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#### Why Centralize In Toronto?

When Hon. Howard Ferguson, as minister of education, prepares his estimates for the maintenance of Ontario universities for this year, he should take into consideration the fact that London votes an annual grant of \$55,000 to the University of Western Ontario, while the City of Toronto contributes not a solitary cent to Toronto University.

It is true that Toronto University is provincial university, yet the City of Toronto is the chief beneficiary. Of the students of Toronto University not less than 60 per cent. live in Toronto or immediate proximity. If the Cost of Toronto contributed proportionately to London to the University of Toronto the burden on the provincial treasury would be more easily

Without underestimating in the slightest the work of Toronto University, why should the province as a whole be asked to maintain a university at Toronto largely for the citizens of the Queen City? The University of Western Ontario is catering particularly to this great peninsula and it is no exaggeration to say that 60 to 80 per cent. of the students that are attending this university would not get an education if the university were not in London. The young men and young women living in Western Ontario are just as much entitled to higher education as the young people of Toronto and York County.

One of the troubles of Ontario to-day is too much centralization in the City of Toronto. During the past decade the increase in population in Toronto was as great as all the rest of the province. The building up of a great city in Toronto at the expense of the rest of the province is not in the best interests of Ontario; it is not a healthy state of affairs. Why continue this centralization by fostering a huge, unwieldy university in Toronto. No one in London, or in Western Ontario, wants to injure Toronto University; it should be made the great te institution for Ontario, but at the same time the Government must realize that in the best interests of education and the province on the whole it is better to build up several localized institutions rather than one great institution, too large to give personal attention to its students and crowding out by the cost of going to Toronto thousands of young people entitled to and worthy of the opportunities of higher education.

The Ferguson Government has shown itself sympathetic to the needs of the University of Western Ontario in the past, and doubtless in the future will treat the university as generusly as the province's finances will permit.

#### Has Canada Been Gold-Bricked?

One of the achievements of the King Government to which it pointed with pride was the trade agreement made with the West Indies. It was a part of its wider trade policy. The aim of the Government was in the right direction and one with which The Free Press agrees, namely, the extension of preferential trade within the empire. However, there is no use entering upon such agreements unless they are in the interests of Canada. According to a report brought down by a committee appointed to make an investigation on the subject by the Halifax Board of Trade, the new agreement is not only of little value to Canadian trade, but if it is carried out will be a financial burden on the whole of Canada.

Halifax merchants for generations have been dealing with the West Indies and they should know something about trade with the Southern islands. Before the West Indies con ference was held in Ottawa last year the Halifax Board of Trade asked to have a renresentative present. For some extraordinary and unexplained reason the request was refused. As a result there was, according to A. H. Whitman, chairman of the West Indies committee of the Halifax Board of Trade, "no direct presentation at the conference of the views of those who, from long practical experience in the West Indies business, would have been able to give the Government sound advice." The result was that the Government. according to the report of this committee. which was equally divided politically, stumbled into an agreement under which Canada will pay through the nose.

Under the agreement Canada is given an increased preference on flour, butter, cheese, salted fish, lumber, lard, boots and shoes. cement, condensed milk, salt beef and pork ranging from 16 2-3 to 25 per cent., while Canada gives an increased preference on raw sugar, cocoa beans, bananas and a large number of Southern-grown fruits and products. In addition. Canada provides a greatly extended steamship accommodation. The committee report points out that to give the steamship ervice proposed in this agreement will cost anada a capital expenditure in either new or fitted ships of \$9,550,000. It is shown that der present conditions the annual deficit on two Government-owned ships now on this ate is \$230,000, and the committee figures under new conditions it would be a million a year. A high figure to pay for "wider trade!" The committee sums up the situation as fol-

"We are forced, therefore, to the nelusion that there is no sound busiss reason for Canada to undertake the large expenditure necessary to carry out the agreement which has been proposed, and the only grounds on which it has been entered into are largely of a sentimental nature, based on the hope of welding more closely the tie of empire that binds us to the West Indies.

"This is very laudable and probably would be sufficient reason for the agreement if Canada was in position to undertake the financial burden involved. but we submit that we are not in that desirable position at the present time."

Apparently the King Government showed about the same business acumen in making this agreement as it did in the case of the famous Petersen contract. In view of this report from a body of men who have everything to gain by increased trade with the West Indies and who should know what they are talking about, the new Parliament should move slowly before they ratify the West Indies treaty.

