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IT DOES VALUABLE WORK

THE New Brunswick Automobile Association has done a great deal since it was organized to aid in the improvement of the roads and to contribute to the safety of motorists and others on the highways. It has done much to provide signs along the roads of the province to guide and warn the motorist. At its meeting last evening it was decided to have a committee appear before the Government and bring to its attention the matter of remarking the roads, and some other changes in the interests of good roads and of safety. The public are indebted to the Association for its useful activity in the past, and the Government has wisely recognized the value of its service and co-operation. The matter of road signs is one of importance. The highways in some parts of the province are much better provided with signs than others. This is a matter in which the municipalities should be interested, and co-operate. The roads in some sections suffer greatly from the passage over them of very heavy loads in the late fall and in the early spring. If the Automobile Association, by directing attention to this matter, can get some action to protect the highways, it will have rendered additional service of great value; because it will in that way reduce the cost of road repair to the taxpayer as well as ensure a smoother passage for highway traffic.

ITALY'S POLICY

UNDER Fascism Italy is without doubt making progress as a power in a manner that savors of the old European spirit rather than that of the League of Nations. Italy insists on colonial expansion, and on being consulted in regard to matters which concern the Mediterranean even when, as in the case of Tangier, Italy's interests are not directly involved. Now her "policy" of friendship and security with Albania seems likely to upset the balance of the Balkans and has already aroused adverse comment in Jugoslavia. In Belgrade it is felt that this pact means no less than an Italian protectorate over Albania, and that the spirit of the recent treaty between Italy and Jugoslavia is violated thereby. The Rome announcement admits that the pact is based on a "unilateral guarantee of Albania's territorial integrity." Albania's independence, possibly this and territorial integrity, possess different shades of meaning—was already guaranteed by Italy's treaties with Jugoslavia, Greece and Rumania. The new pact also contains a mutual agreement to refrain from making treaties with other nations affecting the reciprocal interests of Italy and Albania. A glance at the map of the Adriatic will show how such interests might easily be the affair of other nations, and Italy's existing Balkan treaties certainly seem to cover possibilities in this direction. Doubtless matters will be straightened out eventually, but it is unfortunate that Italy cannot be content to pursue a somewhat more gradual and less aggressive policy to secure what is plainly her intention, virtually undisputed control of the Mediterranean. But what, one wonders, is Italy's attitude towards those three red dots which dominate the Tidides Sea—Gibraltar, Malta and Cyprus?

BUFFALO EXPECTS MORE

THERE has been much protest in Canada against a condition which enables mills in Buffalo to import Canadian wheat, mill it and export it under exceptionally favorable freight rates to compete with Canadian flour. The Food Research Institute of Stanford University, California, expects to see an expansion instead of a curtailment of this business. In a recent publication it says that 15,683,000 bushels of wheat were so imported and milled during the fiscal year 1925-26, chiefly by mills in the states bordering on the Great Lakes. It says Buffalo is the largest center for this milling, both for domestic consumption and for export, and it expects an expansion of the business there because American wheat good enough to mill into standard flour for export is becoming too expensive.

As a matter of fact, the United States does not produce any wheat that can compete with the hard wheat of Canada. The Financial Post points out that when the American miller buys Canadian wheat and exports the flour he gets a rebate of the tariff of forty-two cents per bushel of the tariff of forty-two cents per bushel of the flour business, and the Financial Post says: "It looks as though it were time to consider seriously whether Canada should not impose a forty-two cents a bushel export tax on wheat shipped into the United States for milling in bonds." Some men interest in the grain and milling trade would go so far as to prohibit the export of wheat to be converted into flour for export by American mills. The problem is not easy of solution, but the Financial Post says: "Any good citizen might feel justified in taking objection to the fact that nothing seems to have been done seriously to find a solution."

The Maritime Provinces are interested, because if more grain were sent this way for export there might be a possibility of getting mills at Saint John and Halifax. The mills have found the grain as far east as Montreal, and that they have stopped there must be to a considerable extent due to the fact that so little grain has been coming this way for export. If we could secure these mills it would be of great benefit to the dairying industry, because bran and shorts and other mill offal would be cheaper. According to a bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, on November 11, the price of bran in Alberta and British Columbia, twenty-five dollars, in Ontario, twenty-nine dollars, Quebec, thirty-eight dollars, and Nova Scotia, thirty-nine dollars. Shorts in bag per ton were twenty-six dollars in Manitoba, thirty-one in Ontario, thirty-one in Quebec and forty dollars in Nova Scotia, while in British Columbia it was only one dollar more than in Manitoba. Surely it should be possible to do something to change this state of affairs.

