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#### THE BROADER MIND

THE TIMES-STAR last evening published a short interview with Col. Murray MacLaren, M.P. Colonel MacLaren spoke in praise of the report of the Duncan Commission, and said if the recommendations were carried out there would be great benefit to the Maritime Provinces. Colonel MacLaren is a Conservative in politics. He might have denounced the Liberal Government and its action, or at least refrained from saying anything that might appear to reflect even the slightest credit upon anything the Government had done. It was so in the old days, but a change relating to them party lines are going down. Congainers thereby.

In a year like the present there are more than the usual number of grades of grain, and this cine Hat, has taken up the question of the proper makes the problem of elevator service more diffi- recognition of Armistice Day will be hailed by cuit where the elevator space is limited. Before all who desire to perpetuate the memory of those next winter comes we should have more facilities who died for Canada and the Empire during the at this port; and it must be remembered that, Great War. That there can be but one date on while the construction of grain conveyors is a which Armistice Day may properly be observed comparatively simple matter, a wharf or an elevator is fairly generally held by all who have taken the cannot be built in a day. If we are to have trouble to think the matter out. The eleventh Harbor Commission, and that appears to be the hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month wish of most people who discuss the subject, the of the year is a time fixed and unalterable; wherenegotiations should be begun as soon as possible as, if it be considered that the propinquity of after the New Year. Trade goes where it finds | Thanksgiving Day cause inconvenience, it is obfacilities. There is a prospect that Saint John viously a matter of no difficulty to alter the latter, and the railways serving this port will get much which is not so definitely fixed by history. It is more if the port facilities are enlarged in such noted that some date in October is suggested for manner as will ensure prompt despatch of all the latter. This is presumably because late business offering.

#### WILL BEAR WATCHING THE question of possible amendments to the

British North America Act is discussed by the Manitoba Free Press, as follows:

stitution has been amended was clear enough, but in their definitions of gambling. Gambling laws there has always been a good deal of haziness as vary in both letter and interpretation, according to the steps necessary to be taken before the to locality. In Kansas City they have apparently method could be employed. The British Parlia- very rigid canons. The report comes: "Bridge ment has from time to time amended the B. N. A. parties where prizes are given to the winners are act at the request of the Dominion Parliament in violation of the gambling laws of Kansas, and once at the simple request of the Canadian Burton D. Neal, chief of police of Kanasas City, Government; but there has been a theory, never pointed out today. Mr. Neal said the women put to the test, that the British Parliament would of Kansas City, who spent afternoons with their exercise its discretion if, against the request of friends playing bridge, attempting to make the the Dominion Parliament, there should be opposi- high score for the prize, were violating the law tion by a province. The discretionary powers of the British Parliament with respect to Dominion | teries and other forms of chance." It is noticematters are now very limited, if indeed they can able that bridge by its classification with "forms be said to exist at all; and it now becomes neces- of chance" is not in Kanasas City allowed even sary to make some decision as to what are the a pretense of skill. necessary precedents to action by the British Parliament if, for the sake of convenience, the power of amending the constitution of Canada is

to remain with that body." The Maritime Provinces must keep their eyes open. They have suffered because all the terms of the Confederation agreement were not set forth
Clearly in the British North America Act. If clearly in the British North America Act. If any amendments to the latter are proposed, our provincial governments must look to it that there is no sacrifice of rights guaranteed to us under the terms of the act.

### GAME PRESERVATION

POPULAR history and historical fiction makes frequent to-do over the apparently savage penalties inflicted on poachers by the landowning classes of Europe during the Middle Ages. Even in later times, down to the present day in fact, there has been criticism, sometimes justified without a doubt, of the surviving condition of strict preservation of private estates. Both in Canada and in the United States one frequently hears half pitying reference to the people of Great Britain, moor remaining in the British Isles is closed under almost certain charge of trespass. Now comes the justification of the system from the pages of the New York Times. It records:

"The frequently criticized British land regime has found a friend at last. Ornithologists, who are deeply concerned over the excessive slaughter of European game birds, say that the big estates of Britain serve as the reservations for birds and that the big land owners who shoot the birds during the open seasons are the men who most effectively preserve them during the closed seasons. The richness of British bird life, they say, is therefore indirectly, and perhaps solely, due to the British land regime. 'As soon as these larger landed estates become broken up,' says Percy R. Lowe, British member of the International Committee for the Protection of Wild Birds, 'just so soon will the knell of all kinds of game and wild fowl have sounded, for then indiscriminate shoot-

never to return."

