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#### LOYAL CONGRATULATIONS.

Tomorrow, June 22, will be the anniversary of the accession of Their Most Excellent Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary. The following day, June 23, will be the thirty-second birthday of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The British people have always been characterized by intense devotion to their ruling House and the House of Windsor is perhaps the best beloved of Royal Families of this or any other age. The reign of our present King has been one of the most momentous of history, including as it has the Great War. Other thrones have toppled, but our Monarch and His gracious Consort are today more deeply loved and respected than ever. Never was the Crown more deeply revered.

The Prince of Wales has carried a charming personality into every corner of the globe. Not only the devoted subjects of His Royal Father, but people of all nations have acclaimed him a Prince and a gentleman. The popularity of the House of Windsor will never wane while its scions are such as he.

Britons are not demonstrative, yet the appearance of any member of the Royal Family is sufficient to arouse a storm of cheering, echoing and rolling beyond the horizon. Let us, therefore, get out our flags and celebrate the day on which Their Majesties were crowned at Westminster fifteen years ago, and let us keep those flags flying for another day in token of our loyal congratulations to the Queen. A long reign to the King and Queen, a long life to the Prince of Wales.

#### SPRING CLEANING.

The man who, after the first few days, consigned the daily accounts of the Customs Committee to the waste paper basket and came fresh to its final report probably missed little. The synopsis is quite enough when it discloses the fact that the Canadian Customs Service administration has been a lamentable failure and its executive utterly creditable.

A former Minister is censured, officials are to be dismissed and retired, drastic changes are to be made in existing preventive methods, the papers in Mr. A. J. E. Bissell's case are to be sent to the Attorney General and twenty-seven firms are to be proceeded against to recover sums due to the Crown, whilst further investigation along certain lines will be initiated—a proper spring cleaning and none too soon.

With all that brought to light and unanimously reported on by a committee of all groups one naturally wonders what has escaped discovery. The committee was unable to agree concerning the conduct of Hon. George H. Boulton and the verdict in this matter will have to be found in the House. The report is one calculated to arouse the disgust of all Canadians in that a Minister and his subordinates—not all of course, but too many—paid by the country, have proved themselves neglectful, incompetent and, in some cases, corrupt.

It is merely blinding oneself to attempt to whitewash those responsible for this disgraceful state of affairs. Negligence is only one degree less reprehensible than venality. If officials did not share in the division of spoils going on under their noses it was their duty to take steps to put a stop to crime and irregularity. If they did not know what was going on it was their duty to know it.

It remains to be seen whether Parliament will rise to the occasion and vindicate its claim to be a court representing the people of Canada. Canada may have acquiesced too long in tolerating one code of ethics for the politicians and another—and higher—one for the ordinary man and woman. When the debate opens on the adoption of the report all groups will have an opportunity to show their true characters. This is no time for personal friendships or party tricks. Party considerations must not weigh against Canada's dignity. Vengeance is not demanded, but justice must be done—no more and no less—followed by a thorough clean up.

#### UNGAVA'S WATER POWER.

What is described as the largest and most important expedition ever sent out by the Province of Quebec will penetrate Ungava in order to investigate the power possibilities of what is known as Grand Falls.

Dr. William F. Grenfell, the celebrated Labrador missionary, who is one of the few white men to visit Ungava's Grand Falls, says that the main falls would develop energy equal to 1,700,000 horsepower. The Hamilton river from which the main falls draw its waters drops down 760 feet in a distance of twelve miles and Dr. Grenfell

concludes that if the energy developed could be turned into work it would produce upward of 4,800,000 horsepower.

An interesting description of the discovery of the Falls and subsequent visits by white men is given by the New York Times in an article dealing with their power possibilities.

The first white man to set eyes on the falls was John McLean, an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company. In 1837 he crossed the continent from British Columbia to Ungava in eight months. Arriving at Fort Chimo, in Labrador, he was instructed to establish outposts in the interior. With four companions he launched his canoe on the Hamilton River on Aug. 9, 1838. McLean soon came upon the great falls. In his report to the company he gave an impressive description of them. As his party stood upon the cliffs above the gulf the rock surface shook under their feet. Below the great falls the Hamilton River continued its "maddened course for a distance of about thirty miles, pent up between walls which rise sometimes to the height of 800 feet on each side."

