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Mr. Meighen Must Keep His Hands Off.

It is apparent that Hon. Arthur Meighen and the Conservatives who sit with him in the House at Ottawa are prepared to go to the extreme limit in interfering with Sir Henry Thornton's management of the Canadian National Railways.

Sir Henry Thornton and the directors associated with him consider it desirable to make arrangements for suitable buildings in Paris, France, in order that the system may be in a better position to handle its business there. The Canadian Nationals, with their facilities for ocean commerce, are in a position to handle Canadian traffic to any point and to gather business coming to Canada from Europe.

The deal for the building in Paris is not completed; its details are under way, and no private company would for one moment consent to giving out the details of such a transaction before it was completed. To do so would involve all sorts of business risks.

Yet that is what Hon. Arthur Meighen and the group of Conservatives who sit around him in the House at Ottawa are prepared to do in order to make it as hard as possible for Sir Henry Thornton to conduct the affairs of the National Railways in a way that gives him a fair and equal chance for success with competing companies.

Not only so, but Hon. Arthur Meighen and the group of Conservatives who sit around him in the House, made an attempt to turn their opposition to public ownership into a want of confidence vote in the Liberal government.

The motion to hinder the work of the National Railways was beaten on a vote of 78 to 19, and every one of those 19 voters were followers of Mr. Meighen.

Hon. Arthur Meighen has reached out and taken to himself the task of making the work of Sir Henry Thornton as hard as possible ever since he arrived in this country. In his public utterances he has indulged in cheap sneers at the way in which Sir Henry set out to meet the people of Canada and to know their requirements. In between sessions, in his by-election speeches this same Hon. Arthur Meighen sought to create anti-public ownership sentiment by stating that it was time Sir Henry quit making banquet speeches and got to work.

Sir Henry Thornton since coming to this country has thrown his full energy and his splendid personality and leadership into the task of putting the Canadian National Railways in a position where they would take less money from the pockets of the Canadian ratepayers. He has traveled and visited and worked as he traveled and visited. He has got in touch with as many of his men as possible, and he has brought to them a courageous inspiration of what he has in mind for the future of the road.

And in the doing of all these things he has worked with the positive knowledge that the King government was playing the game with him on the basis that "there shall be no political interference in the operation of this railroad." That is the basis on which Sir Henry accepted the position, and that is the basis on which he is working.

The result is that the earnings of the Canadian National Railways are showing increases every week; the men on the road are working with the assurance and knowledge that they are co-partners in a great worthwhile project with a future; deficits are over a million a month less than they used to be.

And in spite of all this, in spite of the urgency of making that road pay its way as soon as possible, Hon. Arthur Meighen is willing to get up in his place in the Commons, as the leader of the remnant of the once great Conservative party, and force to a vote a demand that would place Sir Henry in a delicate position in putting through a deal that he considers in the best interests of the Canadian National Railways.

Hon. Arthur Meighen is playing into the hands of the interests that would gladly see the Canadian National Railways make a grand, spectacular failure of their work, and make the billion and a half dollar investment of the Canadian people an easy prey to competitors who would gobble up the best of it at their own figure.

Going After the People.

Electroning in London becomes varied and strenuous. Dr. Hugh Stevenson was on the market Saturday morning, and there was a good crowd present. An auctioneer's wagon made a tempting-looking platform, so the candidate took possession and started in.

There is something to be said for this form of campaigning. When a political party hires a hall they are sure to get the people who are probably going to vote their way. They get very few others, and the result is that very little good is done.

When a candidate strikes his platform out in the open the chances are that he has an audience that do not vote solidly for him. He has a chance to get some of his facts before these electors.

The Salvation Army has found that this sort of campaigning is a good thing. They know that a lot of people take to the streets rather than go to church, so the Army very wisely takes to the streets to reach them.

If a church or a politician has a message for the people it is a fairly good idea to carry that message to the people rather than to wait for the people to come to some stated place to get it. Experience has shown that they are not likely to come.

What the Figures Go To Show.

If low prices reflect favorable living conditions, London is one of the most desirable communities in Canada. According to the Labor Gazette, prices in this city, from cheese to laundry, are substantially lower than the average struck for the entire Dominion.

Within the past month costs of basic commodities throughout Canada have decreased approximately 2 per cent. In London the decline has been more marked, although not so great as registered in Toronto and Ottawa.

The prairie provinces are the most expensive places, Saskatchewan and British Columbia vie for the distinction of being at the top of the price list, their averages being several points in advance of those current in the eastern provinces.

