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MR. FORKE IS HEARD FROM

Mr. Meighen having recently paid respects to Mr. Forke, the Progressive leader, in Mr. Forke's own backyard, Mr. Forke has deemed it necessary to make some observations about Mr. Meighen. Just for good measure he made some about Mr. Mackenzie King also.

According to Mr. Forke the future greatness of this country depends upon the development and prosperity of the three Prairie provinces. Those of us who live east of the Lakes would be disposed to observe that while we regard prosperity and development in the Prairie section as of immense importance, it is not to be overlooked that a little of the same good medicine in British Columbia and even in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces would appear highly essential to a well-rounded and successful Confederation.

Mr. Forke is just as dissatisfied with Mr. Meighen as Mr. Meighen is dissatisfied with him. He says that the Progressives are not under the heel of the Mackenzie King Government, but that when the Government introduces Progressive measures they will be given Progressive support. In a moment of generosity—which Mr. Meighen and his followers will regard as something else—Mr. Forke went on to say that he was prepared to make the same offer to Mr. Meighen, "that when he introduces Progressive measures he, too, will get Progressive support." Of course Mr. Forke feels that Mr. Meighen is hopeless, and Mr. Meighen has just placed on record in the West his belief that Mr. Forke is equally so.

The Progressive leader is not at all satisfied with the Liberals, asserting that they have deserted the platform of 1919. He tells the Prime Minister that if he had stood by that platform in the House of Commons he would have received the support of the Progressives. Hon. Mr. King would not be disposed to deny that he has received that support in the Commons on those occasions in which the life of his administration might have been terminated had Mr. Forke and Mr. Meighen been able to join forces.

TALKING WITH MARS

Some of the scientific gentlemen who attended the sessions of the International Astronomical Union at Cambridge, England, a few days ago recorded their belief that Mars is inhabited by beings of some sort and that communication between the earth and Mars is among the possibilities. One of the speakers even said that "in view of Mars' presumed advanced civilization, it is likely that it tried signalling the earth thousands of years ago, and has long since given up the attempt as hopeless." In his opinion the earth must make the next attempt at communication.

Thus it seems that we have been missing a lot, and also that we are very much behind the times here on earth. At all events, some of these theories and statements, in regard to which the ignorant layman must wait, suggest that there is less reason than has been supposed for the spirit of mortal to be proud of his position, comfort, and ease. We may, perhaps, comfort ourselves with the assumption that, if we are a bit behind the times in comparison with the Martians, it may be because they had early advantages which we did not enjoy.

Canada and the United States both had several representatives at this meeting of astronomers, and it is to be noted that while an exchange of messages with Mars was not discussed as something likely to come about at any particular time, the theory that life exists on Mars has many learned and highly serious advocates. The President of the Union is given as authority for the statement that Professor G. H. Hamilton, an American astronomer of note, says that his studies have given him what he considers conclusive evidence of the existence of sentient beings on Mars. He believes there is a civilization there "far in advance of that of the earth."

Other astronomers are quoted as saying that in recent years estimates of the atmosphere of Mars have increased greatly, "so that it is now placed at about one-third of that we breathe. Such a density might really support some forms of animate existence." When it comes down to actual communication, the statements tend to become vague: "Believers in the Martian theory of life on that planet believe that radio will eventually be the means of establishing communication, but it is conceded that the present development of radio gives little hope of an early realization of this hope." In which sentence there is too frequent mention of hope and too little to have that hope upon. It seems, in fact, that we shall not be "listening in" for some time yet, to put it mildly. But in the house of astronomy, which is said

to be the noblest of all the sciences, 100,000 years is but a little span. If communication is ever to be established we earth folk will hope that the Martians may prove a more agreeable lot than they were when we made their acquaintance through Mr. Wells' imaginative novel. He described their invasion of the earth, and they made things most uncomfortable.

DENOUNCING THE COURTS

Whether Russell Scott be regarded as innocent or guilty, sane or insane, one clearly outstanding result of his escape from the death penalty through a verdict of insanity is increasingly sharp condemnation of American court methods by Americans. Because of its sensational features the Scott case secured a great deal more publicity than the ordinary murder trial, and it is not at all surprising that the verdict of insanity should be subjected to sharp criticism. The Boston Post says of the case:

"The decision of the Chicago jury declaring that Russell Scott, the convicted murderer, is insane is a disaster to the American courts. The whole insanity move was sheer bluff on the part of the attorneys for the defence and a glib judge was soft enough to allow them a jury trial. By swamping the jury with sentimental appeals, aided by the usual medical expert witnesses who will testify that black is white provided the fee is large enough, the lawyers for the defence have made the bluff good. The jury was not allowed to hear the details of the murder for which the prisoner was sentenced to death, but could save his life by coming to the rescue with an insanity verdict."