Guardian

A NEWSPAPER is of necessity something of a monopoly, and its first duty is to shun the temptations of a monopoly. Its primary office is the gathering of news. At the peril of its soul it must see that the supply is not tainted. Neither particularly in Eastern Europe, where the breaking up of large estates "has deprived the birds in what it gives nor in what it does not give, nor of their once safe reservations." This deprivation in the mode of presentation, must the unclouded face of truth suffer wrong. Comment is free, but of sanctuary is, of course, not the only cause of the rapid extermination of game species. Fast trains, refrigerator cars and cold storage facilities are all enemies of the game bird. In the United States there has been of late a loud call for preser-

vation. Mr. Lowe says: "The path of preservation in the United States

has led back along the trail in the direction of the large landed properties of Great Britain, for is more and more the custom for large and rich shooting syndicates in the United States to ent large areas of wood, marsh and lake on a scale undreamed of in England, so that the result

When considering the whole question of leasing natters worthy of consideration. Private control nust not be dismissed as entirely wrong, unless we are prepared to sacrifice posterity's sport for the sake of a democratic theory which is not accepted in Great Britain, the cradle of democracy. But private ownership and private renting of public land for sporting purposes will not preserve inless the rights of owners and lessees are backed by law that punishes infringements. We can hardly deny that game preservation is worth while, but we must change our attitude towards trespass, poaching and infringement of private rights if we are to make preservation a fact.

#### THE PROBLEM OF RELIEF

THE problem of relief for the distressed presents difficulties quite apart from that of securing funds, whether by taxation or from private is made, nor is the agent of public relief justified in giving without investigation. The city of servatives are still Conservatives and Liberals are Hamilton has a case in point. A woman has Liberals, but the old-time partisan bitterness has been regularly in receipt of relief from the city. given place to a state of mind which puts the Recently she requested that a telephone be ininterest of the Maritime Provinces first and mere stalled in her home, so that she could telephone adherence to party second. This indicates a much when she required more help, and avoid the inmore healthy state of the public mind regarding | convenience of going once a week to the relief public affairs, and the provinces will be the office. The Hamilton Spectator notes still another interesting case. A man was summoned before PORT FACILITIES

the police magistrate for causing a disturbance at the relief office. His plea in justification was that the whole bunch dry. At the end of a period, he had a right to relief, and to create a disturbance when the applause justifies the necessary time, he the police magistrate for causing a disturbance at mends, that the facilities of the ports of Saint | if his wants were not supplied. In every city John and Halifax be made for some years in ad- those who are connected with charitable organizavance of immediate requirements. In Saint John tions have the same problem to face. Even where when a large number of steamers arrive in port | trouble; but it is better for the public at large to at nearly the same time, all of them, of course, have only one such agency, since the repeaters seeking quick despatch. In the matter of grain, may there be checked up and the unworthy found

> News that Doctor Gershaw, member for Medi-November as fixed in the United States does not accord with the Canadian climate as a time suitable for a national holiday; otherwise it might have been possible to arrange a continent-wide observance of Thanksgiving.

> Individuals and communities differ considerably as much as the operators of punch boards, lot-

Other Views APPEAL TO BUSINESS MEN.

(Financial Post) the street thinks sectionally instead of nationally.

Through the breadth of their influence, Canadian business men are in a position to remedy this condition—if they wish it remedied. Most of them leaders in their own spheres and their own communities, they can help this intolerable situa-tion by pointing out to others that the sectional attitude is illogical and unfounded. In all this, perhaps central Canada is more blameworthy than other parts of the Dominion. Ontario and Quebec not infrequently assume the "Be-good-little-boy" tone which naturally enrages

the Western and the Maritime Provinces. In the past, luckless orators in central Canada have as much as told the West and the Maritimes to "go to work little men and you will obtain your re-The complaints of the Maritimes and the farmers may, or may not have been overdone. But

certain it is that the preaching attitude has been done to death. In other words, what is wanted in solving the many problems which face, and which will continue to face, a country with such a wide variety of viewpoints is the scientific attitude. Forget the opinions, forget the prejudices. tude. Forget the opinions, forget the prejudices, and ascertain the facts. It is upon these and upon these alone that the nine provinces can best frame

## THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.

CANADA is a country of two official languages. t has been so for centuries and the chances are that it always will be. Even if this were not by English-speaking children would be desirable om every standpoint. But because French and English are both the language of Canada, it is especially desirable that English-speaking persons especially desirable that English-speaking persons be familiar with French, just as it is desirable that French-speaking persons shall know English. And nowhere is a knowledge of the two languages more desirable than in our own county of Essex, where both great races dwell side by side in the greatest harmony and good will

THE FIRST DUTY OF THE NEWSPAPER.

#### facts are sacred. PUT OUT TOO SOON.

(Judge)

An entire stock of Christmas cigars has been threatened by fire in a Chicago warehouse. The blaze, however, was extinguished before it could do any real good.

#### Mussolini's Oratory Impresses An Editor

(Montreal Gazette)

A CLOSE-UP of Benito Mussolini is given by Robert H. Davis, better known as "Bob" Davis, in a letter to the New York Sun from Rome, where the editor has been listening to the office. An additional touch of drama comes from AFTER the Christmas tree has little distinction, and there was a time our game lands to individuals and clubs, these are | Duce's oratory, and talking with him in his private the fact that Mr. Davis, with the instinct of a good crowd when Mussolini made his impassioned speech to the populace a few hours after a bombthrower had tried to assassinate him. Mussolini knows how to pick his platforms. He made this knows how to pick his platforms. He made this particular speech from a balcony in the famous Chigi Palace overlooking the Piazza Colonna, a sacred spot in Italian eyes. And incidentally it for the fruit still is clinging to woodso happens that "a perfect photographic light falls upon the balcony, which faces the south." And so, "the cameras of the plain populi clicked all over the square while the larger, better-equipped instruments fired a balcony salvo." Mr. Davis concludes that "Signor Mussolini is not camera

And now let us hear him describe the Italian dictator's speech-making technique: Immediately upon stepping into view he makes be Fascist salute, which consists of lifting the right arm, and palm out, precisely as a traffic cop spreads hesitation among the rich and poor alike. His head is held high and the massive chin forward, protruding and animated. From a position below one sees the mobile jaw, and catches occasionally the flash of his black eyes. At times he Then he is all eyes. The whole pose is and there is a splendid ring of sincerity in every Whatever gestures he makes are with the right hand and arm, with which he hammers downward, sweeps away, thrusts forward, consigns to oblivion, and commands to halt. His hand is an expressive instrument, open, closed or gesticulsteps back, takes an unctuous dry hand wash and flicks the inmaginary moisture into space. This is his only gesture of gratification.

As the activity of the arm develops and the vehemence of his speech increases, the cuff acquires a piston-rod movement. When the final point is made, the concluding spike driven, the right arm the earliest dawn they are up and (Copyright, 1926.) of Premier Mussolini, whose father was a black- about, seeking whatever we may spare sleeve and the speech is ended. While acknowledging the applause, always deafening, the great Fascist fights with his cuff to get it back where it usefulness. Bind to its trunk and came from. The retinue grouped about take a branches some bags of suet; suspend few acknowledgments for their own account, make an opening for the most-talked-about man in Europe, and recede with him behind the shutters a space of ground, and then scatter that close on the balcony.

ferent personality. The man was vital, but always flock to the feast. Thus may we help suave, affable, well controlled. Mussolini's face is them, and also help ourselves, for carefully sketched as follows:

His head is round, the forehead high, broad more than repay us for the small and finely modeled. The eyes are large, dark and effort. brilliant, the pupil enlarging and contracting as he talks. The nose, wide at the nostrils, is slightly Roman, and the smooth upper lip long. His mouth is large and flexible. He speaks with the precision

of one who intends to be understood.