If the scale published by the Labor Gazette can be accepted as an accurate economic barometer, Ontario is close behind Prince Edward Island in the race to see who can return to pre-war industrial conditions the faster. Dairy produce is cheaper in London and St. Thomas than in any other good-sized community in Western Ontario, but rents of this city are high, only two other Ontario cities exceeding the average rent asked

for six-room houses with all modern conveniences in London. The poorer grade of homes in this city are rented at fairly reasonable figures compared with those obtained in other districts. Thirty dollars a month is the current rent for a fair house, while the inferior ones run from \$17 to \$25.

If you are head of a family of five, and draw more than \$25 a week, you are better off than the average householder in Canada. In Saskatchewan and British Columbia a \$25 a week wage would not be sufficient to live on with any degree of comfort, but according to the average living costs in London you could not only live on such a wage but save a couple of dollars a week besides.

For food, rent, light, heat, laundry and a few other small essentials the average family in Canada pays \$21.21 a week. More than half of this total is made up of food costs, while rent forms about a third. Before the war the average household living costs amounted to \$14.21 a week. The peak of high prices was reached in 1920, and since that year the decline has been about 25 per cent.

The Lunatic at the Wheel.

At the risk of appearing monotonous, The Advertiser suggests that the city and county authorities are not doing their full duty in putting the quietus on the speed fiend.

Sunday afternoon a car coming toward the city on Richmond, on the stretch between the bridge and Huron street, was going well over 40 miles an hour, tearing along regardless of all the other cars on the road.

He threw up so much dust that it looked as though an explosion had torn up the center of the road.

It is not possible to get the number of such cars—dozens would gladly hand it in if they could see it.

It may be necessary to put on more speed cops to get these lunatics. It would be money well spent.

Get them at all costs. Look them up for a couple of weeks and take away their permits to drive cars.

Some Commissions Earn Their Money.

Much has been said about appointing commissions by governments. There are commissions that succeed, and there are commissions that succeed only in drawing their fees.

The commission that was appointed by the Drury government to look into the crown land business was a paying investment for the people of this province.

This commission succeeded in bringing \$1,372,607 to the treasury of the province. Of this, \$1,250,000 came from one company, whose deal had been engineered by the Hon. Howard Ferguson, the leader that Sir Adam Beck has consented to follow.

It is not a sign of good government when a commission can go in and find the people's resources dissipated to that extent.

One Wife at a Time.

A British earl is scampering around this country wondering why under the sun he is not permitted to marry a chorus girl just when he wants to.

One trouble seems to be that the girl already has had a husband. Of course this is not a very serious objection, but she has not yet placed all her divorce papers in apple order, so the United States will not grant him a wedding permit.

So he says he'll come over to Canada and get one. The only trouble is that the courts here do not recognize U. S. divorces.

So the earl and his wants-to-be bride cannot get married yet. He has had quite a lot to say about the folly and nonsense of regulations that keep him from having his own way, quite forgetful of the fact that these foolish and nonsensical regulations that permit only one wife at a time are part and parcel of the laws of the country that made him an earl.

Note and Comment.

It is now claimed that the shoemakers were at the bottom of that craze for non-stop dancing.

Lloyd George says real peace is hanging on recognition of Russia. Yes, but can't we have the peace without the hanging.

A Chicago woman has insured her life for \$2,000,000. This will make good reading for the man who has to scratch around for enough to carry \$1,000.

The longer a man drives a car the more serious he is to locate the lunatic who first started to speak about the rights of the pedestrian. To the aristocrats behind the wheels, said peds have no rights.

A firm that makes razor blades has bought a lot of steel out of a scrapped battleship in England, and the Hamilton Spectator sees in this a fulfillment of the Biblical saying of turning spears into pruning hooks.

It looks as though four Liberals and two Conservatives were going to run in Southwest Toronto. Four Liberals for two seats is obeying with a vengeance Wellington Hay's desire for a Liberal candidate in every riding.

Sir Henry Thornton seems to be able to make a good showing with Canada's greatest public ownership enterprise, the Canadian National Railways, without seeing any necessity for running for a seat in the House of Parliament as a candidate of a political party.

VOTES ALSO COUNT IN THIS.

(From the Hamilton Herald.)

Yesterday Hamilton Presbyterian women who are opposed to the union of their church with the Methodist and Congregational churches "took it to the Lord in prayer." They assembled and prayed that the General Assembly, which is to meet next week, shall be so guided as to decide against union; or, if it prove to be the Divine will that the General Assembly shall commit so grievous a blunder, then that Providence interfere to prevent the Dominion Parliament from ratifying the union measure.

