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## OF WHAT USE?

Senator David of Montreal suggests that Hon. Mr. King and Hon. Mr. Meighen should follow the example of Cartier and D'Orion in pre-federation days, and withdraw temporarily from the leadership of their parties in order that the contending elements in Canada might become united on the basis of a truly national policy. His purpose in suggesting this compromise is chiefly to avoid another general election. With the chief party leaders set aside, he would have an alliance effected between Liberals and Conservatives such as would give the country "the energetic and truly national policy of which it stands so much in need."

In other words, he would do by means of a committee what the people of Canada were asked to do lately by means of a general election. That would be to substitute action of a compromise nature in the House for the judgment of the people at large. Even as a temporary expedient there is little hope in any such course. Should the leaders temporarily retire, the issues would remain. Assuming that an alliance were formed, including a sufficient number of the members on both sides to give a compromise ministry a working majority, the effect would be merely to prolong the uncertainty and to postpone the general election which is inevitable, and from which alone there can come a government clothed with sufficient authority to go forward boldly with policies commanding the approval of a majority of the electors of Canada.

Whether Hon. Mr. King is right or wrong in deciding that his ministry should meet Parliament that course has now been determined upon, and it will be for Parliament to say whether the government can live, and for how long. There are great problems which press for action. Among these are the railroads, taxation, immigration, and the increased use of Canadian ports, which, not to mention others, cannot be dealt with successfully by a ministry of compromise. There is no public mandate warranting the introduction of a union government such as was the product of the war emergency. How soon it may come is not at the moment clear, but that another election must come and is necessary in order to clear up the situation is obvious. There is no other road to the decisive and authoritative sort of administration which the needs of the country demand.

## A NEW ENGLAND EXAMPLE.

The Maritimes in due course may find it well to follow the example of the New England States, where a determined effort is being made to promote co-operation by the agricultural, industrial and commercial interests. As was demonstrated by the Charlotte-town conference, there is a great chance for the development of a more successful agriculture in the Maritimes through the fact that these provinces are to-day importing a tremendous quantity of foodstuffs which they might well raise on their own acres, thus promoting the welfare of our own farmers, keeping millions more of our money at home, and providing additional markets for the output of our own industries and the goods from our own shops. It is largely a question of analyzing existing opportunities and bringing about a better working relation between the cities and towns on the one hand and the country districts on the other.

The New England campaign includes at the present time a meeting now going on at Worcester, Mass., where some hundreds of men are in conference representing agriculture, industry and commercial organizations from six states, for the purpose of advancing their common interests. One of the objects sought is to promote co-operation between these states, just as co-operation is desired on the part of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. As in our own case, New England is still importing a great deal of food which it might profitably raise on its own farms. An effort will be made to show how closely related are the factories and the farms, and how much the prosperity of one depends upon the success of the other. Among the subjects to be considered are power supply, transportation, agriculture, co-operative marketing, potato growing, and "selling New England products in New England."

In many ways the New England problems are very much like our own. The leaders of the movement are confident that an analysis of the situation will show, for example, that many forms of agriculture in the New England States can be carried on with much greater profit to the farmer than at present, and yet that the result will be to give a better supply and substantially lower prices to the consumers in the towns and cities than they now enjoy. Those states for a great many years past have been feeling the competition of the south and west, just as the Maritimes have been affected by the development of Western Canada, which has taken away many of our people.

Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania is reported to be making an effort to settle the anthracite strike, and cynical observers say that is an indication that the price of anthracite is likely to go up. This jibe is based on the fact that the price did go up when he succeeded in settling the last strike.

The city of Vancouver has at present no fewer than twenty-six public parks, large and small, and the Vancouver Province says that the playgrounds of that city now "take the lead on this Continent as compared with any city of corresponding population." That sort of progress is indeed a matter for congratulation.

