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#### THE BRITTAIN REPORT

regard to the work of the representatives of the Canadian Institute of Civic Research in Saint John. Doctor Brittain did not come to this city to ask a few questions regarding the manner in which the Mayor and Commissioners perform their duties, but to investigate the whole situation caribou, moose, and mountain sheep, except in in regard to civic administration. He finds that ment. No system that is wrong can give satisfactory results. It is useless to condemn the administrators if the fault lies in the system. is that there are three governing bodies-the City Council, the Municipal Council and the Board of School Trustees. He finds here a difficulty and suggests a remedy. He finds also that the men who frame civic policies are also the men who carry them into effect, and he declares this to be a system which cannot be expected to yield the best results. Therefore he would have a small City Council, serving either without pay or with

in the city charter. the complaint about assessment is, in his judgment, due to defects in the system. He entirely dissents from the theory that the official who makes the assessment should also be the court of appeal against that assessment. Hence he would have a board of revisors. He does not consider it wise to have appeals against taxes dealt with by the members of the City Council, who hold their office by virtue of the votes of the taxpayers. There is also the matter of an engineering

that relates to the public works of the city. In his view, the best results cannot be attained so long as there is an engineer for each department and none clothed with supreme authority. Doctor Brittain's remedy for a situation in which there are three governing bodies is to separate the city from the county and bring the City Council and the School Board into closer

department and an administrative head for all

touch in relation to financial matters. Perhaps some citizens are disappointed because the survey has not revealed deliberate wrong doing at City Hall. The Brittain report emphasises the fact that it is the system that is at fault. Perhaps all of its recommendations will not be adopted, but they are of a most revealing nature and will not be lightly swept aside. As soon as the Christmas holidays are over we may expect action on the part of the City Council, and a very careful study of the Brittain report by business men and taxpayers in general.

### INDUSTRIES CENTRALIZED

turing industries are centralized in the province of Ontario is found in a statement of the in the agricultural implements industry. Of sixty- wrong with the system. one of these firms forty-three operated last year were located in Ontario, eleven in Quebec, three in Manitoba, two in Alberta and one each in Prince Edward Island and British Columbia. These plants represented a capital investment of \$81,861,961 and employed 7,559 people, to whom over \$9,000,000 was paid in salaries and wages. The figures show that two-thirds of these plants were located in Ontario. The centralization of industries generally there

and in Quebec has defeated the aims of the Fathers of Confederation, and has proved how ill-founded was one of the assurances given to the people of the Maritime Provinces. Sir Leonard Tilley, in an address in Quebec at the time of the Union negotiations, pointed out that the people of the Maritime Provinces were a manufacturing people, and predicted that they would become to the new Confederation what Massachusetts was to the United States. Those in the Maritime Provinces who believed this was a correct prediction were as far astray as those who accepted the assurance of Mr. John A. Macdonald and others that the traffic of the Central and Western Provinces would pass through the ports of the Maritime Provinces. We have tried to be a manufacturing people. After the adoption of the National Policy, factories sprang up in anticipation of finding a market for their products West of the Quebec border line. The most serious disappointment followed. The competition of the Central Provinces wiped out those industries; and, since our urban centres did not grow, the farmers were deprived of a good local market, the people generally were discouraged and the exodus went on. Our friends in the other provinces will do well to take these facts into account while they are studying the Duncan report.

### VETERANS

TT is expected at Ottawa that private legislation will be introduced proposing to withdraw the preference heretofore accorded to returned soldiers in the matter of government appointments. Why? Did those who participated in the active defence of their country make sacrifices to do so? Did these men, for the most part just launched or just about to be launched in business careers. suffer by answering the call of duty? The reply to this was supplied when Canada accorded them preference. Does there remain one single case that claims now or may claim hereafter preferential treatment in this respect? If so, is Canada to hold her hand and declare she 'as exhausted her gratitude? If not, why, at any rate during the present generation, expunge from the statute rules.

book the record of Canada's appreciation? No claim has, so far as one is aware, been advanced by Canada's veterans that they should receive preferential treatment except when decision lies between candidates of otherwise reasonably equal qualifications. If on occasion preference has been bestor ed injudiciously, that is not favorite statesman, who has extended Canadian

financially or in efficient service by employing veterans? One would like to hear details if this be claimed. On the other hand, has not a warm and worthy sentiment of gratitude found outlet in the public employment of veterans, and enabled the latter to accept tokens of their country's admiration without loss of that self-respect inculcated during the period of their military service? What do the women of Canada think of the proposal?

