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Technical Colleges

Halifax had the first Technical College in Canada, which plant is valued to-day at over \$220,000. Dalhousie College property is now valued at over \$400,000, and when all completed, the plant will be worth nearly the million mark.

A DEAR BULL

Fifteen thousand one hundred dollars were paid at auction here yesterday for Woodford Sixth, a prize Hereford bull, at the International live stock exposition, N. J. Camden, of Versailles, Ky., purchased the animal, declared Junior champion in the Hereford division from Col. Taylor, Jr.

Lord Devonport Food Dictator

Although Mr. Asquith said in the House of Commons that he did not like that word "dictator," his Government had already decided that there should be a food dictator in England. The trouble was to find the man. It was said generally that he would be the most unpopular official in the United Kingdom, and that no man with any political ambitions would accept the task. Finally Lord Devonport was induced to take the office, and then it was suddenly remembered that he had vast experience in the dictating business. For several years he had been in control of the Port of London, and in discharging the duties of this position had won for himself the name dictator. He won national and even international fame at the time of the dockers' strike in 1912, when the shipping business of the port was paralyzed and London threatened with famine. The utmost pressure was brought to bear upon Lord Devonport to yield to the demands of the strikers, pressure comparable to that brought upon Sir Edward Carson three years ago, but Devonport would not yield, although labor leaders like Ben Tillett openly advocated his assassination, and eventually he won the strike, and established the principal for a generation at least that the Port of London is of too vital importance to the British Empire to be at the mercy of professional labor agitators.

As Secretary to Lloyd George. Lord Devonport's close association with Lloyd George pointed to the certainty that he could if he chose occupy a high position in any Government that contained the brilliant Welshman. For years the two worked side by side. When Lloyd George was President of the Board of Trade, Lord Devonport, then Hudson Kearley, was his Parliamentary Secretary. It is an open secret that it fell to the lot of the secretary to put into practical business shape the brilliant imaginings of his chief. So well did he perform this difficult task that he was created a baronet, and was put in charge of the work of organizing what is now known as the Port of London Authority. Up to 1909 the control of the Port of London, with its forty miles of quays and its docks occupying many thousands of acres, was divided among many different corporations, public and private, including the Admiralty, the City of London, the London County Council, the Board of Trade, Trinity House, the Thames Conservancy and numerous guilds, wharfingers and bonded warehouses. These bodies worked independently and sometimes at cross-purposes, with the result that the river was not properly dredged and the re-export trade was seriously interfered with.

The Port of London Authority. A Royal Commission having decided that all authority should be concentrated in one body, an Act of Parliament was passed and the Port of London Authority came into existence. The Port of London Authority fixes the port rates and dock charges, polices the river, borrows money for improvements and controls the Thames from its mouth to Teddington Lock. There are various delegates and representatives on this board, but Lord Devonport as chairman has been the virtual dictator of its policy for the past seven years. The point is made by Cunliffe Owen, the American writer, that Lord Devonport's acquaintance with shipping will be of advantage to him in his new position. But more greatly to his advantage will be his intimate knowledge of the grocery business, for it was as a grocer and tea merchant that he built up his huge fortunes. He has branch stores all over England and what he does not know about the food supply, about normal profits, rake offs and so forth is not worth knowing. The



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fact that he has become a millionaire through this knowledge, plus tremendous energy, is sufficient qualification on this score. His conduct of the London dockers' strike is evidence that he is a man who is not to be turned from his purpose once he makes up his mind. He will be quite as much a dictator as the English people will tolerate.

How Peers Are Made—Sometimes.

As noted, Hudson Kearley was made a baronet because of the fine work he had done as Parliamentary Secretary to Lloyd George. In 1910 it was suggested to him that he would make a suitable Peer. He was willing; but instead of the matter being then and there settled there was an awkward pause. Then it was gently hinted that a large contribution to campaign funds would be in order. Sir Hudson dissented, and finally, we are told by Mr. Owen, he was informed that if he did not "come across" he would remain a baronet like his competitor in business, Sir Thomas Lipton. Sir Hudson pointed out that his work with Lloyd George, his services to the Port of London, including his refusal to take a penny of the \$20,000 annual salary attached to the position, and his handsome contributions to the party in the past ought to be sufficient reason for his promotion. It appears that some of the negotiations had been carried on by correspondence, and at the proper moment Sir Hudson made the handsome offer of submitting the whole matter to the general public through the newspapers. The suggestion was repudiated with horror, and presently he was raised to the peerage. He received the sanction of the seaport of Devonport, which he had represented in the House for eighteen years, and selected as the title of his barony that of Lord Devonport.