The Mussolini jaw is a masterpiece of its kind. Starting beneath the lobes of his ears, which lie close to the head, it swings downward and outward—a monumental creation. The space under the chin is wide and the flesh firm. There is the By Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary solidarity of muscular power about the lower half of the face. All his imagination and ideality is lisclosed in his eyes and forehead. The teeth are white, regular and apparently sound. When he shakes hands it is with his whole body, inherited from the sturdy blacksmith who was his sire. At a guess, he weighs 170 pounds, and is about five feet nine inches tall. There is nothing of the Goth inheritance in his complexion. He is dark and swarthy, the hair thinning over both temples and on the back of the dome. His stride is military, and his manner alert.

### All In a Snow Storm

MAINE talks nothing else today but snowstorm. It is a beautiful storm. All of our Maine is dressed in a coat of ermine. And ermine is a costly fur. One likes to think of this snow in the deep woods this morning. There it is per-fectly beautiful. Inside the woods, where the wind does not rake, it is warm and still. In the deep woods is like being in a silent cathedral, warm, its extension to automobiles, washing still, innumerable arboreal columns arising on every side; over their tops, a soft wind playing with a deep note like that of a distant organ. When the sun comes out, it shines as though through crystal glass. And so warm and cosy.
Under foot are tracks of innumerable forms of life increase the immediate consumptive increase the immediate consumptive hat you never see, face to face; but which may even then be looking timidly at you—thus you large production and full employment

One loves the brooks, tied in icy bonds with the snow filling their ravines. The evergreen trees bear their burdens of snow on outstretched arms bringing in the boar's head on silver platters.

All Maine—field, forest, tree highway, twig, with the intelligent saving of the roof, eaves, window-ledge—not one place a foot square in 33,000 square miles without its million of snow-flakes! Suppose you ordered from some human artificer snow-flakes enough to cover 33,000 square miles, delivered in twelve hours, evenly on every square inch of that surface, taking perhaps 10,000 snow-flakes to a square inch of square inch of that surface, taking perhaps 10,000 snow-flakes to a square inch, each show a lake in a hexagon, each a gem; each of an absolutely original combination of perfect angles and lutely original combination of perfect angles and have the pattern of sixes, no two alike, and have secondly, if demand should decline, secondly, if demand should decline, secondly, if demand should decline, secondly if demand should decline it demands the secondly if demands the secondly it demands the secondly if demands the secondly it demands th lute specific gravity and weigh exactly so much avoirdupois per snow-flake—where would you find Yet we have all this showered upon us, see it come and see it go, unthinkingly; and even after all that we wonder if there be a God.

### Two Bushels of Wheat

(Halifax Chronicle) IN the little leaflet, "Canada Week by Week." issued by the National Resources Branch of the Department of the Interior, a story is told of two fruitful bushels of wheat. Two years ago, it is related, the Western Transfer Company, which farms 640 acres of irrigated land ten miles northeast of Lethbridge, Province of Alberta, bought two bushels of the new Renfrew wheat from D. H. Galbraith, M. P. P., for Nanton constituency, paying \$5 a bushel. They planted it in two acres of irrigated land and raised eight shels. Then last spring they planted the eighty bushels on fifty-seven acres of summer fallow, fall irrigated land. Recently they threshed, and the return was 3,150 bushels, or 571/4 bushels an acre. The Renfrew wheat yielded fortyfold each year Renfrew wheat, named after the title by which

## A Significant Change

(Toronto Star) THOSE newspapers in Canada which tell their readers that nothing of any consequence was accomplished at the Imperial Conference express a view that is not shared by the British press or the British government. A change of the fullest significance has been brought about.

#### Queer Quirks of Nature

BIRDS NEED SANTA CLAUS WHEN SNOW COMES

By Arthur N. Pack served its appointed purpose of pieces found their way into many scrap bringing joy to the children, it may be books, and it is from one of my own

If the weather be mild and open, Wind of the Norland snows,



of a million weeds is on field and roadside, and the insects wintering be-

bread crumbs, and parings of bones with bits of meat and fat adhering, the sight of them at their feast will

#### Timely Views On World Topics

The U. S. Treasury THE increase in installment plan

THE increase in installment plan buying has caused much discussion. An installment purchase means that instead of postponing the enjoyment of some article until the purchaser leas saved up the money required to money required to make the purimmediate enjoyment, paying out of future and not past savings.

pianos on the in-ANDREW MELLON machines and similar things, represents only a natural enlargement of the ar-ticles purchased for personal use.

