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MR. FORKE'S IDEA OF IT.

Mr. Forke's speech in the course of the debate at Ottawa last evening leaves many points in doubt, but there is one on which he makes himself exceedingly clear. He does not want an election. When Dr. Manion questioned him concerning a report that the Progressives and the Liberals might form a coalition government, Mr. Forke made this declaration:

"I would favor any coalition to get us out of our troubles."

He elaborated this somewhat, saying that if the Conservatives were in power, and willing to form a coalition to forward principles for which he, Mr. Forke, stood, he would be quite willing to join them. He advised Dr. Manion not to believe all of the rumors he heard, but Dr. Manion and the other members hearing Mr. Forke's reply must have inferred that he was ready to make a combination with either of the other parties, but preferably with the Liberals, in order to avoid dissolution, for later in his speech he said: "It was for Parliament to get business accomplished, and if after a few weeks members had to go back to the country and admit that Parliament could not function, he hoped the people would keep them there and send back new members."

Evidently he expects the session to go on to something like its normal length, for he said: "We are going to get the Hudson Bay Railway this session. I feel sure of it." And apparently he feels sure that the Progressives will secure, with the aid of one party or the other, other legislation which they regard as important.

Mr. Forke's following is small, but where he sits just now is the head of the table, and his speech, though noticeably guarded at many points, indicates his belief that the coming vote on the amendment will result in keeping the administration alive. That remains to be seen. If the next division gives the Government no more majority than it did on the last one, its hold upon power will be seen to be too feeble to warrant the belief that it can survive all the emergencies that are in sight. If the Conservatives are really anxious to get to the country, in spite of Mr. Forke's assertion that he would be willing to assist in keeping the Conservatives in power under certain conditions, Mr. McLaughlin could not afford to meet the Progressive requirements. If he did so, at least, he would be compelled to abandon progress in regard to matters that he has declared most essential, because with respect to those the Conservatives and the Progressives hold sharply opposing views.

The debate thus far is largely a threshing of the straw that was pretty well gone over in the last election. It represents rather party jockeying than the action on public issues which the country is waiting for. Further talk, lacking action, will only serve to increase public impatience and dissatisfaction.

HOCKEY PLUS.

Up in Montreal they are emboldening their hockey by the introduction of forms of exercise suggesting the arena away back in the days when our old friend Spartacus was the big noise. Clean hockey ought to provide players and spectators alike with all the excitement necessary, but the Montreal brand that is being presented just now presumably exerts considerable attraction for that portion of the public—not inconsiderable in Montreal—which has a taste for battle, murder and sudden death. At one of last night's games the referee found time to land two heavy rights at the jaws of spectators whose comments had annoyed him, broken bottles were thrown on the ice, and police protection was required to prevent some of the gentlemen present from making martyrs of several of the officials.

There was a crowded house, for trouble was expected, there having been a curtain-raiser of the same sort at the Forum at a game last Saturday night between Montreal and the Canadiens. The Montreal Gazette spoke of that affair as "a very regrettable incident" and administered a mild rebuke to the more active participants. Reading between the lines of the Gazette's editorial treatment of the battle, one infers that at times the action was fairly sprightly. Hear the Gazette:

"Morera, in the action of some skillful play, was checked by Noble just when a goal seemed imminent, and the defensive action, which appeared to be fair enough to most spectators, seems to have stirred the passions of a number of partisans, some of whom went beyond the bounds of exuberant and fair expression of feeling and sentiment by throwing a number of empty bottles, not, perhaps, at any specific player or official amongst those congregated around the fallen Morera, but hosing-bolus in the direction of the group. The danger of splintered glass is manifest, and no protective measures can be too drastic if they will assure the public safety, for not only are players and match officials menaced, but scores of spectators are in the line of fire when missiles are directed from back benches. If the guilt of any offender can be proved such punishment

ment as the courts judge will serve as an example and a deterrent will be approved by the rapidly-growing circle of hockey lovers and the public as a whole."

It has been somewhat difficult to judge in the past just what tactics have been regarded as permissible in Montreal hockey, and it is enlightening to know that throwing bottles at the heads of persons momentarily unpopular is adjudged "beyond the bounds of excusable and fair expression of feeling and sentiment."

Only yesterday a player was in court charged with assaulting a goal judge during a match at the Forum on December 30. The judge fined the prisoner five dollars, and "expressed the hope that his appearance in court and his punishment would be sufficient warning to other hockey fans." His Lordship's hopes, in the light of last night's events a few hours after his judgment was recorded, appear to have been without solid foundation. Montreal folk who have viewed contemptuously the American habit of throwing bottles at baseball umpires, will have ironed out their hockey manners a bit or they will find themselves in the position of those living in glass houses. Hockey is altogether too fine a game to need, or to be handicapped by, the trimmings of violence.

Odds and Ends

Prayer of a Sportsman

(Berton Braley)

Dear Lord, in the battle that goes on through life

I ask but a field that is fair.

A chance that is equal with all in the strife.

A large to give and to dare;

And if I should win, let it be by the code.

