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The Kernel of Canadianism.

An interesting letter to The World advocates contentment with the present Canadian approach to Washington thru the British foreign office, because union is strength. Australia, South Africa and New Zealand, the writer points out, would back up the British ambassador's support at Washington of a Canadian contention, but would not be so likely to endorse a purely Canadian attitude. Besides, the thirteen American states which resulted from the war of independence declared themselves to be "sovereign and independent," they did not send thirteen independent ambassadors to foreign governments. Further, the English, Scotland, Ireland and Wales are nations they are not sovereign. Even England has accepted legislation imposed by a majority of non-English parliamentarian votes.

These points of view are more interesting than important, especially in view of the Dominion government's declared intention to appoint an ambassador to Washington. All the states in the neighboring republic federated in 1789, and their citizens choose a congress and president who act for them in foreign relations, and are responsible to them for the last vestige of international power they exercise. That is not the situation of the Canadian nation.

Recently the ex-premier of Ontario was appointed to the industrial joint commission which deals with waterways that touch both the United States and Canada. But he could not formally start work until the appointment was ratified in London. Indeed, the appointment was made by London, Canadian railways can make all sorts of arrangements for the flow of international traffic, but when a question arises concerning the flow of the Milk river from Alberta to Montana, the Canadians who negotiate with Americans are subject to the approval of Downing street, which can veto what Canada wishes to do. The principle at stake is more than a negligible technicality. If the technicality amounts to nothing, why preserve it?

What seems to our correspondent a small matter contains the very life-principle of sovereignty as against vassalage. On men's attitude to it hinges the difference between a centralized imperialism, and a robust, constructive Canadianism. The World's correspondent, like Mr. Fielding, seems content with an anemic Canadianism. Both need to climb a new mount of national transfiguration.

For a Gardener's University.

Toronto is to be asked to join in a co-operative plan to promote what Lord Bacon called the finest of human pleasures, and it will be interesting presently to see the city council's attitude towards it. From the university the proposal emanates for a botanical garden and park, which is very much more than a project for confounding the average citizen with an array of Latin names which would puzzle the twentieth planter.

The many varieties of trees around the university and Queen's Park have for years borne their scientific and popular names; the latter being the more conspicuous. It is proposed ultimately to carry this form of education into a park which will be a display of trees, shrubs, fruits and flowers, and will afford courses of practical instruction to citizens who wish to make the most of their own gardens, or to become professional gardeners. The scheme will aim to do for the townsman what the O. A. C. does for the farmer.

Grading Up the Sailor.

None of the galaxies of heroism produced by the great war is more splendid than that of the mercantile marine. Captains courageous against odds, and seamen victorious over fear went out almost gaily to meet the wicked submarines. Fifteen thousand of them were lost with the British ships they manned—a noble honor due to the Barkis of the deep. They died that their countrymen might eat. The common sailors' willingness for sacrifice showed that these are no mercenary sailors, and secured the dis-

appearance of the old brutalizing conditions of nautical life.

The sailor is being graded up in the industrial and social scale. Everything that the Canadian Navy League is doing towards securing Canadian sailors for Canadian ships is of high importance to the Canadian people, who will shortly own a fleet of 60 steamers, built with their money as aids to the National Railways.

The league is sympathetic to what is being done in Britain to continue the pre-eminence of the British sailor sailing free. A governmental committee has reported in favor of schools for sailors, in which boys who hanker for life afloat will be trained, and which will help to fill the forecastle with youths of decent upbringing and education and will develop an improvement in atmosphere, in wages and in conditions generally. For their students the schools for sailors are to take the place of continuation schools, and in their management the sailors themselves will participate.

The time is ripe for a new democracy of the sea. The Canadian government has long maintained schools for navigation, but they turn out only officers. The idea of training gentlemen of the to'sie offers the best prospect of maintaining the position on water which is the necessary complement of commerce created on Canadian land.

Mayor Church's Bad Break.

Mayor Church has made the mistake of his life in holding up the salaries of the public school teachers, or in attempting to do so. He has had an itch for several years for interfering in the school affairs of the city. What he should do is to run for the board of education and see what the people have to say for his policies. Neither he nor his advisers seem willing to take this course, and a method pursued of sniping at the board is altogether irregular and ill-advised.

The teachers have been patient and enduring beyond most and the venting of his pique upon them is not a dignified nor a gentlemanly policy, and indeed we can scarcely believe it originated with the mayor himself. The increased salary list passed by the board of education is one of the most modest schedules that have come before a public body since the opening of the war. It represents the only increase the teachers have had since the extreme increase in the cost of living. The teachers are a class with no margin in their salaries. For advisers of the mayor who luxuriate on incomes with liberal margins to advise the high-handed action he has adopted is a piece with all the other profligate policies of those who are located away beyond the social high water mark.

