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FAIR PLAY FOR THE CITY ENGINEER

The amount of venom which is being directed at the city engineer in this discussion of the proposed filtration plant is somewhat excessive. It is only fair to Mr. Chield that it should be generally recognized that the investigation committee which passed unfavorably upon the administration of affairs in his department did not for one moment question his qualifications as an engineer.

The bylaw providing money for the purchase of a filtration plant was defeated, not because it was generally believed that the engineer was incapable of selecting a plant suitable to the needs of the city, but because the chaotic state of affairs at the city hall destroyed the confidence of the ratepayers in the body responsible for the administration of the city's affairs.

FARMERS AND THE CAR SHORTAGE

The grain committee of the Board of Trade, in a report prepared after careful enquiry, express the belief that the possibilities of a grain blockade in this province have been reduced to a minimum, basing this opinion upon the earlier harvest, the provision by the railways of additional cars and the fact that empty elevators stand ready to receive the grain.

An annually repeated shortage of cars such as that which the West was afflicted last year cannot fail to do harm to the country. Apart altogether from the loss which it entails upon the farmer who is unable to get the product of his labor to market, it is unavoidable that it should suggest to the minds of prospective settlers a serious disadvantage attaching to the practice of agriculture in this country.

Some relief may be expected when the Panama Canal is open to traffic and a large proportion of grain from the prairie provinces may be shipped westward with profit. Meanwhile it would be well for those who use cars to remember that they have a responsibility only less than that of those who supply them. In the East an appeal is being made to private interests to arrange their shipments as far as possible so that the maximum of cars may be available, when they are most needed.

WHAT WAR WOULD MEAN

The doom of war will be sounded only when the common people have learned the folly of war. When they realize its consequence to themselves they will turn a deaf ear to the capitalists who profit by international conflicts and the soldier or sailor, who may be led by professional interest, to desire them.

Admitting to the full the claims of those who are most insistent upon the duty of Canada in the matter of Imperial defence, it is refreshing to find here and there, amid the prevailing exhibitions of hysterical militarism, some who refuse to be drawn into the general stampede. In Canada, Toronto Saturday Night is conspicuous among the journals

of this school and in Great Britain. The London Nation. Articles that are being published by the latter journal are of particular interest as setting forth in a most impressive manner considerations which might be expected to induce a more healthy state of public opinion.

"There is not the slightest danger of war-taking place," says The Nation in a recent issue, "if its consequences are clearly brought before the people, and if members of parliament, ministers of the crown, captains of industry, merchants and financiers can only be brought to see the ruin and confusion that would wait upon such madness. When we think of the despair with which a great strike is now contemplated by intelligent people, we can only suppose that the war talk of the naval and military experts which respectable newspapers admit to their columns is founded upon mere ignorance and want of thought. You have only to follow out the natural and inevitable consequences of such a struggle, in order to see an endless vista of misery, poverty, famine and disorder."

Of a few of the actual consequences to England of a conflict with Germany, The Nation speaks as follows:

"Take, first, finance. There would be an appalling slump on the stock exchange. A huge loan must be negotiated, and in a week for two consols must drop to 60. All our home railway stocks and all our industrial securities would fall as fast as the shares of Vickers, and Armstrongs, and all the other purveyors of war material rose. A host of merchant houses and financial houses would immediately be involved in disaster. It would be extraordinary if all our great banks survived the failure of many customers. The effect of the partial, and perhaps almost complete, cessation of a trade that must run well up above a hundred millions sterling annually can hardly be exaggerated. It would be felt in every corner of England and Scotland. Let us suppose that only a quarter of the population of the towns and villages on our east coast were thrown out of employment. That would surely be a very moderate estimate. But the disaster would not be there. A great part of the trade of Bradford and district is dependent upon the German market, and it is probably no exaggeration to say that most of the Yorkshire mills which did not actually stop altogether would be working half time so long as the war lasted."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Was the lady who waited on President Taft with a "sacred knife" a militant suffragette or a member of the Bull Moose party, or both?

The wife of a man who lives in Spokane tried to convert him to religion with a knife. He saw the point of her argument, but instead of going to church he went to the divorce court.

Regina is bragging about a new industry which holds all the rights in a secret process for keeping eggs fresh for two years. The people who supply us keep fresh eggs for two years and don't make any secret of it, because they can't after we've cracked the shell.

It is apparent that this is not the close season for hunting the bull moose in the United States and if Colonel Roosevelt is elected he may be expected to make a suitable amendment to the game laws.

Six men held as lunatics in the Port Arthur goal were discharged after working for a few weeks on the prison farm. Couldn't we induce some of those Eastern politicians to come west and work for a few weeks with the harvesters.

We would hate to think that Teddy Roosevelt's estimate of the number of liars in the United States is not much exaggerated.