#### Is It An Augur?

For the past few years Mussolini, the Italian dictator, has been dictating with a vengeance. Italy now is experiencing a wave of autocracy that equals or surpasses, in some points of severity, the dictatorships of early Roman and medieval days. The question now being asked by students of history and those who watch the signs of the times is: How much longer will the liberty-loving people of the peninsular kingdom tolerate the yoke that Mus-

solini and his followers have laid upon them? The pendulum of public conduct in pre-Mussolini days vibrated too far in the way of Socialism and radicalism and toward Communism, and the extra vibrations produced the reaction to-day called Fascism.

Now Fascism is going too far and another reaction is due to come in a short time.

The following news comment from Rome may in its way be an augur of:

"Many walls in the streets of almost every Italian city and village from the Alps to Sicily are covered with painted scrawls wishing long life to three men-two of them dead. The dead are Lenin and Matteotti. The third is very much alive-Mussolini.

'For centuries it has been the Italian custom to scribble political opinions on unresisting walls. The letter W, which is a abbreviation for 'Viva,' means 'Long may he live.' Its inverse, M, thus signifies 'Down with him!" The inscriptions are rarely erased, but often M is painted over W, or vice versa. Some are highly dramatic: 'Masonry must die!' 'Death to the enemies of Fascism!' or, especially in the villages, 'All who fail to vote for Fascist candidates are known to us!'

"For months there was visible on one of the boulevards of Rome: 'Death to Mussolini!' But gradually Lenin and Matteotti are fading out of sight. Their place is being taken by a new hero: 'Farinacci, long may he live!' Will it be a W or an M-for Mussolini?

#### Radio Built In

No one can or wants to gainsay the fact that radio has come to stay; to increase and to double its activities

Not to be the possessor of a listening-in machine to-day puts one in the "back number"

Radio has proved its use so thoroughly for business as well as for purposes of entertainment that it has passed from the catalogues of luxuries to that of necessities.

So thoroughly have British business men become convinced that radio is a "necessary"

that few places of business or few homes are complete without a "set." The following news item from Fulham,

"The first English block of residential flats to have radio provided in the same way as gas or electric light is situated here. A central receiving set has been installed and wall sockets for two pairs of telephones are provided in each

England, is a testimoney to radio's hold:

of the 138 sitting-rooms. The service is What Fulham has done other communities lso are preparing to do.

Will Canada follow suit?

#### CURRENT CANADIAN COMMENT

The Progressive party will sell its support in the best interests of the West. - C: H. Spencer, M. P.-elect, Battle River, Alberta.

Buffalo is a great city Canada is building in the United States. - Canadian Milling

The world has become a sounding board and interests are universal.—"The Outlooker."

Canadians seem to be content to let investors from across the border come into the Dominion, exploit the country's resources and take the money back to the United States .-Hon. W. H. Price, K. C.

Anything that will tend to liberate Canada from the tyranny and uncertainty of the Pennsylvania sources of supply should be encouraged .- Sir Thomas White.

The imposition of a general test on the public schools of the whole province, conducted by educationists who have not taught the candidates, puts a premium on memorization of facts and discounts ratiocination. - William Houston.

May I be permitted to say that I would welcome the idea of having the high clergy of both the Roman Catholic and the Protestant churches represented in the Canadian Senate. -Hon, Rodolph Lemieux.

A little of the attractiveness of the kindergarten classes might very well be introduced into the higher grades of school work .- Mayor John M. Moore, London.

If Alberta coal could supply one-third of the \$150,000,000 now expended annually on foreign coal and this money could be placed in Canada for Canadian coal, the interest alone, at four per cent., would be \$2,000,000 a year. -J. E. Armstrong, Petrolia.

#### JUST FOLKS BY A GUEST

LINES FOR THE OLD YEAR. What was it that you brought to earth Who seemed so lovely at your birth? High hopes of fortune and delight, Tinged with the knowledge that you might Have hurt and sorrow in your train-And now for you, death's final pain!

Old year, your course was that of ours, May saw you dancing 'mid the flowers, As once we danced our youth away, What matter that we longer stay? Not all the hopes which marked our birth Have had fruition on the earth.

Some days were bleak and cold and gray, Some deeds of ours have brought dismay, Joy was not always ours to know. Some of our hopes have fallen low And now you join death's caravan, Sharing the destiny of man.