"Scott is no more insane than the weak-kneed jurors who voted to let him off. On the increase, they can find an answer to the question in this ridiculous mockery of justice." This critic, it will be noted, attacks the judge, the jury and the medical experts with the same vigor. Whether or not such criticism is fully warranted, it is obvious that cases like that of Scott are tending more and more to bring the whole American criminal procedure into disrepute. The Chicago Tribune says that "the machinery for the defeat of the law against murder is elaborate and efficient." In view of the fact that the chances are nearly as good that a murderer in Chicago will not be executed, it would seem that the Tribune's startling indictment cannot be successfully challenged.

AN UNFORTUNATE CAMPAIGN

Several publications in Great Britain continue to hammer Canada because of the alleged injustice of its treatment of the owners of Grand Trunk securities. The language they employ is violent and many of the statements they make are not only misleading but false. These attacks are beginning to elicit a return fire from Canada. The Toronto Star refers to the London campaign as the deliberate attempt of a small circle there to make it appear that the Dominion has been guilty of unjust, confiscatory and treacherous conduct. "Whatever may be behind this newspaper offensive," says the Star, "it has the unfortunate appearance of a deliberately planned campaign of long lines which would hardly appeal to the people of England if its nature were realized. Its apparent purpose is to blacken Canada into giving the English holders of Junior Grand Trunk securities some financial recognition which they are not entitled to, and which a board of arbitration refused them. The supposition is, apparently, that Canada will tax Canadians so as to provide a compassionate allowance for English shareholders rather than incur the hostility of British capital looking for investment."

There are many reasons why a campaign of this kind is unfortunate. The Star warns these London financial circles that Canada has been guilty of their clubbing process, and that this country is not dependent upon the British market for capital. It suggests that when these facts are realized by that portion of the English financial press which is making the trouble, its misrepresentations will cease.

Here's a word by a frivolous paragrapher which may be applicable when the returns are in this evening:

Scientists cannot believe that the bed of the Atlantic off the coast of Spain has risen two miles as a result of a submarine upheaval. Politicians often feel that way after an election.

A stout fighter, but a fair one, Hon. Mr. Fielding as he retires commands the respect and goodwill of the whole country. The Toronto Globe says of him:

Partyism has its merits as well as its faults, and in Mr. Fielding the system is at its best. He makes no claim of his preference for the Liberal party, and in his days of physical vigor he enjoyed the party battle and was one of the most skillful of them. But he was never bitter nor mean. He could see his opponent's point of view, pat him, and to some extent sympathize with him. In his retirement he can look back upon a career full of honorable achievement, joy of battle, and pleasant relations with friend and foe.

Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends"—From "Notes by a Wayfarer."

Two Theories of Living

(Chicago Journal of Commerce.)
The bald truth is that the savers, economically speaking, are the best spenders, because they create the means to spend; their spending is of a substantial and far-reaching nature, their resources are not frittered away on ephemeral indulgence—in buying what they can do without. Instead, their means are put into good tools, into shoes for their children, into homes and furnishings. More important still, what they do not spend is put into savings banks, there to be invested in mortgages and bonds for the creation of more wealth."

This is quoted from an argument that thrift is best for trade. All business is a growth of thrift. Every store is something saved. Even those business enterprises which cater to indulgence, extravagance and false gratifications, are founded on thrift. In spite of a widespread belief among merchants to the contrary, unnecessary spending surely decreases the buying power of any community."

One of two theories of living is adopted by every family. Those families that "get on in the world" invariably practice economy, accumulate property, establish incomes, and finally become more valuable to the business interests of their communities than those that spend all they earn for daily gratifications. The spending family holds that it is entitled to all the desirable things it can get; that the children must be kept happy and contented by purchased pleasures; and that the parents must live in a style that will please the children even though it requires the expenditure of every dollar earned. That is the only way to get happiness in life, they think. Such a family does have a delightful time for a while. But not for long. Slowly but surely, as the years slip by, the interests of their communities begin to annoy and later to plague them. This neighbor buys or builds a fine home and drives a car. Another acquires a business of his own. The spending family finds itself slipping and wholly dependent on employment. There is no next egg for the inevitable rainy day; no funds for the better education of a promising son; no prospect of a dignified old age for the parents; no training in thrift or self-denial on which success for the children must rest. Finally come discontent and unhappiness.

On the other hand, the saving family has resources of property for the parents, sound training in thrift and saving habits in the children, and a pleasant outlook for the future. It has a correct knowledge of the real value of life. And one such family is worth more to business in the long run than a dozen families of spenders.

The Perils of Benevolence

(Boston Transcript.)