Not a Strong Partisan.

Like many other men prominent in public life before the beginning of the war and reckoned a strong partisan in the past two years. He has been a rather severe critic of the Asquith Government, and has asserted that through unbusinesslike methods the Government has lost the country millions of pounds. Especially was he severe upon War Office methods, and it is understood that he has been able to impress his views upon Lloyd George, to the end that great economies have been made in the past few months. It is intimated that Lord Devonport's control of the food of the country will be extended to include the drink. He is by no means a fanatic upon the subject of temperance, but he realizes that the alcohol which is now being converted into whisky might be more wisely converted into materials of war. To become the arbitrator of what the British Isles shall eat and drink is a considerable promotion for the son of an English small farmer, and later an errand boy in a grocery store. Lord Devonport's career is one more example of the truth that one does not need to be to the manor born to attain the greatest heights in the Old Country.

THY WILL BE DONE.

(By John Greenleaf Whittier.)

We see not, know not; all our way is night,—with Thee alone is day; From out the torrent's troubled drift, Above the storms our prayers we lift, Thy will be done!

The flesh may fail, the heart may faint, But who are we to make complaint, Or dare to plead, in times like these, The weakness of our love of ease? Thy will be done!

We take with solemn thankfulness Our burden up, nor ask it less, And count it joy that even we May suffer, serve, or wait for Thee, Whose will be done!

Though dim as yet in tint and line, We trace Thy picture's wise design, And thank Thee that our age supplies Its dark relief of sacrifice, Thy will be done!

And if, in our unworthiness, Thy sacrificial wine we press, If from Thy ordeal's heated bars Our feet are seamed with crimson scars, Thy will be done!

If, for the age to come, this hour Of trial hath vicarious power, And, blest be Thee, our present pain, Be Liberty's eternal gain, Thy will be done!

Strike, Thou the Master, we Thy keys, The anthem of the destinies! The minor of Thy loftier strain, Our hearts shall breathe the old refrain, Thy will be done!

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

SHIPPING

REID'S

Argyle is leaving Placentia this morning.

Clyde will leave Lewisporte today for here; last trip.

Dundee left Port Blandford at 3.30 p.m. yesterday.

Ethie left Port Saunders at 4.15 p.m. yesterday.

Glencoe left Fortune at 1.15 p.m. on Jan. 1st.

Home at Lewisporte, leaving today on last trip.

Kyle is leaving Port-au-Basque today.

Wren is in St. John's, arrived at 2 p.m. on the 31st Dec.

BOWRING'S

Prospero left Seldom at 2.15 p.m. yesterday, going north.

Portia left Grand Bank at 2.15 p.m. yesterday, going west.

F. P. U. COUNCIL

BARRD ISLAND

(To the Editor.)

Barrd Island, Dec. Dec. 26, 1916.

Dear Mr. Editor.—Please allow me space in your most valuable paper to make a few remarks about the F. P. U. Council at Barrd Island.

On Dec. 18th we held our Annual Meeting, and the members re-elected are as follows:

Robert James Primmer—Chairman.
Herbert Combsden—Deputy Chairman.

George B. Ford—Secretary.
Allan Randall—Treasurer.
Joseph Primmer—Door Guard.

Our Delegate made remarks of what he saw at the Convention, which was most charming, to the Council.

Wishing The Mail and Advocate every success, and President Coaker a victory in 1917.

I remain yours sincerely,
GEORGE B. FORD,
Secretary.

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Weights and Measures Act, 1916.

The attention of the Public is drawn to the following extracts from "The Weights and Measures Act, 1916," viz:—

All packages such as cartons, kegs, boxes, crocks, tins, bags and bottles, containing articles exposed for sale in such packages in quantities of two ounces by weight or measure and upwards shall have the net weight or measure marked thereon.

The provisions of this Act whereby the vendors of goods are required to have the net weight of the contents of packages marked thereon shall come into force on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Dent. of Colonial Secretary,
December 29th, 1916,
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L. O. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

(To the Editor.)