#### GAME EXTINCTION 'AND PRESERVATION

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST prints over the signature "Tom Morgan," an article fraught with solemn warning to the sport-loving citizens of the United States. One by one their game animals and birds are suffering extermina-"Hatcheries can hardly keep up in the uneven struggle to prevent ponds and streams from being entirely fished out." Wild life is "besieged

by the automobile." Antelope, Arizona elk, California grizzly, Antelope, Arizona elk, California grizzly, caribou, moose, and mountain sheep, except in Wyoming, white-goat, except in Idaho, are exterminated; and so proceeds the list of virtual extincminated; and so proceeds the list of virtual extinctions of the Imperial Conference, as reachievements of the Imperial Conference, as rethe system is wrong—at least that is his judg- minated; and so proceeds the list of virtual extinction of duck, quail, turkey, woodcock, grouse and prairie chicken. It is mournful reading. Mr. Horgan's warning is directed at his own country, take note thereof. How many caribou remain in New Brunswick? Will all our restocking maintain a supply of good fighting fish in our streams, rivers and lakes? We are not blind-not all of us--to the danger that threatens because our game too is "besieged by the automobile." But listening to and applauding game protective associations is not enough. Every sportsman must be the apostle of the game laws. Every New Brunsa nominal remuneration, to frame the policies; wicker must be an ardent upholder of the game and have these policies carried out by the respon- laws until those who contravene them shirk sible heads of departments who would be per- shamefacedly about their nefarious business and manent officials so long as they rendered satisfac- the stranger within our gates conforms to our tory service. This would mean a radical change strict practice. Sanctuaries must be provided and

The Manitoba Free Press says:-"The people of Canada generally are sympathetic with the plight of their fellow-countrymen in the far eastern provinces; and will go a long way in accepting policies calculated to remove these grievances. Nevertheless, the policies call for scrutiny and consideration. They must be justifiable. They must be based upon principles capable of application elsewhere to meet similar conditions." The Maritime Provinces are not asking any favors. If any other part of the Dominion can make out as good a case as theirs for remedial legislation they will give it their hearty support.

It is generally admitted that the great work of the recent Imperial Conference was, not the writing of a new constitution for the Empire, but the acknowledgement of a constitutional state which has grown naturally, was recognized, yet had hitherto lacked expression. The only considerable portion of the Empire where recognition was apparently lacking was South Africa, with the result that the South African Premier went to London intending to fight for what none wished to deny him. Now he is home again a staunch supporter of the Empire. If no more than that had been accomplished by the Imperial Conference, it was worth while.

In 1925 real estate formed 57.4 per cent, of the total value for assessment purposes in Saint John. AN illustration of the extent to which manufac- In other Canadian cities examined by the Brittain Commission it ranged from 77.6 to 93.6 per cent. The inference is that real estate is not too highly number and location of firms primarily engaged taxed in proportion, but that there is something

### Other Views

LOOKS LIKE BUSINESS. (Manitoba Free Press)

A REPORT from Ottawa says that "Hon. Robert Forke, Minister of Immigration and Colonization, is planning a visit to Great Britain and the Continent early next summer in connection with a scheme on which he is now engaged to bring more and better settlers to Canada."

Mr. Forke's announced intention is proof that it is well worth while to have a minister giving his full time to the Department of Immigration and Colonization who not only understands the settlement problem thoroughly but is determined to go right after those classes of immigrants whom the country is most anxious to obtain. Everything points to a considerable increase in immigration next year. But Mr. Forke is apparently not content to await the fulfilment of that prospect, but intends to cross the Atlantic and do all that he can to make certain of it. The report above quoted says that he is very anxious to get the largest possible number of people from Great Britain and also from the preferred countries. tries of Europe-from the Scandinavian countries and from France. Immigration figures for the present year show that that is where the additional effort needs to be made, since the immigrants are coming fairly freely from the countries of Central Europe. Apart from Europe, of course, an increase is looked for in the influx from the United States. It is satisfactory to know that Mr. Forke regards the getting of immigrants as

#### his job and that he is going after results. SALE OF THE WHITE STAR LINE. (New York Times)

IN the sale of the White Star Line by the International Mercantile Marine Company to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, more is involved than mere transfer of ocean steamship property. The transaction itself, reputed to in-volve payment of \$34,000,000, is a highly interesting occurrence in days when the United States Government is finding difficulty in getting bids the ocean tonnage acquired by it in the war. This present return of the White Star to British ownership, 22 years after the line was captured by America and in the face of the overshadow-ing post-war financial prestige of the United States in every other direction, will send something like a thrill of reassurance through Great Britain.

