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## NOVA SCOTIA'S EXAMPLE

Not only has Nova Scotia the advantage of a technical college in Halifax, and evening vocational classes every fall and winter in a number of towns, but in connection with the technical college the work of correspondence instruction is carried on. The superintendent of this branch, Mr. A. T. Jewitt, gives a very interesting account of the work in the May issue of Vocational Education, published by the department of labor in Ottawa. The first attempt to establish correspondence courses was made in 1916, but because of the necessity of training disabled soldiers it was discontinued until March of last year, when Mr. Jewitt was appointed superintendent. A year later, or in March of this year, 160 students, from every county in the province, were taking courses. The percentage of enrollment in each group is as follows:

Commercial Courses	86
Drawing	21
Industrial Courses	11
Mathematical Courses	16
General Courses	9
Home Making Courses	7

Since mathematics and drawing are a part of industrial training, the percentage in the industrial group is 48, which is regarded as very satisfactory, showing as it does that many working mechanics desire to get a good theoretical knowledge of their work.

But there was another excellent result. So many persons in Halifax itself wanted to take correspondence courses when they found these were available that it was possible to open more evening classes in that city, and Mr. Jewitt says it is expected similar action will be taken in other parts of the province next fall. It is further expected that evening school students will take correspondence courses when their classes close for the season, and thus those who desire it will be able to continue their studies throughout the year. The technical college was not ready with correspondence courses at the outset, but was able to get them through the courtesy of the Provincial Institute of Technology and Art, Calgary; the University of Wisconsin, the state board of education for Massachusetts, and the Women's Institute of America. Eventually the college will issue its own courses, but in the meantime courses in no less than fifty-five subjects are available.

The beginning New Brunswick has made in vocational education should lead to results similar to those already achieved in Nova Scotia. This province has begun in the right way with evening classes, but there is need of vocational day schools such as Woodstock already possesses, and St. John cannot afford to be the last to take action.

## THE LUNCHEON HABIT.

The Toronto Star prints a humorous article about the "speech-eaters," who have got the habit of attending lunches and manifesting a hunger for speeches. We quote:

"As one looks about him at a noon-day speech-feast and sees all the familiar faces which for a quarter of a century or even longer have seldom been missing from a gathering of that sort, as one sees the strained expectancy on the faces of these speech-eaters as they take in the spoken words, one is forced to marvel within himself and ask how do they get that way? Is a man born an avid listener or through habit does he become so addicted to noon-hour speech-eating that he can't leave off? One does not know, but surely in no city would a scientific investigator have a better chance of finding out than here."

Of course there cannot be any valid objection to luncheon speeches. They are usually full of information and of some inspirational value. The Toronto Star appears to fear, however, that the general tendency is to develop a faith in words which takes the place of works. Thus:

"If a man listens to five thousand words about the starving children of Russia, he feels that he has done what he could for them. He has evinced an interest in their sad fate, and, as he listens to the speaker, he leans back in his chair, while the lunch of which he has just partaken mingles down and adjusts itself to his environment in that comfortable receptacle which nature provides for the purpose. He is in an excellent mood to reflect upon how terrible a thing famine is and how fortunate those are who do not experience it."

The test of a luncheon speech or any other speech is what it prompts the listener to do, and the following questions asked by the Star are very much to the point:

"Are words worth all the pursuit that is given them? Are words without works going to get anybody anywhere? To what purpose do men do all this listening to the copious flow of words on all conceivable subjects? Is a flow of language, and the listening that men give it as it flows, an end in itself? Are not those who listen on all occasions, and who take it out in listening, who thereby evince an interest which they do not otherwise evince—are they not moving in a world

of realities where words instead of realities are the stock in trade?" The observant and thoughtful citizen who attends luncheons and week after week and month after month—perhaps year after year—sees the same faces around the table no doubt wonders what the effect may be, and to what extent a speaker's words are followed by works on the part of the listeners. Merely to be a human sponge is not an achievement. Even faith without works is of no avail, and the only justification for the words of a speaker is that they may stimulate the listener to make more of life's opportunities for self-improvement and community welfare. We must not forget, however, that a luncheon or even an afternoon tea has launched many an important movement. Let us not, therefore, deride what may be made an instrument of great service.

## THEY ALL ENVIED THE COMMODORE

As Usual the Sly Old Romeo was With a Lovely Woman.

