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## MEDICAL INSPECTION IN CHARLOTTE.

We gather from a perusal of a communication addressed by the Charlotte County Board of Health to the St. Croix Courier that the said Board is having some little differences of opinion with the Minister of Public Health, Dr. Roberts. The Board is evidently of opinion that Dr. Roberts and his Department would accomplish a good deal more in the interests of Public Health if he and it would consult a little more frequently with the sub-district boards, which are in a better position to judge of local needs and requirements than the central authorities. There seems to be an outsider to be a certain amount of reason in such a contention, but apparently Dr. Roberts thinks otherwise.

The immediate cause of the little difference that has arisen between the Minister and the local Board is that the latter refused to acquiesce in the proposal to appoint one medical inspector for four counties, Kings, Queens, Albert and Charlotte, feeling that with such a large territory to cover, the work could not be satisfactorily attended to by one official. It has therefore appointed one Charlotte County medical man to attend to the inspection of the whole sub-district—that is, the county—and this has roused the ire of Dr. Roberts, who has retaliated in his best authoritative style by ordering the Board to revert to the system of school inspection which obtained in the school year 1920-21. This latter system, so we gather from the communication, called for the services of no less than eight medical inspectors for the sub-district, at a cost of several hundred dollars more than one inspector will cost.

There is more in the Public Health Act, so the Charlotte County Board intimates, than is needed for the advantage of the people. Most people are quite aware of this, but the Act is one of the penalties that the people must pay for having put the Foster Government in control of affairs in this province. It is administered by worthy and well-meaning men no doubt, but who are unfortunately more or less faddists in regard to the matter. It would be idle to deny that the Department of Health has worked several needed improvements in matters of public health since it came into operation, but these same improvements could just as readily have been accomplished without all the fuss and red tape which a special Department now insists upon. We rather imagine that public opinion throughout the province will be inclined to support the Charlotte County Board in its stand against bureaucratic dictation.

## FARMERS ESCAPE INCOME TAX

The political programme of the Farmers' party provides amongst other things for sweeping changes in the customs duties, which changes would result in a very considerable loss of revenue. To make up for the loss from this source, the Farmers would largely increase the present rates of income tax, and add other taxes of a more or less personal nature, which would fall chiefly on the industrial classes. Singularly enough, at the present time the Farmers of this country pay scarcely any income tax at all, and it may be taken for granted that under any scheme propounded by the Farmers' party, good care would be taken that agriculturists would get off pretty lightly under any conditions. So far the amounts collected in income tax from the farmers of Canada is a little over one per cent of the whole amount received. Despite this fact, the Farmers' Sun, an Ontario journal, raves about "Prussian-like" methods of income tax collections from farmers, and immunity to corporations. It hovers about a stock dividend by the Canadian General Electric Company that was not taxed as income.

The Minister of Finance has repeated, in reply to these fresh allegations, that "no steps have been taken against farmers as such at all. The urban centres have been much more thoroughly checked up than have the rural districts. Many city residents have had proceedings taken against them. No farmers have, and no farmer making an honest return has the slightest reason to object to the farmer's business being made subject in a small degree to the checks required from mercantile and financial business."

The Farmers' Sun cannot ignore the fact that, to March 31 last, income taxes collected from farmers amounted only to \$1,492,333 out of

\$75,900,000 collected altogether. In Ontario, the Sun's home province, alone, income tax collections have totalled \$32,656,000, and of this the amount paid by the farmers was \$142,530. In the year ending March 31, 1921, out of a total of \$30,013,000 income taxes in Ontario, farmers paid \$40,973. The total number of taxpayers was 72,540, and the farmers who paid taxes numbered 1,870. What more could be desired as plain proof that the income tax is hardly an agricultural tax at all, but almost exclusively urban? If this is so, what becomes of wild allegations about discrimination against farmers? One of the most deplorable features of the present political situation is the untruth put forward as "propaganda" on behalf of the Agrarian schemers.

## THE HUNTING SEASON.

Another hunting season opens to day and a despatch from Fredericton says it is expected to be a very successful one. This means that in the next few weeks several hundred innocent wild animals will fall victims to the guns of the so-called sportsmen, many of whom, while ready enough to shoot an animal which cannot retaliate, took good care to take no risks where they had the chance to shoot Germans. We may be regarded as eccentric—or worse—but we have to confess to an entire inability to see just where the sport comes in of going out to shoot any harmless animal just for the sake of killing it. All elements of sport are lacking where the animal hunted has not at least an even chance for its life. The present method of shooting moose for instance has just about as much sport in it as has shooting a cow in the barn yard. There is some sense in fishing, and in shooting birds on the wing, because they provide food which as a rule is eaten after it is caught; but the carcass of a moose is usually left to rot in the woods.

A recent amendment to the Game Law provides that only the person who shot the animal shall have the right to dispose of the carcass. How many American hunters are going to become meat purveyors? All they want is the head, the carcass can rot.

The hunting season is of course not without its excitement, not the least of which is the sporting chance that the hunter takes of being "potted" by some other enthusiastic sportsman in mistake for a moose or a bear. It's all in the game, so of course nothing is said. Particularly during the earliest weeks of the season before the leaves are off the trees, there is always this danger of being accidentally shot, but for some reason the guides have set their faces against any postponement of the date of the opening of the season, and apparently whatever the guides say, "goose" with government. The Department of Lands and Mines is merely the office which attends to some of the details of the hunting business, the Guides' Association, with the Minister of Lands and Mines as honorary President, just for the look of the thing, is the real force which controls affairs.