Ideas of a Plain Man

By DR. FRANK CRANE

THE MYSTERY OF MAN AND WOMAN
Man love is pure emotion; in woman love is a higher order of mentality.

The instinct of the world is right in placing the blame for the failure of marriage usually upon the wife. For a man in love is a sort of wild idiot. The deeper he gets in love the more irresponsible and crazy he becomes; while the more a woman loves the wiser she is.

Love seems too strong a liquor for a man, and a little of it appears to be all he can stand. A woman, on the contrary, like some old toppers, grows shrewder, keener eyed and more headstrong as she grows older.

Hence in most couples who are very loving if it is the wife who rules. As they become more and more cool and sane the husband, on the other hand, grows more and more the man who controls the woman, and she looks up to him; and the more spiritual and intellectual love becomes the more the woman is in the ascendency.

This is why the wife is so free and potent in America; woman is most idealized here.
Love to a man, is a mystery; he can only be happy in a blundering, wondering way, but a woman the more she loves the more she knows what she is about.

Sidewalk Sketches

By HOWARD L. RANN

APPENDICITIS is an expensive and prehensile ailment which seldom attacks anybody but members of the Upper Ten or people who are able to write a check in four figures.

It is caused by the verminiform appendix swallowing a grape seed the wrong way and refusing to let go. Whenever this happens to one of the common people it is called the stomach ache and the afflicted part is irrigated with alcoholic bitters, but the minute one of the Four Hundred feels a shooting pain in the vicinity of his watch pocket he is operated upon before he can see if there are any holes in his stockings.

The richer a man is the harder he has appendicitis. Some people are not satisfied with the first attack and insist upon having it three or four times, until they can tell by the feeling that they have not only lost the appendix, but the glossary and concordance as well. Appendicitis is always preceded by a deep feeling of melancholy, as if the patient had eaten something which refused to sit down. When it first comes on, people begin to criticize the menu and change rapidly from one boarding house to another, in the hope of securing relief. Sometimes the disease is scared away by these tactics and the family surgeon becomes discouraged.

The appendix was discovered about twenty years ago by a near-sighted doctor who stumbled onto it while he was hunting for a set of instruments which he had mislaid. From that day to this the medical profession has done much of anything else except hunt the appendix to its lair and decapitate it at heavy expense to the abutting property owner. The first few cases of appendicitis were considered dangerous, and the patient generally drew his will along with his check. Nowadays, however, a man can be operated upon without removing his necktie and get back before the first inning is over. Some people are lucky, and go through life never knowing whether appendicitis starts in the left side or the call of the right leg.

GREAT BRITAIN IS BEING DEPOPULATED

Great Alarm Over Rush of Young Men to Canada; Demands Serious Attention

During April, May and June Over 113,000 Left Albion, While 100,000 Were Born

London, Aug. 28.—After having nearly denuded England and Scotland in his search for settlers, J. Obed Smith, the assistant superintendent of emigration, has turned his attention to the principal cities and is touring through Wales and Monmouthshire and the western counties of England. Mr. Smith, who is accompanied by Mr. Pugh, the Canadian representative in Wales, intends during his tour to visit all the booking agents in the chief centres of population, and will shortly proceed to the Swansea district and West Wales.

Mr. L. G. Chiozza Money, the eminent Liberal statistician, expresses concern for the future of Great Britain in view of the present rate at which he shows, greatly aggravates the woman problem here. The old method of computing the number of people who left this country was by deducting the number who arrived from the number who left. This, of course, could not be accepted under a system of immigration management put in operation by the British board of trade which began in April, information as to the number who left and arrived to take up permanent residence is available.

The record shows that over 113,000 in excess of those arriving here left Great Britain during the months of April, May and June. The birth rate probably did not exceed 100,000. This means, according to Mr. Money, that the population of the United Kingdom fell considerably in the first three months for which we have definite statistics of emigration. The 113,000 persons who left us in April and June were chiefly young men. As a consequence, the average age of the population is being raised, and the proportion of women in the population is increased. Already the number of females in our population exceeds the number of males by over 1,400,000, and the new emigration is rapidly increasing this excess.

"As need hardly be pointed out, a stationary or declining population has very serious effects on every political and social problem. Taxable capacity would fall, land values would fall, the cost of social reforms would increase, the relative position of the United Kingdom in the British empire and in the world at large would decline, and the burden of maintaining defenses would be more severely felt.

"The combination of a falling birth rate, emigration, therefore, needs our very serious attention."
"What are we doing to reveal the virtues of the United Kingdom as a home-land for the young men of the world? What home opportunities are we offering to the lure of the great dominions?"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Albertan:
Dear Sir—Your editorial in this morning's paper on "The Public Health" will surely be read with interest by your citizens—anyone who has given even a little thought to the housefly as a spreader of disease, must be the fly's sworn enemy.