Port Blandford, Dec. 25th, 1916.

Dear Sir.—Kindly permit me space in the columns of your esteemed paper to say that the L.O.A. held their regular meeting on the 23rd of December when the installation of officers took place, and the officers elected were as follows:—William Harris, Worshipful Master; Clement Harris, Deputy Master; Andrew Rowsell, Recording Secretary; Edward Harris, Treasurer; Herbert Greening, Makin, financial secretary; John Hefferman, director of ceremonies; Alex Holloway, first lecturer; Thomas Greening, second lecturer; John Peddle, inside tyler; Jacob Garrett, outside tyler; His'cer Greening, first committee; Joseph Pardy, second committee; James Carpenter, third committee; Jacob Garrett, fourth, and Alex. Holloway fifth.

Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor, we wish you every success.

A member of the Lodge,
WM. HARRIS.

The licorice plant is chiefly grown on the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates, in localities where for three months, during the prevalence of hot winds, the temperature reaches 104 degs., and for three months often registers 30 degs. below at night.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Received Dec. 30th, 1916.

2637 Lt. Corp. Richard Peddle, Badger—Killed in action, Dec. 5th.

2863 Private Robert Bragg, Chamber's Cove, B. B.; King George Hospital, London—Inflammation Connective Tissue, foot, severe.

2754 Private James M. Whelan, 82 New Gower St.—Wounded, Nov. 29th.

2085 Private Willis Sparrell, Badger's Quay, B. B.—Dangerously ill, Bronchitis; 8th General Hospital, Rouen, Dec. 23th.

1602 A. W. Fitzgerald, 51 Cochrane St.—Slightly better. (Previously reported seriously ill, King George Hospital, London.)

J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

NOTES FROM NEW CHELSEA.

Dear Mr. Editor.—While reading The Mail and Advocate. I can see notes from most every place, but I seldom see anything from New Chelsea. Well Sir, we are not asleep here especially since our delegate came from the great Convention which was held at Catalina. Since then our friends have realized what the Union is going to be in the near future, especially when we get our members in the House in 1917, then we will get what we have been longing for.

Mr. Editor, the Tories got a poor show in Trinity Bay last election, and it will be far worse for them in 1917, for all are determined to stand shoulder to shoulder until we get Morris and his heels put down then I believe Newfoundland will be a land of milk and honey fit for the poor toilers to live in and a land where all will get equal rights with President Coaker as our head.

Dear Sir, on December 15th we had three visitors from Hant's Harbor in the persons of John Soper, John Green and John Guilford, who gave us very appropriate addresses on President Coaker and the Union. Their addresses were very much appreciated by the friends and all are determined to do their bit in the big fight.

On December 22nd we had our annual meeting. The Union Hall was filled with very happy looking friends as each member seemed to have a smile on their faces. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Chairman, E. Harris; Deputy Chairman, Elam J. Belben; recording secretary, Isaac Belben; financial secretary, Wm. Belben; treasurer, Thomas Leawood; door guard, Nehemen Pynn. So with a new captain and a new crew we are hoping to have a very happy year and gain the elections in the fall.

Sincerely yours,
WM. E. HARRIS,
New Chelsea, Dec. 25th, 1916.

SOME "REMEMBERS" AND "THEREFORES."

A clever writer, Miss Marion F. Lansing, has written some excellent "Remembers" and "Therefores," with regard to Christmas toy-buying, that every parent should read and bear in mind:

REMEMBER—
That play is the child's business in life, and toys are his tools.

Therefore—
Choose toys to do things with, that make him the actor, not the spectator.

REMEMBER—
That his instinct is to imitate.

Therefore—
Choose toys with which he can reproduce in miniature the life that he sees.

REMEMBER—
That his instinct is to create.

Therefore—
Choose toys which lend themselves to a variety of constructive use.

REMEMBER—
That his instinct is to be active.

Therefore—
Choose toys that encourage muscular effort and stimulate his powers.

REMEMBER—
That his instinct is to repeat.

Therefore—
Choose toys that will stand hard wear.

REMEMBER—
That his instinct is to admire.

Therefore—
Choose toys that are artistic.

REMEMBER—
That toys are only pegs on which the child hangs the rich mantle of his imagination.

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