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### Mr. Ferguson Tries the Pork Barrel.

Hon. Howard Ferguson has apparently gone the limit, and the campaign has a good five weeks yet to run.

He has been in Northern Ontario for the past few days. In that country he gave a view of his stand on the O. T. A., and it was as wiggly as any dish of red jelly that ever graced a picnic table.

He has tried to crawl out from under the things that trial judges charged him with doing when he administered crown lands. His defence consists of an effort to vilify and besmirch the judges who made the investigation and report, and what he has said of these men would land the average commoner in jail. Hon. Howard Ferguson's description of what two honorable judges said of him is of such a nature as to bring discredit on the honor and integrity of these men.

Not content with this, Hon. Howard Ferguson, leader of the Conservative party in Ontario, has gone back to the old pork-barrel methods of soliciting support.

The Mail and Empire report of his meeting at Iroquois Falls, in Northern Ontario, is illuminating and disconcertingly indicative of Conservative prospects in the province. The report says Mr. Ferguson and Mr. McCrea, ex-Conservative member of Sudbury, have torn down the Drury idol. So much for that.

The next part is as follows:

"Incidentally, Hon. Mr. Ferguson made an important announcement in connection with the development of the railway facilities of the North, his assurance being that if the Conservatives were returned to power they would construct a branch of the T. and N. O. Railway into the important mining center of Lorrain, which lies close to the Quebec border."

Will Hon. Howard Ferguson please tell the people of Ontario what right he has to go to the electors of any portion of this province and seek to bribe them with promises of railways or any other thing?

This man is simply the leader of a political party; he has no cabinet sitting with him that has considered this matter and found it feasible to pledge the credit of the whole province to the building of this railway. He has no more right to seek to bribe the people of Northern Ontario than Mr. Drury or Mr. Hay would have to come to London and promise to dig a canal from London to Port Stanley.

That form of campaigning, viz., promising public works in return for votes, is as old as it is poor. It proves one thing very conclusively, viz., that Mr. Ferguson's greed for office is the one great motive driving him on the present campaign.

### Can't the Laymen Preach?

Several of the Methodist district meetings have faced the problem of how to keep their churches in rural districts where the people have moved away to cities. Some of them find they are not able to keep a pastor at \$1,500 and free house.

The costs have gone up, and those who should meet them have decreased.

Have these places no preachers of their own? Are there no laymen capable of taking the pulpit?

There is a little church on the outskirts of Brantford, Farrington Independent, where families have worshipped for years. The members do the preaching, and the preaching at Farrington was always sound and straight.

Such men as the late Hon. Wm. Paterson have taken their turn in that pulpit; Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, ex-M.P., is another of those who speak there. There is no salary attached, and funds raised are used for several worthy purposes.

The ministry as we have it today works out very well, but we are overlooking the fact that there are many strong, vigorous exponents of the gospel sitting silent in the pews.

The Methodist Church, which now complains of the trouble in keeping a regular minister in a small church, was the outstanding agency for years in making great use of the lay preachers.

### Why Leave It All To Ottawa.

Is it possible for any government at Ottawa to stop Canadian people going to United States? The trouble with any action taken by Ottawa is that it is apt to be general rather than specific.

In the usual course of events, we leave it pretty much to Ottawa to attend to immigration.

Each province has its own problem, and it can be pursued further and stated that each country has its problem.

More direct action that is timed to meet local conditions can be taken by smaller bodies than anything that Ottawa can do. Ontario has many farms, and it is in the interests of Ontario that they be populated. It is in the interests of Middlesex that this county receive individual care, and the same is true of Perth, Lambton, Oxford or any county in this district.

We doubt very much if Ottawa has a list of empty farms in this district; particulars of buildings and price; some reason why the place is not worked, and what sort of a man would likely be a success.

Instead of waiting for immigrants to be brought along, why not get our property listed and make a drive for those who may be able to purchase land?

We have enough machinery in our county and township councils to get this information in shape. It may be possible to do for ourselves what Ottawa could never do for us.

### Another \$10,000 Triangle Aired.

One of those dirty, miserable triangle cases has been aired and fumigated in the courts at Toronto, and even the \$10,000 damages awarded the plaintiff, a 19-year-old Boston girl, has not helped to take away the odor.

A man named Scott, who was away from home much of his time, met a girl in Boston. He was married and had a child.

In spite of this mere trifling detail, he makes the acquaintance of this second girl, interests her, dances with her and finally makes a proposal of marriage.

According to the evidence, the girl at this time knew nothing of his marriage relations, although she continued to meet him after she had this information, and continued to take money from him.

