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COLLEGES GETTING BUSY.

The present summer has witnessed a marked resumption of activity on the part of those in control of the more important educational institutions in Canada. Undoubtedly universities and colleges faced a serious problem during the years of the war, which in many cases amounted to the practical breaking up of their classes. Indeed in some of these institutions, particularly in the west, certain college years were cancelled altogether, while in other institutions the number of students taking various courses were too small to justify the retention of full staffs. This condition in some instances resulted in difficult financing, for the smaller institutions of learning are close to the wind in money matters and the loss of students' fees proves a serious matter. Facilities were depleted to a marked extent, as among the professors were men who felt themselves young enough to take up military service and who voluntarily relinquished their positions to go overseas.

That time of depression has gone by and however much ordinary business may be affected, conditions in the educational world everywhere show a very decided improvement. Not only is there no further drain on the young men preparing for college, but those who have interrupted their education to go overseas are home again to resume their college courses, and in addition to these there are thousands of soldiers who for various reasons have found it necessary to take up courses offered to them by our universities. Many through disability have been prevented from resuming their former occupations are planning to learn new trades and professions, and apart from those who will accept courses offered by the government there will be many others entering college. Thus even in our provincial institutions the departmental heads are looking forward to more numerous classes of students than ever before, while the larger universities have for some time been making great preparations for the anticipated rush which is now at hand. Not only are the regular classes filling up, but there is a demand for instruction along lines not formerly included in our general scheme of education, and vocational and technical training in all its branches will be more generally in demand than before. Recognizing this, colleges in all provinces are extending their facilities and increasing their equipment, in a determination to meet the demands made upon them.

THE LOCAL TICKET.

It is popularly understood that political candidates are selected by party conventions held for that purpose. As a matter of fact in common practice the candidates are usually chosen well in advance, and the selection is made by leaders of the party who have previously secured consent of the men themselves is merely confirmed by the convention. In accordance with this custom there is today well defined understanding that the local government has arranged to select for St. John City in the next election, and that the names which will go before the convention when it is called will be Han, W. E. Foster, Dr. W. P. Roberts, R. T. Hayes and W. M. Ryan. It has been generally understood that Mayor Hayes' inclinations have been for some time towards political life and that he has aspirations which he feels at some future time carry him to the city. For the present, however, he will be content with a nomination for the local legislature. Mr. Ryan is rewarded with a nomination as a result of his adherence to the leadership of Mr. Foster during the present session of policies of the Federal Liberal party. He is not regarded as a powerful candidate. Indeed it is felt almost every standpoint that his election would be unwise were it not for the assistance from friends of Dr. Roberts is expected to keep him fairly in line with the rest of the ticket. Mr. Foster, who now represents Victoria County, is coming back to St. John City. He does not care to face heat in this county, but believes his chances are better among city electors. It is understood that this lineup was changed only last week, but that it is being made known to members of the party throughout the city in the time comes for calling a convention. This ticket, it will be noted, does not include any representatives of the element which disagreed with Mr. Foster's views in the election of delegates to the Dominion convention.

AL AND OTHER INDUSTRIES.
 The British government the other announced an increase in the price of wheat, which advance because of the determined opposition it met throughout the country, has been partially suspended. This increase has been arranged in order that the moment, now supervising the operation of coal mines, might be in a position to meet the demand of mine workers for higher wages and shorter hours and thus prevent the cessation of work, reduction of the coal output, and consequent slowing down of all other industries. The argument used by Sir Eric Geddes in support of the government's action in this regard is a direct contradiction of the contention put forward by the miners that the less work a man does the more there is for someone else to do. That doctrine is being spread in every country where demands for shorter hours have been presented, the intimidation being that by reducing the hours of labor a larger number of men will be employed and production increased. Sir Eric's reply to this is that if every man will do all he possibly can, the result of his labor will directly affect all other lines of industry and so provide more work for more men at better pay than is possible under shortened hours. The reasonableness of this contention has been recognized by the mine workers of England as well as by operators and the whole matter is now being held up pending the outcome of an inquiry into existing conditions. The government expects to show conclusively that cessation of mining operations by a few thousands of men in the hope of securing shorter hours of labor will mean only widespread idleness incurred in expectation of future employment for comparatively few additional persons, and will result in cessation of activities affecting hundreds of thousands, and perhaps millions, of others whose property depends upon the measure of activity enjoyed by the industries in which they are employed made possible only through sufficient coal production.

NURSES' SALARIES.