One of the results of the extension of installment purchases has been to to continue. The increase in saving deposits, in building and loan associations, in life insurance and in investment shows that installment buying has not yet prog-

American people.

There are, however, two elements of weakness against which we should be quires upon credit has a real and permanent value and that he does not tie there is danger that to stimulate further consumption the terms of payment may be so lightened as to make credit un sound from a banking standpoint, and the finance companies and the banks thus become holders of large amounts of slow or uncollectible paper.
Subject to avoidance of these dangers, installment buying does not yet seem to be menacing our financial

# YULETIDE POEM

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#### Poems I Love "The Four Winds," by Charles Henry

THIS is not a great poem, by any means; but it has warmth and delicacy and pleasant rhythms. For such qualities I am always grateful. Luders was an American writer of no served its appointed purpose of when he was widely quoted. His

they have small need of our bounty, Wind of the winnowed skies and sharp, for the fruit still is clinging to wood-bine and pokeweed and holly, the seed

Blow cold and clean acrosss the naked And the lowland pools with crystal And blue the casement-square with glittering ice, But go not near my love.

> Wind of the West, Wind of the few, far clouds, Wind of the gold and crimson sunse Blow fresh and pure across the peaks and plains, And broaden the blue spaces of And sway the grasses and the mountain

Wind of the East, Wind of the sunrise seas, Wind of the clinging mists and gray, harsh rains, Blow moist and chill across the wastes And shut the sun out, and the and stars, And lash the boughs against the dripping eaves, Yet keep thou from my love.

But let my dear one rest.

But thou, sweet Wind! Wind of the fragrant South, Wind from the bowers of jasmine and neath the leaves and grass, furnish Over magnolia blooms and lilied lakes And flowering forests, come with dew wings, And stir the petals at her feet, and

#### After Dinner Stories

TWO old settlers sat smoking in So that is Mussolini the orator. We get a still closer view of Mussolini the man in Mr. Davis' description of an interview in the Dictator's private office two days later. Here he found a quite difference two days later. Here he found a quite difference two days later. The man was vital, but always of the flock to the feast. Thus may we help flock to the feast. Thus may we help flock to the feast. Thus may we help flock to the feast. The same was private and one of the constitution tics to cooking, and one of the con firmed bachelors said: o' thed there cookery books once, but "Too much fancy work about it?" asked the other.

"You've 'it it. Every one o' them recipes begun in the same way, 'Take a clean dish-,' and that settled me at

> EDDIE Cantor, actor, tells this one "The most humorous story I have ever heard, in my opinion, is the one about the inebriated chap who walked

A CHAMPION "goat-getter" is th fellow who fails to clean off his sidewalks whenever a snow comes There ought to be a way to instill civic co-operation in those people.

Just Fun

ONCE A YEAR A long experience at being broke,
Or nearly that, this bard philosophises, Does quite a bit to reconcile a bloke To lack of cash for divers enter-The happiness of years all rather learn,

Of home and friends and disposition sunny, Inculcate surging thoughts within the bean
That other matters matter more Thus envying the idle rich is not

The bane of one whose poverty is pleasant, Though he must sojourn in an humble And have the Bradstreet rating of

Which holds for quite a portion of the Through gentle spring and fall and sultry summer, now the melancholy days are For one whose bank account is on Just once a year he meets a Christ-

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My groans are hoarse and deep. Another week and I shall be Confined behind the gates, Unless surcease Brings sweet release — Inspired by the Fates. Oh, woe is me! Oh, woe is me! My brain is in a whirl;

I'll get no rest
'Til I invest— In a present for my girl! And say, while weeping at my bier: "He hardly ever said, 'Old Dear.'" May this console my mourning widdy: "He never called his child a 'kiddie." Say, when I'm placed beneath the soil: Rececber, when my days are through: "He never questioned, 'Well, what's new?"

O'er me carve, when I'm in "Blighty": "Who lies here ne'er said, 'All rightie.' Say, when I've gone to t'other shore: more." FABLE: "Ha ha! I once was young," said the man, as the snowball caught him behind the ear. Write this: She never said, "I'll say!"

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