### BOXING AND CAMPAIGNING.

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review) THERE is this to be said that the participants must learn to "fight fair" and in accordance with the rules of the game. Moreover they must take as well as give. Is it not possible that training in beginning to fair fighting. ing in boxing—in fair fighting and is taking as well as giving-would be a good preparation fo public campaigning? A good deal of campaign fighting is not fair and is not governed by any

### PRESS ON CONFERENCE.

(Farmers' Sun) THE English newspapers, it is to be noted, applaud in the manner of saying that now the colonies will be quieted for another term. The Canadian press hastens to apportion praise to a the fault of the veterans. But a man drilled and disciplined, even if he lack other attributes, is possessed of a valuable head and proposessed of a valuable head. disciplined, even if he lack other attributes, is yound what everybody had long known and accept-

#### Empire Development Is Natural Process

(Border Cities Star) WE have tried to see things as they are and to put them forth for the world to see. That is, however, a different thing from digging a plant up every year to see if it is growing." These were the words of Premier Stanley Baldwin at a farewell banquet to the Dominion premiers, given by the Empire Parliamentary Association in London Friday night. They contain nothing of the fear and trembling with which a certain type of "celonial" mind in Conada seems a certain type of "colonial" mind in Canada seems to regard the recent efforts of the Imperial Conference in respect to the status of the various countries comprising the British Commonwealth

At the same banquet, Canada's chief representative, Premier King, stressed the point that those things which have long been conceded have now been made a matter of official record. It was true of most British charters, Mr. King said, that they did not pretend to set up anything new. They purported rather to assert, in a form thereafter no ler open to challenge, rights which, with time, have become established. Let us quote

spects Canada's relations in domestic and external affairs, will be not in what has been gained, but rather in the fact that what has been attained is now no longer open to question. Our pride will be greater in that this acknowledgement was made without a dissenting voice that in all that made without a dissenting voice, that in all that has been recorded, you of the Motherland and we of the Dominions have been in complete accord. The charter of liberties we individually and collectively enjoy may, to all appearances, have been enlarged. In reality there has been, as respects British political institutions, a natural development along inevitable lines."

And Mr. King added that when the controent subsided it would be found versy of the moment subsided it would be found that the Imperial Conference revealed foundations that the Imperial Conference revealed foundational autonomy and imperial unity deeper, of national autonomy and imperial unity deeper, had broader and more enduring than many

but has been out of this country for 20 years.
This circumstance may, to some extent, affect his viewpoint. Mr. Groocock cautions Canadians that viewpoint. Mr. Groocock cautions Canadians that viewpoint. they should think imperially rather than nationally and he looks with disfavor on talk of equal status as between Great Britain and the Dominions.
"Here in the United States," he says, "we take pride in big things. We have the biggest commercial organizations, the biggest parks, the biggest monuments and, perhaps, the biggest heads. If we were in the Empire we would have the biggest Empire in the world and it would give us an inspiration which is lacking in Canada."

But is there virtue or advantage in mere hig-But is there virtue or advantage in mere bigness? It is true that Canadians do not stress this feature as do their American cousins. If we were inclined to do so there would be no lack of opportunity. Our country is bigger than the United States and we do belong to the biggest Empire in the world. But everyone knows these things. Why labor them? The point that Mr. Grocock and there are others—seems to overlook is that it is possible for Canada to have a strong national spirit and at the same time be a faithful and devoted posterior in the came be a faithful and devoted posterior in the came be a faithful and devoted posterior in the came be a faithful and devoted posterior in the came be a faithful and devoted posterior in the came be a faithful and devoted posterior in the came be a faithful and devoted posterior in the came and the came as a faithful and devoted posterior in the came and the came and the came as a faithful and devoted posterior in the came and t voted partner in the organization known as the British Commonwealth of Nations. Those who criticize the action of the Imperial Conference feel that a declaration of equal rights-as between the Motherland and the Dominions-implies a breaking away, a severance of the ties that bind us together. Let it be understood most emphatically that this is not the case. It is the fact, though, that Canada, Australia and the others have "grown that Canada, Australia and the others have "grown up." They are no longer in swaddling clothes. They have come of age. They have reached man's estate. And now they are officially taken into partnership. As a matter of fact they have been in partnership for some time. The Imperial Conference now records the arrangement. What cause for alarm is there in this?