It might perhaps be supposed that an opportunity is thus presented for testing the efficacy of prayer. But it would be unfair and illusory to regard the failure or success of the union movement as evidence for or against the efficacy of the supplications offered by those good Presbyterian ladies. It is to be feared that their prayers clash with many others in behalf of union. For a score of years such prayers have been made, and no doubt are still being made both in public and in private. If the fate of the union movement were to be decided by prayer, the movement would be successful, for it is certain that many prayers have been offered for it than against it. It has been said that, in war, Providence is always on the side of the strongest battalions. That is cynicism; but one might say without risk of being considered cynical that if prayer influences the course of current events, then the greater volume of prayer the greater its influence is likely to be.

DIBS AND DABS

—BY HARRY MOYER



Rarebits by Rex

FLUFF TO FRIVOL.
Oh, of course you were insulted. And of course I never dreamt you could have kissed with such expression.

Though a thousand lines have been And of course I was caressed; When those flatteries did tempt you; And of course the indiscretion Was denied.

Do you think, you little flirt, you, Since I played at hesitation, I was actually daunted? By your warning to desist? Why with all your show of virtue, Tears and righteous indignation, You unquestionably wanted — To be kissed.

Russia revolted against autocracy, but under Lenin the country still seems to be teared with the same brush.

The Toronto Globe should not be surprised if one of these days it discovers it has cooked its goose with hydro.

Advice to new boarders—Look before you sleep!—A.M.

To marry nowadays, a man must be able to support his wife in the manner to which she has been unaccustomed.

It is reported that a girl's father became so violent when a young man asked to marry his daughter that he almost shook his hand off.

Our idea of an optimist is the guy who built a garage after buying a ticket in an automobile raffle.

There are always striking likenesses in portraits of pugilists.

Perhaps the reason young men are buying girls such expensive engagement rings is that they figure it will save a lot in gloves.

Henspeck thinks the only thing that darts disagree with his wife is the weather.

Those two Detroit women who attempted suicide because their husbands disliked bunched tresses came within a hair of losing their lives.

Young bloods who are always talking about seeing a good eye and a good leg are usually terrible sticks.

The modern song is invariably an absurd ditty.

Bringing hydro into politics is likely to make politics very heated.

And so you might call hot-tempered politicians "hydro heads."

The period of depression is at an end. Which is where most periods should be.

With so many candlesticks being given for wedding presents, the brides will probably look at things in an entirely different light after marriage.

To say that a girl is very "kissable" is sometimes a diplomatic way of saying she has a turned-up nose.

The first day a man buys a car he gets wild over it, and after he's had it a while he gets wilder under it.

Young lawyers like nothing better than working with a will.

A woman who marries a drunkard should be able to support him.

The only original feature of most authors' manuscripts is the spelling.

AGRICULTURIST RECEIVES BIG BOOST TO SALARY

Special to The Advertiser.
Windsor, June 8.—As a result of a large delegation of farmers urging the services of Justus Miller, county agricultural representative, the council at Sandwich today voted Miller an additional \$1,000. The work of the agriculturist was lauded by farmer delegates, and the grant was authorized by unanimous vote.

The Guide Post—By Henry van Dyke

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PROFIT FROM THE PAST.

I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.—Ps. 77:5: Henry Ford says that "history is all bunk." That remark itself has become historical.

But Carlyle says that "history is the essence of innumerable biographies," and most wise men agree with him.

All the roads of life have been traveled by other men and nations before us.

Why not learn something from their experience? Peace, prosperity, victory, have been won in former times.

Why not inquire of the past how good results have been attained? Strife, disaster, misery, have been found on certain courses.

Why pay a new price to learn an old lesson? At the cross-roads is the place to read the sign-posts and ask questions.

What our age needs is to face the facts of life more frankly and to think more soberly about them.

Deliberation is no waste of time. It is a saving of expense.

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You're Health

WHAT YOU OUGHT TO DO ABOUT INGROWING TOE NAILS.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M.D., United States Senator from New York. Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

You don't have to suffer from some terrible disease or fashionable ailment to be most unhappy. There are many number of simple things that sap the strength and make us ill.

One of these is ingrowing toe nails, a condition in which the edge of the nail cuts through the soft tissues and comes imbedded in the flesh.

The big toe is the one most likely to be affected. The size, thickness and strength of this nail grows long, especially at the corners, and the pressure placed upon it by the shoe, combine to make it a source of trouble.