One of the lawyers in the case made the rather sensible remark that a public horse-whipping would be an excellent thing for such a man, and there is a large element of truth in the statement.

Like every other case of its sort, there is not one

small thing in it that is either sweet or wholesome. It is nauseating and nasty, and fairly shouts at the folly of young women paying heed to the attentions of strange men.

### Hon. W. E. Raney Comes Back.

Hon. W. E. Raney announced to the voters of East Wellington on Saturday that he was going to stay with the Drury party as attorney-general, and would again be a candidate in that riding. His decision will be an added strength to Mr. Drury's campaign, as the attorney-general is a hard fighter when he takes to the hustings.

His opponent, so far, is Col. J. J. Craig, and the presence of Mr. Raney in the riding makes the O. T. A. at once the chief political issue there. Col. Craig, the day he accepted the nomination, gave his views on the matter of liquor legislation as follows:

"If whiskey is good for the sick, they should get it at a reasonable price, and get good stuff, too—I believe in government control, when a person could get a reasonable amount at a reasonable price."

The Liberals have not yet made their nomination. So far, the issue is very clear, with Hon. W. E. Raney out for the O. T. A., and Col. Craig, the Conservative, standing for a "reasonable amount of whiskey at a reasonable price."

### The Place Should Be Fixed.

While there is nothing mysterious about the drowning of a little lad in the river near Blackfriars Bridge, there should have been an inquest, if for nothing else than to draw attention to the danger of allowing children to play on that sloping breakwater or for naming some method of so guarding the place that they could not get through.

The place remains as dangerous today as it was on Friday of last week, and on that day it was dangerous and deadly enough to snuff out the life of a little lad who slid down the steep embankment into the river below.

### Should Not Fight Liberalism.

Wellington Hay, speaking to Liberals at a nomination meeting at Whitby, gave a warning note to those who, from the very best of motives, were supporting the U. F. O. candidates against Liberals.

Liberal principles, properly used in the hands of a government representative of all classes of the people, are broad enough and fair enough for Ontario or any other province.

If a satisfactory government does not result it is because these principles are not being fairly applied.

Some of the finest government Ontario ever got was at the hands of the Liberals, when the agricultural communities were well represented in the make-up of the administration.

A Liberal government would be seriously handicapped were there not a good showing of agriculturists in it.

### Note and Comment.

A New York cook, cleaning fish, found a diamond ring worth \$600. This fish in his day certainly went in for expensive dishes.

They will not let people use the mails for fake oil stocks or such things, but here's a chap going ahead and offering saxophone lessons by mail.

A need exists for a glass that will bend without breaking. They also used to make it stronger than they do today, for many a glass used to have a kick in it.

The first big step is to get your name on the voters list. A little action and care now may save you from getting into a useless argument with the returning officer on election day.

A chief of police in a western town was fined for drinking liquor secured as evidence in a liquor raid. Certainly a police chief should not tamper with the witnesses, even though they be spirits.

It heats all how the races at Woodbine stimulate business. There are all sorts of men around here who simply must get down to Toronto to attend to matters personally that at any other time call for a postcard or a letter at the worst.

The Toronto Telegram threw itself out of plumb in heaping words of hate on Hon. W. E. Raney when he retired. Now that Mr. Raney has announced his decision to continue, the Telegram is liable to bust in the middle when it tries to give expression to its feelings of super-hatred.

A hardy Scot in the Guelph hospital underwent quite a serious operation, when a local anesthetic only was used. He says people make too much fuss over these matters, and so he chatted with the nurses while the performance was going on. No doubt, we'll soon get to the stage when a man will drop in to get a patch on his lung while on the way home to dinner.

A good business spirit is shown by the Smallman & Ingram Co. toward Grafton & Co. on the occasion of the opening of their new premises on Dundas street. In the advertising space of the former store reference is made to the day when both were doing business in a small way in London. They were able to get along well together then as now, and as each firm has grown, outgrown and grown again, the little passing along of a business courtesy and a word of congratulation is timely and admirable.

### TWO SEPARATE COUNTRIES.

(From the New York Times.) Wickham Steed, editor of the London Times in the Northcliffe regime, is quoted as having told the members of the Pilgrims' Society that the less talk there was about "American cousins," "hands across the sea" and "blood thicker than water," the better it would be for all concerned. He advised them to get out of their heads the notion that Americans are "slightly different—and slightly spoiled—Englishmen," and to substitute for it the fact that Americans are foreigners. Continuing, he said: "I do not think that America let us down after the war. It was a miracle that America came in at all. America has not wiped out our debt; she regards the transaction as a commercial one, and she and we both like people who pay their debts."