for alarm is there in this? Mr. King has spoken of the natural develop-Mr. King has spoken of the natural development of British institutions along inevitable lines. This development is only in line with changing conditions all over the world. Everything is changing slowly but gradually. One sees the evidence of this on every hand. All the changes are not welcome but, in the main, they are improvements. So far as the British Commonwealth of ments. So far as the British Commonwealth of is concerned, the time may come when Canada, rather than Great Britain, will constitute Canada, rather than Great Britain, will constitute the centre of that great partnership of kindred peoples. A well-known Canadian made this prediction only the other day. Much stranger things have happened. He did not say that the change would come 10 years from now or 50 years, but he did believe that it represented a likely happened. pening. Who can tell?

Canada's prospects as an equal partner in the far-flung British family were never brighter than they are today. We have the country and we have the resources. Let us seek to develop a strong national spirit that will carry us onward and ward to ever greater achievements.

#### Conserving The Trees (Detroit Saturday Night)

AGITATION against the annual Christmas tree organization being exercised in the cutting of evergreens for this purpose. At any rate interested persons believe there is less wild cutting and more careful selection of trees than a few years ago. With this good news, comes warning that the habit of decorating houses, churches and other buildings during the holiday season is causing heavy inroads on the natural supply of laurels, holly, ground pine, bittersweet and black alder. New England, where the laurels and holly are New England, where the laurels and holly are of native talent. found, is actively campaigning to protect them. Here, the Garden Club of Michigan is calling attention to the danger of exterminating the decorative plants and shrubs that are native in this state. No plea is made for entirely ceasing the use of such material, but rather for its use in moderation. Some florists, too, are making wreaths and garlands from the material they themselves grow, and it is hoped that this prac-

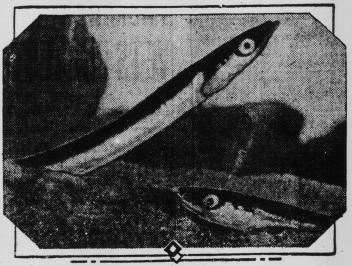
### More Immigrants Coming

(St. Thomas Times-Journal) TODAY, however, prosperity is returning in increasing measure and that prosperity will be an effective magnet. Immigration to Canada be an enective magnet. Immigration to Canada in the next few years, if our hopes for a return to the active business conditions and prosperity of the first decade of the century are realized, should continue to increase very greatly. A wellconceived government policy-vigorously conducted—may well obtain greater success under the improving conditions of today than at any time since the war. Together with this, we may expect a decrease in the exodus to the United States, where there was no post-war depression such as was felt in this country, and, possibly, a complete reversal of the migratory tide.

### The Will To Live

(Chicago Herald-Examiner) CENTENARIAN in Bowling Green recently otherwise in use has been issued by predicted the time of his death almost to the hational Playing Fields Associa-CENTENARIAN in Bowling Green rec hour. He said he would die at 9 o'clock in the morning on a certain day. He died at half-past eight. When Lord Byron was a child a fortuneteller told him that he would die in his thirty-seventh year. The idea haunted him, and when he begroup ill after his thirty-seventh hirthday he he became ill after his thirty-seventh birthday he gave up hope and said he was destined to die in that year. He did. Doctors give "the will to live" is all that save China from complete as one of the strongest opponents of death. When the mind accepts death as a foregone conclusion and gives up, the fight against disease is almost George, British government commerhopelessly handicapped

## Queer Quirks of Nature



fanciful tale ever woven about it.

Sometimes in the middle west a over torrents and rapids.

it get there?

The puzzle of the eel was solved not so long ago. For a long time it had been known that they spawned working its way inland.

# Stories

BRITISHERS like to tell this joke on the American passion for stand-ardization: A man was being questioned by an important job as a mechanic.
"But," said the employer, "are you ou an all-around man-a thoroughly rained mechanic?" "Oh, yes," the man assured him; "for six years I had experience at the

man I have ever met." "What leads you to say that?" "Why, last week on the occasion of his birthday he sent a collect message congratulating his mother."

