless, great orb'd sun; She beckoned, when two beaded dewdrops clung to one perfect sphere!

A golden lance of gossamer she cast Down Autumn's drowsy air—withdrawn as soon; She rode the faintly irised cloud that passed Dissolving in the pathway of the moon. My ear had trace of her in wind and wave— In dues to all lost music that they gave.

With things most fleeting she herself allied, Where subtlest substance was she had her share; She willed that I should not be satisfied! "Thou shalt not find it here—the fairest of these large areas— With things most fleeting she herself allied, Where subtlest substance was she had her share; She willed that I should not be satisfied! "Thou shalt not find it here—the fairest of these large areas—

Yet still I thought to gain completion And ear more keen, till came the day I learned I could not know her in the homing flight. As, with adieu, she for a moment turned, Looking back—bound me but the more to her! Wherefore this song I call The Vanisher.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY. (Western U. Gazette.) "Did you see Billie Carmen when he was in town last week?" "No, but I saw him pitch a bird of a game against Hamilton at Tecumseh Park last summer."

L'IMMORTELLE. (Karamanah.) It's for spring you know I'm longing, And her skies of dusky blue, For the heart of earth is stirring With the old, old joy that's new. Every little seed is thrilling Underneath the snow and cold, Feeling life and strength and yearning For the new joy that's so old.

And I long to see the snowdrops, While our robin's welcome rings With the hyacinths and crocus, Dipped in purple blood of kings. Life has struck our silent heartstrings, Life has swelled each crimson vein, At her golden touch they quiver With sweet music, yearning plain. Life, oh life, your Resurrection Brings us back each treasure dear, Love, and hope, and youth immortal In the springtime of the year!

COULDN'T BE HAD. (New York Tribune.) A meek looking day was brought into a suburban police station just outside of Philadelphia and a petty charge was put upon the blotter. He pleaded innocence. "Is there anyone here who can vouch for your respectability?" "Well," said the dandy singled out the head of the small police force. "He can," said the colored man, pointing to that officer. "I can," gasped the policeman, "Why, I don't know you!" "That's exactly," said the accused. "I've lived in this place for 'no' days."

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CANADA?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUESTIONS.

- 1-The largest Canadian river emptying into the Atlantic Ocean is the St. Lawrence, which drains 309,500 square miles. It is the largest river in Canada.
- 2-McCure finally succeeded in the Northwest Passage, 1850-4.
- 3-The national thanksgiving services for peace and victory in the world war were held December 1, 1918.
- 4-The Hudson's Bay Company was granted absolute power over all Canadian territory drained by the rivers emptying into Hudson Bay, and later over British territory west of the Rockies as well.
- 5-Montreal's port is the second largest in America, with wharfage room for 125 vessels.
- 6-The Prairie Provinces have fifteen cities.
- 7-For the year ending March, 1919, 4,338 Chinese entered Canada.
- 8-When eggs are described as sold by the standard dozen, the Dominion standard weights demand that the dozen shall mean one pound and a half.
- 9-The first Canadian contingent left Canada during the South African war on October 29, 1899, fifteen days after war was declared.
- 10-The British preferential tariff of Canada came into force in 1938.

TODAY'S QUESTIONS.

- 1-Who named Cape Desolation in Greenland?
- 2-Name six colleges under the control of the Roman Catholic Church?
- 3-How many good-sized lakes has British Columbia?
- 4-Which is the largest Canadian river emptying into the Pacific Ocean?
- 5-How many government buildings has Ottawa?
- 6-How does Canada rank among Britain's overseas dominions?
- 7-What is Canada's public debt?
- 8-How many universities has Canada?
- 9-What are the provisional districts of the Northwest Territories?
- 10-Where was peace signed at the end of the South African war?

EVERYTHING

A LIBRARIAN'S LAMENT. (New York Tribune.) She was young, she was pretty. She wore the traditional tortoise-shell cambray windshields. And she had the faintest bluestone assurance as she stepped up to the library window. "Oh, look," she said, "I've got some books. It's for my English VI. semi-finals. Look, have you got 'The Fish Harvest' by that Spanish cave-man? And I want a book of poetry, too. Something kind of jazzy."

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PROPOSE REPRISAL AGAINST HENRY FORD

ALBANY, N.Y., March 2.—Reprisal against Henry Ford for the alleged anti-semitic articles that have appeared in a weekly publication of which he is the proprietor was proposed in a resolution introduced in the Legislature today by Senator Katlin, Republican of New York. The resolution was referred without debate to the committee on judiciary.

COMMUNIST RESOLUTIONS REJECTED. Leghorn, Italy, March 2.—Communist resolutions were rejected today at the congress of the General Federation of Labor, in session here. The congress adopted, by a tremendous majority, a resolution introduced by the United Socialists, pledging support to the present leaders of the General Confederation.

STUDENTS ARE SUSPENDED. Charlotte, N. D., March 2.—Dr. H. L. McCrorey, president of Middle University, announced today that 77 students have been suspended by the faculty as a climax of the "strikes" of the students which has been in effect since last Wednesday. The university is maintained by the Northern Presbyterian Church.

RICE GROWERS SUMMONED. San Francisco, March 2.—The United States district court ordered the Pacific Rice Growers' Association and others to appear in court today and show cause why the association should not be dissolved for the alleged hoarding of 1,000,000 sacks of rice. The association is said to control 90 per cent of the rice crop of California.

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Baby Dress Embroidery on fine cambric, good assortment of patterns, 22 inches wide. Special..... 65c At Chapman's.

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