GOOD ADVERTISING

READERS of the London publication "Canada" have had their attention directed very particularly in its issue of November 20 to the Maritime Provinces as a field for farm settlers. The first page contains a picture of a very fine farm on the Saint John river, and one of another in Nova Scotia. Reference is made to the meeting of the three Premiers from the Maritime Provinces with President Beatty of the Canadian Pacific and Col. Stanley of the Hudson's Bay Company, relative to a colonization scheme for these provinces, and also to Nova Scotia's own policy to secure immigrants.

The same issue of "Canada" notes the fact that "Canadian apples have again been attracting the attention of the British public through their successes at the Imperial Fruit Show." Editorially, "Canada" makes a very vigorous protest against the action of a section of the London press in making unfair and ignorant criticism of Canadian mining ventures. The same issue has a very interesting picture showing a crowd of people around a Canadian Government exhibition van loaded with Canadian products at Stockton-on-Tees on market day. All of this is valuable publicity, and it is to be regretted that "Canada" has not a wider circulation among the people who should get the information it presents.

The country breathed easier yesterday when word was received that a compromise had been effected between the two great railway systems and the conductors and trainmen, so that a strike at the beginning of winter, which would have inflicted enormous loss upon the Dominion, has been averted. The contention of the railways was that they could not afford to increase wages without increasing their rates. The men insisted that they were not receiving adequate pay. The compromise agreement provides for some increases, but not to the full extent demanded. President Beatty points out that the increase agreed upon will involve the case of other employees, who have been requesting an advance in wages. For the present, however, the trouble is averted, and it may be hoped the spirit of mutual goodwill that appears to have characterized the negotiations just concluded will prevent any serious trouble in the future.

Winnipeg is now considering the matter of a City Manager. The Civic Legislation Committee of that city will decide in the near future whether or not a plebiscite on the question will be taken along with the civic elections in 1927. Winnipeg already has a form of city management, in that several departments have been placed under the city engineer. The Taxpayers' Association, however, has asked that the scheme be adopted in its entirety. An article on this matter is published in column three of today's issue.

Several buildings in Montreal are being constructed of stone from Manitoba. Stone from that province has also been used for construction purposes in Toronto and Quebec. The abundance of building stone in the Maritime Provinces. Would it be possible to find a market for some of it in the Central Provinces?

The Co-operative Cheese Factory at Albert in Alberta county has proved a profitable undertaking. It has given a decided impetus to the dairying industry in that county. There is no doubt that the field in the Maritime Provinces for the expansion of this industry.

The potato growers of New Brunswick are having an even more profitable year than was anticipated in the early fall. It is expected to continue throughout the season, and the exports are on a very large scale.

All the people of New Brunswick will hope for the early and complete recovery of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Health.

Other Views

THE YOUNG FOLKS.

(Frederick Mail)
THE New York preacher who sizes up the situation by saying that the trouble with the young folks is that they want to substitute the impulse of love for the impulse of duty which is the basis of civilization, has a short memory. The man who says he was only concerned with doing his hard and fast duty when he was a youngster and that he wasn't guilty of anything that youngsters do today is one of two things. He is weak-minded with a non-functioning memory or he is somewhat else that can be expressed in a short and forceful word.

Help the young folks with their problems with all the intelligence and diplomacy you can muster, but don't expect them to believe they are the posterity of angels.

IMPERTINENCE BY POST.

PROTESTS at the humiliation of having trade advertisements stamped by the post office on our correspondence may recall the days when postal communication of any kind was considered a little lacking in dignity. Miss Louise Courtney in her reminiscences says that "when the London twopenny post was first established, it was not cliquet to make use of it for private letters. I remember my father's annoyance when a stupid footman posted a letter to Sir Robert Peel instead of sending it by a groom. 'It seems so impertinent,' he said, 'to send a letter to a man like Sir Robert Peel by post.' Invitations and their answers were always sent by hand."

CANADA AND U. S. A.

(American Review of Reviews)
NO country could be more happily placed as regards its neighbors than is our republic in relation to the people who carry on a confederated democracy that is engaged in the development of the northern half of the continent. These neighbors come freely to our side of the boundary and learn from things and our experience in government and administration. We, on the other hand, from time to time have had the successful treatment of public problems by the Dominion government or by the separate provincial administrations.

A QUEER WORLD.

(Guelph Mercury)
IT'S a funny situation, and people wonder why newspaper efforts to serve the public are so little appreciated. Unless every little line and word conforms with the views of this or that society at election times, the papers are denounced. Throughout all the year they print columns and pages of news in keeping with the best principles of every good-meaning society without even a word of appreciation being expressed. It sure is a queer world.

TWO GOOD REASONS.

(Toledo Blade)
TWO things stand in the way of Canadian annexation. One is the fact that the United States do not want to annex her. The same situation has often kept a man and woman from getting married.

