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By Ruth Cameron.

THOSE CRAZY STATEMENTS.

Speaking of laws we ought to have I have a hazy notion I recall some remarks on "there ought to be a law" let's add a law to punish people who go about making misleading statements on the subject of finances. This is the kind of thing I refer to.

Apparently someone must have paid him for the privilege of making repairs, for the gas alone to have travelled those 12,000 miles would have cost him \$100 (allowing him 20 miles to the gallon) and that alone was \$62 in excess of his reckoning.

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Someday the man who listened so eagerly to those delightful figures will look back and say: "What was the man talking about?" But at the time he was ready to fight anyone who questioned the accuracy of his information.

I've been through the same experience myself and I know, you see. Yes, I really think it would be fine if we could pass a law making people who make these wild statements financially responsible for some of the losses of the people who act on them. Let's all write our senators.

Meant What She Said.

The local church conference was over, and the hostesses were returning from seeing the visitors off at the station.

"Who did you have, Mrs. Brown?" asked Mrs. Jones.

"Oh, I had a very nice minister!" replied Mrs. Brown. "Who did you have?"

"Well, I had two locust preachers." "Oh, you mean two local preachers, Mrs. Brown?"

"No; I had two locust preachers!" was the reply.

"But locusts are those things which come in swarms and eat up everything and—"

"That's right," said her friend; "and I had two of them!"

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Newfoundland Memorial at Amiens.

TRIBUTES TO ISLAND DOMINION'S SOLDIERS

At Amiens Cathedral, on Sunday, August 27th, a tablet, commemorating the Newfoundland soldiers who fell in the first Battle of the Somme, was presented by Sir Richard Squires, Prime Minister of Newfoundland, and unveiled by M. M. Dormand, representing the Prefect of the Somme.

In making the presentation, Sir Richard Squires said:—
"It is most appropriate that this, the first occasion of the formal presentation of a war memorial by Newfoundland to France should be at Amiens. Your capital city of the Somme has many historic associations with Newfoundland. From the shores of Northern France many sturdy seamen went to the shores and banks of Newfoundland. The bank fisheries are still prosecuted by French fishermen, and you have the French possession of St. Pierre and Miquelon off our Southern coast. The names of many of the towns and fishing villages are of French origin, and on the south coast there are still a number of French fishing and farming families who retain their own language and customs. Amiens has been specially identified with Newfoundland because of the Anglo-French treaty of 1802, which bears the name of this city. Under that treaty, certain outstanding disputes between England, France and other countries were adjusted, and Newfoundland as a British Colony and fishing rights along our shores were particularly affected thereby.

"Our people were a unit, in a great fight for a common cause, one in reverse and one in victory, one in the mutual agony of war. Our Newfoundland soldier boys appreciated the valor and friendliness of their French comrades in arms. They will never forget the courtesy, consideration, and the care of the people of the Somme, with whose lives, sufferings and deaths they were identified.

"On behalf of the people of Newfoundland, I consequently ask you to accept for your Cathedral this War Memorial and the Flag of our Island. The boys who have returned, the relatives and friends of those who have not returned, our whole people join with me in greeting you in this historic and sacred edifice."

M. Dormand, in his reply said:—
"We have long known this race that our fishermen have met on the shores of Newfoundland, according to the Treaty of Paris, Versailles and Amiens. In yonder places we learned to know and appreciate them and to love them more than a century ago. Therefore, we are not surprised when we see them hastening from overseas to our battlefields (more especially Beaumont-Hamel and Guedecourt) fighting there like lions for the defence of right and civilization. One can indeed say that they have died for France, and their self-sacrifice commands us to keep a debt of pious gratitude toward them. We feel for them, even as for our own dead, a deep fondness and gratefulness. Officers and soldiers from Newfoundland, you shall live in the glorious immortality of those who rest under the ground of our beloved Fatherland, which is given to the gallant defenders of honour and the world's freedom."

Among those present, in addition to the Prime Minister, were the Hon. W. R. Warren, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice of Newfoundland; Col. Nangle of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment; Lt.-Col. G. O'N. Conroy; Captain Victor Gordon, acting High Commissioner for Newfoundland; Messrs. J. O. Murphy and W. Hutchings, representing the Great War Veterans Association of Newfoundland.

The memorial is in the form of a marble tablet, bearing the Carillon head of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, and the following inscription (in English and French): "To the glory of God, to the honour of the Island, and to the enduring memory of those of the Newfoundland Contingent who fell in the first Battle of the Somme. Behold this stone shall be a witness unto us." Joshua, 24-27.

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Fads and Fashions.

More top-coats and fewer capes are seen for Fall. It is rumored that helmet hats will have a vogue.

Both coats and gowns feature the one-sided fastening.

The turned back embroidered glove is favoured by Paris.

This street dress is apt to be worn more than the two-piece suit.

Jackets of fancy materials are worn with long pleated skirts.

Rows of narrow flat braid are particularly good as trimming.

A great French designer has placed the waistline higher at front.

THE DRIVER'S PROGRESS.



When first a voter gets a car, how carefully he drives! No rules or bylaws will he mar, he'll take no precious lives. He drives his boat along the sands, along the busy ways, he holds the wheel with right hand and left, miles an hour," observes this man, "is fast enough, I wot; and he who faster sends his van should presently be shot." Old timers hear him and they shed their sad, denatured smiles; when they were fresh they also said, "The proper speed's ten miles." Behold the voter and his life when two brief months are sped; now twenty miles his limit is, he has not lost his head. He lectures all the village sports on sanity in speed, and says that scorches in the courts should dig their chickenfeed. "Oh, twenty miles is fast enough for any man," he cries, "and he's a vandal and a tough who like a comet flies." The week's sail on, as weeks will sail, since time has many wiles, and now that voter is in jail for hitting sixty miles. "Life is too short," he tells the judge, "to move like mule-drawn drays;" the jurist mutters, "Bunk!" and "Fudge!" and gives him sixty days.

Very Unusual.

The recruit was weighed down with orders by the sergeant-major when he went on barrack guard. He was told to be sure and turn out the guard for any unusual occurrences. So at 10 p.m., as the sergeant-major came smartly through the gate, the recruit turned out the guard.

When the sulphurous atmosphere had cleared a little and the recruit was allowed to speak, he reported his reason for turning out the guard. "Unusual occurrence," he said, "sergeant-major in barracks at 10 p.m. Sober."

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