

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON



Can you concentrate? Absolutely, I mean, and for more than a minute or two at a time.

If you can, you are one man or woman in a hundred.

If you can, you have learned one of the most important lessons of living.

If you can, you are already at least ten rounds up the ladder of success.

And if you cannot, you are simply an old friend—the average man. For he is daily impressed upon me that the ability to concentrate is a very rare quality.

If you will sit down to a task and study yourself to it for half an hour without allowing one thought of what you are going to do next, one thought of what you have accomplished, one moment of dreaming of alien things to creep into your mind, without permitting yourself one glance out of the window, one instant of toying with the fittings of your desk, you can do an average person's hours work in that half hour.

If the big business men who astonish lesser men by the prodigious amounts of work they accomplish, were to tell how they do it, I don't doubt in nine cases out of ten we should find that they did not work any longer hours than other men. I think they would simply say that while they worked, they worked with a big W—in other words, concentration.

Given average ability and the habit of concentration as against unceasing mental effort and inability to concentrate, and I'll back the former every time.

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A good test of one's ability to concentrate is to get someone to say over four lines of poetry to you. A person of any concentration ought to be able to repeat this much from hearing it once.

It really pains the average man to concentrate absolutely, because he hasn't been used to doing it. The unaccustomed physical effort would lame him physically.

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Brigade Matters.

St. John's, June 2nd, 1911.

Editor Evening Telegram: Dear Sir—As Lieut.-Col. Rendell of the C. L. B. has forwarded you a publication copy of a communication from His Excellency the Governor, having reference to Brigade matters, I would thank you to publish the reply of the M. G. B. thereto, copy of which I now enclose and which no doubt will also prove of interest to your readers.

Yours truly, CHAS. H. HUTCHINGS.

[Copy.] I have already acknowledged yours of the 17th ult. in reference to the proposed Coronation Parade of the City Brigades.

Since then in accordance with your Excellency's request the representatives of the four Brigades met on a number of occasions to reconsider their former unanimous decision not to parade individually or jointly on the 23rd inst. No progress could be made, however, because the C. L. B. maintained as persistently as before its claims to precedence as an absolute right and refused to accede to any arrangement which did not admit the validity of their claims.

Under these circumstances agreement was quite impossible. Even the other three Brigades determined to return individually their replies to your Excellency's letter. We are, therefore, compelled to do the same. For the first time, I think, in the history of Brigade life in this City we find the Brigades—whatever may have been their differences—failing to act in unison. Heretofore, whatever have been their disputes, all the Corps have found some common ground of action acceptable to all in preference to an open breach. Even on this occasion and notwithstanding the difficulties of the situation the Brigades had, prior to the receipt of your Excellency's letter, as I have already pointed out, considered the matter seriously and at length, and had unanimously come to the conclusion that it was in the interest of the whole Brigade movement to abandon the proposed parade altogether.

In deference, however, to your Excellency's wish the representatives of the Brigades agreed to meet and agree for the reason already pointed out.

Regarding the situation created as deplorable and of far-reaching effect, I submitted the matter to our governing Committee, a course which I had already intimated to your Excellency I should take. The Committee being very desirous of fully considering the matter from all standpoints, interviewed the whole body of officers of our Brigade and called a meeting of our Council. The latter at the C. L. B., your Excellency's letter, and all other matters bearing on the subject were fully discussed, and all these bodies were unanimously of opinion that the M. G. B. should not take part in any public function except on the basis of equality in all things, and that such equality would not be secured by compliance with your Excellency's suggestions, however kindly made.

I note that your Excellency does not uphold the C. L. B.'s pretensions to precedence except on the ground of convenience. I must, however, point out that they do not make them on that ground, but of right, and beg respectfully to say that the matter of convenience cannot be in any way affected by any proposed arrangement which might be agreed upon by the Brigades. It cannot possibly be more convenient to have one Corps leading than another.

The question of "superiority" as your Excellency justly points out is not involved at all. This is a matter which must be settled by other means.

What we submit is that an undue and unfair advantage would be accorded the C. L. B. even in the matter of "superiority" were their pretensions recognized as rights or at all. It must be that they, too, think so since they are so insistent on a recognition to which they are in no way entitled.

Your Excellency suggests that the rules observed in the Army should be followed, but I would respectfully point out there is no analogy between the Brigades and the Army. The Army is under one control, is governed by one law, and is subject to its own rules and customs, whilst the Brigades are separate and independent organizations, are under separate control, and as your Excellency has pointed out are each mainly a rule unto themselves.