A gentleman in New York, wealthy and evidently lonely with the most creditable loneliness, that of one who would be a parent, advertised a little while ago for a young girl whom he might adopt. Cases of this kind are not infrequent, so far as the adoption goes, but it is what happens, now a selection has been made, that interests us. His choice has fallen on a young sixteen-year-old girl, a native of Prague and the daughter of poor parents who on coming to America seem to have succeeded in doing fairly well. The girl herself, from whom we can judge, seems a sensible enough young person with decidedly healthy tastes. The question now would seem to be, how long she will retain them? We say this because of the plans which her adoptive father is said to be making for her. She is to have, according to the press, forty or fifty frocks, a pearl necklace and a little later a high-power motor-car as well as an airplane. "More curlicues" set to jazz is the comment that arises in the mind of one living in an age when the greater the material resources developed, the more acute the economic and social problems. The indulgence of a marked kindness is a most pardonable thing, it is seldom that giving hurts the giver, but it strikes us that this girl who tomorrow will be a woman, is being put to an unfair test. The time approaches, the time is here when in the United States more women and more men who understand living needs and living conditions will be a political necessity. Here is this child, honest and wholesome though she plainly be, pitched into a luxury

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Or He'd Be Short.

"Peggie is well provided with the necessities of life."
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Americans and Cars.

Yankee Abroad—"I just bought a Rambler."
Patriotic American—"Well, American cars are good enough for me!"—The Springfield, South Africa.

Tourists Doing London.

Two tourists from across the "herring pond" at the entrance to St. Paul's Cathedral were pressed for time. "You look at the outside," said one, "and I'll look at the inside—then we can get the whole thing over in a few minutes."

"Said The Scotsman."

A Scotsman went to the grocery for some eggs.
"How much are these eggs?" he asked.
"Two-pence-halfpenny each," answered the boy.
"Crack me a dozen," said the Scotsman—Imperial Victoria, Winnipeg.

Motorists.

One small jack can lift a car, but it takes a lot of back to keep it up—Petersburg Sentinel.

Only the only thing motor cars lack is an accessory to ease pedestrians getting in the way—San Francisco Chronicle.

How does a weak tire know you are all dressed up and ready for a party—Akron Beacon-Journal.

The devil having gotten the hogs to sleep, the road hogs will finally get what is coming to them—Tampa Times.

The farm-boy sings from his laden rack:
His whistle with long day done,
While the great wheels rumble along the track.
Toward the rim of the setting sun.
The oxen clash a spreading horn
And quicken their pace a bit.
For you are cries of yellow corn
And lanes of the farm-house lit.
Oh yonder is peace in the drowsy stall
Beyond the tug of the day;
Beyond the lanes of the forest tall
And the ring of the sea above!
It is good to be back in the twilight hour
To the crib and the clover-mow
With a fragrance there of the withered
down.

A dream of the slow trails now!
—Leslie Clare Manchester.

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BAXTER ADDRESSES THRONG AT SUSSEX

Reviews Attitude Towards The Grand Falls and Workmen's Compensation.

SUSSEX, N. B., Aug. 9.—One of the largest political gatherings in Sussex in many years assembled at the Imperial Theatre Saturday night and gave a good reception to Hon. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, leader of the provincial Opposition, and two of the Opposition candidates, A. J. Brooks and H. V. Dickson. N. Garfield White was chairman.

Mr. Brooks deplored the alleged unfair canvasses by Government agents and criticized the Foster-Veitch administration for alleged extravagant expenditure and heavy increase of the public debt.

Dr. Brooks urged Dr. Baxter, saying Dr. Baxter had come back from his Federal House where he was one of the

biggest men in Canada and in a position to receive almost any honor should the Conservative party be returned to power.

Dr. Baxter in his address dealt at some length with the Grand Falls hydro development project, following the lines of other speeches he has delivered. He also spoke of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Mr. Dickson was the last speaker and expressed his pleasure at being in Sussex. He urged the voters to return the Opposition candidates specially commending to them Mr. Brooks and J. W. Smith. For himself Mr. Dickson said that his record as a member for the county during the last 12 years was well known. He could promise that if re-elected he would work just as hard for the county's interest in the future as he had done in the past.

REICHSSTAG O. K.'S NEW TAXES.
BERLIN, Aug. 9.—The Reichstag, after much discussion, finally adopted the new taxation proposals. These provide a revenue of about 7,000,000,000 marks (about \$1,750,000,000) apart from gains to be raised by local taxation.

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VISITORS HERE
Dr. H. O. Ziegler and Miss Olive Ziegler, of Toronto, were in Saint John for the week-end, en route to Nova Scotia, where they will visit friends. Miss Ziegler is a teacher of Alma College, St. Thomas, Ont., but she was formerly with the X. Y. C. A., associated with Miss Mary Allison, B.A., who was in the work here for several years, until she went to Toronto. Dr. and Mrs. Ziegler were entertained by Mrs. Allison's sister and her husband, Mrs. and Mrs. Blair McLean yesterday afternoon, when they were given a motor trip to places of interest around the city.

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