All this will be most painful to sentimentalists, and if heeded, it would necessitate the learning of an almost entirely new set of stock phrases for use at dinners of a nature more or less international. But Mr. Steed was over here long enough to learn at least a little about us, and his conclusions, while shocking in their novelty, when coming from a friend, are so chiefly, or wholly, because they contain a large element of truth. Great Britain and the United States are as distinctly separate countries as are any other two countries, and the people of each really are "foreigners" to those of the other. That doesn't mean that they are or need be enemies.



### "The Ten Books I Have Most Enjoyed"

By ALBERT PAYSON TERHUNE.

Mr. Terhune, the son of Marion Harland, is best known as the author of "Lad, a Dog," and "The Pest," but aside from his other novels and stories, he has written many picture plays and has described his adventures when he lived with the Bedouins and investigated the lepers of Syria.

The Bible. Shakespeare.

"The Three Guardsmen" (Charles A. Rice).

"Guy Livingstone" (George Lawrence).

"The Wind in the Willows" (Kenneth Grahame).

"Bob, Son of Battle" (Ollivant).

"Vie de Boheme" (Murger).

"Plain Tales from the Hills" (Kipling).

"Peter Ibbotson" (Du Maurier).

Scott's poems.

Tomorrow: William Beebe.

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### The Sleeping House.

By ANNE CAMPBELL.

Between the covers soft I creep. And watch our house go fast asleep. Our house has many eyes, you know. And they must all be closed just so.

First, in my room my mother snaps One light that's mine—an eye perhaps! For if a house has eyes like mine, They are its lights that brightly shine.

Then later I wake up and hear A last good-night from mother dear. And one by one, as evening dies, Our little house shuts up its eyes.

And when the upstairs lights go out, I always rise right up and shout: "Oh, how darling, darling, there be One little light left just for me!"

Then in the hall a night lamp glows— A pretty light of palest rose, And as I go to bed for keeps, My house, with one eye open, sleeps.

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### PLEASING DAD.

"You must ask father's consent." "But is that necessary? You have promised to marry me." "I'll marry you, all right, but, George dear, you must go to father. It pleases him once in a while to know that we consider him as one of the family."

### A STRIKE ON.

Children have been playing "builders" and all the available furniture has been piled skyhigh in the construction work. Mother—Goodness me! Will you put those things back right away and be quick about it! George (oldest)—Mother, it can't be done! There's a general strike on now!

### THE HONORS OF IGNORANCE.

"Ignorance!" The speaker was an Admiral, who was discussing at a dinner party certain strictures that had been passed upon the navy. "Why," he went on, smiling whimsically, "that arm-chair critic is as ignorant as the girl on the Cunarder."

"This girl, crossing to England, got friendly with one of the ship's officers, a young man of 25 or so. The two were leaning side by side on the rail one day, when the officer said:—

"There goes four bells. I must ask you to excuse me. It's my watch below."

"O, stop your kiddin' said the girl. 'Who ever heard of a watch striking as loud as that?'"

### The Guide Post—By Henry van Dyke

Who hath despised the day of small things?—Zech. 4:10.

It is not required of every man and woman to be, or to do, something great.

Most of us must content ourselves with humble tasks and small parts in the chorus.

Because Homer and Milton have written epics, shall we have no little lyrics?

Because we have heard the great organ at Freiburg, shall the sound of Kathie's zither in the alpine hut please us no more?

Even those who have greatness thrust upon them will do well to lay the burden down now and then, and be thankful that they are not altogether answerable for the conduct of the universe—certainly not all the time.

"I reckon," said a cowboy to me as we were riding through the Bad Lands of North Dakota, "there's some one bigger than me running this outfit."

"He can't tend to it all right, while I smoke my pipe after the round-up."

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### Your Health

HERE'S THE LATEST ADVICE ABOUT "MYASTHENIA GRAVIS"

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M.D., United States Senator from New York, Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

One of the rare and little heard of diseases is "myasthenia gravis."

"Myasthenia" is a big word, but in plain language it means muscle weakness.

The whole name well describes the disease, because there is serious weakness of the muscles of the eyes, face, neck and head.

In the lowest portion of the skull is a part of the brain called the "medulla oblongata."

This is the upper continuation of the spinal cord. It is sometimes spoken of as the "brain stem," because it is narrow as compared with the much larger and globular brain proper, and is not unlike the stem to a mushroom apple. The medulla is also known as the "bulb."

It is the nerve center of the highest functions of life. The breathing nerves and part, at least, of the heart nerves, are centered and controlled here. The nerves that supply the teeth and jaws, the nerves to some of the eye muscles, the nerves of hearing, of throat and voice control, the nerves to the tongue and neck, as well as nerves to the muscles of the body and limbs, begin in the brainstem or bulb.