Man at the closing of his years Has known both happy smiles and tears, Failure and conquest, good and bad, Not always brave, not always glad, And yet he passes with the prayer, Something of merit marks him there.

Old year, some see you at your worst, You broke the dream they held at first, Some call you friendly, some may sneer And say you brought but misery here, Yet none who ever comes to earth Achieves the dreams which mark his birth. (Copyright.)

#### GEORGE MATTHEW **ADAMS**

IDEAS AND THINGS.

In the first place an idea stalks like a giant beside a thing-no matter what it is.

Ideas to the mental and spiritual growth of a man may be likened to the vitamines that give strength and life to the body.

The man who breeds ideas is a benefactor, a forerunner, often a prophet, and always a firstclass citizen of the world. But he who just does "things," without knowing why, becomes just so much driftwood. You see him pass by and that's about all.

I went into a newspaper office the other day and saw a machine printing the news dispatches from a great press organization upon a roll of paper. Then every few minutes a boy came and tore off a piece for the editor to go over and then hand to the lynotype operator, who sent it on its way into the columns of the paper. Formerly an operator had to take it first and then type it. I looked upon the machine. It was just a

thing. But behind that machine was an idea. Some brain created it. Wherever there is liberty and progress, there are to be found men of ideas.

Behind everything beautiful is an idea. Ideas are what light the fires of enthusiasm. Ideas are what give initiative.

Ideas sent the covered wagons across the plains. Ideas built the steamboat, the railroad. the airplane, the radio, the electric light. Can you think of anything useful that an idea didn't

#### LITTLE BENNY'S NOTEBOOK BY LEE PAPE

I axsidently broke one of the dining room windows erround at Puds Simkinses house this afternoon on account of a ice pick handle axsidently going through it wile I was making a ixperiment to see how mutch a window pane at the base, and concrete bottoms were could stand without breaking, and Pudses mother made me go home, saying, Mr. Simkins will call your father up this evening, so you had better prepare for it.

Wich wen pop came home I started to, and then I thawt I better wait till after dinnir because he mite be feeling better, and after dinnir I waited some more and jest wen I was going to start to say something the telefone rang and I quick went and ansered it and it was Puds Simkinses father saying, Id like to speek to Mr. Potts please. Me thinking, G, good nite. And I went

back and sed to pop, Hay pop, how mutch do you think a pane of glass could stand without even cracking a little?

Dont try it on ehy windows erround here, thats all I advize you, pop sed, and I sed, No sir. And after a little wile I sed, I tried it on a window erround at Puds Simkinses, though, Yee gods, did enything happen? pop sed.

Not at ferst, I sed. And after a little wile I sed, That was Mr. Simkins on the fone. It was? pop sed, and I sed, Yes sir, it still He says he wunts to tawk to you, I sed. Wats that, do you meen to say youve bin

keeping that man waiting on the wire all this ant totem pole restored during the first time? yee gods, pop sed. And he quick went to tawk to Mr. Simkins in case he was still waiting.

Wich he was, the rest being too sad of a THIS WAY TO WINTER.

Day by day The sun's broad beam Fades away By a golden gleam: Hark on the cliff

How the seagulls scream. . . . Get you out Your muffler gray, Your boots so stout, And your greatcoat, pray,

And put on your gloves. 'Tis a hardy day. -James Stephens, in "Songs From the Clay." "ITS DRAP O' DEW."

Confide ye aye in Providence. For Providence is kind, And bear ye a' life's changes Wi' a calm and tranquil mind. Though pressed and hemmed on every side, Hae faith and ye'll win through, For ilka blade o' grass keeps Its ain drap o' dew.

THOUGHT.

We build our future, thought by thought, For good or ill, yet know it not. Yet, so the universe was wrought. Thought is another name for fate; Choose, then, thy destiny and wait, For love brings love and hate brings hate.

Every time a man laffs he takes a kink out of the chain of life .- Josh Billings.

A THOUGHT.

Let me die the death of the righteous, and my last end be like his.—Numbers xxiii, 10. Death is a commingling of eternity with time; the death of a good man, eternity is seen oking through time.—Goether



## Forest of Totem Poles Found Along Skeena

dian Days.

