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Time to Reduce.

AS IMPORTANT as any statement made by Hon. W. S. Fielding in his budget speech was the intimation that it was time for Canada to consider a reduction of her debt. At any rate there must come a time when there would be a real halt in the business of adding a big sum or a little sum each year to the national debt.

The trouble is that the people of Canada have a number of bodies levying taxes from them. No matter if it is the Dominion government, the provincial government, or a municipal council—in their system, and practice of finance, they are all taking money from the same people, and if all these bodies keep on adding a little each year to the amount they find it necessary to raise in order to do business, the result is that we are going to have a people taxed almost out of business.

We have come to look upon national debts as something that are with us and will continue to stay. It is somewhat of a relief to hear the finance minister state very plainly that if the people of this country are going to continue in a position where they can carry on respectably in matters of government and national transaction of business, they must get down to brass tacks and reduce the national debt.

In plain English, Canada must live within her income.

After all, this is a reasonable proposal. There are two courses open, 1. do it, or (2) don't do it. If a business concern finishes up a year with a deficit, it is regarded as a serious matter. It puts a load on the operations of the following year that must be carried and discharged at the first opportunity.

If the concern goes on year after year losing money, there is nothing to do but wind it up and let the creditors recover what they can. Families have to face the same problem. They know what they have coming in, and they also know if they are going to fight shy of the bill they must keep their household expenses inside of the household receipts.

A government faces the same problem on a larger scale, and, of course, having the credit of the whole country behind it, has larger powers in the matter of placing loans to make up deficits.

In view of the warning given by the finance minister—and he used the word "serious" in connection with his remarks—there must be co-operation on the part of all those who have schemes all mapped out whereby they can tap the public treasury. There is too great a tendency still in this land to consider that public money comes from some invisible source, and that the securing of it for one purpose or another adds no burden on the people, or that it is so widely distributed among some eight million people that the per capita amount is very small. This is a poor, loose way of reasoning—in fact, it is not reasoning at all.

When a man who chooses his words as carefully as Hon. W. S. Fielding does, uses "serious" to convey the situation this country faces in the size of its national debt, it is time for the people to express their willingness to line up with him in steps he may take to cure the evil that is threatening our national financial strength. When the King government moves in this direction it will find the country behind it, and it should not be turned aside by the barkings of politicians who consider immediate party advantage greater than the permanent welfare of the Dominion.

The Child and the Street.

A LONDON motorist was driving on Monday afternoon on one of the city streets. He came to a point in the road where he had to pass a wagon in front of him, and this was right near a corner.

Turning the corner, he found himself almost on top of three small boys who were playing and wrestling for the possession of a ball.

The driver had two courses open: (1) To run into the boys, or (2) Drive into the curb and smash his wheels and take chances of injury to himself. He, of course, chose the latter, and his car got smashed. It was the course that every driver would have taken if he had time to figure it out. The trouble is that these situations arise so quickly that there is not time to act after mature thought. It is a case of acting first and thinking about it after.

Now, perhaps, there is nothing so very unusual about the case cited above, but it leads on to something else.

Motorists pay a license to drive their cars, they are fined if they drive them too fast, if they get on the wrong side of the road, if they leave them standing too long in one place, if they pass a standing street car, or if they break any of the many laws and regulations that are made for their guidance.

Very good, but why should there be more effort on the part of the drivers to give the drivers a chance to make good? We realize



25 YEARS AGO TODAY

HERE WE HAVE ITEMS OF LOCAL AND DISTRICT INTEREST AS RECORDED IN THE ADVERTISER OF 1897.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1897.

Weather—Fine and warm. The two baseball games at Tecumseh Park yesterday proved among other things:

That baseball is mighty popular in London.

That the Londons can play pretty good ball.

That the Londons can play pretty rocky ball, too.

That Kershaw, the boy pitcher, is a daisy.

That the home team are sluggers.

That there is a weak spot in the infield.

The attendance at the morning game was about 1,500, and at the afternoon game 2,000. This is very satisfactory for exhibition matches, and ought to leave the management a tidy cash balance after paying the salaries at the end of the month.

The London Thistles went to Stratford yesterday and played the local nine before a large audience. It was an exciting contest, the London boys winning in the ninth inning.

Phillips for the Thistles, and McDougall for Stratford, both pitched good games.

The line-up was:

Thistles: J. McKay, 2b. Lenferty, s.s.

Wanless, c.f. Graham, 3b.

Cocoran, r.f. Evans, 1b.

Jas. Begg, l.f. Curry, c.f.

John Begg, s.s. Vokes, 2b.

Drummond, 1b. Smith, c.

Phillips, p. McIntosh, r.f.

Ferguson, 2b. Stevenson, l.f.

Croft, c. McDougall, p.

The opening session of the Baptist convention will be held tonight in the Talbot Street Baptist Church, where the retiring president, Rev. T. S. Johnston, of the Adelaide Street Baptist Church will give an address on "The Problem of Increasing Unbelief." Officers and committees will be appointed this evening also.

The celebration at Aymer passed off most successfully. The principal streets were beautifully decorated with mottoes and flags. The day's proceedings began at 10 o'clock with a grand eulimphian parade, which was excellent. At 1 o'clock a procession of horsemen, the fire brigade, bicyclists and the band marched to the fair grounds, where all kinds of games and races took place. Thousands of people witnessed the afternoon's sports. The day's pleasure found up with a band concert, and a good display of fireworks. The one-mile bicycle race resulted as follows: W. Devine of St. Thomas, and W. Mills. In the championship race, W. Sherman, G. Ashbough, D. Cohoon, all of Aymer.

DR. BISHOP'S ADVICE.

