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A HELPFUL CONTACT.

A delegation from the ministry of health and physical education in Czechoslovakia has been visiting American cities and was in Toronto last week to investigate conditions and methods of public health administration in the municipality and province. One member of the party, Dr. Driml, said in an interview—
"Tuberculosis in Czechoslovakia is very prevalent. The people are under-nourished, and in the year 1918 there were twice as many deaths from that malady as there were in France for the same year. Food conditions in the new republic are very bad. The majority of the people are still on restricted rations, although the situation is improving. Bolshevism has not made any appreciable headway, and from the governmental standpoint political conditions are quite settled. In spite of the adverse exchange the trade situation is improving and the country is ready to export sugar, glass and textiles." Dr. Driml said that the one point on which his country was in advance of all others in the world is that of compulsory vaccination. By a law now in force every child is vaccinated three times—as a baby, at six years and before he leaves school.
"It would be difficult to over-estimate the influence American and Canadian contact with Central European countries will have upon their methods of life. This contact began when the Red Cross entered those countries, and when relief funds from this side of the Atlantic began to flow in that direction. Once political stability has been assured, the governments will introduce important reforms affecting the health and social welfare of the people, and in another decade there should be a great improvement in the conditions of life."

STREET CARS IN TORONTO.

Toronto is already figuring out what fares it should charge on the unified Toronto street railway system after next September, under civic operation. The Globe is optimistic. It is confident that there will be no need to increase the fare on the Toronto civic railway to six cents, or even to require an all-day five-cent fare. In the first place, it says—
"For a long series of years the Toronto Railway Company paid dividends of 8 per cent. on capital that was excessively watered. The city will pay slightly over 6 per cent. on money actually put into the business. The cost of power will be reduced materially. Controller Maguire recently estimated that the reduction would amount to almost four hundred thousand dollars a year. There will be no payment to the civic treasury by way of a percentage of gross revenue derived from fares. The share of paving costs levied against the car service will be a definite yearly sum and will be very much less than the present combined pavement and gross earnings payments."
The Globe outlines a number of important economies that may be secured by re-equipment, and points out where there are needless expenditures at present. It also suggests improvements in the interest of more prompt and therefore better paying service. In conclusion, it says—
"If the management of Toronto's civic cars is given a free hand to introduce the latest operating economies, including one-man cars on suburban routes, there should be no difficulty in operating the road on fares but slightly greater than those now in force. The commissioners may be trusted not to discredit public ownership at the outset by levying unnecessarily high charges for car service, which is as much an essential of life to the city dweller as food, shelter or clothing."
The last remark is worthy of attention. The street car service is an essential to city life. It should be prompt, efficient and cheap.

Financial Post: Referring to the proposal to put a tax on agricultural imports in the United States, the "Wall Street Journal" says that this is a time when "farmers should fervently pray to be delivered from their legislative friends, one of the most menacing schemes is a proposal to shut out imports of Canadian wheat." The "Journal" argues that American farmers have not suffered less through imports from Canada, but thinks that they would probably do so in relation to the home market if they encouraged the closing of the Canadian market to manufactured goods.

Secretary Daniels would have Mr. Harding call an international disarmament conference at an early date after his inauguration. Mr. Daniels is secretary of the navy under Wilson. His views may not be those of Mr. Harding, but they are perfectly sound.

Toronto Globe: Quebec, it is asserted, is going to prohibit the shipment of liquor from that Province to any other part of the Dominion. That will be all right. Very soon all the other Provinces will have laws against importation.

There is a Japanese problem in one part of Texas as well as in California. The Texans want no Japanese farmers on the Rio Grande.

