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### ELECTRICAL STORMS.

Seldom does an electrical storm produce such havoc as that recently reported from France. In most instances the benefits of the downpour far exceed the inconvenience or damage wrought by lightning tempests. Modern science has given us another name for thunderstorm. We know it is of electrical origin. Whether the impulse leading to this discharge starts from underground or from the air has not been definitely ascertained, and the electrical display has been attributed severally to solar and subterranean causes. Certain it is that they are far more frequent in tropical climates than in temperate zones, in Summer than in Winter, and in certain localities than elsewhere. Thus South Africa and the Himalayan Mountains, Japan and the American Rockies, Borneo and the Amazonian Valley are notoriously thunderous regions. Few parts of our globe are so free of electrical disturbances as these visitations except the big deserts. Most gusts are a sort of atmospheric hysteria, and are soon over, too violent to last. Yet sometimes a furious storm will carry on for six hours or even through the greater part of a day.

We know how animals behave under such circumstances. They cringe and whine and show distress. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that many human folk are nervous while the awful racket is going on. Ajax defied the lightning, but few feel like emulating his bravado. Moreover, the fiery sword from the clouds smote him down. The ancients had many superstitions connected with electrical storms. Trees, houses or grounds struck by Jupiter in wrath were reckoned accursed. Within modern times it was customary in Malta to ring church bells to subdue the tumult. Romans took shelter in underground grottos, as they did not believe lightning could penetrate the rocks. Tartars put on thick woollen and huddled down in the dark. Seal skins and eelskins have been adopted for protection. In China peach-trees and mulberry-trees were once counted immune. A more understandable safety belief is the wearing of silk which, in fact, is a non-conducting fabric. The old superstition about being perfectly safe in a feather bed hardly deserves its repute.

Some facts are worth attention. It has been shown that much fewer buildings are struck in cities than in rural sections. The prevalence of conductive wires and of metallic roofs may be the explanation. Again, the virtue of lightning-rods is still keenly discussed, yet it seems that where they are properly grounded in moist earth or waterways, they are of real service. We have seen it stated that no powder magazine is right-wired and fired has ever been exploded by lightning. Once more, what is called the "bolt" can and does ascend as well as descend. It may split a tree or rip up a floor. Yet after all the nervous folk can take comfort, for the aspects of a storm, although sometimes terrifying, by no means involve such dangers as we commonly confront without a tremor. The flash which takes a thousandth part of a second is, generally speaking, far less pernicious than some effluvia, germ or microbe in the air. And for that mat-

### Press Comment

**MAKING A GOOD TOWN BETTER**  
Carleton Place Canadian. Population is the gauge by which most of us judge a community; yet it is not always a safe guide. The type and quality of citizenship, rather than the mere number of people, determine whether the particular community is a good place in which to dwell and bring up a family. When increase in population can be combined with the keeping of a high standard of citizenship, the ideal growth is the result. The so-called middle class, which constitutes the major portion of population, is the saving grace in Canadian citizenship. No city, however great in size, can stand high in its economic development; or claim distinction in its moral and educational life without the great middle class, which of course includes the wage earner.

**AGRICULTURE'S DECLINE**  
London Daily Mail. Farming is going down the hill at a deplorable pace. Its profits are less than half of what they were only four years ago. If something is not done to relieve it the exodus from the land will continue, and in many rural villages there may soon be hardly any children left to educate.

**THE RIFF AND THE RHINE**  
Liberal (Madrid). France is asking Britain to guarantee the frontier of the Rhine with her feet, as an essential element in the security of the Republic and of Britain as well. Now the Riff stands in the same relation to the security of the French colonial empire as the Rhine does to the security of Britain. Why should France refuse to do in Africa what Britain is now undertaking in Europe?

**INTELLECT AND EMOTION**  
Manchester Guardian. Lord Morley once retorted to the conventional saw that all good things come from the heart by adding that they should go round by the brain, and that is one way of striking the balance between the emotional and intellectual elements in conduct. What that circular journey achieves is a filtering of the shams which may flourish most easily where feeling goes unchecked.