DEFORMITIES

BY DR. R. H. BISHOP.

It is needless to say for a child to be crippled.

More attention should be given by parents and physicians to complaints of "growing pains." Often they are the first signs of a growing deformity.

Prevention of deformities resulting from infantile paralysis is largely a matter of preventing the disease itself, by quarantine, avoidance of crowds when tired or weak, and cleanliness during the prevalence of the disease.

In early childhood proper posture, breathing exercises and avoidance of carrying heavy books and packages will prevent round or stoop shoulders and spinal curvature.

Enlarged tonsils and decayed teeth often cause joint deformities.

Social diseases claim more than their share of serious joint and bone diseases.

Near the end of its first year a child will bear close watching. It is always moving at this age and may have a serious fall.

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NOAH'S POETRY

FIRE CRACKERS.

There be some people in the land who always want to try a hand, at seein' how they can design to have our joyful times tin-canned.

They haven't time to go themselves and bend their long unlimbered back, and put a match upon the fuse to make the cracker crack his crack.

And so they legislate, by heck, that these here things must cease to be, the crackers and the cannons too, that gave such fun to me and you.

So on the 24th of May we shouldn't give our kids a dime, to let 'em clutter up the street and have a celebratin' time.

It is a foolish thing, I know, to blow in kale for this here trash, the price might better go for soup, for hay and oats and corn beef hash.

But kids is only kids a spell, and crackers only make one crack, so let the blue laws ease a spell and let 'em stay their righteous whack.

I know there's thousands in this

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READ YOUR CHARACTER

By Digby Phillips.

THE DULL-EYED PROSPECT.

The really dull eye is not the usual eye, and so when you, as a salesman, run up against it, you know that you will have to vary your usual methods considerably if you are going to make the sale.

In a general way, the dull eye denotes mental inactivity, lack of keen interest in things generally. Your first job is to find out whether its manifestation in your prospect is habitual or only temporary. Do something, say something unusual or startling or spectacular and see if his eye brightens. The man may be only "all in" mentally as the result of some mental or emotional crisis he has passed through. He may be sick. If so, you must use your judgment as to whether to press your case at once, or seek a more opportune time to tell your story.

You must also observe the shape of his head. The person with a high, well-developed head of normal shape has mental limits only as a violent exception to the rule. But the dull eye, especially if unsteady or jerky, indicates lack of mental balance, and perhaps you'd better not waste your time trying to sell such a prospect. On the other hand, if a rather dull, vacant eye is found in a low head, your prospect is not very quick or keen-witted and your task is principally that of careful, patient, painstaking explanation and repetition until you are sure that he has "got" you.

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POETRY

OUR BIRDS.

The sun has gone down o'er the mountains, The sweet summer evening is nigh. The birds are singing their praises To God, their Creator, on high.

The robin, the bird of our glory, Sings out her dear sweet lullaby, While her glory dwells with us forever, Such thoughts we cannot deny.

Lullaby to her dear little birdies, Is the song she sings the long day, But she knows they are safe in the cradle, The cradle of love, by the way.

But, alas! comes along the great spoiler, Who, one by one, steals them away, And leaves the dear mother a toiler, Heartbroken, like friends, gone away.

Then why can we not take a lesson From gay plumage birds in our sight, And leave them alone with their loved ones, Oh, leave them alone day and night.

Oh, birds from the Isles of the ocean, Oh, birds from the land and the sea, What glories of God's own creation, What glories enraptured we see, —Wm. H. Harrison.

THE BOOKSHELF

THE VEHEMENT FLAME, by Margaret Deland. Harper & Bro., Publishers, New York. \$2.

A new book by the author of "The Iron Woman" and "The Awakening of Helena Ritchie" is a literary event of some moment to people who like books which mean something.

This latest volume, with its depth of sympathetic insight into human nature, its arresting situations and the dramatically convincing power of its inexorable denouement will add new luster to Mrs. Deland's fame.

The story is that of an enraptured, impulsive boy of 19 who rushes into a romantic marriage with an unsophisticated woman twenty years his senior whose beauty of face and singing voice blind him to the sinister possibilities in their disparity of years.

Here is a situation to challenge the power of any writer to develop adequately and satisfactorily, and perhaps there could be no higher praise than to say that Mrs. Deland does just this.

Jealousy is the theme of the story, which takes its name from a quotation from the Song of Solomon, "Love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave; the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame."

Maurice Curtis is ready to fling the whole passion of his buoyant youth into making the marriage an ideal one, in his innocence never for a moment doubting its wisdom and triumphant success, but at every high point in his enthusiasm he is baffled and bewildered by Eleanor's consuming jealousy, which sears his love as with a veritable flame.

The particular object of her jealousy is Edith Houghton, younger than Maurice and devoted to him from babyhood, a blunt, breezy, tactless, sensible girl, charming in her generosity and unself-consciousness, whose parents have stood in the place of parents to Maurice. The trouble with Eleanor is that, like many another woman, she can rise to heights of emotional self-sacrifice on emergency but cannot deal serenely with the petty commonplaces of everyday life. She can bear sword thrusts, but not pin pricks. And, unfortunately, life is more, much more, a matter of pin pricks than of sword thrusts.

At last, desperately unhappy, Maurice makes a tragic mistake which plunges him into years of a pathetic subterfuge which is nauseating to his natural candor. One hardly knows whether he is more to be blamed or pitied, but there is no doubt about his punishment.

Mr. and Mrs. Houghton, far enough past the turmoil of life to view its pitfalls with broad and tolerant understanding, bring a restful element of serenity to the books. The joys and sorrows and perplexities of life assume their proper perspective when we "consider the stars."

The solution of the situation is logical, inevitable