It was not until 1891 that the great falls were again seen by white men, Henry G. Bryant and Professor C. A. Kenaston of Washington. A. P. Low of the Geological Survey of Canada reported on them in 1894. He estimated the discharge of 50,000 cubic feet per second, "or nearly the mean volume of Ottawa River at Ottawa."

While very little is as yet known of this water power from a scientific standpoint, the Province of Quebec, to which Ungava is annexed, considers Grand Falls its most valuable possession and it is expected the exploring party will be able to make a fairly accurate estimate of its power possibilities and the feasibility of developing them.

#### Odds and Ends

##### Father and Son

(James Carl Crowson in The Carnegie Herald)  
There's nothing so great as being the dad.  
To some fine youngster, some worthy lad;  
And the man who can claim a boy's esteem,  
Is richer by far than his fancy can dream.

He can take the life that is placed in his hands,  
And fashion at will just the thing that he plans.  
So give me a man who's solid clear through,  
For to things worth while he's loyal and true.

He's the man to be the friend of a lad,  
He's the man to be a dependable dad.  
Signs 7 Commandments of Wife, Court Bene 8th.

(Chicago Journal of Commerce.)  
Mrs. Estelle Walsh, 485 Gates avenue, Brooklyn, presented to Magistrate Powell in Gates Avenue Court yesterday a list of eight commandments she asked him to impose on her husband, Peter, whom she wanted held for disorderly conduct unless he promised to obey them. The commandments were:

1. You shall not drink.  
2. You shall respect your wife.  
3. Do not teach our children insubordination to me by interfering when I am correcting them.  
4. Do not bring home your pals when they are drunk.  
5. Give me your salary; I can save more of it than you can.  
6. Keep yourself tidy and fit for a woman to look at.  
7. Do some repairing around the house and try to make the home beautiful.  
8. Do not smoke in bed.

The magistrate commended Mrs. Walsh for her resourcefulness, and urged Walsh to adopt the first seven, but vetoed the eighth, saying he could imagine a man smoking in bed and still being a good husband.

Walsh promised to try to live up to the new code of marital conduct, and went home with his wife. He admitted having been drinking steadily for ten days when his wife grew angry with him.

#### Indifferent Citizens.

(Peterborough Examiner.)  
A striking evidence of the almost criminal indifference that exists in most Canadian centres in regard to municipal affairs is furnished by the details of the voting in Kingston on two very important by-laws, submitted to the ratepayers. Fewer than 700 out of the 2,400 voters in the list considered it worth while turning out to express their opinion on these questions, one of which involved the expenditure of \$25,000 of the people's money, while the other meant the securing or loss of an industry that would provide a considerable amount of employment for Kingston citizens.

Not one citizen in three of those eligible to vote exercised his franchise, and the only excuse given by some of the delinquents was that they had forgotten the vote was to be taken, although the Kingston newspapers gave plenty of space to a discussion of the measures.

It is indifference of this kind that makes the administration of municipal affairs a difficult matter, and that tends to inefficiency and mismanagement of the public service.

Get Your Bumps.  
(Kingston Standard.)  
Being hurt at times isn't half as painful as going through life afraid to try anything.

### Just Fun

"TOMORROW is a holiday," proclaimed the calendar. Whereupon all the people in the city rushed to the country and all the people in the country rushed to the city.

DRY your tears, little girl. Use Portland cement.

LOVS like like rubber—it gets weaker the longer it is strained.

EVEN those who ask it should know if it is hot enough for you.

"COME, sonny, take your bath; cleanliness is next to godliness, you know."

"Oh, mamma, is that the reason Saturday comes before Sunday?"

#### A FLY TALE.

Ten little flies! That's a very bad sign.  
Give me the swatter! Now there are nine!  
Nine little flies left, tempting Fate!  
One sees the fly-paper! Now there are eight!

Eight little flies who should all go to Heaven.  
One smells the soup, ah! Now there are seven!  
Seven little flies in a very bad fix.  
One's drinking home brew! Now there are six!

Six little flies all very much alive.  
One ate molasses! Now there are five!

Five little flies—crawling on the floor.  
I'll step on this one—Now there are four!

Four little flies just as jolly as can be.  
I'll spoil the party! Now there are three!

Three little flies—oh, that won't do! Three, you know, is company!

Now there are two!  
Two little flies having lots of fun.  
Break up the party! Now there is one!

One little fly—Didn't catch him this time.  
(You know, I chased that fly all over the place, the pesky thing, I swatted him, tried to entice him to walk onto the fly-paper, traced him to his lair and tried to catch him asleep, but it was no use—he dropped an egg—.....)