By G. C. PORTER,

Free Press Special Correspondent WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.-Totem poles y the scores - a forest of totem has been in Winnipeg returning East. While Dr. Smith is field archaeologist for the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, he is engaged in this quest for

the Victoria Memorial Museum of Ottawa. Three years will be devoted to the investigation and the preservation of many of these famous relics of the picture-writing age among the tribes of Northern British Columbia. "There are more than 95 of these beautiful columns, artistically decor-

ated, within 15 miles of the railroad in logical expedition has reported interestthe section where I was working this summer," observed Dr. Smith. "Forty of them can be seen from the car windows as the train passes by."

the recording of tribal history in this way, lags and has almost vanished, if, in this indeed, it has not wholly departed. RESTORING POLES.

Skill and resources of the white man magic if the best illustrations of the domain not usually associated with skill of these ancient people are to be nationalist ambitions. preserved. Dr. Smith said much difficulty was experienced in obtaining the the world must welcome. It is a form consent of the tribal chiefs for work and patience and diplomacy at all times was necessary. Many of these deal of thought. Their more powerful huge wooden columns are badly rotted substituted for some of them, Dr.

Smith explained. Where large totem poles have fallen derrick men into the forests to raise this way many valuable works of art have been saved for posterity. Dr. Smith has found it necessary to recase he has had the advice and assistance of leading members of the tribe. It is necessary to get precisely the same their views, a difference in the coloring might mean that generations reaching back through the centuries might be consigned to the equivalent of Christian hell for all time.

MOUNTAIN LION CARVING. Close to the totem pole forest Dr. Indian pictograph, cut in the a huge rock, just 50 feet from the railway tracks. Probably the most importstored the ears and tail of the carving and gave it a new coat of paint. was a man-killing lion of tremendou

proportions that inhabited the fastness of the Skeena Valley. It was particularly destructive among the inhabi-tants of the Indian village of Squnit, and the carving commemorates the occasion. Families of those who en-gaged in combat with the lion are en-Probably one of the most interesting

of the totems on which Dr. Smith worked last summer is that which comme orates the mythology of "The Flood," as known to the British Columbia Indians. It is the totem of the "Big Frog.' It was erected in 1845. Much of In this story of the flood the myth

was taken to the bottom of a deep lake and forced to become the wife of the Years afterwards the Indians fol- Speak little, do much. lowed two frog children to the lake which they drained, and rescued the frog wife with her frog children. In memory of the fate the frog totem was

helpers and continue the work of investigation and restoration.

Meantime Dr. Smith is studying the Indian lore and attempting to learn more of the origin of these people. He was intrigued, he said, by the stories repeated to him by the old men of the tribe relating to their origin. "From the North," that is the way they describe the place from which they came. don.

Introduction and restoration.

Whether they can or not I have given it substantially as Sir Henry told it to make a first occasion the last, me.

"There is another Ottawa millionaire who, being alive, I shall not name. I asked him one day if he had ever had tribe relating to their origin. "From the North," that is the way they describe the place from which they came. don.

Nor yet a song, but like a bird whether they can or not I have given it substantially as Sir Henry told it to make a first occasion the last, me.

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As to some shadow-quiet place I creep this story as an illustration: I had

where in Western Canada. Some of tario of to-day. centers of learning and they seem to be making progress, but absence of sanitation and knowledge of health rules are responsible for many deaths. In spite of the conditions under which the survivors of this once powerful poles! These weird symbols of a van-ishing race on the Skeena River in British Columbia are the objects of an extended scientific investigation. Dr. Harlan I. Smith, the internationally great age. Many claim to over 100 years noted archaeologist, has just completed old, but their system of recording time the first six months' work there and is not considered accurate according to the white man's standard