Members of the nursing profession have joined the general chorus of asking for higher wages. A resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Association calls for a minimum wage of twenty-one dollars per week, with twenty-five dollars for contagious diseases. This seems like pretty good pay. Nurses of course perform very necessary and very valuable work and unfortunately these services are required by people at times when their expenditures are abnormally high, when doctors and druggists' and additional help around the house must also be provided for. And nurses, too, enjoy advantages in which other employees are not privileged to participate. The graduate nurse no doubt has to maintain her own room, but when on a case for any extended period she is often able to select her quarters and secure along with her wages sleeping accommodation at the home of the patient, and what is of much more importance—she gets all her meals. Twenty-one dollars per week under these circumstances is equal to at least thirty dollars a week for a worker living at home or paying board. On the other hand, nurses are called upon to perform many unpleasant, disagreeable tasks, to exercise constant care and watchfulness, to put up with the whims and crankiness of the sick, to be always cheerful and obliging, even towards those who anticipate too much from human endurance, and to maintain the balance of power between the attending physician and the family of the patient. Twenty-one dollars a week is little enough to pay a nurse just for living in the same house with some people, without doing anything for the patient, while in other instances such kindness is displayed that the amount of remuneration is or but slight importance. In view of responsibilities imposed upon the nursing profession, responsibilities more constant than those borne by the attending physician, there will be little objection to the comparatively slight advance which the Association now asks. It is merely another evidence of the increased cost of living.

WHAT THEY SAY

Breaking the World's Heart.
 New York Sun: "I dare we reject it," said the President to the Senate, "and break the heart of the world." Break the heart of Great Britain, for example. Great Britain, whose Parliament broke into derisive laughter when Premier Lloyd George, in an incidental and most good-natured way, mentioned the President's League of Nations to the House of Commons?

Who Won the War?
 Utica Observer: "It is right to speak of our allies," says Marshall Haig, "but it was the British army that won the war." Of course it was the British army that won the war. It was also the French army that won the war. The Italian army also won the war. So did the Russian army, and if it hadn't been for the American army, all of the other armies would have lost the war. The American army won the war.

Exhortation Unnecessary.
 New York World: "But in spite of the live-stock growers' fervent appeal, all restrictions are not off. There is

still the restriction, prohibitive in many cases, of exportation of pigs and a further menace to the public in this situation is revealed by the federal trade commission's warning that the packing monopoly is rapidly acquiring control of all food substitutes. When the beef trust gets ready to offer a few bargains in the retail markets it will not need to exhort anybody to buy.

Now Up to the Senate.
 Springfield Republican: The President, let us remember, has now performed, if he has not exhausted, his constitutional function in negotiating this peace settlement embodied in a great conception of world statesmanship. It is at least to his credit that for a world problem of staggering complexity he had ready a solution which has been applied with boldness and in the opinion of many competent observers, with as much sagacity and skill as the difficult circumstances have allowed.

Declare Our Purpose.
 New York Tribune: No persuasive reason has yet been adduced as to why any one should object to the proposed reservations. What life the league has it would still have. The league still would "reserve" against naming representatives, or the assemblage of the conference, or the performance of the administrative acts laid on the league's council. The league would function under one kind of ratification as freely as under the other. The only difference would be that our people and the world would know our attitude toward attempts to interpret the covenant as confining control of our destiny to alien hands. If this nation would lead the world, we are told it should and may, the best course for it to pursue is the honest one of declaring our purposes openly and lucidly.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE SOLDIER SPEAKS.
 (By Edward E. Kidder)
 "Rude am I in my speech and little blest with the soft phrase of peace!" — Othello.
 They've signed—oh, yes—with sighs
 And signals of distress—
 But if you think they'll keep the peace,
 You've got another guess.
 We know these Helms, root and branch,
 And all their crooked acts;
 We've lost our pals, our limbs, our
 In finding out the facts!

The President has done his best.
 But this, I'll bet, is true:
 If Woodrow's feelings could be seen,
 They'd all be black and blue;
 With over twenty nations there,
 To keep them well in line would take
 An angel from the skies!
 If I should dare to give a hint,
 I'd say there was a speech and little blest with the soft phrase of peace!" — Othello.
 Right there in Paris, France;
 Scuttles a ship? Of course they would—
 They're pirates ripe and rank,
 I wonder that they don't think
 To make us walk the plank!

MEMORY.
 In my poor mind it is most sweet to muse
 Upon the days gone by; to act in thought
 Past scenes of o'er, and be again a child;
 To sit in fancy on the turf-laid slope,
 Down which the child would roll; to pluck gay flowers,
 Make posies in the sun, which the child's hand
 (Childhood offended soon, soon reconciled)
 Would throw away, and straight take up again,
 Then fling them to the winds, and o'er the lawn
 Bound with so playful and so light a foot.
 That the pressed daisy scarce declined her head.

A BIT OF FUN

If you would criticize your boss get fully a mile away from everybody, then whisper to yourself.
 Addition to self and subtraction from others comprise some men's sole knowledge of arithmetic.
 It is as difficult to understand some people as it is for a bald-headed man to know where to leave off washing his face and start on his head.

Housekeeper—What makes you so late with the milk these mornings?
 Milkman—Well, you see, mum, the law doesn't allow us any more than 25,000,000 bacteria to the gallon, and you wouldn't believe how long it takes to count the little varmints!
 "Listen to this, Maria," said Mr. Stubbs, as he unfolded his scientific paper. "This article states that in some of the old Roman prisons there have been unearthed they found the petrified remains of the prisoners."
 "Gracious, John!" exclaimed Mrs. Stubbs, with a smile, "then's what they call hardened criminals, I expect."