(J. L. Stewart in Chatham World) I made my first visit to the House of Commons last night. Mrs. Copp, wife of the secretary of state, recognized me in the Chateau Laurier, though she had not met me for many years, and took me to the House and gave me a seat beside her in the Speaker's gallery. Mrs. Copp is a beautiful woman, and, of course, the eyes of members were attracted to the gallery. And old friends of mine, recognizing me, came up for a chat. Finance Minister Fielding led the procession, and we had a pleasant chat over old times. The premier taking notice, smiled on me very prettily next day when he visited the Press Association, taking me evidently for a good Liberal or a possible convert to Liberalism. Mrs. Copp left the House after a half hour, attended two or three functions for ladies, returned for me, and took me for a drive through Ottawa's beautiful suburbs. I think she had two or three engagements for tea, receptions, and at home later in the evening. She is indefatigable in attending to the social side of political life at the capital, and if Mr. Copp does not eventually become premier it will not be the fault of his charming wife. The doorkeeper took note of the company I was in the first day I attended, and the visitors I had in the gallery, and when I went subsequently they met me with smiles and bows, asked where I wanted to sit, and sent pages to escort me there and pass me through the guards at the doors, no need for me to send cards in to members to get me seats in the private galleries. Mrs. Morrissey and Mr. Morrissey were among those who called on me in the gallery the other day. Our M. P. looks lonesome. He takes no part in the business, has nothing whatever to do, and would be lonely indeed if his amiable and lively wife were not with him.

## MORE EFFICIENCY INDUSTRY'S NEED

Glaring Instances of Waste Should Serve as Examples to All.

At the present time there is every indication that the general trend of business in this country is upward and that we are moving into a period of increased commercial activity, says S. W. Strauss, president of the American Society for Thrift. The revival of business should emphasize the need of individual efficiency in this country's upward march. Strauss, president of the American Society for Thrift, is a man of business and the American business man is a dominant force in the affairs of mankind, there are glaring instances of waste in industry which should be incentives to each of us to make more effort to increase the efficiency of our own work.

In order to gain an idea of how small forms of waste and carelessness run into staggering terms when considered from the standpoint of the nation, a few authentic statistics which have been made public at various times during the last few years may be quoted. In the shipment of eggs there is a waste of \$200,000,000 annually. No more than six out of ten eggs laid reach the consumer. There is an estimated waste in mining of more than \$1,000,000 daily, and \$80,000,000 worth of waste paper is burned instead of being bound up and sold. Fires of avoidable causes cost an annual destruction of \$100,000,000. It is said that considerably less than one-half of the trees cut from the forests reach the consumer. These are just a few of the many instances of loss to industry through individual negligence, and the list could be multiplied with equally startling figures.

The individual should bear in mind that certain rules of efficiency can be laid down by business concerns, but that these are to a great extent made ineffective if there is no desire to cooperate. It should be borne in mind that in the long run the individual who indulges in slothful methods will be the greatest loser.

Remember thrift in your daily life. No matter what may be your vocation, it is a duty you owe to your employer, to your associates, to the nation and to yourself.

Rev. J. F. Denny, for fourteen years a missionary in British Guiana, gave an interesting talk last evening in the Queen Square Methodist church on Demerara. His address was listened to with close attention.

## FIFTEEN MINUTES OF RADIO EACH DAY

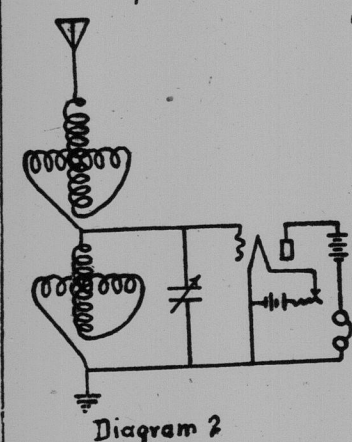
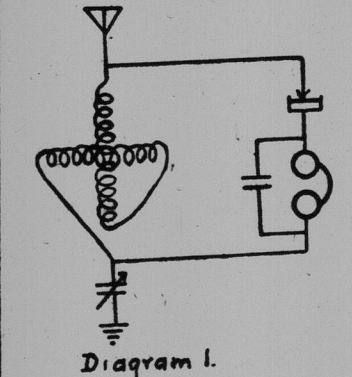
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Lesson No. 31  
THE VARIOMETER

The variometer consists briefly of two coils of wire connected in series, one of the coils being stationary and the other so mounted that it may be rotated within the stationary coil. If current flows through both coils in the same direction, the magnetic fields assist each other and the self-induction of the variometer is at a maximum. If the inner coil is rotated so that the current flows through the coils in opposite directions, the magnetic fields oppose one another and the self-induction is at a minimum. The self-induction of the variometer, therefore, depends upon the relative positions of the coils.

By rotating the inner coil within the stationary coil, a continuous variation of inductance may be obtained. For the purpose of close tuning within a small range of wave-length variation, the variometer may be connected in the aerial circuit of a receiver as shown in Diagram 1.



In this simple receiving circuit the variometer is connected in the same manner as a single slide tuner. When the variometer is adjusted to a low value of inductance, it offers much more resistance to the currents of radio frequency than a tuning coil having the same amount of inductance.