**BALANCED BUDGETS**  
Providence Journal. We have a long way to go before we attain the budgeting precision of the European nations in normal times when exchange is stable and the gold standard in force. The British Government, for example, closed its fiscal year on March 31st with a small surplus that came within \$1,569,000 of the actual estimate made twelve months earlier. Let the British Budget be larger than ours. During the past year we collected, in round figures, 3,780 millions and spent 3,529 millions, not including the surplus. During its last fiscal year the British Government collected about 3,900 millions and spent approximately the same amount.

### COTTON AND RUBBER

**United Empire:** There is a close analogy between our position in regard to cotton and that of America today in regard to rubber. The American manufacturer is as dependent for his supply of crude rubber as we have hitherto been on the vagaries and manipulations of the American market for our cotton. We have however, this market advantage, that we possess every facility in regard to soil, climate, and labor for growing all the cotton we need, and, indeed, far more than that, whereas the United States has explored in vain every plausible scheme for developing an American-controlled rubber area.

**"DEUTSCHLAND ÜBER ALLES"**  
John Bell in the Fortnightly Review. If there is one characteristic of the German race which stands out above all others it is its faith in its superiority. This faith was never lost in the darkest hour which followed military defeat. The average German still believes that his country was "uber Alles." The head of the Reich might be a Socialist, half of the Reichstag might be composed of Socialists, but this did not mean that Germans in the mass had forsaken the lessons they had learnt and that henceforth they would be mild and docile and return to the same state of mind as before the German Empire was founded. On the very morrow of defeat and national humiliation there were influences at work to dispel despair and to imbue the people with a greater faith than ever in their destiny.

**OCEAN CARPET OF OIL**  
It is stated by scientists that the careless discharge of oil and grease from steamships is working havoc on the oxygen-protect blanket so slowly but with marine life, because a great surely being stretched over the waters. Eventually this blanket may become so thick as to extinguish all life that exists in the sea.

Attention was first called to this problem by Lord Kelvin some years ago, and he warned marine companies against the danger of making the ocean a vast dumping ground for oily waste, and so on.

A simple experiment will show the deadly effect of oil upon fish life. If a few drops of oil are dropped on the surface of a bowl containing goldfish, the creatures will die in a few hours.

Most of the creatures who live in the water breathe oxygen with their gills. Lobsters and turtles, not being provided with gills, have to come up to the surface occasionally to replenish their supply of the life-giving gas. It is the function of the gills to extract from the water the oxygen dissolved in it.

Oil and water do not mix, and the spreading power of oil is so great that a single drop will form a film so thin and attenuated that it will cover as much as forty square feet of space.

In doing this it naturally forms a screen, almost impervious to oxygen, and a carpet of death between the creatures in the water and the life-giving gas upon which they depend. Millions of gallons of used grease and oil are thrown upon the surface of the sea, and this tremendous oil film is getting thicker and thicker.

The old practice of spreading oil upon the waters of a tempestuous sea is justified only to save loss of life, but the careless pouring out of oily matter which might just as well be got rid of in port is a habit that should be stopped.

**BIRTH CONTROL**  
Loomed Up Amongst the Delegates to the Institute of Politicians.

Williamstown, Mass.—Birth control loomed up as an issue among delegates to the Institute of Politicians when Dr. Edward M. East, professor of plant morphology at Harvard University and an expert on population problems, bitterly attacked the action of Italy in sending to the institute a delegate to plead for new colonies to relieve Italy's overcrowded population.

## ONTARIO WOMAN REGAINS HEALTH

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**NORTH WILLIAMSTON**  
Mrs. Clara Driver of Providence, R. I., is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Hilsley and other friends here. Other guests at Mrs. Hilsley's lately were: Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Belie, of Sheet Harbour, Halifax, Co. Misc. A. Ayers, Providence, R. I., Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Turner, Bridgetown; Mr. and Mrs. George Kinsman, Berwick; Misses Mildred and Hilda Hilsley, Ross's Corner, Kings Co.

Miss Ruth Starratt of Lynn, Mass., is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Outhit White. Rev. Charles Cummings, wife and son, were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Good.

Mrs. R. L. Morse, son and daughter are visiting friends at Truro and Stewiacke.

Mrs. William Gates and little son arrived home from Beech Meadows, Queens Co., on the 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mordente and family have moved to Montreal. We wish them much success in their new home.