And now there is said to be a determination among a lot of Congressmen to lighten the burden of taxes on the necessities of life. We used to hear talk of that kind in Canada. If our American friends are seriously worrying about the consumers' daily necessities, they may be able to persuade a Republican Congress to reduce or abolish the tariff on Canadian food products.

## Odds and Ends

### Travelers

(Stanton A. Coblenz in New York Times.)

What if we be but travelers from afar Who find on earth a passing hour of rest Upon some flaming and immortal quest?

From world to world, from star to star, What if our lives be but a foggy bar Clouding the upward way to twinkling heights unguessed, Veiling in dust the path our feet have pressed, So that we scarce can picture what we are?

Perhaps we have but gained a mooring spot In the long voyage of eternity— A port where tide and tempest are forgot, Where burning skies and shore-lights lure us not, But whence again we shall go sailing free Into the storm-waves of the outer sea.

Gray phantoms of the old adventuring Ghost-like may flit before our startled eyes; And in the spectral red of sunset skies, And in the bashful green of budding Spring, And in the morning song the robins sing, And in pale glimmers when a meteor dies, We may at times, by flickering gleams, The airy beat of some supernal wing.

And music may be tremulous with the call Of old, old voices sobbing through a haze; And love may speak them in her sparkling gaze, And in her arms the blinding years may all Be pierced and crumpled like a paper wall That hides our bright and beckoning yesterdays.

The child that loves to frolic, laugh and run With the fresh radiance of all growing things, Perhaps was glad to fold a while his wings For a brief interlude of wind and sun. Blind to the glittering peaks his soul has won And those far sky-ways whence his being springs, He may rejoice in rest from wanderings Ere the old ageless quest is new-begun.

And of the frail and gray-haired, not a few May hear faint echoes drawing them once more Back to the star-gleam and the day-less shore. And these may yearn, when mortal life is through, To take the comet's pathway, and pursue The light of alien sun-swarms as before.

### Some Make a Dollar.

(Toronto Star)

In this country a man can still make a dollar if he knows how. A farmer near Stayner has received \$4,500 for the white clover seed off twelve acres, and two of the chartered bunks have declared a quarterly dividend of 3 per cent.

### Common Mistake.

(Exchange.)

"I married Louis because I thought he was a dreamer."

"And now?"

"Now I find he is simply a sleeper."

### Explained.

(Pink Un.)

Professor A. V. Hill told the British Association that men can run faster than women. This account for there being so many bachelors.

### Not Guilty.

(American Legion Weekly.)

"Explain the story of Jonah and the whale," said the Sunday school teacher. "Why should I try to?" replied the lad. "I wasn't the fellow who told it."

### Fairly Safe Betting.

(Kansas City Star.)

It has almost got so in this country that if a fellow lives through Sunday he can figure on a good chance to live until the next Sunday.

## Just Fun

### THEY WILL HAPPEN

"WE WISH to apologise to Mrs. Claire Mead," writes an editor. "In our paper last week we gave an account of Mrs. Mead's beautiful Halloween celebration at her house and, of course as French is quite the thing nowadays we spoke of it as a 'fete.' Unfortunately, the compositor, whose knowledge of French is both general and specific, set and printed the line as 'Mrs. Claire Mead's Big Feet.'"

"EASY MONEY," a shine boy remarked as he pocketed a girl's coin. "Nothing left to their shoes now but the toes."

BOOTLEGGERS never have to have a rummage sale of old stuff.

SIX THINGS A MAN HATES TO SEE ON A WOMAN.

- 1.—Wool socks.
- 2.—Spats.
- 3.—Bologna rimmed nose plinchers.
- 4.—Bobbed hair.
- 5.—Elongated bangs.
- 6.—Too much clothing.

A VILLAGE is a place where the shine boy will be at the barber shop again next Saturday.

SOME PEOPLE present an argument the way a woman gets off a street car.

"WHAT'S the dope?" asked one opium fiend to another.

THE CLOTHES that make the man are the clothes that break the man.

NEW YORK recently celebrated its 261st birthday, but it still stays like a 16-year-old.

