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ADDING TO ONE'S STATURE.

We are all familiar with the Biblical query as to the possibility of adding to one's stature. An article by Dr. Dudley A. Sargent of Harvard in the Harvard Graduate's Magazine for June contributes some interesting facts that go far toward giving an affirmative reply to the query.

Prof. Sargent calls attention to the improvement in physique of both college athletes and college students during the last twenty-five years. The average height and weight of the Harvard student in 1880 was about the same as of the American youths from twenty-one to twenty-six years of age who entered the American army at the outbreak of the war.

Such a departure in the training of the university will not tend to make scholarship more popular with scholarship men, but it will undoubtedly give a stimulus to the idea that a debilitated body is a highly trained intellect and true scholar.

Prof. Sargent, it must be remembered, is no advocate of the intense competition of college athletics. He is not in love with the student type of "The College Widow," a blacksmith who was rushed through a course in art because he was a good man at serenade.

The researchers of Prof. Sargent are not only to be found in the laboratory, but in the gymnasium, and in the field. He is well to remember this statement in conjunction with the statement that many scholars will fail because they have weak bodies.

GOOD CROPS. The violent and protracted advance on the New York Stock Exchange beginning early in April and continuing to the end of May was hailed as a harbinger of an instant change and return of a boom by those who argued with more hope and enthusiasm that reason that the stock market was a prophecy and an echo of the state of the country.

These evidences have to do with the tangible recovery in certain trades and the crops, which indicate the basic nature of the agricultural industry in every great country. This last consideration applies with peculiar force to Western Canada.

1908. The country was in a better position to stand the inevitable frost and unfavorable harvest of 1907 than in any other period of her history. Fundamental conditions were more favorable. Our currency system was sound, the West was prosperous and independent compared with her conditions a decade or so ago.

A good harvest will be accompanied by the smallest of the world's visible supply, and the smallness of the stocks left over from last year is certain to be surpassed when the threshers' returns are received.

HOW THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT PREVENTS OBSTRUCTION.

Whether sooner or later the Canada Parliament will no doubt have eventually to adopt the closure in some form or other. It has been found necessary in Britain, in France and in the United States. There is little hope that the restriction found necessary in those legislatures will not be adopted in ours.

It is interesting to note therefore how members of this type have been cut off in Britain. Nor is it less interesting to note why they were cut off. Discussing this May, the Parliamentary authority, says of the conditions of the 70's:

The rules of Parliament are designed to afford every legitimate opportunity for discussion, to ensure reasonable delay in the passing of important measures, and to guard the rights of minorities; and freedom of debate has been maintained and observed by the rules and usages of both Houses with patience and self-denial.

One clause in the Act which created some discussion at Regina was the provision to the effect that no club should sell liquor or have liquor upon its premises for sale or otherwise.

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The intervention of the Speaker under the warrant of the present rule may be done in the past and a law long-ignored is difficult of enforcement. But the most effective instrument for heading off obstruction in the British Parliament is the series of rules known as the closure. They read:

(1) After a question has been proposed a member rising in his place may claim to move. That the question be now put, and unless it shall appear to the chair that such motion is an abuse of the rules of the House or an infringement of the rights of the minority, the question "That the question be now put" shall be put in force only when the Speaker or the Chairman of Ways and Means is in the chair.

Whether at present by means of the Opposition tactics, Parliament has been spun out till the former voice and the means of carrying on the administration have lapsed. The Opposition is not fighting for the people's right to vote their own supplies, but holding back the supplies in the question of whether parliament or a provincial government should provide the parliament lists a question which has in theory, and in a matter of right, only one answer. It may be, and it certainly is, a convenience to the provincial government to discontinue the use of the closure in the Mother of Parliaments.

HAULTAIN VERSUS HIEBERT.

The Saskatchewan Government recently introduced a very drastic Liquor License Act, which in many respects goes further than the legislation which was recently passed by the Alberta Government. It is to be noted, however, that in the Province of Saskatchewan, Mr. Haultain, the leader of the Opposition, took an entirely different stand from the stand taken by the Opposition in the Legislature at Edmonton.

It is still true that the Colonies can take a great amount of raw labor. Not only Canada, but in Australia, South Africa, and in the United States, there are millions of men who are unemployed and who are waiting for work.

WHERE THE VICTORY.

Conservative journals seem uncertain whether they should be more pleased because Premier Whitney was not defeated in Ontario or because Henri Bourassa was elected in Quebec. Just why either should be the cause of excessive jubilation is not quite clear.

THE DEADLOCK.

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A party which by the obstruction holds up the business of the country in order to impose on parliament the will of the minority, makes war on the very principles of parliamentary government. It is what, should it be accounted right, any parliamentary crowd, if only a dozen strong, could do. The smaller the crowd, the more Leonidas-like would be its feat of fighting the hosts of the enemy by pure physical endurance; yet it would be a sterner fight, the people's cause infinitely nobler than rule by brute obstruction. The people choose their majority for better, for worse, and should have to abide by it.