Now there are ten million, ten hundred, ten!

ABSENCE makes the heart grow colder.

HUNT the bright side. Wouldn't things be awful if it was dark in the daytime and light at night?

PEOPLE who are really acquainted with themselves aren't found in the self-satisfied class.

"SNAP into it!" cried the irate lady as she fumbled with the hook of her dress.

#### LET'S HOPE

GERALDINE: William means good, James means beloved. I wonder what George means?  
Mother: Well, my dear, let's hope that George means business—Ideas.

THE Judge is a "fine" fellow.

#### DINNER STORIES

A LARGE company was to be photographed in a group, including the photographer, who sought the aid of a youth to press the bulb. Everything was ready at last and the operation was completed.

The group was dispersed it occurred to the photographer to ask the boy whether he had pressed the bulb exactly as instructed.

"Oh, yes," said the boy, "I practiced it half a dozen times before I took the group."

AN ENGLISH curate taught an old man in his parish to read. After his lessons were finished he was unable to call upon him for some time, and when at last he called he found only the man's wife at home.

"How is John?" said he. "And how does he progress with his reading?"

"Oh, nicely, sir,"

"I suppose he can read his Bible quite comfortably now?"

"Bible, sir?" exclaimed the woman. "Lor' bless your soul! Why, John was out of the Bible and into the sporting pages long ago!"

AN IRISHMAN was riding a restive pony along a country road. The animal slipped into a ditch and in attempting to scramble out, again caught one of its hind feet in the stirrup. "Arrah!" said the man, "if you're thinking of getting up here 'tis time for me to be getting down."

#### Why Lush Was Worried.

Lush came home late one night and began to make a horrible racket in the hall downstairs. "What's the matter, dear?" his wife called from her room upstairs. "Doggone it!" growled Lush, "there's two hawks here and I don't know which to hang my hat on."

"Well, you've got two hats, haven't you?" called Mrs. Lush, "hang one on each rack and come up to bed. You are tired, dear."

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### Abdel Krim's Peace



Abdel Krim: "Oh, Allah, how unreliable these infidels are; they will not even betray one another."—From De Telegraaf, Amsterdam.

### POEMS I LOVE

"Doors," by Hermann Hagedorn.

MR. HAGEDORN writes very little verse these days. He seems to be too busy with prose and with politics. He is one of our foremost poets, yet his work is none too widely known. His "Boys' Life of Roosevelt" has been read a thousand times where his poems have been read once. Get acquainted with this true singer. I especially like this sonnet.

Like a young child who to his mother's door  
Runs eager for the welcoming embrace,  
And finds the door shut, and with troubled face  
Calls and through sobbing calls, and "O'er and o'er"  
Calls, storms at the panel—so before

A door that will not open, sick and numb,  
I listen for a word that will not come,  
And know, at last, I may not enter more.

Silence! And through the silence and the dark  
By that closed door, the distant sob  
Beats on my spirit, as on fairy shores  
The spectral sea; and through the sobbing—hark!

Down the fair-chambered corridor  
Of years,  
The quiet shutting, one by one, of doors.  
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### Queer Quirks of Nature

MANY are the names of this bright visitor to our fields and doorways. Wild canary he is to many who see in his yellow coat, with its darker trimming, a resemblance to our domesticated songster of the old world. Another common name is "thrush-bird," from its liking for the seeds of this plant.

All through the year seeds of some kind form its principal food. "Spring head of a sunflower or two, even in a city yard, will frequently attract a small flock of family party of these social creatures which, as they fly from place to place with their peculiar bounding flight, seem to 'there we go' as if fearful that some individual of the little company may be left behind.

In winter, now in a brownish dress that gives little hint that it is still a goldfinch, it eats the seeds of such grasses and weeds as remain above the snow, and especially those of others that are catkin bearers.

We do not know that the food of the young of this inveterate seed-lover differs from that of its parents, but the products of the late summer must be necessary, for the goldfinch puts off its nesting longer than most other birds.

Seldom are eggs found earlier than July and we have found them so late in August that the young could not have come into the world before September, which in our northern states

is getting pretty cool for young birds. Perhaps that is why our goldfinch builds such a warm cozy nest, a deep-cupped home lined with some of the warmest and softest of nature's bedding materials.

THE tightest guy in the world is one who borrows three cents for stamps so that he won't have to break a nickel.