When this part of our anatomy is diseased, there results a loss of power in the muscles supplied from this region. This effect is called "bulbar paralysis" when it is extremely bad, and you can see the appropriateness of the term.

In myasthenia the trouble is in the medulla, or bulb. At first there is not an actual paralysis of the muscles controlled from the bulb, but there is such weakness of them that they tire very, very easily. Every effort exhausts the patient. His eyelids droop, there is difficulty in breathing, chewing becomes almost impossible, swallowing is a painful ordeal. If the arm is lifted several times the movement is more and more difficult, and finally impossible, until after a period of rest. There are many ups and downs in the condition of the patient. It usually affects persons under 30 years of age and even under 20, and, of course, takes a lot out of one of the best periods of life. While the disease is distressingly slow, lasting for years and years, there is always the hope of recovery.

Just what effect the "glandless glands" of the body may have upon this disease is purely speculative. We are not fully informed, as yet, regarding all the functions of the so-called "internal secretions."

Overwork, physical or mental, in the high school days and college age, or at the age when young people "go to work," may have something to do with the trouble.

Youth is always a critical age. It takes a little time to get adjusted to

life's harness. The enthusiasm of this period, or the painful necessity that drives so many to the grindstone of existence, may urge to greater activity and longer hours than the muscular and nervous systems can endure. Good sense must prevail, and observance of the rules of good living will forestall the dangers of a breakdown. It is better to avoid myasthenia gravis, for instance, than it is to carry on the long fight necessary to conquer it.

ANSWERS TO HEALTH QUESTIONS.

PEGGY. Q.—After walking I feel as though I were bruised. It affects me across the shoulders. Will you kindly advise me what to do for this condition?

A.—Have your shoes properly fitted. Massage your shoulders with cocoa butter.

F. K. Q.—The turbinates of my

place where I could have them cut and reduced?

A.—Go to the nearest nose and throat clinic or to a nose specialist.

G. B. Q.—I have a very muddy complexion. Will you kindly suggest a good powder?

2. Do you think that—

A.—You can improve your complexion by taking plenty of outdoor exercise and observing a well-regulated diet. Try using rice powder on your face.

2. I have had no experience with this shampoo.

TWO INTERESTED READERS. Q.—Kindly tell us something that will make our eye-lashes grow. We have used yellow oxide of mercury, but it failed to improve the growth.

2. What will bleach the skin? Is buttermilk or lemon beneficial?

3. Will swimming build up the body or increase the height?

4. Does bathing the eyes in ice cold water make the eyes sparkle?

A.—If yellow oxide of mercury has failed to improve the growth of your eye-lashes, I know of nothing else that will.

2. Both buttermilk and lemons will help to bleach the skin.

3. All outdoor exercises build up the body.

4. Yes. Bathing the eyes in very cold water will make them sparkle.

M. P. Q.—Kindly tell me how to develop my limbs.

A.—Exercise and massage with cocoa butter will develop the limbs.

B. V. R. Q.—Will you please tell me what causes dreams? I am also subject to headaches.

A.—Digestive disturbances usually produce this condition. It may arise from a number of causes, but it is advisable to read for at least an hour before retiring. This may also be the cause of the headaches, but have your eyes examined to make sure that there is no abnormal condition present. Follow the advice your doctor gives you after he has examined you.

J. R. S. Q.—At night when I look at a light I always notice a prismatic halo around it. What would you advise me to do for this?

A.—Apparently you need glasses. Have your eyes examined by an oculist and follow the advice he gives you.

S. S. W. Q.—I have a chronic offense at the root of my tooth. Is this harmful to the system?

A.—Yes, this is very harmful to the system. You should consult a dentist at once and have this condition corrected.

M. J. A. Q.—My daughter suffers from a numbness in her side, which seems to affect her throat and eyes. What do you believe is causing her trouble?

A.—Your daughter's symptoms appear to be nervous in origin. I would advise you to take her to a neurologist for an examination and have him outline the necessary treatment for her.

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WHERE TO HUNT, FISH AND PADDLE IN THE NEW NORTH.

An interesting publication, entitled "Where to Hunt, Fish and Paddle in the New North," has just been issued by the Canadian National Railways. It gives authentic and interesting information regarding a region abounding in opportunities for the sportsman and angler. It is also profusely illustrated, and contains a series of district maps of the territory covered. A free copy may be secured on application to R. E. Ruse, C. P. and T. A., London, or to any Canadian National ticket agent.

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