Mr. William Bent has purchased the property of Mr. Julius Mordente.

**RE-ESTABLISHES STRENGTH**  
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**YOUNG'S COVE**  
Mr. Gordon Clayton of Haverhill, Mass., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Thomas Clayton.

Mrs. J. F. Titus of Hampton spent August 4th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Steadman.

Miss Lottie Steadman, graduate of F. C. H. S. Hospital, Swamscott, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Steadman.

Mrs. Hugo Larson of Cambridge, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Guest. Mrs. Reardon of Windsor, is a visitor at the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bent, of Belleisle and children were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Condon. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Condon, with children of Belleisle, also spent the day at the same home, August 9th.

Mrs. John H. Longmire of Lynn, Mass., is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Katherine Good. A miscellaneous shower was given Miss Beulah Steadman at the home of Mrs. William Gregory on August 7th. Many useful gifts were received and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**ST. CROIX COVE**  
Mr. Aubrey Beardley and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson of Port Lorne and Miss Beatrice Daniels of Brockton, Mass. were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hall, the 11th.

spending a few days with Mr. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall and daughter Abbie, of Somerville, Mass. were calling on relatives here the 8th.

Mrs. A. C. Verge, of Wakefield, Mass., visited Capt. and Mrs. E. Brinton, the 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Phinney and two children of Upper Granville, Mr. and Mrs. Landoline Hall and daughter Doris, of Beaconsfield, and Mrs. McAndrews and daughter, Maxine, of Kansas City, Miss., were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Poole, the 9th.

Inspector and Mrs. M. C. Foster and family of Bridgetown, have been recent visitors at the home of Mrs. John Brinton.

**CAUSES FOR WHY CANADA'S DOLLAR IS ABOVE PAR.**

Confidence of United States capital in the Dominion, optimistic preparations for the New Canadian financing, prospects for an excellent crop, large United States purchasing in Canada, and heavy expenditures by United States tourists in the Dominion, were some of the reasons offered by financial experts here tonight, for the consistent above par stand of the Canadian dollar on the New York Exchange.

Today the Canadian dollar stood at a premo of 33¢ and since April had been on a parity with the United States dollar or at premium. Experts pointed out that trade reports showed heavy purchases by United States customers in the Dominion that a large development of power was shortly to be made in Quebec and that this year was a bumper one for tourists in Canada.—New York Times.

**PERSONALITY IN MUSIC**

The personality of the interpreter of music is the most important element in the interpretation. There are artists who the public consider second or third-rate musicians whose technical ability surpasses that of the outstanding favorites, and yet there is lacking the real message that differentiates the greater and lesser artists. It is an old topic, indeed, but it has to be discussed repeatedly, if for no other reason at least because little children will grow up and become new generations of music lovers. These dear young ones have to learn that the interpretative artist is no artist at all if he gives no expression to himself.

A parrot can talk quite wisely at times, but it does not know what it is saying. The confident young parrot who marches out on the stage and recites a Beethoven sonata according to the rules and regulations laid down by his teacher is no artist. He is usually not even a good parrot. But the player whose personality can be smothered will either interest or enrage the hearer. He has something to say.

The rules of music have their place but it is the real genuine spirit of music that it is more important to get into one's nature. It is the getting of music into ourselves in order to put ourselves into the music.

**HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE MIGHT BE INTRODUCED INTO NOVA SCOTIA**

The Hon. J. A. Walker could perform a duty in one of the many departments which comes under his supervision which would be pleasing to a large number of Nova Scotians, and while realizing that other matters of greater importance demand previous consideration to that which the Journal suggests, we nevertheless venture the suggestion of introducing into our Province, as Alberta has done, a few flocks of Hungarian partridge which breed very rapidly, and within a year or two would serve to replenish the native bird which is most conspicuous by its absence.

The introduction of this species of partridge is far beyond the experimental stage, other Provinces have considered and approved of this scheme, and those who "shell" the native haunts of these birds, quite naturally ask "Why not Nova Scotia?"

Our Province is described as a hunter's paradise, and we should make every reasonable effort to live up to the advertising matter spread abroad with a view to attracting the tourist hunter.