IT WAS at the fall fair, and some of the boys who were seeing the whole show tried to persuade Angus Mc-Gregor to buy himself a ride on the merry-go-round. "Na, na," said Angus. "The poseetion is redeeculous, the plaisure is but momentary, and the expense is described."

THEe Boss (to office-boy): "Roberts, I hope you try to save half of what you earn."

Office-boy: "I don't get that much, sir."

"The Kiss," by Sara Teasdale.

NONE of our younger poets can

Like theirs again?

Your kiss upon my mouth. And swift, sweet rains of shining April Found not my lips where living kisses are; I bowed my head lest they put out my

As rain puts out a star. I am my love's, and he is mine forever. Think you that I could let a beggar Where a king stood before?

TO HELP BOY FOOTBALLERS An appeal to all football clubs of England to throw open their grounds to school boys when the fields are not

cial agent in Shanghai



Slippery Eels

By ARTHUR N. PACK.

"AS SLIPPERY as an eel," is a very common saying. Another which would be just as apt would be "As puzzling as an eel," for this little its life after spawning once. Its life

serpent-like fish has kept people guessing.

work is then over.

The tiny eel starts life as a trans-Aristole is quoted as saying that parent minute thing, and grows to three inches in length during the first two months of its life. Then it thing have there been more foolish changes to the regular cel shape and takes on eel characteristics. Once people believed that a horse hair would turn into an eel, and many other stories just as ridiculous have been repeated and believed conhave believed conhave been repeated and believed conhave believed co cerning this fish. But the real truth when ready to spawn works its way is more marvelous than the most back to the old home in fresh water,

In The Border Cities Star on Saturday, there appeared an interesting letter from Mr. Sidney Groocock, of Detroit, dealing with the Imperial and he wonders how it ever got there wriggle their way across land to reach wriggle their way across land to reach appeared an interesting letter from Mr. Stuney and he wonders how it ever got there and he wonders how it ever got there writer has known inland pools which accounts for the so far inland. The writer has known inland pools which accounts for the middle west farmer seeing them in a small eel to come out with a gush a small eel to come out with a gush a small eel to come out with a gush as mall eel to come out with a gush as middle west farmer seeing them in grass and mud. The only possible solution of the eel

Just Fun

GIVE A LITTLE MORE.

Give a little, live a little, try a little

Sing a little, bring a little happi-

Care a little, share a little of your

Play a little, pray a little, be a little

glad; Rest a little, jest a little if a heart

Spend a little, send a little to

Give a little, live a little, love a

sandwiches to take out."

Counter Man (calling to cook)

"Dress up four grunts to go walking."

IF THE face looks sour, sweeten i

Jack and Jills went up the hill

They're seeking bail by letter.

At 60 miles or better;

Was right behind-

A cop unkind

holiday.

is sad:

with a smile.

a good hurricane.

# After Dinner

WHAT our billboards really need O'GAY-Did you have much luck on your fishing trip? Van Sport—Oh, pretty fair—I quit a JUST as well make up your mind right now that in case you succeed a whole lot of people are going to be

"And what did you do there all that "Well." said the man, "I screwed

A COUPLE of clubmen were speak ing of a yellow member when one "I dislike to say it, but really Reginald is the most egotistical young

A SPAGHETTI banquet was being IT'S impossible for some people to held and Francisco arrived in the CUSTOMER: "Give me four pork midst of a burst of cheering. "Datsa Toney," returned his neigh-"He maka da bowl ir

### Poems I Love

you have come, how can I care They heard the baby weighed a ton.

They surged about me, singing of the I turned my head away to keep still

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#### TOY TALES

Santa Claus found it impossible to keep the Bunnies, Hens, Cats, Ducks, Dogs and Roosters clean in his toy shop; they were always getting into the coal bin and paints. It kept him running after them all the time, so Santa decided to make them this year out of white oilcloth, and paint their eyes, ears, and legs, then they could easily be washed and look like new again. Yes- they are at Dykeman's and you want to come down to Toyville to see them-all standing on one shelf, and they only cost 49c

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"Then, darn it, shove the butter

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Before you kissed me, only winds of ANYWAY the English Channel has taught us the difference in appearance of swimmers and bathing beau-

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