Recognizing that each of the Brigades is separate and independent of the others, it seems to me that the proper method of settling their respective positions from time to time is by lot. I regret that I am unable to agree with your Excellency that drawing lots involves any loss of dignity whatsoever. Your Excellency's attention has already been drawn to a

usage among diplomatists by which the rank and places of different powers who have the same rights and pretensions to precedence are changed from time to time in a certain regular order, or one determined by lot. Surely such a usage existing amongst such high officials cannot be undignified for us to employ.

I regret that your Excellency has so summarily disposed of our well-known and fair contentions that the positions of the different Brigades should be settled by lot or by alternating in position, a matter which would involve at first at any rate choice by lot. I have already pointed out that there is no indignity in proceeding by lot. Such an idea was never held by the Brigades themselves, which have in the past often followed that course.

I am also bound to say very respectfully that it is impossible for me to agree with your Excellency's suggestion that a section of position, by alternation would be difficult in the absence of a highly experienced and acknowledged Brigade officer to manage it, nor do I see how confusion or difficulty with one Brigade leading than with another.

Under all the circumstances of the case I am to say, respectfully, but emphatically, that the M. G. B. must adhere to its well-known principles, and I cannot think that on that account it will virtually be excluded from participation in so important a public parade, on so auspicious an occasion, after all, simply because another Brigade will accept no solution which does not involve the acceptance of an unfounded claim to rights which have no existence.

I am further to say that in subscribing my name to this letter, that it represents the views of our governing Committee, under whose direction I am acting, and who are supported by the whole of the officers, and by the friends and supporters of the Brigade in meeting assembled.

I am also to say that I respectfully reserve the right to publish all correspondence relating to this matter should the Committee deem it desirable, as it considers that our Brigade has suffered somewhat from misunderstanding of its position and contentions in this matter.

I conclude, I am to, sincerely thank your Excellency for the very great interest you have so graciously manifested in the Brigades of the City, and to express our great regret that circumstances, not attributable to the M. G. B., preclude our acceptance of the solution of the present difficulty so kindly proposed by your Excellency.

I have the honor to be, Your obedient servant, (Sgd.) CHAS. H. HUTCHINGS, Major M. G. B. His Excellency Sir Ralph C. Williams, K. C. M. G., Governor.

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Fads and Fashions.

Oragon mesh veiling in clusters of circular dots is seen also, also flit mesh veiling sprinkled with chenille dots.

Such white embroidery on black chiffon or net is seen in the new assortments and plenty of black on black.

Stousselline de soie waists with dull silver or gold embroidery are being worn with afternoon suits on cool days.

An idea which is taking everyone's fancy by storm is the summer muff. It may be made in anything pretty and light.

Embroidered robes, whether in handwork, beads or French knots that simulate beads are features of this spring.

Costs in many instances show pointed backs and fronts, postillion outlines, "swallow-tail" shapes and irregular lines.



Drop fringes of the crochet-button or ornament type are becoming very popular and are shown in both cotton and silk so that even a wash gown may be fringed if desired.

In fancy waists a plait is now being made over the shoulder of the peasant sleeve, and its becomingness to many figures where the shoulders are very sloping is beyond question.

Skirts are all straight and narrow in effect, but there's a tendency, in the high-class lines, to slash at intervals at the foot, presumably to add to the walking comfort of the wearer.

Minard's Liniment Co., Limited, Yarmouth, N.S. Gentlemen.—In January last, Francis Leclaire, one of the men employed by me, working in the lumber woods, had a tree fall on him, crushing him fearfully. He was, when found, placed on a sled and taken home, where grave fears were entertained for his recovery, his hips being badly bruised and his body turned black from his ribs to his feet. We used MINARD'S LINIMENT on him freely many times, and with the use of three bottles he was completely cured and able to return to his work.

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Complaint From Placentia.

Editor Evening Telegram: Dear Sir.—In the interest of the badly treated public here will you be so kind as to give space, in your wide-spread paper, for a few remarks on the train and mail service in this locality. Before the advent of the Picnic Party into power we had the train arriving out here on schedule time, viz., two o'clock every day. Our mails were in the Post Office generally about half-past two o'clock and delivered about three. Now we have the train arriving anytime after three, the mails are delivered before it, and our thirty, seldom before it, and our thirty-five or four-thirty. Are we supposed to look upon this state of affairs and to put up with it, as some of the boasted improvements of the Splita Government?

Yours, TAXPAYER. Placentia, May 31st.

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