For use on the amateur wave length of 200 meters, the variometer may have an inner coil three and one-half inches in diameter, wound with 20 turns of No. 24 S.S.C. wire and an outer coil four inches in diameter, wound with 15 turns of No. 24 S.S.C.

In diagram 2 is shown a receiving circuit containing two variometers used with a vacuum tube detector. Very close tuning is obtained by a receiving circuit connected in this manner.

Due to the physical difficulties of constructing a variometer for long wave-lengths, it is usually constructed in comparatively small sizes for small ranges of wave-length, and as it furnishes a continuous variation of inductance it offers a decided advantage over other forms of variable inductance which use sliding contacts or switches.

Lessons to follow will explain in detail the construction of the variometer and its varied and highly valuable properties in the transmission and reception of radio signals.

## LITTLE BLUE RIBBONS.

(Austin Dobson) "Little Blue-Ribbons" We call her that From the ribbons she wears in her favorite hat!

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"Little Blue-Ribbons" has eyes of blue, And an arch little mouth, when the teeth peep through; And her primitive look is wise and grave. With a sense of the weight of the word "behave!"

Though now and again she may concede To a radiant smile for a private friend; But to smile forever is weak, you know, And "Little Blue-Ribbons" regards it so. She's a staid little woman! And so as well.

Is her electricity getting on her nerves? But I think what at present the most takes up.

The thought of her heart is her last new cup; For the object thereof—be it understood—Is the "Robin that buried the 'Babe' in the Wood!"

It is not in the least like a robin, declares so, "Little Blue-Ribbons" declares so.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

The Newest Trick. "He began business on a mere shre string."

"And developed rapidly, I suppose?" "Very truly a successful bootlegger."

## Just One More.

Mother—"Don't ask me so many questions. Willie!—What did he do?"

Willie—"O-o-o!" What became of the kittens, mother?

## Evidently.

North—"What the judge said took my breath away."

West—"What did he do? Tell you to quit making hooch?"

"What time is it?" asked his wife suspiciously, as he came in. "About 1."

"Just then the clock struck 3. "Gracious! When did that clock begin to stutter?" he said, with what proved to be a little attempt at justification.

In these days, when England is overrun by the proletariat, anything may happen. The London waiter, always professional snob, has lost some of his old-time finesse. A profligate was lunching at Claridge's the other day and preparatory to the ordered knicker his napkin about his neck. The waiter hurried forward with a wink to the more knowing patrons and inquired in a carrying voice: "Haircut or shave, sir?"

Two men, one of whom was in the habit of counting his blessings, the other his misdeeds, were staying at the same small hotel in the same small town. One day they came down very late and saw the unappetizing remains of breakfast on the solitary table which the room contained.

Said the peasant: "I wonder if there is any milk left in that pitcher?" The optimist's request was "Pass the cream!"

## A NICE PUBLICATION

A very attractive supplement to the Halifax Morning Chronicle has been received at the Times office. It is entitled "The Summer Land" and gives a comprehensive survey of the various cities and towns of Nova Scotia. The edition contains a copy of the game laws, a list of motor routes, directions as to where to hunt and fish and many other items of interest to native as well as the tourist and is profusely illustrated throughout, reflecting credit on the publishers. It contains sixty-four pages each one with interesting and valuable information.

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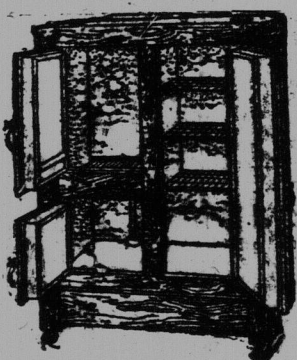
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outfits specially adapted for use on the farm. It consisted of dynamo and storage battery, both of which have been installed in the basement. A gasoline engine which not only pumps the water but also supplies the power necessary for the generation of electricity. The dwelling house, barns and outbuildings have all been wired and the fixtures are of the most modern type. The only thing which appears to be lacking is the metre, but it is not greatly missed. An electric flat-iron is part of the equipment, and Mrs. Wood is hopeful that some day she will get a birthday present in the form of an electric washer. The lighting plant has now been in use for more than a year and there has never been the slightest hitch in supplying the necessary current.

In conversation with a representative of The Daily Mail, Mr. Wood stated that the modern improvements which he had installed had cost some money, but he was thoroughly satisfied with the investment. "We are only going through the world once," said Mr. Wood, "and why should we not take all the enjoyment we can out of life. The improvements I made to my home cost me several thousand dollars, but neither I or the members of my family begrudge the expenditure. I had the cash to spare and I thought I might as well get some benefit from it as have it lying in a bank drawing three per cent. interest."

"You will need a radio equipment next," suggested the Mail man. "Yes, I will," was reply of the genial David, "but I think I will be content to wait a while yet, until it gets beyond the experimental stage."

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