Winnipeg To Consider City Manager System

A RECENT issue of the Winnipeg Tribune says: "The Civic Legislation Committee is scheduled to consider the desirability of taking a referendum year hence on the city manager system. Whatever may be thought of the city manager plan, certain it is that widespread interest obtains in this form of civic administration, both on this side of the ocean and in Great Britain."

"Winnipeg, it may be recalled, has recently moved in the direction of city manager ship by placing half a dozen or more different departments under the city engineer. But the Taxpayers' Association urges that the full city manager system be applied to Winnipeg and has presented a petition asking that a plebiscite on the question be taken on civic election day, 1927."

"So far there has been insufficient experience of the working of the city manager plan to warrant anything in the way of a final verdict. This seems to be admitted by the proponents of the plan. A large number of the cities that have appointed a city manager are smaller places, and for the most part they made the change in the wake of the financial and economic stress of the last few years."

"Cleveland filled the latest city manager plan. William R. Hopkins, a resident of Cleveland, was chosen to the office in January, 1924. Simultaneously the city council was reduced from 33 councilmen, elected under the ward system, to 25 councillors elected in four districts by proportional representation."

"Turning to Great Britain the following comment was made by Sir Albert Gray in the report of the Royal Commission on Local Government, 1923, of which he was a member: 'The Local Government Bill would give some attention to the municipal reforms in progress in America during the last 20 years, different as the conditions may be. The new development is the city manager system. The American experiments thus on trial should, I think, be carefully observed by municipal authorities in this country.'"

"The prospect of the employment of a personal executive by the American city manager is not so distant as is regarded by some. A large amount of the work of some of the departments under the council is of such a character as to be more efficiently, expeditiously, and economically performed by personal than by committee management."

"An emphatically unfavorable opinion of the city manager system of administration is expressed, however, by Mr. G. Gibson, assistant secretary of the British Ministry of Health, and a witness before the 1923 Royal Commission previously mentioned. He says: 'The city manager form of administration in the full exuberance of the American spirit, with, for instance, the wide powers of appointment, has practically no chance in this country, and would, indeed, be alien to our general constitutional habits, but at the same time it is not without its suggestions for our requirements.'"

Development In Advertising

(New York Herald-Tribune)
DEVELOPMENT in the field of advertising is one of the outstanding events in the recent history of the country. In its address before the American Association of Advertising Agencies at Washington Wednesday night President Coolidge did not overemphasize the part of its influence on American life. This country has advanced the art of advertising to the point where other nations regard our standards as the basis for comparison. Our economic development, the growth of big business enterprises and the standardization of innumerable products would have been impossible without advertising. With the evolution of advertising there has come an improvement in the standard of living. The most potent influence in adopting and changing the habits and modes of life, affecting what we eat, what we wear and the work and play of the whole nation. There can be no difference of opinion regarding this statement. The new development in advertising has been the standard of living, of bringing what were once regarded as luxuries within the reach of the masses. A visitor coming to America for the first time is often struck by the similarity in dress, especially of the men, to the same dress and color, shoes of the same make and color, and the same quality of goods. Advertising is often responsible for the short-lived. They sweep over the country and are forgotten in a few weeks or months. The more popular goods are of a more permanent nature. Such uniformity has its losses as well as its gains.

Truthfulness in advertising is a subject which has received much attention. Advertisers have learned that straight dealing, avoidance of exaggeration, and improvement in the quality of goods, has been followed by an increase in business. The results of clean advertising campaigns are being realized to the benefit of the public and of the producers as well. Here is the only solid basis of advertising as a force making for real progress.

Valet Hero to His Master

(London Correspondence, New York Times)
THE old adage, "No master is a hero to his valet," may or may not be true, but anyhow it became clear here today that at least one valet in history has become a hero to his master. This valet attended the late Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, for years, and was a book just published. Lord Curzon relates many anecdotes about him, showing how he considered the valet a remarkable man.

"Thro, fact, was actually discovered here in London today by an enterprising newspaperman, who told him how highly his master, the late Lord Curzon, had valued him. The valet gave his name as Harris, and he is a real person, not a male counter-part of Dickens' 'Mrs. Harris.' He was agreeably surprised by the fame suddenly thrust upon him. He is now valet to another nobleman. 'I had no idea Lord Curzon had taken so much notice of the incidents,' he said, referring to mentions of him in Curzon's book. 'I think I may say I was looked upon as his friend and I always accompanied him as his sole personal servant.' Harris was asked as to the death of various incidents, especially one mentioned by Lord Curzon to the effect that a certain Indian potentate had promised 10 tigers would be killed by Curzon on one tiger hunt planned in his honor, whereupon the valet—misquoting as Curzon's military aide—poked the potentate in the ribs and remarked: 'Half that figure, and once again.' The truth of his estimate was shown next day, when not only 10 but only four tigers were sighted by Curzon and his fellow hunters."