BISHOP William Walter Webb of Wisconsin was asked by a Milwaukee golfer the other day what he thought of Sunday golf.

"I think," Bishop Webb answered, "that if the players don't need a rest, the golf links do."

## SUNSHINE SPELLETS

By DR. W. F. THOMSON.

Ventilate—Ventilate—Office man; Stay in the open all that you can. Throw away dust—throw away gloom— Moisten the air of your stove-heated room— Closing the window is sealing your doom— So, Ventilate—Ventilate—all that you can.

Cold, dry air is a stimulant; hot, dry air, a depressant.

As a disinfectant, direct sunlight beats carbolic acid.

I like to sit by the open grate— (It's the open fires that ventilate) For my face gets flushed and my head aches when I've spent the day in a steam-heated den.

## Dinner Stories

IN AN ENGLISH courtroom, an Irish witness was being examined as to his knowledge of a shooting affray.

"Did you see the shot fired?" the magistrate asked.

"No, sorr. I only heard it."

"That evidence is not satisfactory," replied the magistrate sternly. "Sit down!"

The witness proceeded to leave the box, and directly his back was turned he laughed derisively. The magistrate, indignant at the contempt of court, called him back and asked him how he dared to laugh in court.

"Did you see me laugh, your honor?" queried the offender.

"No, sir; but I heard you," was the irate answer.

"That evidence is not satisfactory," said Pat, quietly, but with a twinkle in his eye.

And this time everybody laughed—even the magistrate.

A LADY took her four-year-old daughter to be photographed. The little one could not be kept still. The camera man was suave, called the child all the sweet, endearing names he could think of, and used every device of gentle persuasion to make the little wiggler keep quiet. Finally he turned to the despairing mother and said: "Madam, if you will leave your darling with me a few minutes I think I can take her lovely face to perfection."

The mother withdrew for a short time. Soon the photographer summoned her back and exhibited a highly satisfactory negative. When they reached home the mother asked: "Nellie, what did that nice gentleman say to you when I left you alone with him?"

"Well, he thaid, 'if you don't thit still, you ugly, squint-eyed little monkey, I'll shake the life out of you.' So I that very still, mamma."

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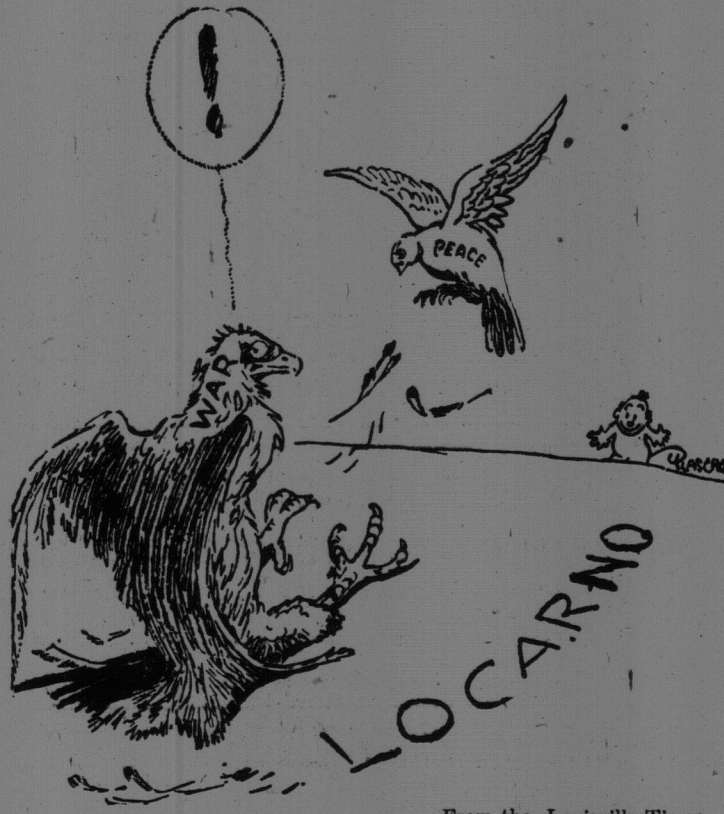


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## The Surprise



From the Louisville Times.