The number of native partridges is fast diminishing, and unless our provincial game dept. shows an active interest in this matter, a few years hence will see almost a complete extermination of these birds. (Hants Journal.)

Monkeys tire of playthings quickly, and diverse statistics indicate that there may be something in the Darwinian theory.

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**WANTS TRADE MARK FOR WHOLE EMPIRE**  
British Member Suggests Scheme to Label Goods Made in Empire  
London.—In the House of Commons today a member suggested to Lieutenant Colonel L. C. Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions, that he should recommend to the Dominions the adoption by all the manufacturers of a trade mark for the whole empire or a trade mark for each Dominion and request the Dominions to give their views with regard to a trade mark for goods manufactured in Great Britain.

Colonel Amery replied that he doubted whether the suggestion in the form it was made would be satisfactory or practical method of achieving the object in view. Replying to a supplementary question along somewhat similar lines, Colonel Amery said he did not wish to commit himself to any specific suggestion, but he hoped that it might become possible for the people of Great Britain in buying manufactured goods to know which were British or Dominion made goods and which were not.

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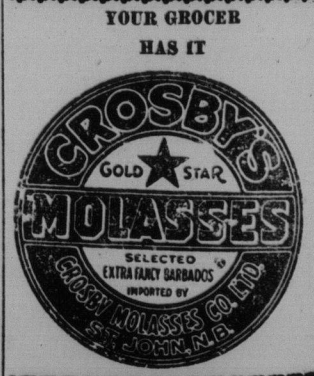
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### THE GASOLINE TAX

During the closing session of the last Nova Scotia Parliament an act was introduced, but did not become effective, re the establishment in this province of a gasoline tax. That act was also sponsored by the executive of the Nova Scotia Motor League, which organization very strongly supported the late Government in its undertakings along these lines. When the act was announced through the public press, many auto owners throughout the land strenuously opposed the action and condemned the administration for its action. Autoists took the stand that the auto license of Nova Scotia was far above what it should be and then to add a gas tax to that was making their auto pleasure rather costly. They did not, however, consider for a moment that by that tax being imposed it would, through the visiting autoist having to pay a gas tax, and in that way pay for the use of our roads, have a tendency to lower our license fees, and several candidates in the recent campaign endeavored to make that point plain. The gas tax today is very common in practically every country. The remark has been made that Nova Scotia is bleeding the United States tourist white, but let us say the real auto tourist from that country will never complain about the gas tax as he has to meet it in every State, but four, in the Union, while in four provinces of the Dominion such a tax has been in existence for some time, and a few weeks ago was adopted and put into effect by the Ontario Legislature.

Commenting on this question an exchange says:— Governments have been quick to realize the revenue possibilities in the taxation of motor traffic. The demand for better roads made this reasonable, and it is not surprising that the tax has been made direct, and on the basis of consumption in the case of gasoline, and general power and size in the motor license tax itself. The gasoline tax, which made its appearance in Ontario a few weeks ago, was introduced in the United States by Oregon in 1915, and so rapidly was it taken up that now all but four States have adopted it. Oddly enough, the exceptions are the wealthy States with a great mileage of good roads; Illinois, in the Middle West, and Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York, on the Atlantic.

The growth of the gasoline tax in the United States is thus shown by Henry R. Trumbower in the American Review of Reviews:

Year	States with tax	Receipts in millions
1915	4	609,987
1920	5	1,475,136
1921	10	5,862,250
1922	18	11,923,442
1923	25	26,812,929
1924	25	79,734,499

In the early part of the present Nova Scot year the Legislature of several a-

## Stimulate Your Business



**I Dreamt**  
This new nine-storey hotel, occupying the city block, was taken over from the old Chateau Lake Louise, built last winter at the foot of the banks of the famous Lake Louise, 6,000 feet.  
To equip this new hotel and stock it will on June 1, 800 beds, 500 bureaus, 780 chairs, 390 desks for rooms, with sheets and pillow cases, and other equipment to match, had to be transported up a narrow-gauge mountain railway. The goods were loaded in the hotel the day before the opening of the hotel. The day before the opening of the hotel, the goods were loaded in the hotel. The day before the opening of the hotel, the goods were loaded in the hotel.