"Self preservation is the first law of nature," and it is scarcely a human being who would not protect an innocent babe—and yet the careless and indifferent handling of milk, which is the most important food for children, allows it to become contaminated and impregnated with bacteria, which is dangerous and often fatal to young life.

I submit that it is criminal not to adopt every possible means to prevent the milk supply from becoming contaminated. "How does your milkman clean his pail?" is the question that appears each week in one of the Winnipeg papers, and every dealer in milk is rated according to the way he handles his product. In many points for quality, and so on, and you can see at a glance who is supplying milk under the best conditions. The best milk—and it becomes a matter of dollars and cents to the dealer; and that is the awakening. Much has been written on typhoid, but for every case of typhoid that is reported, could be correctly ascertained, there are a dozen cases among young babies of intestinal troubles which result fatally, and it is true that every life is worth so many thousands of dollars to the state, how much does it behoove every mother and every other individual, to contribute by all that they are able, such protection as will minimize as much as possible, the evil which results from an unsanitary and careless handling of the milk supply.

The Greatest Murderer.
The fly is the greatest murderer of the age and his accomplice is the individual who allows stable manure to accumulate around his place.

From personal observation and from seven weeks' study of the problem of insect pests and vermin, and their relationship to the cause and spread of disease, I assert that if all stable manure was properly covered and treated with lime, the greatest part of the fly problem would be solved.
Anyone who will take the trouble to uncover a layer of stable manure which has been standing for some time during the early part of the summer, will find hundreds of thousands of purple eggs of the housefly, just ready to hatch on the wall grown and ready to state in your editorial that the number of cases of typhoid would indicate unsanitary conditions somewhere within the city limits. There can be no doubt of this; the larger number of flies in any given area, the greater the filth somewhere close at hand; but so many people are obstinate that they will not believe this, and perhaps an overworked health department, without any attempt at personal co-operation.

Would you lessen the menace of the fly? Let twenty-five of your public spirited citizens, who for public seal and not for gain, will form themselves into a citizens' committee and allow themselves each to a district, so that the entire city will be covered, let them report to the health department any condition that may be detrimental to

HUDSONS BAY COMPANY

Half Price Sale of Women's Kid Gloves

THIS remarkable value is due to a special purchase, part of which comprises this offer. It is by far the best bargain in Kid Gloves that we have offered for some time and it will certainly pay you to take advantage of it. The Gloves are made of soft and pliable French kid, with 2 dome fasteners and are in the short style; sizes, brown and tan 6 1-4, 6 1-2, 6 3-4, 7; white, 5 3-4, 6, 6 1-4, 6 1-2; black, 5 3-4, 6, 6 1-4, 6 1-2, 6 3-4, 7.

Reg. \$1.50, Value Today 75c

Women's Lace Lisle Hose

Only a few dozen, but the low price makes up in value what they lack in numbers. Made of superior lisle with lace ankles. Splendid wearing quality; colors, black and tan; all sizes.

Hair Bands 25c Reg. 30c to 65c

A small accumulation of odd lines, hence the low price. Made of tortoise shell with patent adjustable hair clip; plain and openwork designs. Regular 30c to 65c. Today 25c

Women's Handkerchiefs Wide Assortment

FOR wide assortments, high quality and good values, our selection of handkerchiefs is unexcelled. We import them direct from Europe and in such quantities that we are able to offer them at much lower prices than they would ordinarily command. Here are two of our special values:

Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, with hemstitched borders and 1-4 or 1-2 inch hem. Special, each 7 1-2c
Irish Linen and Cambric Handkerchiefs—A special purchase of Irish Linen and Embroidered Swiss Cambric Handkerchiefs, in pretty designs. Special 3 for 25c

Misses' and Girls' One Piece Sailor Dresses

New Shipment from New York

STYLES may come and styles may go, but the strictly sailor model is always a great favorite with the girls and misses. This season it promises to be even more popular than ever and for this reason we are showing a much wider assortment and in the one-piece style.

These dresses are direct importations from New York and feature good materials, fine tailoring, and are exceptional value at the price.

We are showing them in an excellent quality of all wool navy and black serge, with rows of red, black, or black and red silk trimmings on sailor collar, belt, and cuffs. Blouse fastenings in front with red or black silk lacing or eyelets, also same on side pleats of skirts. Sizes 13 to 18 years. Special value at \$10



Misses' and Women's Fall Suits

Special at \$25.00

ONE of our big leaders in Misses' and Women's Suits for fall is this line at \$25.00. They are made of an excellent quality navy men's wear serge and the workmanship is of the highest order. The coat is lined with heavy quality Belding's satin, is strictly tailored throughout and finished with stitched or buff edges. Some have white heading on collar and lapels to imitate the popular vest effect; sizes, misses' 14, 16 and 18; women's 34 to 44.