With my faith and my honor held

And if I should lose, let me stand by the road

And cheer as the winners go by!

And Lord, may my shouts be ungrudging and clear,

A tribute that comes from the heart,

And let me not cherish a snarl or a sneer,

Or play any sniveling part;

Let me say, "There they ride on whom laurels bestow,"

Since they played the game better than I."

Let me stand with a smile by the side of the road,

And cheer as the winners go by!

So grant me to conquer, if conquer I can,

By proving my worth in the fray;

But teach me to lose like a regular man.

And not like a craven, pray,

Let me take off my hat to the warriors who strode

To victory, splendid and high.

Yes, teach me to stand by the side of the road

And cheer as the winners go by.

Murder Will Out.

(Literary Review.)

Charles Kingston, author of a number of interesting books, including "Famous Judges and Famous Trials," "Dramatic Days at the Old Bailey," tells in his latest work, "The Bench and the Dock" (says a writer in the London Daily News), of the tragic attack of Edward Kean, the actor, to find an answer to this question: How does an innocent man behave when for the first time an accusation of murder is flung at him? Kean was to play the part of a man wrongfully accused of murder. He decided himself to accuse an innocent man of murder. Two fellow-actors and he chose as his victim a man known to have spent the last 80 years of his life helping others, while he lived in a garret.

The accusation was made. "The old man in the shabby suit interrupted him with a cry of horror, and, raising his hands in the air, dashed out of the room and down the stairs." A shot rang out, and the old philanthropist was found dead on the floor. Now King Ferdinand, the youngest of 40 years before the man had shot a man dead.

Carberry Tower.

Carberry Tower, where the Queen was lately a guest of Lord and Lady Elphinstone, is associated with one of the greatest tragedies in Scottish history, for it was on Carberry Hill that Mary Queen of Scots suffered humiliation rare in the history of the Stuarts, who had not often to complain of desertion. It was there that she and Bothwell should have fought it out against her revolting subjects, but her men would not fight. Bothwell rode off to lifeline castle, and the Queen surrendered on Carberry Hill, to be brought back to Edinburgh "in a frenzy or despair, tossing back wild words of defiance to the curses of the crowd."

Tattershall Castle.

By the will of the late Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, two magnificent old castles have been bequeathed to the British nation—Bodiam, in Sussex, and Tattershall, in Lincolnshire. Fuller in his quaint way referred to the latter as being a "Premeditated Building," by reason of the fact that it was improved and enlarged at widely different periods in its history. It belonged at one time to Ralph de Cromwell, whose son was Henry VI. He died without issue, and then the castle became one of the seats of the Earls of Lincoln.

Well, Pretty Near It.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Strictly speaking, it was the Speech from the Throne.

Just Fun

PESKY CRITTERS

"HOW'S your hens doing, Zeb?"

"Darn poor. They're all taking a lay off."—Dartmouth Jack O'Lantern.

"Ah, that touched some hidden chord," murmured the chiropractor as his victim jumped.

WE can remember way back yonder when the thermometer was hovering around 108 degrees in the shade.

SOME PEOPLE are so dumb that they think a home-breaker is in the wrecking business.

TIP to young men: The owl got his reputation for wisdom not by keeping late hours but by keeping his mouth shut.

IF EVERYBODY could do something useful where would the world get its literary critics?

HEADLINE in the Boone, Iowa, News-Republican: "Rain Proves Great Benefit; Three Towns Die."

BEWARE! Some people say that talk is cheap. But 'tis not safe to heed them; I've known two simple words: "Be mine."

To cost a man his freedom.

IT USED to be said "The Romans rule the world and the women rule the Romans." Now the women rule the world and the men are afraid to butt in.

THE most pathetic thing we can think of is the man who chose to death on a Life Saver.

TOWN BOYS are greener in the country than country boys in the town.

"I WAS just reading about a man who one day tried to hang himself and the next day he got married."

"Yeah! Some folks just hain't never satisfied."

CUTTING REMARK

WIFE—The maid has sharp ears.

HUSBAND—Yes, I noticed. The doors are all scratched around the keyholes.—Answers.

JUNE is one of the twelve unlucky months to be married in.

THE ultimate in futility is taking a college course in journalism and then joining the staff of a tabloid newspaper.

A SAXOPHONE will last as long as fifteen years," declares a trade journal. Not if we can help it.

A rag, a bone, a lipstick red, "Ain't nature grand," her lover said.

"I'VE stood about enough!" remarked the man as his legs were amputated.

"DROP me a line," remarked the second mate as he fell overboard.

NO DOUBT!

FRIDAY, generally fair, probably followed by Saturday.—Weather report, Billings, Mont., Blade.

WHICH do you think can tell the biggest lies—golf players or fishermen?

"REMEMBER," said the serious friend, "your country is calling you."

"I know that," replied Senator Pildosen, "but different parts of the country are calling me different things."

SHAKESPEARE DOESN'T

PATENTY. Don't believe everything you hear.

Catty: Certainly not. I just repeat it.—Answers.