There are a number of predisposing causes of ingrowing toe nails. The most common is the evil habit of wearing stockings that are short and shoes that are tight. A silk or cotton stocking seems so soft and yielding that it does not seem possible it could be responsible for serious foot troubles, but it can be and is frequently the cause for an ingrowing toe nail. Constant pressure of the stocking upon the tissues results in pulling the soft tissues up and over the edge of the nail.

So far as tight shoes are concerned, it is easy to see how the hard and unyielding leather will have pronounced effects upon the nail and flesh of the toe.

Another cause of ingrowing toe nails is improper trimming of the nail. If the nail is cut too closely, and especially across the corners, the edges of the nail are removed, there is trouble in store. Instead of clipping the offending nail closely, it should be permitted to grow long, especially at the corners. By cutting straight across, instead of in a curve, the nail is kept short enough for comfort, and yet the corners are not permitted to dig into the flesh.

Under no circumstances should the sides or edges of the nail be clipped. If there is tenderness in the corners along the edge of the nail, very light packing with a few fibres of cotton will offer some relief. Tight packing is apt to do more harm than good.

In neglected cases prout flesh forms. Then the trouble is more difficult to overcome. Monsell's solution of iron may be painted on a couple of times a day. This will give relief.

If the difficulty persists, see a specialist in foot troubles. Sore feet are a source of much trouble.

Dr. Copeland.

chiropractors or podiatrists are now to be found in every place of considerable size. Their services will speedily overcome the stubborn cases, and with him a most perfect restoration to health. A table at which he sat after dinner, and traced with a finger dipping in wine his prophetic plan of attack on enemy ships afterwards carried out at the Battle of Trafalgar was treasured carefully by many years at the house. Queen Charlotte herself supervised the scheme of decorations for Addington, and her interest in the house was maintained in such pleasant personality in the pages of Fanny Burney. In 1870 it passed to the Duke and Duchess of Teck. It was the scene of some of the most delightful and unconventional entertaining of the later Victorian years. The Duchess herself was a good musician, and was fond of singing. A violin of the drama. To her afternoon "At Home" came all who were eminent in the three arts, as well as those who moved in the most exclusive court circles. Sooner or later, everyone of note found their way to these enjoyable assemblages, and an African prince, the Duke of Sutherland, as guests of the genial kindly hostess.

And now, White Lodge, with its popular new owners, is bound to ring with the merriment of young voices, for so many of their friends are among the most attractive and most interesting of the younger members of London's inner circle.

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A.—It is not advisable to have the hair artificially curled too often, as it is apt to break the hair.

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A.—Stretching exercises, such as touching the floor with the fingers without flexing the knees will help you. If possible, join an athletic club or Y. W. C. A. and have the physical director outline a course of exercises for you.

J. C. H. Q.—Every morning when I awaken my hands are numb and there is a prickling sensation in them. What do you think causes this?

A.—This is probably due to poor circulation or to neuritis. You should have an examination by your physician to find the underlying cause and then follow treatment can be outlined. Follow the advice your doctor gives you.

Looking Abroad

Age-Old Romance Haunts New Home of Duke of York—White Lodge Housed Kings and Warriors of Misty Past.

White Lodge, Richmond Park,

which teems with historic associations, is to be the London residence of the Duke and Duchess of York, and although no official information on that subject is as yet available, it is believed that their royal highnesses are likely to have a country residence at Windsor, and that Frogmore House will also be theirs. It was from White Lodge that Queen Mary, then Princess Mary of Teck, went forth to her marriage with the Prince who then bore the title of Duke of York, even as his son—does today. Here, that the Prince of Wales was born, Queen Victoria coming a few days later to see her great-grandson. The Prince was christened at White Lodge, the whole of the royal circle being present for the ceremony. With painful suddenness, after only the briefest illness, the Duchess of Teck, Queen Mary's mother, passed away here, as did the Duke of Teck, who never recovered from the shock of his wife's death.

No residence, apart from the palaces, has been more intimately connected with the reigning house of England for nearly two years, than has White Lodge, for it was begun in 1728, under orders from King George II, and superseded a previous building at a little distance away known as Richmond Lodge. For fully a century before that Shene Chase had been a favorite hunting ground of the Stuarts, who included the great tract then known as "The New Park," and now as Richmond Park. A wall was built to enclose it, but when the Earl of Portland, in 1827, was appointed royal ranger, rights of way and other privileges were duly recognized. During the Commonwealth the park was given into the care of the city corporation, who loyally returned it to the crown on the Restoration.

The present site of White Lodge—on rising ground in the heart of the famous park—was chosen by George II, who saw in its seclusion the ideal spot for a "place of refreshment after the fatigue of the chase." The house which he built here was called Stone Lodge, and now forms the center portion of the building known as White Lodge today.