Special Value \$25.00

Stampede Linen Doyleies and Centre Pieces at Half Price

NO BETTER compliment could be paid to the values offered in this sale than the number that were sold the last week-end. Half of the original quantity has already been disposed of and only doilies and centrepieces now remain. These will be placed on sale this week-end when we expect to clear the balance. These values are the result of a special purchase, otherwise such articles would sell at double the price. They are made of a fine quality white linen and stamped with a wide assortment of floral, conventional and art designs. Today and tomorrow, special, each 5c, 10c, 20c and 25c

Materials for Stampede Decorations

ACCORDING to the best authorities the publicity gained through the Stampede will be of incalculable benefit to Calgary and its inhabitants. The committee in charge have spared no effort to make it a great success, but in spite of that they need your co-operation. All they ask is that you decorate your home or place of business so that the city will be in gala attire to receive the royal visitors as well as the thousands of others who will grace the event with their presence. Do your part. We have the materials you require and at the lowest prices.

- UNION JACKS
3x6 feet \$3.25
4 1-2x9 feet \$5.75
3 feet 9 in. by 7 feet 6 in. \$4.65
6x12 feet \$9.50
DOMINION ENSIGN
3x6 feet \$4.50
4 ft. 6 in. by 9 ft. \$7.50
3 ft. 9 in. by 7 ft. 6 in. \$6.25
6x12 ft. \$11.50
BUNTING
Per yard 5c
Red, white or blue, yard 5c
Tri-color 10c
COTTON UNION JACKS
3x6 feet \$2.00
3 ft. 9 in. by 7 ft. 6 in. \$2.75
16x30 inches 25c
23x36 inches 30c
9x12 inches 10c
DOMINION ENSIGNS
Mounted on stick 25c
14x24 inches 15c
UNION JACKS, ENSIGNS, STARS AND STRIPES
In Silk
4x5 inches 5c
9x12 inches 10c

Today's Grocery News

- Hudson's Bay Groceries are the kind for those who want quality and dependability. In buying we select only pure wholesome goods and guarantee them to be exactly as represented. THESE SAVINGS FOR TODAY:
Prunes, size 60 to 70, reg. 15c lb. Today, 35c
4 lb. box, reg. \$2.25, Today, \$2.15
Bruce's Herring in Tomato, reg. 15c tin, Today, 25c
Olives, Manzanillo, reg. 15c bot. Today 10c
Lunch Tongue, 1 lb. tin, Today special 35c
Hams, choice, 10 to 12 lb. Today special, 21c
Bacon, Breakfast, side or half, Today special, lb. 23c
Lard, pure, 3 lb. pail, Today special, 45c
Swiss Cheese, genuine Gruyere, Today special, lb. 45c
Finest Cooked Ham, Ox Tongue, Ham Loaf, Chicken Loaf, etc.
PROVISION COUNTER
Poulton & Noel's Calves Tongue, in glass, Reg. 75c Today special, 65c
Noel's Potted Meats—all kinds, in glass, Reg. 20c, Today special, 2 for 35c
Carobos Salt, reg. 15c carton, Today 2 for 25c
Marmalade, Robertson's Golden Shred, 4 lb. tin, reg. 65c, Today, 55c
Sugar, B.C., Today, 20 lb. sack \$1.20
H. B. & Co's Jelly Powders, all flavors, Today, 4 packets 30c
All flavors, Today, dozen 75c
Tea, H. B. & Co's Imperial Blend, Today, 3 lb. 90c
Grocery Phone 6131

health, and above all during the months of June, July, and August, watch and condemn without fear or favor, any breeding places for flies.
This let your health department furnish the committee with such educational matter as may be obtained from time to time.
A clean bill of health means nothing in Calgary in the days that are to come. The writer is only a visitor in your city for a day or two, and has no desire to appear in any complaining attitude but is actuated solely by a

desire to see that common enemy of citizens are interested in acquiring further information concerning flies. I should be glad to send such information as I have without any charge. If they will write me to Toronto, there is no reason why your city should not be practically free from flies in a reasonable time, if each would do his part in helping to exterminate the pest. "It might truly be said of the deadly insect:
'These shape would make them—
Had they bulk and size—
More hideous foes
Than fancy can devise,
With helmet heads
And dragon scales adorned
The mighty myriads,
Now securely scorned
Would mock the majesty
Of man's high birth
Despite his bulwarks
And unpeopled earth."
I am sorry if I have trespassed too much on your space.
Yours very truly,
H. CHADWICK
Calgary, Aug. 29, 1912.