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BEAVERBROOK AND CANADA.

When Lord Beaverbrook returned to England he published some of the impressions of his recent visit to the Dominion. Canada will not suffer from any of his remarks. The well-known London correspondent of the Montreal Gazette quotes some of the remarks of this son of New Brunswick. Beaverbrook notes that the Canadian dollar is now at par with the New York exchange, and asks to how many Europeans this will come as a surprise. The parity of its dollar, he says, is a reflection of Canada's prosperity. The Dominion has no debt system, and its permanent unemployed are those with physical incapacity or mental disability for hard work. The Canadian banking system is the soundest and strongest in the world. Dominion problems are purely internal, and for this reason the banker rather than the politician is king in Canada. In the hierarchy of the financial world, says Lord Beaverbrook, Sir Vincent Meredith holds foremost place, and in the world of industry Sir Herbert Holt. Canada, he says, enjoys good governments, and their working is demonstrably more efficient than that of the United States. They have proven it in their successful struggle to improve their ruinous heritage of bankrupt transcontinental railways. Lord Beaverbrook concluded by urging British youth to go to Canada and grow up with a growing country.

WESTERN WELFARE CONGRESS.

The Social Service Council of Canada are calling a number of welfare congresses in the Western Provinces during the month of October. These are being organized by the Rev. Dr. Shearer, Secretary of the Social Service Council, who is in a peculiarly effective position to arrange conferences on this subject. Dr. Shearer has made such problems as will be discussed, namely, The Underprivileged Child; Religious and Social Welfare; Delinquent Boys and Girls; Habit-Forming Drugs and Social Diseases; The Problem of the Mentally Defective; and A Social View of International Relations, the study of a lifetime. He has traveled from coast to coast, viewing conditions from an impartial standpoint, and probably knows more concerning the social life of Canada than any other man. The Social Service Council, of which he is Secretary, is in itself a very broad institution, representing practically all the organizations that are working for social improvements within the Dominion. These western conferences will include representatives of both Protestant and Roman Catholic churches. Canada has not escaped the serious social problems that have attached themselves to all countries. In addition the Dominion has her own perplexing social questions to grapple with. The congresses that will be held in Calgary and other western cities will supply a forum for the considerations of these problems.

CITIES TAKING CHANCES.

Commenting upon the fact that cities sometimes take great chances, the Vancouver Province points out where that constantly growing community has taken many chances with regard to its water supply, and notes that the water which supplies about a quarter of a million people is led in eleven from pipes across the bottom of one of the busiest harbors of the western world. They are subject at all times to damage from drifting ships and dragging anchors and some of them are out of commission nearly all the time. Vancouver is no different from any other city. All of them take too many chances, and in common with the western city they play with fire and with wind. In common with Vancouver other cities similarly situated come through comparatively unscathed, though not completely unscathed. They cut out fire-fighting force to the limit; reduce equipment until underwriters cry out in alarm; block their cross-town arteries so that the force they have can function with only partial efficiency; and smile when these vitally interested suggest a fireboat. Then comes a gale. If a fire should break out with it there would be no stopping the flames. But there is no fire. Four days later the fire comes, but there is no wind, and the city escapes with comparatively little damage.

COMING BACK TO CANADA.

The immigration authorities at Ottawa are receiving some reports from the Canadian Government Information Bureau at Detroit to the effect that a large number of Canadian families who went to the United States some time ago have applied for and obtained permission to return home from that section of the United States.

COLLAPSE OF PARTIES.

Permanent parties outlive the issues that call them into existence and offer only disaster and corruption, declares Glenn Frank in a keen editorial on "The Decadence of American Politics" in the September Century. Mr. Frank says: Entirely aside from agreement or disagreement with the specific opinions or issues involved, I think it is a happy sign that Democratic conventions party made their deep differences of opinion openly and frankly and hurl their dissent through the radio into millions of homes. I think it is a happy sign that the Couzens, the Brookharts, the LaFollettes, the Wheelers, and others, whether running for office inside or outside their parties, refuse to hand over their minds as blank checks to their parties. Sooner or later men of intellectual independence and moral courage will see that they are making tragic waste of their energies by trying to inject reality into our existing political parties. The permanent political party is, will remain, and cannot be made other than organized incoherence. Here, then, as I see it, is the most important political question of our time. Is the permanent political party system an adequate instrument for the administration of the American Government? I think we must answer that it is not. The permanence of parties seems to me the root from which disorder, paralysis, and corruption of government stem. When a political party passes the point in its life at which its members are in ardent agreement on the issue or issues with which it is dealing, when a political party reaches the point where the major part of the time of its councils is taken up with considering whether an honest and intelligent pronouncement will "split the party," it seems obvious that the party in question ceases to be a worthy instrument for an enlightened people. It becomes thereafter merely a "vested interest" that must spend more time and energy in saving itself than in serving the nation.

SAVE YOUR WASTE PAPER.