Here for a period lived Queen Caroline, wife of George II. The avenue of trees, nearly a mile in length, leading to the house was called Queen's Ride, on account of her attachment to this particular part of the park. As a mark of gratitude for services rendered, George III, gave it to his prime minister, Mr. Addington, who afterwards became Lord Richmond. In 1817, however, it was repaired and altered at the king's personal expense. "The appearance of the morning makes the king hope the evening will be dry," therefore, the trusts Mr. Addington will bring his family in his "social" to the Lodge in Richmond Park. . . . It was his majesty's wish that the acres of park land should be included in the estate, but history states that Mr. Addington modestly refused to accept more than five acres.

Many distinguished men were entertained at White Lodge during Lord Sidmouth's residence here. Pitt was his guest, and so was Sheridan. Sir Walter Scott was so impressed by his visit that he makes the lodge the scene of the Duke of Argyle's interview with Queen Caroline in "The Heart of Midlothian."

Nelson went there, in his own words, to take Lord Sidmouth by the hand and wish him a most perfect restoration to health. A table at which he sat after dinner, and traced with a finger dipping in wine his prophetic plan of attack on enemy ships afterwards carried out at the Battle of Trafalgar was treasured carefully by many years at the house. Queen Charlotte herself supervised the scheme of decorations for Addington, and her interest in the house was maintained in such pleasant personality in the pages of Fanny Burney. In 1870 it passed to the Duke and Duchess of Teck. It was the scene of some of the most delightful and unconventional entertaining of the later Victorian years. The Duchess herself was a good musician, and was fond of singing. A violin of the drama. To her afternoon "At Home" came all who were eminent in the three arts, as well as those who moved in the most exclusive court circles. Sooner or later, everyone of note found their way to these enjoyable assemblages, and an African prince, the Duke of Sutherland, as guests of the genial kindly hostess.

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Strangely enough, the Duke and Duchess of York have a joint descent from the famous Archibald Douglas, fifth Earl of Angus, known as "Bell-the-Cat" and "The Great Earl." High Chancellor of Scotland towards the end of the fifteenth century. His eldest son, the Master of Angus, was the father of Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, who was married to Lady Giamis, the sixth Earl of Angus married James IV, and daughter of James VII. The only issue of this marriage, Lady Margaret Douglas, married Matthew Stewart, fourth Earl of Lennox. Their eldest son, Henry Lord Darnley, by his marriage with Mary Queen of Scots, was the father of James VI, from whose daughter, Elizabeth, the Duke of York and the House of Windsor are descended. John Douglas was the Lady Giamis who suffered death on the Castle Hill, Edinburgh, 1547. From the Duchess of Teck is her direct descendant.

The duke and his bride have a joint royal Stuart descent. Robert II, the duke descends from the king's son, Robert III. The duchess descends from his daughter, the Princess Jean or Johanna Stuart, who married Sir John Lyon of Giamis. The crest of the Strathmore family, a lady holding in her right hand a royal thistle, is an allusion of the marriage of the Princess Jean to Sir John Lyon. This joint Stuart descent gives the Duke and his bride a descent from the great King Robert I (Bruce), the grandfather of Robert II.

Curiously again, the Duchess of York is descended from both the marriages which have given historians so much trouble chronologically from Robert II. From the king's marriage with Elizabeth Mure of Rowallan the duke and duchess have their joint descent. From the king's marriage with Euphemia, daughter of the Earl of Ross, the Duchess of York is also descended. The granddaughter of this marriage, Euphemia, Countess of Strathearn, was the mother of Lady Elizabeth Graham, who married the second Sir John Lyon of Giamis.

TO THE EDITOR.

APT TO FORGET.

Sir,—What about Ontario's fuel supply?

Of the 278 candidates in the field for legislative honors how many are there pledged for the production of Ontario's coal? Is there one? The fuel question is of more vital importance to every individual than any other question, not excepting even the cost of living.

Some weeks ago we had glowing accounts of a wonderful amount of pure anthracite near Sudbury or Chesham, Ontario. It is there, or is it? If there is coal of good quality near Sudbury, it could be delivered at a reasonable cost to all points in Ontario, either by rail or boat.

Yours,
NORTHEND READER.

June 8, 1923.

"The Ten Books I Have Most Enjoyed"

By KATHLEEN NORRIS,

Novelist; author of "Certain People of Importance," "Mother," "The

Return of Charles Norris, novelist.

"The Four Evangelists" (Shakespeare) (Why not? in one volume).