#### Advertising a Nation

(New York Times) From ancient Kyme, on the shores of

Asia Minor, a Czech-Slovak archaeing discoveries of the Roman and pre-Roman age. The thing that strikes one first in the story is not the contribu-Through this field all the totem poles that it should have been made by cititawa Journal and quotes the comment I wished to withdraw and practically than others, according to Dr. Smith. zens, and presumably at the public of several eminent and successful Can-Totem poles are no longer being carved and decorated by these tribes, at least not on the scale and with the fidelity to tribal lore as of old. Dr. Smith was informed that while the art had not been lost, the subtile skill of carving and coloring, the spirit that prompted the resources from a heavily and coloring, the spirit that prompted the resources from a heavily making of his fortune. The basis of their careers—the apparently chance dialians about the lucky incidents of their careers—the apparently chance things that gave profit with the subsequent turn of affairs. The writer asserts that the late J. R. Booth had an enormous amount of good luck in the making of his fortune. The basis of policies, and resources from a heavily burdened exchequer to invest in archacological exploration. It is no calumny Mr. Booth's business genius, his judg- a genuine deal, and sell them in a day to suggest that the motive at Prague ment of men, his stern integrity, his or two. I took his advice and told him was not exclusively scientific. President Masaryk and Mr. Benes may have his vision, and so on. "I should be business here then, and order on mar-Skill and resources of the white man dent Masaryk and Mr. Benes may have his vision, and so on. 'I should be business here then, and order on was in the last person on earth to undervalue in enough shares to cover this particular their country of Czech co-operation in a such qualities in any man. They are ular little bank account.

the of advertising to which the small neighbors have been far from disdainful of similar methods. Costly scientific expeditions, polar explorations and round-the-world flights are somedown Dr. Smith has brought expert tific or practical gains; they are the the work of restoration. In expression of a legitimate national pride and enhancement of the national prestige. For the smaller nations it is a particularly fruitful source of pubpaint some of these relics, but in each licity. A Portuguese aviator on his way to Tokio wins more newspaper if a general forest fire had broken out had bought. I simply had to wait until space than is allotted to everything near his property. Other operators of the closed out the transaction and bought. I simply had to wait until space that has happened in Portugal. have had their limits destroyed. Mr. F. returned. When he did get back, less that has happened in Portugal. shade of coloring as the color scheme determines the future state of the souls of Nansen, Amundsen and Sverdrup to What has been the advertising value Booth was spared. of those tribes and families which the a little nation like Norway? The ex- traordinary stroke of good luck on Mr. particular column represents. These cavators, the polar explorers and the Booth's part. In the great fire of 1900, Indians retain many of the ancient aerial circumnavigators are only antribal superstitions and, according to other phase of the competition emanatters. In the Booth part of the was talking about luck he turned to tribal superstitions and, according to other phase of the competition emanatters. ing from the little peoples which has brand come flying across the Ottawa we were riding at the time, and said chiefly expressed itself in literature, River and lodge in a lumber pile near with a smile: You know how Lord chiefly expressed itself in literature, which is beginning to express itself the water's edge. In 10 minutes the Strathcona, Angus and the rest of us in athletics. What tiny Denmark owes conflagration had started on the On- fared in that Manitoba & St. Paul Railto Georg Brandes, Norway to the great tario side of the river, and it swept way deal?" galaxy of Ibsen, Bjornson, Hamsun, Jonas Lie, Sweden to Strindberg and Mr.

Selma Lagerlof, and Finland to Nurmi, would amount to a very handsome sum if estimated at the rate per agate line. Even if the motive among the small peoples be one of imitating the big summer's work by Dr. Smith was that international fellows, even if Czechorepresenting a mountain lion. It was slovakia think it befitting its new carved by Jimey Laknits. It is mount- status to equip itself with archaeoed on a platform in honorable memory of a man of Kitwanga, having the mysterious title of Akdelkit. He belonged to the Laxkibu clan. This clan ments, tariff walls and foreign policies. has the wolf as the family crest. This has the worr as the rank. The property a gain if government budgets reduced of Charles Derrick, and is declared to their items on air defense and gunbe the most realistic carving of a boats and introduced appropriations for mountain lion ever found among these excavating ancient cities. A Rumanian appropriation for digging around Ninevah, a Jugoslav appropriation for exploration in Yucatan, a Greek ap-This particular carving perpetuates a myth of these north coast tribes. There propriation for a non-stop flight from the Piraeus to Stockholm, would be soothing to European nerves Bucharest, Belgrade or Athens. POOR RICHARD SAYS:

Finally the warriors of the One to-day is worth two to-morrows. tribe surrounded the beast and slew A wife man will defire no more than to be looked on as a superman. diftribute cheerfully, and leave con-

Trouble fprings from idlenefs; toil from less walk around Parliament Hill. On

Who is wife? He that learns from every cruiser, and without any other purpose it has disappeared, but 14 feet of the column remains.

One.

Who is powerful? He that governs his him, I asked him if he knew where I pafficers. Who is rich? He that is content

> the feeds, gentle words and ufeful -Benjamin Franklin.

