

Notes and Comments

In 20 years 7,700,000 automobiles have been produced in the United States, still there are 21-534,000 horses and 4,925,000 mules. There were never before so many horses in the United States and they never before were so valuable.

British children will play with Canadian toys this Christmas. An order for \$7,500 worth unbreakable dolls has been placed by Harrods, one of London's largest departmental stores, with a Toronto firm. Other British stores have also been stocking Canadian toys.

The United States newspapers are short of newsprint. They have decided to cut down the size of the papers and they ask Congress to urge the Canadian Government to repeal the order in council prohibiting the export of wood from crown lands. These United States papers are using 200,000 tons of paper yearly more than their own mills are making.

A gold-handled penknife that is so small it could pass through the eye of an ordinary darning needle has been on display in the window of its maker, Solomon L. Baxter, a Wellesley, Massachusetts, jeweller. Baxter claims it is the smallest penknife in the world. The little knife has two steel blades measuring three-thirty-seconds of an inch. Three tiny steel rivets hold the sides and blades in position.

The Royal Commission inquiring into the claims of tank inventors have awarded Sir William Tritton and Major Wilson fifteen thousand pounds jointly. These are the principal awards. There are others but smaller for minor contributors. The Commission express regret that it cannot recommend an award to L. E. de Mole, who, in 1912, reduced to practical shape the brilliant invention which anticipated and, in some respects, surpassed that actually put into use.

In addressing the Canadian Club at Vancouver, Admiral Viscount Jellicoe, referring to his present mission, said it was to advise the people of Canada only on subjects on which his advice is asked. He said that he noticed that questions had been asked as to his presence in Canada. It was probably feared that he was going to suggest too much militarism and the spending of too much money. Such was not the case. He was, only here, he said, in an advisory capacity and it was Canada's right only to suggest how much money was to be spent. He emphasized, however, the necessity of British sea power if the Empire is to live, and the necessity of being prepared for any emergency.

It appears that Oxford undergraduates have been endeavoring, by means of the Profiting Act, to reduce the inflated cost of living at the University. It has increased to such a point that it creates a very serious problem. Before the war it was possible for an unusually able boy to win scholarships almost if not quite maintained him. Now, with a minimum cost of from \$1,300 to \$1,500 a year, it is no longer possible. That very narrow bridge whereby the poor man might pass into the old Universities has broken down, and an education at Oxford or Cambridge has become the exclusive privilege of the well-to-do. There is no lack of undergraduates; both Universities are fuller than is comfortable.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA.

Christmas at Nova Scotia Sanatorium

Again the Nova Scotia Sanatorium at Kentville sends out its yearly reminder that Christmas has always been made bright for its patients by the kindness of those who send gifts and the wherewithal to buy gifts for the great Christmas Tree and fete held for the men on Christmas night. Some friends have already been making offers for this year, and it is not too early; there are only twenty-three working days for our preparations.

We have this year two hundred and forty ex-soldier patients, and we feel sure that those kindly interested individuals and societies throughout the Province who found pleasure in giving gifts to the men in former years will be glad to join us again in this work of cheer.

Personal packages are especially enjoyed, and may include any of the following articles: writing materials, toilet articles (brushes, powder, shaving materials, etc.), knit gloves, mittens, armbands, suspenders, sleeping caps, socks, bedroom slippers, sweaters, books, magazines, smokes, pipes, cake, candy, nuts and fruit. Names will be furnished on request.

Correspondence, parcels and cash contributions may be addressed to the Medical Superintendent, N. S. Sanatorium, Kentville, N. S. All gifts will be acknowledged in the newspapers, and whenever possible by personal letters.

How Exchange Rate Operates

The fact that the rate on exchange with the United States has increased from 4-1-2 to 5 per cent, while not what Canada could wish it to be, is not considered as anything more than normal reflection of the unfavorable trade balance which the monthly trade statement just issued reveals. It can be remedied only in three ways, by selling them more goods, buying less from them, or placing a loan in the United States. As Sir Henry Drayton says: "If the people of Canada will keep on importing expensive goods, you can expect nothing else. The Government can do nothing to remedy it."

The hope that the balance would be altered favorably by a considerable amount of our new loan being placed in the United States was disappointed. Great Britain was placing a loan there at the same time with a rate of interest three quarters of one per cent greater than ours. There does not appear to be any possibility of placing any loans with the United States in the near future to keep right the rate of exchange.

Sir Thomas White stated before the House Committee on Soldiers Civil Re-establishment that the United States was a very limited international market. The 75 million dollars which we had raised there when we last went borrowing this summer was about as heavy a loan as can be raised by Canada in the United States. He doubted if we could have raised a hundred million dollar loan.

The only resource open to Canada, then, to right the exchange is to buy less from the United States or to sell more to her—both, if possible. Our trade for the past six months shows an adverse balance of \$135,352,004. How the exchange rate is regulated by the balance of trade is shown by the fact that our rate with Great Britain is about eleven per cent in our favor and with France 37

per cent, in both countries the trade balance being largely in our favor.

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Illiteracy

One of the most pitiable individuals to-day is the poor fellow who, through his own fault or on account of circumstances, has grown up unable to read or write. It is a terrible deprivation in this age of the world and it is a disgrace that such things have to be in a civilized country. From an American contemporary we learn that the census of 1910 showed that 5,516,163 persons over ten years of age in the United States could not read or write in any language. The army draft of 1918 showed 700,000 men of draft age registered who could not read, or write, and 4,600,000 of the illiterates are 20 years of age or over. This figure equals the population of the far western and southwestern States. Of the illiterates counted in the census 58 per cent are white, and of these 1,500,000 are native born. These very large figures go to show that the illiteracy of the nation cannot be calmly attributed to the Southern negroes and to the immigrants from the outside world, a form of solacement which has been always a favorite with the native white.

What the figures are for Canada we do not exactly know, but without doubt they are larger than Canadian complacency believes them to be. There is no excuse for such a condition in the present generation, whatever excuse may have existed in the past.

Digby is to have an up-to-date Standard Station with all modern improvements, to be completed before next summer. The railway expects to spend between \$60,000 and \$65,000 on the structure and probably as much more on the Pines Hotel and grounds.

Lady Astor was elected to Parliament from the Sutton division of Plymouth in the balloting of November 15th. She will be the first woman to take a seat in the British House of Commons.

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It is a strange fact that Africans never sneeze; neither do their descendants, if they are pure-blooded, although domiciled in other parts of the world. It is estimated that if the forests of the earth were completely stocked and scientifically worked, they would yield annually the full equivalent to from 30 to 120 times the present consumption of coal.

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The C. P. O. S. Liner Metagama, which docked at Halifax last Friday, brought seventy-seven English girls who are being brought out to Canada to work, particularly in domestic service.

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