He would only keep down the weeds half so successfully as they keep down the planted crops.

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### The Very Idea!

By Ed. DeGraaf

THE HUM OF THE MOWER

THE hum of the mower is filling the air. There's grass to be cut o'er the land. The wheels of the mower are off on a tear. The man of the house is on hand.

A whizzing along on the wide spread of green till light of day-time is dim. The sharpened blades quickly cheer up the scene, and put all the landscape in trim.

First this way, and that way; then back to the start, a lay-in' the taller growth bare. The click of the mower cuts grass blades apart and whisks them haphazard in air.

The great out-of-doors, when it's carefully dressed, and each little lawn-mower that's properly run helps nature to dress in her best.

The three personal pronouns are he, she and it—hubby, wife and the house is on hand.

When a fellow retires he often keeps on doing nothing but talking about his work.

A year-old dog can walk twice as well as a year-old baby, which isn't unusual. The pup has twice as many legs.

His sweetie weighed three hundred pounds.

"Let's take a row," he said. Then when she stepped into the boat, they took a swim instead.

The Professor of Logic knew he laid his hat somewhere in the room. 'Twasn't to be seen anywhere so he finally decided he must be sitting on it. And he was.

Some mothers who want someone to be put one in his left vest pocket and one in his right. So the distance between two given points is about 10 inches.

Little Jack Horner was the original plumber.

Getting friendly with your neighbors is the easiest way to get talked about.

ABLE IN FACT

THE ORATOR WAS MAKING WHAT HE THOUGHT TO BE THE BEST SPEECH OF HIS LIFE. PERIOD ONE OF THOSE SENTIMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMA AND YET HE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE GETTING ACROSS WITH IT. PERIOD FINALLY COMMA BETWEEN BREATHS COMMA HE ASKED HIS WIFE TO SUGGEST THAT HE PASS THE HAT PERIOD.

### Other Views

AN HEREDITARY CASTE.

(Manchester Guardian.)

Miners are a class apart, an hereditary caste, as they were once described. The circumstances of their work take them to districts where they constitute the whole, or almost the whole, working population. The proximity of a colliery does not attract residents who live elsewhere; pits are sunk in rural areas, for geological reasons, but also sometimes to save the rates and other expenses of operation in an urban area and the miners must live near the pits.

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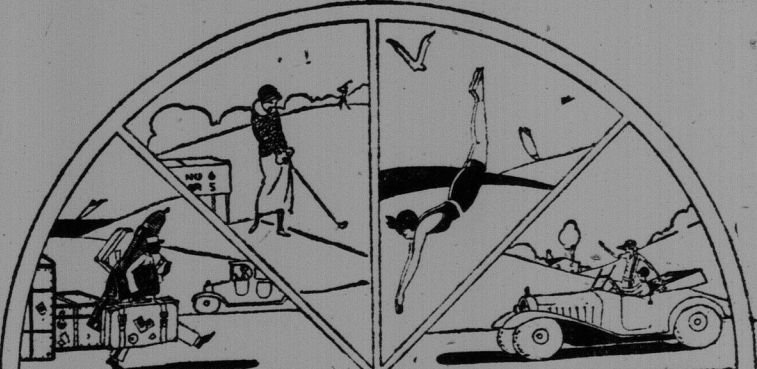
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WHAT ABOUT HAPPINESS?

(Woodstock Sentinel Review.)

The death is reported at Simcoe of Mrs. Nathan Fitch at the age of 111 years. She retained the use of her faculties until the end. She saw many mighty changes in the world. She could remember when all grain was cut by reaping hooks and all threshing was done by flails. She saw the modern binder take the place of the scythe, which in turn had taken the place of the reaping hook, and she saw the automobile take the place of the ox-cart. One is tempted to wonder if she saw the happiness of the people increase with the multiplication of mechanical conveniences. None of us would probably want to go back to the days of the reaping hook, the flail and the ox-cart; yet it is possible to argue that if we had never learned the use of modern conveniences we might be as happy without them as we are with them.

THE LOVE OF SPORT.

(Ottawa Journal.)

It was Talleyrand, we think, who once said that one of the secrets of the greatness of the British people was their love of sport. It is something which certainly is more characteristic of the English-speaking peoples than of any other, and it is not confined to one class among them. While the youth of our race continue to love sport, to love it and play at it for its own sake there will be no peril from decadence. Rather will there grow a finer womanhood and manhood, a keener homage for that spirit of fairness and chivalry.

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