## The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

THERE'S SOMETHING TO LEARN FROM THE ANIMALS.

WITH all his superiority, man can yet learn much from animals. In that great poem in which America's great poet, Walt Whitman, celebrates himself, there appear the lines:

"I think I could turn and live with animals, they are so placid and self-contained; I stand and look at them long and long. They do not sweat and whine about their condition; They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins; They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God; Not one is dissatisfied—not one is dejected with the mantle of de- manded things; Not one kneels to another, nor to his kind that lived thousands of years ago."

THE Perverse Philosopher was speaking. "Animals do not have radios, airplanes and motion pictures; but neither are they prey to the infinite number of ills that beset man."

"The lives of most men are comparatively short; but they do not spend their lives in paying for old wars and preparing for new ones. Possibly they do not talk; but they have better sight, better hearing, by far a more acute sense of smell. "Some of them, like men, eat the flesh of dead animals, and others live on grass and herbs; but none except those who have to live with men and eat men's food, have 'stomach trouble.'"

AND who shall say the Perverse Philosopher wasn't speaking wisely?

## Poems That Live

### DISDAIN RETURNED.

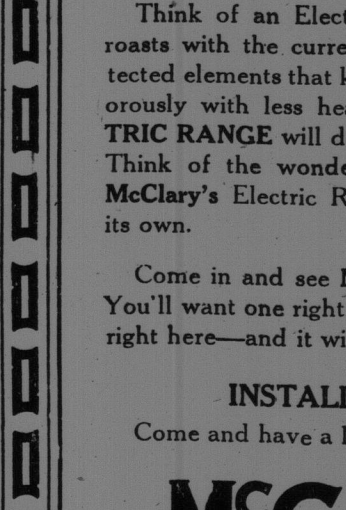
He that loves a rosy cheek, Or a coral lip admires, Or from star-like eyes doth seek Fuel to maintain his fires,— As old Time makes these decay, So his flames must waste away. But a smooth and steadfast mind, Gentle thoughts and calm desires, Hearts with equal love combined, Kindle never-dying fires. Where these are not, I despise Lovely cheeks or lips, or eyes. No tears, Celia, now shall win My resolved heart to return; I have search'd thy soul within, And find naught but pride and scorn; I have learned thy arts, and now Can disdain as much as thou. Some power, in my revenge, convey That love to her I cast away.

—Thomas Carew.

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## Other Views

### DANGEROUS DRIVERS.

(London Times.)

In the course of time a large number of drivers will certainly acquire good manners on the road just as they will acquire "road sense." But it is also probable that a minority will remain whose lack of social instincts has prevented them from becoming safe members of the community. Drivers of this complexion are apt to display their innate selfishness and boorishness on every possible occasion. They clear a way for themselves with indiscriminate hootings of so loud a character as to preclude the possibility of their hearing any other warning sound; they "cut in," in the expressive phrase of the road; they are negligent in giving signals of their intentions, and reluctant in yielding their rights to any other user of the highway. These men and women are habitual "dangerous drivers." It should be the business of all motorists as well as of the police to report their misdemeanors and so to secure their permanent suppression.

TEMPERANCE IN QUEBEC.

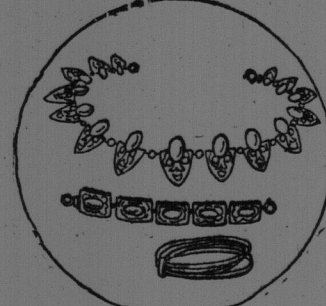
Le Canada: Since the liquor laws have been in force in our province, there has been a constant diminution in the number of cases of drunkenness, public morality is becoming more and more respectable and proper. The cannot be said of the United States, where drunkenness is becoming more common instead of dying out.

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