Those who have denounced themselves to the level of the highwayman, and the question consequently thereon has been decided. They do not seem to have been made any more by a request to bring to a decision any question now proposed from the chair, and also if a clause be then under consideration a motion may be made to suspend the rules of the House or to add to the bill, be now put. Such motions shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

It was a fortunate day for the Liberal party when Mr. Bourassa has withdrawn himself from it. It was still more fortunate for the Liberal party when Conservatives, Federal and Provincial, assisted Mr. Bourassa in making himself the Opposition in Quebec.

THE TIMES ON EMIGRATION.

The London Times, referring to the report of Mr. Mackenzie King, the Deputy Minister of Labor, on Oriental immigration, commends the tone of the report and the evident desire to promote friendliness and good-will between the interests of Great Britain and India.

The Times too observes that the immigration problem is passing into a new phase. Formerly the opinion prevailed in the Old Country that the Colonies were able and willing to take any amount of raw labor.

THE MYSTERY OF CRUELTY.

It is safe to say that every man and woman and many—many—children in this country have become informed of the harrowing story of Mrs. Guinness, the Indiana woman who turned so many victims to death in such a brutal manner.

When one comes to consider the literature upon which we are nurtured possibly one may cease to wonder why mankind is apparently enamored by cruelty and crime. The great tragedies of all literatures are stories of murder and a succession of gross and refined cruelties.

It is significant that the so-called boy in the ranks of the unemployed. This is particularly true of the West.

In Eastern cities no doubt it is different. There many have been brought in by the manufacturers to effect competition in the labor market, while they crave for a protection duty on their products. In the West the foreign elements have gone on the land, and are rapidly developing the productive power and the paying power of the nation and themselves into Canadians and adding strength and quality to our national life.

THE WEST AND TEMPERANCE.

Temperance reform has gone as far in the Western Provinces as in any other portion of the Dominion of Canada. The legislation along this line instituted in 1907 by the Alberta Legislature and during the recent session of the Saskatchewan Legislature have made great advances.

It is true that in P. E. Island there is total prohibition, but it is as true that we have in Alberta a larger area under total prohibition than the whole Province of P. E. Island.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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FOR CONSUMPTIVE SANITARIUM.

A Calgary resolution concerning consumptive park and tubercular sanitarium was introduced by Hutchings. The problem has been discussed in the past for some time and a deputa-tion on Hon. Frank Oliver, who presiding at the meeting of the association, took his election as a complimentary reference to the city which has been made.

TREATING OUTSIDE PATIENTS.

A. P. McQueen introduced a C. resolution relative to payment of municipality for outside patients in city hospitals. Hospitals were very and must be maintained at high state of efficiency. Fully cent. of the patients from points in the Calgary hospital district and the burden should general in defraying their expense. It was not fair to tax Calgary the burden. Mayor Cousins, of one Hat, secured the resolution.

RESOLUTIONS.

A. L. Johnson, Winnipeg, stated some difficulty was presented by Winnipeg and he endorsed the principle of the resolution. The resolutions near Winnipeg had asked to contribute and thirty but the sum collected was entirely inadequate as the average sickness tends over a period of 21 days the cost was \$1.50 a day. The charities should contribute the cost through the government and the cost per patient.

SOME CONSIDERED.

Some considered \$1.00 per day high, but the efficiency of a hospital would be maintained. Mr. Shaw, Prince Albert, favored adoption of some means by which government could make an assessment for hospital purposes would meet the difficulty. Hopkins, Moose Jaw, endorsed resolution but would like to

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The insatiate lust for blood is not lessened by the teachings of certain phases of our ideology, which as Burns pictures, seals one to Heaven and ten to Hell "for his own glory." It is quite natural the doctrine of physical torture in a lake of fire for all eternity should inspire some nations to emulate such cruelty on others, like the Dreamers of Joseph-hung here in our own province. With them the spilling of blood became an article of doctrine and principle of conduct.

In the case of Mrs. Guinness the direct cause was possibly mere greed, but that passion was quickly superseded by an intoxicating lust for blood. Greed was the door that permitted the entrance of a horrid blood that destroyed the conscience and spread moral leprosy in the soul. Such incidents as we have cited in-struct us how closely akin to the animal men are after all, and that it was but a slight transformation for the Lord to transform the King of Babylon to a beast of the field. Yet our cruelty is not unseen, and the cry of its victims are not unheard. Cruelty is abhorrent to the sensitiveness of the cultivated imagination, and though the sympathy which enables us to understand the feelings of those that suffer is as yet too uncommon, the bringing to light of some of the individual and national instances of cruelty is slowly creating the revival of human feeling which will ultimately develop into a broad and world-wide philanthropy.

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