THE MEN THEY CAN'T BEAT

Under the heading: The Men We Can't Beat, the New York Evening Post pays a tribute to British competitors in sport which will be very heartily appreciated throughout the Empire. It says—
"The victory of the Oxford-Cambridge cross-country racers over Cornell at Ithaca, 29 points to 25, is a reminder (not especially needed) that the British Empire yet furnishes rivals worthy of our best sporting steel. Eight months ago an English team at the University of Pennsylvania won the two-mile relay in the world's record time. The Empire was our runner-up in the Olympic games. We won the Davis Cup, but we must remember that out of the fifteen contests for it the Australians have won six times, the British five, and Americans four. Next June we will send a polo team to England to try to win the Hurlingham Trophy again, and our prospects are not the brightest. We recently saw our open golf championship go into English hands. America can claim to lead the world in sport, but any tendency toward boasting is checked by the repeated British demonstrations of ability to score against us."
"In contests between the British and Americans the British can hardly forget that some of their best runners will never break the tape, their best golfers never lift a mallet. The runners made their last sprint in the smoke of the Somme, and the polo players died putting their final ounce behind a bayonet. Australians who watched America win at Auckland must have thought of Wilking, the giant who played so amazingly at Forest Hills the summer of 1914 and a few months later was gone at Gallipoli. Not far from a million British died in the field; the battle dead of Little Australia alone equalled ours. Our rivals are too good sportsmen to mention the fact, but all the more reason why we should do so. These brave dead we cannot beat."

Sir Edmund Walker warns the Canadian people that this is no time for extravagance in expenditure, which he says is our peculiar sin as a people. He is confident, however, that when prices have touched bottom a period of general prosperity will begin. Sir Henry Drayton urges that there be less extravagant spending for goods purchased in the United States, which if manufactured in Canada would stimulate industry, while the exchange situation would also improve as a result of home buying.

A remarkably high tribute to the sanity of labor leaders and workers in Quebec is paid by the minister of public works in that province in his annual report. They avoid strikes, repress unreasonable agitation, use arbitration and in their demands remain within the bounds of what is reasonable. This is one of the reasons for industrial expansion in Quebec. Labor conditions are more stable than in most parts of Canada or the United States.

Mr. Frank White will prove an excellent chairman of the South End Improvement League. The people of that section of the city should give him a more hearty support than was given to Mr. C. M. Lingley, who was the first chairman, and who for three years faithfully carried on for the benefit of the young people who have enjoyed the playground and skating rink. The league now has a larger work and more than ever deserves support.

What is this about the Hon. Robert Rogers? Premier Meighen was in the west recently, and the Winnipeg correspondent of the Toronto Telegram says: "In view of the renewed activity of the old Conservative Association for straight party action in the federal and provincial field, it is considered significant that Hon. Robert Rogers did not attend any of the functions to the premier. There is no indication that Rogers and Meighen met while the prime minister was in Winnipeg."

Pursuant to its long established policy the British government is introducing more responsible government in India. Because of race and caste and religious conditions there the problem is extremely difficult. It is British influence that has saved India from internal dissensions far worse than any which now threaten.

The Standard does not appear disposed to help Mr. Wignome, Mr. Elkin, Mayor Schofield and the citizens generally in getting that new railway bridge raised to the proper height.

The unemployment situation in England is serious, the more so that the labor interests and the government are not in full harmony as to the solution of the problem.

The meeting last night to arrange for the opening of a boys' club in the south end, though well advertised, was marked by a conspicuous and complete absence of the parents of the boys.

The New Brunswick Federation of Labor is an important body whose deliberations are a matter of great public interest.

Clemenceau, in India, has bagged two full-grown tigers. The "Tiger" of France is still invincible.



Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason. (Copyright by George Matthew Adams)

HARD TO FIGURE.

I know not why I always think a new year will be fine, and feel it will not put a kink in glowing plans of mine; or why a year seems on the blink when 'tis in its decline. I've muddled things this year, I say, when I regard the past; "I've let my kopecks fly away like leaves upon the blast, but doubtless after New Year's Day improvement will be vast. The new year brings a change of luck to every human freak; my bank account the old year struck, and made by offers leak; but now I'll save a silver buck, and maybe two each week." The new year has a magic touch, or so methinks, it seems; she is a captive and as such she brings us hopped-head dreams, and ere she dies we get in Dutch, with all our burnished schemes. I know I simply can't be wise, my deeds are all mistakes, I travel with the hopped-head guys whose high resolves are fakes; how then shall I to wisdom rise because a new year breaks? In folly I've grown old and gray, and in my Meated Grange I count great chances thrown away, and it is passing strange that I exclaim on New Year's Day, "Now things will take a change!"