Mayor Church will get neither popular nor official support in this matter, and as far as we can judge, he will get no legal support in the matter either. It is not often he gets so grossly out of touch with public sentiment, but we feel sure he has allowed himself to be misled.

HARD TO CUT DOWN BRANTFORD TAX RATE

Efforts of Special Conference Futile—To Postpone Public Works.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 24.—(Special)—Brantford's spending boards and city council representatives met here tonight at a conference in an effort to trim down the estimates for the year and get from under the projected 48 or 44 mill tax rate.

WORLD'S DAILY BRAIN TEST

BY SAM LOYD.
5 Minutes to Answer This.

No. 119.
"Now children," said the professor, "if twice A equals B and 2 plus A equals B, it is clear that A equals 2, so B equals 4."
"In the next example 9 times Y equals Z, but it would be absurd to say that 9 plus Z equals Z, as falsely

expressed on the blackboard. At first sight, it would appear almost as absurd to say that 9 plus Y equals Z. Nevertheless, I am going to ask you this question:
"If 9 times Y equals Z, and 9 plus Y also equals Z, then what must be the values of Y and Z?"

ANSWER TO NO. 118.
Martha and Gertrude started out with \$20. Martha paid \$5.50 for her hat and \$5.50 for her shoes. Gertrude gave \$5.50 for a blouse and \$5.50 for her parasol. Had Martha bought a \$6 pair of shoes and Gertrude a \$9 blouse, half as much more they then would have each spent \$11.50.

AN OTTAWA RIP VAN WINKLE



LABOR MEMBERS OUTLINE PROGRAM

Select Secunder of Address to Speech From Throne, and Also Party Whip.

The Labor members of the Ontario legislature held a protracted but fraternally unfructified meeting in the private committee room at the parliament buildings yesterday. Hon. Walter Rollo presided, and there were only two absentees thru illness. The caucus put the final touches to the legislative program for the coming year and selected the secunder of the address in reply to the lieutenant-governor's speech who, as has been anticipated, will be Mr. Crockett, of South Wentworth. The party whip was selected. He is Charles Swaine, Niagara Falls.

The legislative program is in line with the announcements made at Eglora by the minister of labor, with the exception of labor, with this qualification, however, that instead of being marked at this stage, "approved by the government," it goes forward as recommendations to the government, the Hon. Mr. Roney's sponsorship would imply that this is but a distinction without a difference.

CITY HALL NOTES

More than seven million dollars, or to use exact figures, \$7,969,872, will be required to operate the civic works department in 1920, according to the estimates which will be presented by Commissioner Harris to the works committee today. This is considerably in advance of last year, when the total expenditure was \$6,574,745. The amounts required for the different sections of this department are as follows:

Maintenance	\$2,079,812
Water supply	2,242,242
Civic railway	588,263
Garage	15,430
Insurance	19,682
Workmen's wages	7,957
Special items	841,024
Capital expenditure	4,396,777
Total	\$7,969,872

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Toronto-Algonquin Park Sleeping and Parlor Car Service.

Special through sleeping car will be run from Toronto to Algonquin Park without change, leaving Toronto 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, arriving Algonquin Park Wednesday a.m., March 3, 1920. Sleeping car will also be run as parlor car through from Algonquin Park to Toronto, leaving Algonquin Park at 9:20 a.m. Thursday, March 4, arriving Toronto, evening same date. In addition, parlor car will be run through from North Bay to Toronto, leaving North Bay 10:00 a.m., arriving Toronto 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 10. Connections will be made at Scott's Junction with this car by the train leaving Algonquin Park at 8:30 a.m.

D.S.C.R. PROMISES IMMEDIATE INQUIRY

W. E. Tumbley, provincial secretary of the G.W.V.A., has received a telegram from Dominion Secretary C. G. MacNeil, that he is taking up the case of the veterans, whose vocational courses were canceled with Deputy Minister Robinson of the soldiers' civil re-establishment Assurance was given to Mr. MacNeil that an immediate and thorough investigation would be given the cases, with the view to seeing that no injustice was done to any returned man. A statement will be issued by the D.S.C.R. towards the end of the week.

FIRE UNDERWRITERS HOLD CONVENTION

Figures Showing Smokers, Matches and Motor Heaters Cause Fires.