Leaving footprints on the sands of

# BY T. P. CLARK IN WINNIPEG TRIBUNE Since Agnes Macphail, M. P., was at the mill, sleeping at night in his

LOG CABIN CANADIANS

re-elected to Parliament for Southeast Grey in the general elections, her grandmother, Mrs. Alexander Macphail, has died at the age of 85 years. a girl of 11. Her parents spent a hanging from his beard and bushy eye-couple of years in Hamilton and then brows. took up land-it was really bush-in Proton Township, in Grey County. 24 to Alexander Macphail and they had Here the mother died, and Jean, little 12 children, and now in 1925 eleven of more than 12 years of age, became the those children still survive their mother woman of the pioneer home. Not only Agnes Macphail, M. P., is a grand-had she the cabin to care for, the daughter, and when the only member cooking to do, but a baby sister, one of Parliament arises in the House and year old, to look after.

It was a simple life that this and similar pioneer families led in the she does, ought to take her background bush. They were completely cut off from contact with the outside world. history of the province. She speaks for They had no live stock, no domestic the log-cabin Canadians. In her is the fowl, at first, in such bush townships spirit of Jean Jack, the girl plonger of as Proton in those days. They had the bush of 70 years ago-and she must no eggs, no fowl, but partridge and wonder at times whether the country wild pigeons could be shot. They had we are making is worthy of the toil and ro meat, unless when deer or bear sacrifices of the hardy people who laid could be brought in from a successful its foundation.

So apart from the world were the bush pioneers of 70 years ago that doubts and wonder how it is that potatoes and scones, made from the people have so much changed. How flour of frozen wheat, were often their was it that from England, Ireland main food. It was not an uncommon and Scotland there came 70, 80 and thing for their "tea" to be made from 100 years ago so many people who crusts of bread burnt black and crisp at the fire and grated up, or coffee made the bush of Ontario—people whose rom burnt peas. Some of the rich names are recorded on modest descendants of the pioneers should marble slabs in the rural cemeteries Canadian Government Has FamThese Indians are very similar in facial sample these beverages to-day—should, of the province. In the counties along the St. Lawrence, around the ous Archaeologist At Work their lives are regulated much after the manner of the tribes that have come who are dead and gone and whose pioneered in the forests, opened up Restoring Relics of Earlier In- manner of the tribes that have come who are dead and gone and whose pioneered in the forests, opened under the influence of civilization else- simple valors made possible the On- the country and founded settlements.

When Jean Jack was the girl-woman this pioneer home, maple sugar was the British Isles? Is there now less the first product the family was in a than there was then, the tremendous osition to sell, and it had to be car- impulse to possess land of their own ried 20 miles to Mount Forest to a in the new world? Is there less of storekeeper, who accepted it as change the desire among parents to endure for sale and tea. Later, when the family almost anything in order to insure got a cow or two, Jean used to walk 20 their children a footing in life? miles to the store with 50 pounds of Would the pioneers of 80 years as butter, worth 10 cents a pound, and have gone into the bush if they co bring back groceries in exchange. Up have gone, instead, into one of the through that country old inhabitants Toronto factories of to-day? still recall the days when stoves were not used and all the cooking was done in the great fireplaces and in ovens of clay. They will tell you of the head of the family leaving with his oxen in winter that there are pioneers in Chtario now—in many of the newest parts, in the great clay belt of the North and beyond in the Western province for the distent grief will with the They are doing what the great

blankets on the mill floor, and then with his flour and his meal-some of it bartered for salt, tea, smoked fish and blackstrap (molasses)—headed his oxen chall, has died at the age of 85 years. Seventy-four years ago she came to Canada from Scotland as Jean Jack, like a Santa Claus and with icicles

Jean Jack was married at the age of 24 to Alexander Macphail and they had makes a speech on any public ques-tion, those who do not agree with her point of view, who cannot see things as into consideration. She represents the

Others at times must share her in many of which are the towns and cities of to-day.

ter for the distant grist mill with the entire crop of wheat and oats to be milled. He would stay three or four days of Canada did in their time.