Referring to this yarn, Harris said today he did not remember it, but added it must be true if Lord Curzon told it. Harris sometimes impersonated Lord Curzon, being engaged to do so by remarkable likeness to his noble master. In this way he saved the latter considerable trouble when the Viceroy did not want to go through arduous manual reception, etc. Once Harris and Lady Curzon's maid posed as Lord and Lady Curzon and got a salute and generous tip from a group of Oriental gentlemen. Harris said today: "Lord Curzon was a great man. Only those who knew him constantly could tell how fine he was."

New York Hemlocks

(Montreal Gazette)
THE hemlock grove in the New York Botanical Gardens, which has been called by many who have seen it, the city's most precious natural possession, is to be maintained and protected under a plan that has resulted from a three-year study by members of the Faculty of Columbia University. Natural regeneration will be assisted by the planting of seedlings each year.

Queer Quirks of Nature

HIS MAJESTY STANDS FOR AMERICA

By ARTHUR N. PACK
WHEN our government was founded the white-headed or bald eagle, our largest and most imposing bird of prey, and one peculiar to the North American continent,



Bald Eagle

Poems I Love

By CHAS. HANSON TOWNE

"The Sea Gypsy," by Richard Hovey

Hovey wrote the incomparable "Songs from Vagabondia" in collaboration with his friend, Bill Carman. He died young, in the prime of his fame. His death left a void which was never filled. He died, undoubtedly he would have been a supreme force in American letters. His strength lies in his intense virility as a poet, in the glowing images he was so fond of making.

I am fevered with the sunset,
I am fearful with the day,
For the wanderlust is on me
And my soul is in Cathay.

There's a schooner in the offing,
With her topmasts shot with fire,
And my heart has gone aboard her
For the islands of Desire.

I must forth again tomorrow!
With the sunset I must be,
Hail away the trail of my capture
In the wonder of the Sea.

Just Fun

WISE Marion says she's a-going to purchase all the clay in Saint John and mould herself a model man!

ALL a young man can do about matrimony is pray that the right woman will pick him out.

FIRST SOCIETY WOMAN—"That's my baby that we just passed."
Second Society Woman—"How could you tell?"
First Society Woman—"I recognized the nurse."

He kicked about his wife's new hat and said she used poor sense. The thing that he complained of was the overhead expense.

CHEERFULNESS and a sense of humor are rarely found in the same person.

ISN'T it amazing how a married couple can be perfectly happy one moment and madder than tigers the next?

THE only soft thing about some drinks seems to be the tone of voice they are ordered in.

LADY says her "Sweetie" is so dumb that when he got an invitation to a garden party, he went out and bought a spade!

LIVE AND LOVE

Why does the road wind ever away
Till we cannot see the end?
Why do we climb and climb each day,
Where does it lead, good friend?
Where can it lead but up and away?
Why need we see the end?
If we work and sing and climb each day
And live and love, good friends?

CLARICE: Yvonne has won a D. S. C.
What? A Distinguished Service?
Heavens, no!—Drug Store Cowboy.

MOST people can't see what's right under their noses; if they could, a lot of mistakes would be shared off.

MR. NEWBICH (to bored member of his club): "They talk very much of putting me in 'Who's Who.' The Bored One: 'Who's Zoo?'"

LIFE is a game of give and take, with most of us expecting to give bricks and take bouquets.

ARCHIE says he heard of the sad case of a Scotchman who became engaged to a girl who became so fat that he wanted to break off the engagement. But the girl couldn't get the ring off, so he had to marry her.

GO ahead and ask," said Mr. Jones. "Boss," he began, "please, uh, excuse me, but about I ask you a question?"

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Cedar Chests (Red Seal)

The above are a few of the many gifts that are always acceptable.

A. O. SKINNER

58 KING STREET

"What kind of a lodge is you instituting?" shouted the girl. She didn't even smile.

SCRAMBLED EGGS," ordered a customer in a city market restaurant. "Milk toast," murmured his companion, who was not feeling well. "Scrambled two and a graveyard stew," sang the waitress with the titian hair.

"Here," corrected the second man, "I want milk toast."

"You'll get it, buddy," replied the girl. "That's what they call milk toast in Pittsburgh, where I worked."

The two customers held a conference and decided to "put one over" on the "fresh young thing" from Pittsburgh. The first one wanted a glass of milk and the second one a cup of black coffee.

When the girl appeared to put a "set up" of the restaurant artillery in front of the men, the second man gave the following order:

"A bottle of lactical fluid for my friend and a scuttle of Java with no sea form for me."

"Chalk one up a dipper of ink," said the girl.

MERCHANT: "What can I do for you young man?" Boy: "I want to get a ladder."

"What kind of a ladder do you want?" "It's for my step-mother, so give me a step-ladder."

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