The Mutual Fire Underwriters' Association of Ontario to the number of some 150 met yesterday in convention at the Caris-Rite. W. A. Galbraith, Ford Station was in the chair and as president of the association, delivered his annual message, covering the work done during the past 12 months. The principal speaker of the afternoon was E. F. Heaton, fire marshal for Ontario. He gave a very comprehensive bird's-eye view of the fire waste for the year 1919. Mr. Heaton tabulated his figures and produced some interesting results. The following tables clearly show the fire losses in Ontario, the Dominion, and the continent of North America for the years 1918-1919:

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Number of fires	9,740
for the year	2,301
Amount of loss	\$15,673,240
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Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Geo. Wilson, stated yesterday that the estimate for the street cleaning department for 1920 would be \$1,850,000, or \$6 per cent. less than in 1919. The increase over last year is mainly accounted for by the additional number of men in the street cleaning service, amounting to 81,600, and the increase in wages and supplies amounting to \$98,000. "In fact," stated the commissioner, "nearly 50 per cent. of our expenditures are for wages."

The city architect's department has issued a statement that building operations as far as houses were concerned had taken a considerable leap during the past year. In 1919 there were 3968 dwelling houses built, against 228 for 1918.

A permit was issued to the board of education to build an addition to Oster theatre and garage, built last year, amounting to \$1,850,000, while more than nine million dollars was spent in the erection of houses.

The estimates presented by the works commissioner there is an item of \$10,000 for much needed street name signs. The street numbers are now on Hydro poles, the signs at the corners are woefully lacking in number and legibility.

The County Judges' Association yesterday elected Judge E. S. C. Hryckowicz as their president. The other new officials elected were: 1st vice-president, Judge J. G. Walsh; 2nd vice-president, Judge J. A. Yalin, North Bay; secretary-treasurer, Judge T. A. McGillivray, Whitby.

Judge James of Barrie will take the March jury session of the county court here to relieve the local county court judges.

ALICE MAKES A SACRIFICE.

CHAPTER 15.

"Just think," said Alice happily to Clara, "I'm going to have a trousseau, like any other girl." She twisted about before the mirror, a hair brush in one hand, her hair hanging in a rope of shining color down her back.

"Why shouldn't you?" Clara answered. "Tell me all about it." "Why shouldn't I?" echoed Alice. "Well, the price of clothes and the general scarcity of income is a good enough reason. However, mother insists that I spend enough to have a really nice outfit. Listen, my dear, I'll tell you all about it."

The two girls sat down on the bed in that delightful intimacy which comes with a discussion of frocks and frills and which a man can never understand.

"I have discovered David's weakness," Alice said dramatically. "He likes women to wear pretty clothes." "Dear me, is that all?" laughed Clara. "All men like that!"

"I know," said Clara grimly. "I'm glad you are getting some sense, Alice. You economize and wear those dingy, old-fashioned things, and you don't look nice in them. You're the sort that needs to be dressed up, you look perfectly stunning in good clothes."

THE GIRL WHO SMILED THRU

By MARION RUBINCAM

lovely silky negligee—gray blue, and white swansdown or fur on it."

"My dear, I'm not a millionaire," protested Alice. "It won't cost much. I've a good dressmaker and you can have her make it. Then you had better get some good heavy flesh color rouge de chine, and your mother can make you underclothes."

"Time you began wearing something frivolous then," said Clara, not to be diverted from her plans. "We've some lovely lace I'll donate, and your mother can do feather-stitching on them, and really they won't cost so much."

"Then blouses—flaming pink, 'Why, I've never worn anything but white longcloth, and not even lace—"

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QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED

In the action by Mrs. Ambrose Woods against the Toronto General Trusts and others for \$100,000, alleging that thru the maladministration of the defendants the license of the late T. Ambrose Woods was lost, Master-in-Chambers Cameron overruling Special Examiner Bruce, ordered that Fred Woods, one of the defendants, must answer questions on the motion for particulars.

"Well, she hasn't the money. It costs about \$150, you know, from New York, and she owes a few bills. She does seem so lonely, too, poor child."

"Yes, Alice answered meekly. "Well, you must help me, for I honestly don't know. As David's wife I simply must look like—like his old friends must have looked. I don't want to seem—gawkish, you know." She made her confession timidly.

"Well, Clara began with decision. "You'll need a suit, and you'd better let me select the general style—do Tucker has good taste, I'll admit. Then you must have a frilly evening dress. I think it had better be silver lace and blue, and you must have a"

"But, my dear," began Mrs. Fairbanks. "I please. I want to do this."

Tomorrow—A Little Later.

"Hello, Mene!"
COOED Helen of Troy, oh so sweetly, to her onetime husband, just as though she had only left him yesterday—when fact was, she had been spending ten years in Troy.
"Why, how fat you've grown! I'll bet you've been neglecting your diet. Well, I'm back, dearie! Sick and tired of Troy—take me back to little old Sparta, it's good enough for me."
—Translated by Anne Jordan from the record of Helen of Troy, in

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