"You often think," writes D. B. Andrews, in Forbes Magazine (N. Y.), "that the many newspapers thrown away in the street corners, highways, parks, hotels and public places are wasted. In this you are mistaken, for thousands of tons of this refuse are sorted and sold every day, and the daily sales of this useful commodity run into big figures. "When these old boxes, magazines, newspapers, books and documents reach the paper board mill they are frequently sorted, as some of the grades are more valuable than others. For instance, the 'soft, white book shavings' are quite valuable, bringing as high as three cents a pound. Your bulky Sunday newspaper is worth about one cent a pound. "At the mill the paper is dumped into an enormous vat, where it is soaked in hot water. A large and voracious revolving cog, known as the beater roll, turning at a high rate of speed, chews and beats the papers into a pulpy mass. When it reaches the proper consistency the mass is pumped away for still further refining before it reaches the huge paper machine. Foreign matter, such as bits of wood, string, etc., drop to the bottom of the beater, and several times a day the receptacle is emptied of its refuse, and the substances are removed. It is in the latter operation that many valuable articles are found by the workmen. "Waste paper sales produce quite a revenue for those concerns which gather and conserve it. During the war, when conservation was urged in every quarter, a large Western high school induced its pupils to conserve papers. Every available scrap of paper was brought to the school and carefully baled. The sale of this accumulated waste paper furnished ample money to equip a gymnasium. A certain charity well known to the writer increases its revenues by the conservation of papers on the part of its patronesses, and the Salvation Army secures much revenue for its work through its mixed paper gathering department."

NO WORD FROM MACMILLAN YET.

Wicasset, Me., Sept. 11.—Although the American Radio Relay League has its instruments ready to communicate with Capt. Donald B. MacMillan, Maine Arctic explorer, at Battle Harbor tonight, up to midnight it had failed to get in touch with MacMillan's ship, the Bowdoin.

EARTH SHOCKS.

Honolulu, Sept. 11.—(By A. P.)—Two of the most severe earthquakes felt on the Hilo in years rocked Honouliuli district at 7:10 last night and sent residents scurrying from their homes and buildings.

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The jewel in my turban gleams! And I can feel thy warm soft breath Upon my brow! It speaks of death, A better friend than love it seems.
—Ralph Younghusband.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Class in insectology. Knowlton—"There goes one of Dr. Wolf Hopper's ex-wives. Brilliant Young Man—"Ah! A grass hopper, as it were!"—Judge.
Her Comeback. "I don't see why you are having so much trouble getting reliable servants," complained Brown. "I'm not having any more trouble than the Washington Government," retorted his wife.—Boston Transcript.

MAKING AN IMPRESSION.

"What's the best way to appeal to audiences?" "First find out what they think about something," answered Senator Borah, "and then tell 'em they're perfectly right!"—Washington Star.

NO EFFORT REQUIRED.

Tom Blank was a man who indulged freely in the luxury of inertia. "Tom," he was asked, "which do you think are the least undesirable sins of omission or sins of commission?" "Sins of omission," he replied. "They don't take so much work."

CONVENTION GAVEL GIFT OF VICTORIA

The gavel used during the last three days at the convention here of the Association of Canadian Clubs was presented the association at the last annual meeting held in Victoria, B. C. It is fitted into a substantial box of British Columbia white spruce and both base and gavel have silver plating with inscriptions. On the gavel the inscription is "made of Holly, Arbutus and Broom, native evergreen woods of Victoria, B. C." Presented to the Association of Canadian Clubs by the men's and women's Canadian Clubs of Victoria, B. C., Sept. 18, 1923.

LIKENS BRAIN TO RADIO SET.

The people of St. John are showing an increasing interest in the lecture of Edward Lee Hawk, who is giving at the Seamen's Institute. Last night, practically every seat in the auditorium was taken and the audience showed a keen interest in Mr. Hawk's discussion of "Man's Brain, a Human Radio Receiver." "When we think on any given subject," said Mr. Hawk, "we do not use dry, etc., drop to the bottom of the beater, and several times a day the receptacle is emptied of its refuse, and the substances are removed. It is in the latter operation that many valuable articles are found by the workmen. "Waste paper sales produce quite a revenue for those concerns which gather and conserve it. During the war, when conservation was urged in every quarter, a large Western high school induced its pupils to conserve papers. Every available scrap of paper was brought to the school and carefully baled. The sale of this accumulated waste paper furnished ample money to equip a gymnasium. A certain charity well known to the writer increases its revenues by the conservation of papers on the part of its patronesses, and the Salvation Army secures much revenue for its work through its mixed paper gathering department."

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LEOPOLD AND LOEB GET THEIR THRILL

Car, Taking Them to Joliet, Runs Into Embankment

Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill., Sept. 11.—Nathan F. Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, who killed 14-year-old Robert Franks for a thrill, narrowly missed possible death on their motor trip to prison tonight, the climax of their separation from society for the remainder of their natural life.

At the centre of a five-car convoy, travelling about 35 miles an hour, the powerful automobile carrying the two boys and deputy sheriffs was seen to swerve abruptly to the right, dive into the unballasted tracks of an electric railway, suddenly right itself and bounce 50 yards down the centre of the right of way before it was stopped.



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The brakes on the car ahead of the boys had burned and stuck, bringing it to an immediate stop. To avoid smashing into it, the driver of the Leopold-Loeb car gambled with death and steered at a right angle into the

ralle and ties. To his coolness and judgment many officers of the party attribute the avoidance of a serious accident. Leopold and Loeb were unhurt, although badly shaken.

Fair Warning. Tom—"Dearast, I've lost all my money." Gladys—"How careless of you! The next thing you know you'll be losing me."—London Answers.

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