VANS ARE COSTLY

MRS. BUMP: Is your daughter's musical training costing you very much?

Mrs. Lump: Yes, quite a bit. We have to move every so often.—Answers.

MAYBE SECOND TIME

ETHEL: Do you believe in love at first sight?

Boyle: No, indeed.

Ethel: Oh dear. Well, come back again tomorrow night.—Life.

TERRIBLE BATTER, TOO

PROF: What do you know about Fidelity?

Dumbly: Nothing sir. I couldn't make the team.—U. of Wash. Columns.

Who's Who

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

QUEEN MARIE.

RECENT news despatches concerning Prince Carol's abdication of his rights to the Roumanian throne brought Queen Marie into prominence once more. Ever since the day 38 years ago when she became the bride of Crown Prince Ferdinand, a now king, she has been of international interest. Called "the match-making queen," it has often been said that she desired a match between her daughter Ileana and the Prince of Wales. Now that Carol has gotten himself into disrepute by his escapades it is unlikely that the English rulers would countenance an alliance between the crown prince and a princess whose brother had renounced his claim to the throne. Furthermore, present rumors hint at an engagement between Wales and Princess Astrid of Sweden.

Queen Marie was Marie Alexandrine Victoria, Princess of Great Britain and Ireland and Grand Duchess of Saxony and 17 when she became engaged to the crown prince of Roumania and now King Ferdinand. She has always been powerful in politics and in the World War her influence was felt in many quarters. She was the first woman in her country to don a nurse's uniform and care for wounded soldiers. Queen Marie is also a factor in other countries, being called "the Mother-in-Law of the Balkans," as one of her daughters is the exiled Queen of Greece and the other Queen of Yugoslavia.

Now, All Together!



—From The Los Angeles Times.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

SHEEP AND MEN

IT SHOULD be obvious to the observant man or woman that a great many persons go through life with as little thinking as possible.

To the cultivated man, it is amazing how many persons are so willing to accept whatever they read or hear without stopping to think whether it makes sense or conforms to their own observations and experience.

Ask the average man why he believes such and such a thing, and the chances are he can't tell you; for he never has thought about it. He is a Democrat or a Republican because his father was; he attends a church of a certain denomination because it was where he was sent in his youth; and any ideas he has about politics, or public affairs, are no more than prejudices, which he cannot read.

THOUGHT is man's greatest and most neglected possession.

"Nothing, at first view may seem more unbounded than the thought of man, which not only escapes all human power and authority, but is not even restrained within the limits of nature and reality," David Hume observed.

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However, few men utilize their reasoning powers; most act blindly, like automatons.

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Thinking for yourself, acting as you think best, is like swimming up stream, and most men are content to drift along with what is known as public opinion, with no more individuality than a sheep, an animal that must have a leader.

Edgar Allan Poe.

Poems That Live

TO MY MOTHER

Because I feel that, in the heavens above, The angels whisper to one another, Can find, among their burning terms of love, None so devoted as that of Mother;

Therefore by that dear name I long have called you, You who are more than mother unto me, And all my heart of hearts, where death installed you, In setting my Virginia's spirit free.

My mother—my own mother, who died early, But but the mother of myself, but you Are mother to the one I loved so dearly, And thus are dearer than the mother I knew. By that affinity with which my wife Was dearer to my soul than its soul life.

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Other Views

WORTH THE MONEY.

Windsor Border Cities Star.

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Milwaukee Sun.

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WILLIE IS LAST

TEACHER: Now, Willie, what is the Order of the Bath?

Willie: Well, in hour house, Miss, it's baby first, then Tommy, then Johnny, and I come last.—London Dispatch.

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Twenty Years Ago Today

From Times' Files.

SIR THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY, head of the C. P. R., was in the city.

THE Saint John brig "Atlanta" went ashore on Seal Island.

AT AN AUCTION held on Chubb's corner, Wm. Raymond of the Royal Hotel bought 80 acres of land in Simonds Parish for \$35.

Timely Views On World Topics

THE shooting of Chinese students by foreign police has done great harm to the cause of the foreigner in China," said Dr. Royal Meeker, former commissioner of labor statistics and chief of research of the international labor office at Geneva, in a recent speech. He has returned from a tour of the working classes as a member of a commission on social research.

"The Chinese have always felt kindly disposed toward foreigners," Dr. Meeker said. "The efforts to stir up feeling against them have been attempts made by political strategists which have been largely unsuccessful, but the whole feeling of the people has changed since this untoward incident."

ADVOCATES ESTABLISHING SOCIAL INSTITUTE

The commission attempted to sound out the advisability of establishing an institute for social and economical research in China, to be started and partly financed by American capital and to be given wholly to China ultimately.

"We had exceptional opportunities in being able to meet the high public officials and the more prominent Chinese educators," Dr. Meeker said. "We were also brought in touch with the leaders of the working classes. We found a strong sentiment in favor of having an institute in China which would furnish them with facts, but they don't feel the need so strongly against them have been attempts made by political strategists which have been largely unsuccessful, but the whole feeling of the people has changed since this untoward incident."

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