## The Element of Luck

was the Matawa timber limit, which he of 300. bought 50 years or more ago for some-

should all be agreed, in that matter. hazardous things in the world. There sertificates to my friend, and promptly has not been a summer during the past forgot all about the matter. One day 50 or 60 years, nor a day in every such I remembered about them with alarm; summer, that fire might not easily have but my friend, who held the certificates wiped out the Matawa timber limit. Mr. had gone over to England. Booth may have taken extra precautions, but they could not have availed the market, not even at what price

"I was an eyewitness to a most ex- blind luck." Booth's residence—everything ex- foundation for five large fortunes. cept one piece of property. piece of property was Mr. John R. ence in that instance between in Booth's great plant at the Chaudiere. personal gain and disaster of the grav-In a stretch of more than two miles est kind. these great mills, and they alone, stood

"It was once my privilege to talk railway builder of the American west, about luck in his own life and in the lives of other men who had gathered great fortunes. He said: time when I believed that luck was al-most a negligible factor in the making of huge sums of money. I should not Were I for a day as idle as you seem have put it at more than five per cent. I am now a much older, and I trust, a much wiser man. It is my deliberate judgment that, in the making of fortunes quickly, it stands for 95 per cent. And I know something about the making of several fortunes.' "I once asked the late Sir Henry

Egan if he had been lucky in the making of his fortune. Most rich men do not like to credit their money-making They very naturally prefer Sir Henry was frank. He said: "Yes, my start in life was due to a stroke of pure luck. I had made about \$7,000 and Lazine's travels to flowly that poverty was looking about for a business ina bench was sitting Jack Thompson. ligence overcomes difficulties; floth (I think Sir Henry said 'Jack'). knew him as a very capable timber could pick up a good timber limit at a low figure. I had not been thinking as still handed down in the tribe, de-scribes how a beautiful girl was kid-feldom with a good one.

a very good limit. I've been over it. Beheld this dreamed-of treasurer You can get it for \$65,000.' That set me thinking. Next day I went to the With proud and daffodillage the control of the with proud and daffodillage the control of the with proud and daffodillage the control of the contr bank and was fortunate in borrowing I'd laugh and bare my head to English enough, over and above what I had, to in the totem forest, but he will return in the spring with several experienced helpers and continue the work of investigation and restoration.

Meantime Dr. Smith is studying the indian lore and attempting to learn the spring to learn the studying the indian lore and attempting to learn the spring to learn the spring with several experienced helpers and continue the work of indian lore and attempting to learn the spring with several experienced helpers and continue the work of indian lore and attempting to learn the spring with several experienced helpers and continue the work of indian lore and attempting to learn the spring with several experienced helpers and continue the work of indian lore and attempting to learn the spring with several experienced helpers and continue the work of indian lore and attempting to learn the spring with several experienced helpers and continue the work of indian lore and attempting to learn the spring with several experienced helpers and continue the work of indian lore and attempting to learn the spring with several experienced helpers and continue the work of indian lore and attempting to learn the spring with several experienced helpers and continue the work of indian lore and attempting to learn the spring with several experienced helpers and continue the work of indian lore and attempting to learn the spring with the balance started in the lumber business. It may be that some of Sir Henry's close friends may be able to confirm this story. Nor yet

domain not usually associated with nationalist ambitions.

It is a form of nationalism which the world must welcome. It is a form thing like \$40,000 or \$50,000, as I have he would have to get out of it the best been told, and which turned out to be way he could. He said that was all

should all be agreed, in that matter.

"A timber limit is one of the most distance of the most it is one of th "I knew nothing about the course

ed me \$13,000 profit. That's what I call

That was a famous transeverything in its pathway, including action which is known to have laid the Sheer good luck made all the differ-

> IDLER IN THE SUN What is your philosophy, O idler in the

with the late James J. Hill, the great Leisurely I see you sitting, when the Blowing smoke-rings from your pipe, your eyes quite unc "There was a tluck was al- What is all your dreaming, and the secret you have learned?

> to be The farther places of the earth would all be calling me;
> Upon the glistening summits would my
> thoughts at random fare
> While a multitude of unknown persons walked beside me there.

> Have you a better way than mine for keeping calm and sweet Perhaps you journey with the passers-They go such prim and narrow paths to And dare not let their fancies run a

> Have you, O calm philosopher, decided it is best Beside a hearth at even-tide to merely sit and rest? And is it really wisdom, though the spirit grieves to roam, To end each dream serenely in the quietude of home? -Grace E. Hall, in Portland Oregon

> ENGLAND (By an Australian on her first visit to the Motherland). "I thought that when my stranger With proud and daffodiling love