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Dr. Banting's Announcement

The announcement of Dr. Banting at the meeting of the Canadian Club and Chamber of Commerce in London on Wednesday that a fund of a million dollars is being donated by generous Toronto men for the benefit of medical scientific research in Canada is of the utmost importance to the Dominion.

This failure of Canada to provide for means of scientific medical and industrial research has been the cause of driving thousands of the finest brains in the Dominion to the United States.

Dr. Banting made a plea, which should not go unheeded, to the citizens of London to give generous support to the medical and scientific faculties of Western Ontario University.

Incidentally, the King Government has apparently pigeon-holed the proposal so ably advocated by Major Hume Cronyn, when he was London's federal member, for the establishment of a bureau of scientific research for the Dominion.

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The Alberta Liquor Referendum

Next Monday the electors of Alberta will vote on another referendum on the law in regard to intoxicating liquors.

Four questions are to be submitted. The people may vote for: 1. Prohibition under a continuance of the existing law.

The Moderation League, which is being led in its platform campaign by Dr. Michael Clark, ex-M. P. for Renfrew, urges the electors to vote for the fourth, third and second questions in the order named.

The newspapers of the province generally are adopting a neutral attitude, although with some notable exceptions.

Under these circumstances, the only safe thing to do is to give the matter the preference.

The hunter, at this time of the year is particularly favored with interesting views of the annual bird migrations, which stir the imagination and raise the questions "Where do they all go?"

The following explanation seems to come closer to a logical deduction from the knowledge at present gathered about the earth's habits and the control it exercises, in the ages, over the creatures placed here.

Scientists think they have solved the mystery of the great bird migration of spring and autumn.

Their theory is that the great ice sheet which covered the northern part of the continent during the winter and retreated in the summer until migration became a habit of the birds.

This coming and going of the birds has become so definitely a part of the seasons that we look for the migrations with pleasure and great interest and would be loathe to think of the day when they could be content with one home.

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The Third Column

DOUBLE-STRENGTH.
He who has a friend has this: Comradeship for sunny days; Something kings and princes miss.

He who has a friend may be poor of purse and worn by care. But he's rich in this, that he: May his comrade's fortune share.

He who has a friend may fall bruised and broken in the fight. But his friend shall bear him call. And shall seek him through the night.

He who has a friend may know For the work he has to do, Wherever he may go. That he owns the strength of two.

To his own, through good or bad, From beginning to the end, When he needs it he may add. All the treasures of his friend.

EASIER TO WIN THAN TO FAIL.
Ed Howe, the Kansas writer and thinker, once wrote a little book in which he argued that success was a much easier proposition than failure.

I read this book with great interest, agreeing with the author to the letter. I wish that every young man and woman might read that book.

The great thing about success is that it keeps getting bigger the more you work at it. Like the snowball the more you start, it increases with the effort behind its push.

In the same way is a clean mind happier than one that is just the opposite. Success is constructive all the way.

Remember that it is easier to win than to fail. —George Matthew Adams.

BOBBED HAIR.
The blooming damsels everywhere have shown their blond or even hair-cut and their ringlets in years since the latter were first seen.

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RAMBLING AROUND WITH OLD DOC. PEP

KNOW THYSELF

BY DR. CLIFFORD C. ROBINSON

OCTOBER 31. — Here begins the melancholy days for such poor souls as have their lives disordered by rheumatism.

My wife's he-cousin in rom school with a great to-do over some ally professor vowing that after 24 no man learns anything anymore, not even that the world is round.

The portal of our Synagogue is strewn with cypress for jealous Death has invaded us and wrung the life of heart of one who is very dear to all our little company.

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LE SOLEIL AGREES WITH COL. GREGORY

From Le Soleil, Quebec.
We were glad to find in The London Free Press, from the pen of an Ontarian, Col. William T. Gregory, one of the most brilliant defenses that has been made in our country in favor of France.

We publish, opposite, the article translated from his clear and convincing statements. We read them with much more interest because his arguments succeed each other with striking logic, and because the conviction which animates them is like the cry of truth itself.

We do not know Col. Gregory, but we do wish to compliment him for having so clearly defined the attitude of France toward Germany and for having proven from the evidence that honoring, without sanctioning a grave injustice, was unable to permit the vanquished to refraud his country of the immense reparations which were due it.

At the outset of his admirable article the payment of Germany, has accomplished France from her own resources: "Let me mention," said he, "some of the things that France, instead of remaining inactive and awaiting the payment of Germany, has accomplished without outside aid, during the troublesome days which have followed the armistice."

Population evacuated 4,500,000. Returned 4,335,000; municipalities evacuated 3,221; reconstituted 3,221; schools destroyed 7,271; reconstituted 6,848; area devastated 4,900,000 acres, returned to state of culture 3,000,000; repaired 1,800 miles; factories demolished 4,700, restored 3,645.

We see, then, that France, which has experienced all with Belgium, the most cruel treatment from the savagery of the invader of 1914, has been able, without awaiting the payment of the German debt, to recover itself, to take up its life in the midst of its ruins, and to accept all the sacrifices in order to conserve its greatness and its ancient glory.

But France has not ceased to suffer from the catastrophe. Those whose homes were blown up by explosives have returned to their villages, where they are re-established, besides their fields, where they grow as of old their vines and their wheat, a great number without money, and it was necessary for them to live in sod huts or in caves and better times.

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