Out of His Line.
 Mrs. Gushing (at a private view)—I suppose you are greatly interested in the cubists and futurists, Mr. Maustick?
 Mr. Maustick—My dear madam, I'm a painter—not an alienist.—Buffalo Express.

The Soldier's Protest.
 Bishop Flipper said in Atlanta: "A colored chaplain was addressing a squad of colored men back of Barnduc."
 "Boys," he said, "Satan is powerful, but he is not omnipotent. He is bound with chains, yet he can get at you—and the chaplain pointed to a Mobile soldier—and he can get at

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Yesterday it was so hot that the easiest thing to do was perspire, which everybody did, and us fellows was wawling along saying (I may be it ain't hot—gosh, if it was any hotter than this, good bye, and different things, and all of a sudden Sid Hunt said, G. Puds, hokey smoke, look at the man fainting from the heat up against our house.
 Meaning a fat man with a brown derby and no collar and tie laying on Puds Simkin's pavement with his eyes shut like and his mouth open loose, and us fellows ran up a nd stood there looking at him, Skinny Martin saying, when a person faints, the first thing to do is loosen their collar, only he ain't got any collar, so how can we?
 We can't, said Sam Cross, and Ed Wernick said, Maybe if we loosened his shoes it would do some good.
 And he untied one of the man's shoe strings and Ed Davis untied the other one, but it didn't do any good, and I said, Maybe wait he needs is more air, wat do you say we all blow on him?
 With we all did, getting up close and all blowing on his face to get him without sayingk happening, and Leroy Shooter said, If we had a piece of ice we could put it down the back of his neck, only we ain't got a peecce of ice.
 I'll go in and get a peecce out of this ice box, said Puds. And he ran in the house and came out with a hunk of ice and put it down the back of the man's neck, being such a big ass as he was to have it in 2 peeces and then put it down, and pritty soon the man started to wiggle his shoulders and look dissatisfied without opening his eyes, and the fotherder down the ice went the more dissatisfied he looked, and after a while he opened his eyes and grabbed a hold of the middle of his back, proving wate the ice was, and jest then he saw all us fellows standing there and started to look mad as anything, and Skinny Martin quick sed, Its all right, mister, its all right, you fainted from the heat.
 O. I did, I did, I did show you if a honest man cant lay down to take a little nap on a hot day without being assaulted by a lot of hoodlums, sed the man. And he jumped up and chased us a block and a half shaking one hand at us and holding the other one at the bottom of his back, showing wate the ice was.

and he pointed to a soldier from Washington—and he can get at you—and he pointed to a soldier from Paint Rock.
 "The Paint Rock soldier gave a gun."
 "Why, boss," he protested, "the old cuss might as well be loose!"

Query.
 "The word 'highway' used to mean someone excessively intellectual, but now apparently means someone who is disagreeable."
 "Well, what's the difference?" — Life.

Right With the Times.
 "Mad, you have had those bus bands now," said her legal adviser, "and every one of them either went crazy or turned out to be worthless. And yet you are thinking of marrying again!"
 "Yes, sir," answered the fair client; "what I think I've got now is a safe and sane fourth."

Simplified Reading.
 The governors was listening to the children's reading lesson, says the Philadelphia North American, and her attention was, perhaps, wandering a little when suddenly she was brought back to earth by hearing young Timothy declaim:
 "This is a warm doughnut. Step on it."
 "Timothy, whatever are your reading?" she exclaimed. "Let me see your book."
 She looked and this was what she found: "This is a worm. Do not step on it."

WEDDINGS.

Brown-Elliott.
 A wedding of more than usual interest took place at Anguille Ridge, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Elliott, when their youngest daughter, Cora Elizabeth, was united in marriage to Everett James Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Brown, Cornhill.
 The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Gregg in the presence of about one hundred of the immediate relatives. The bride, who was given away by her mother, looked very charming in a beautiful gown of white duchess satin, trimmed with gold beads. She wore a bridal veil and carried a bouquet of white carnations and maiden hair fern.
 The bride entered the parlor on the arm of her father to the strains of the bridal march from "Lohengrin," played by Miss Jean Allison, of Sussex. She looked very charming as she stood under an arch of evergreens and white roses in a room beautifully decorated for the occasion. She was followed by Miss Dorothy Elliott, cousin of the bride, as flower girl.
 Following congratulations, a very sumptuous dinner was served in the dining room. The wedding gifts were numerous. They consisted of a cheque for \$75 and a dining room suite from the bride's parents, and \$100 each from the brother and sister of the bride, besides several smaller cheques. There were also numerous gifts of furniture, glass, silver ware, linen, etc. The groom's gift to the bride was a pearl necklace, to the pianist he gave a \$5 gold piece and to the flower girl a signet ring.
 After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Brown departed for their new home. Their many friends unite in wishing the young couple every prosperity and a long life of happiness together.

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