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

THE PIGEONS.

St. John, N. B., is famous for the countless flocks of pigeons that live in the streets and parks of the city. They are tamer than the sparrows and do not hesitate at all to perch on the heads and shoulders of those whom they know when they sit on benches in the parks and squares. Feeding the pigeons has become a town habit and hundreds who pass through the streets where they are most common bring them every day a bag of peanuts, a pocketful of split peas or scraps from the dinner table for a treat.

The birds make their homes in many places where they are practically secure from the inroads of cats and other assailants. Near King Square is a large building gutted several years ago by fire. The windows are gone and part of the roof has collapsed. Inside every ledge there are in the summer time scores of nests, while parent birds are constantly passing in and out through the windows. As one passes along the streets a glance upward will reveal the heads of pigeons thrust out from among the eaves and crevices of the various buildings. A family of four or more live on the front of the Customs House, spending the cold nights there, swept by the breeze from the Bay. Pundit, with perfect content. Another lot make their homes around the railway station, feeding on the grain that scatters out from the cars in transit. Around the elevators at the wharves there are always a great number of the finest pigeons in the city, for there is abundance of food of all kinds there.

RAHERE.

(Rev. George Scott.)
(Rahere was minister to Henry I of England. He was the founder of St. Bartholomew's hospital, one of the oldest and noblest charities of London. He was buried in the Priory of St. Bartholomew the Great about the year 1146.)

Far away in London town,
In Bartholomew's Great
Lies this saint of high renown
In a carven tomb ornate;
All around his resting place
Chastened gleams of glory fall,
Gilding with exquisite grace
Fretted arch and storied wall.

And the bells of London know,
Him who sweet insistently
How long centuries ago
Wrought his fragrant charity;
Hallow with his own hands he wrought,
All unshakably and alone,
Hallowing with kindly thought
Every block of senseless stone.

For he heard the outcast's call
From the purlieus of the street,
Built him this hospital
For a sure and safe retreat;
All the waifs and all the strays,
All the leprous ones and blind,
Healing found and restful days
Under his obedience kind.

Far away in London town
In Bartholomew's Great
Lies this saint of high renown
In a carven tomb ornate;
Peace great heart and mighty soul!
In the years that yet shall be
May the memories control
Of thy Christ like charity.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Ecceitry up To Date.
He—My dear, I've warned you before, and now I insist that we try to live within our income.
She—Oh, very well, if you want to be considered eccentric by everybody in our set.—Boston Transcript.

Father's Farewell.

"What did the bride's father do for the happy couple?"
"He bought their railroad tickets."
"But the happy pair didn't discover until after they got on the train that their tickets read only one way."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Drawing the Line.

Miss Cora was taking her first trip on the train.
The conductor came through and called for the tickets. Cora readily gave up her ticket.
A few minutes later the boy coming through called "Chewing-gum."
"Never!" cried Cora bravely. "You can take my ticket, but not my chewing-gum."

Put Her on the Ball Team.

From a Novel.—With a sudden frenzied motion of her hands she caught her breath.
"Yes," he bragged. "I once invented a rubber pneumatic suit for workmen working at great heights."
"And was it successful?" asked the unsuspecting one.
"I should think it was," he replied. "You know, the first workman who fell off a building wearing one bounded so hard and long that we had to throw biscuits to him to keep him alive."

Critical.

She (superstitious): "I should never propose to a girl on Friday—it's unlucky."
He (cynical): "Not always. I once knew a fellow who did it, and the girl refused him."

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