## QUOTE IN CANADIAN DOLLARS.

Complaint is again being made by buyers of Canadian exports that payment is demanded in terms of American rather than Canadian exchange; this time it is British importers who are objecting—before it was customers in Newfoundland. Technically the matter appears to be one of business having to do with the individual transaction. The quotation in American funds would undoubtedly be lower in dollars than one in Canadian funds and probably established for the purpose of competing with American manufacturers more particularly in cases where raw materials are imported from that country by Canadian makers.

As to the effect upon Canadian trade relations within the Empire, however, it would seem to be another matter. The impression which has been gained in the cases brought to the attention of the Financial Post is that the quotation in American funds is given to provide an additional profit by taking advantage of the fact that United States dollars can be increased when changed into Canadian dollars. The point immediately comes up: Why buy in Canada under such conditions? It would seem to be much better business for Canadian manufacturers and other exporters to state their prices in terms of Canadian dollars—over through the figure may be somewhat higher—and thus encourage inter-Empire trade, establish Canada as a world trade unit and remove any impression that our banking system is controlled from New York.

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

## Housing Accommodation.

Housing accommodation is one of the most serious problems facing Canada today, and houses in very large numbers are not only required for the immigrants upon whose coming the future prosperity of the country depends. It is all very well to make efforts to secure American and British industries, but houses would have to be provided for the workers and where are they to be found now, or if found at reasonable rents? The present shortage of houses is bad in another way, in that it leads to "doubling up" with all its inconveniences and discomforts, and to the worse evil of overcrowding—Kingston Standard.

## Current Flapdoodle.

"I am a carpenter," was the answer. "Nothing doing in my line at all. The darn government has the country on the bum."  
 "Yes, but my dear man," I interjected, "what has the government of Mr. Meighen to do with you being out of work?"  
 He didn't answer me for a moment could see that he was puzzled.  
 "No, I wouldn't say that," came the slow response.  
 "Well, then, why isn't building going on as in other years?" I insisted.  
 "I guess it was the strike last spring that stopped work," came the reluctant reply.  
 "Well, who brought about the strike?" I asked.  
 "We wanted higher wages and they wouldn't give it to us, so we went on strike."

"Then who is really to blame for you being out of work?" I questioned.  
 He eyed me with rather a roguish smile.—National Liberal and Conservative Bulletin (Ottawa).

## Business Is Business.

Greece will soon be able to pay her debt to Canada with part of the indemnity she proposes to exact from the Turkish Nationalists. An efficient bald-headed collector should be en route now from Ottawa to Athens.—Toronto Globe.

## Who Was the Culprit?

There have been several instances of the disgusting lengths to which "spotters" will go in order to entrap their victims, but that in which Mrs. Taylor, a Dundas woman, was convicted of doing two ice cream cones for consumption of her premises is about the worst which has come to our notice. Mrs. Taylor warned the spotter as he left the store that he must eat the ice cream before leaving; but on his explaining that it was for his two children, who were sitting outside in an automobile overcoat with the heat on, she committed the sin. The result was her appearance in court.

Not the strictest Sabbatarian, we fancy, will approve of this prosecution of the disgusting lengths to which "spotters" will go in order to entrap their victims, but under circumstances which do honor to her humanity. The real offender is the spotter himself, who resorted to such means of deception in order to profit from the illegal act he deliberately brought about.

Along with our blue laws, there should go rules and regulations for spotters. They should be kept within the bounds of decency and truth, at any rate, if they are not to bring him and the State farmer.—Hamilton Spectator.

## A BIT OF VERSE

## MOTHER.

Is there something one can do for mother,  
 When the shoulders bow a little  
 Is she not more dear than any other?  
 Can one somehow help her onward  
 On the road?  
 Mother never thinks that she is tired,  
 Mother never of her toil complains;  
 She would say that nothing she desired;  
 Seldom does she speak of aches  
 And pains.  
 Yet, 'tis afternoon, and growing  
 dreary;  
 All her youth is waning, and the  
 grey  
 Of a chilly twilight finds her weary;  
 She is old, and near the end of  
 day.  
 Make her stop and take her share of  
 pleasure,  
 Let her have the journey, and the  
 rest;  
 Give her now and then a little  
 leisure.  
 And insist on giving her the best!  
 Second-best will do for Sue and  
 Mary.  
 With their merry life, a rose in  
 bloom;  
 Of the mother's joy and hope be  
 chary,  
 Let she slip away, and all be  
 gloomy.  
 —By Margaret Sangster.

## THE LAUGH LINE

The Answer Came Promptly.  
 A penitent bootlegger came to his parish priest for confession. Now, the priest was conversant with the conflagration of sins, and had ready-made phrases of absolution. But here was a new case, and one in which he feared to make a precedent. So he discreetly asked his visitor to wait a few minutes, and retiring to another room, called up the Archbishop. "Your Grace," he called, "there has developed here a situation calling for authoritative direction at your hands. There is a bootlegger waiting in my ante-room. How shall I deal with him?"  
 The Answer Came promptly:  
 "Don't pay him more than six dollars a quart."

## Force of Habit.

A member of Parliament recently became a parent. On announcing the news the doctor exclaimed, gleefully: "I congratulate you, sir; you are the father of triplets!"  
 The politician was astonished.  
 "No, no, no," he replied, with more

## Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

We said Puds Simkins was taking a walk just taking a walk, and Puds said, Hay kid, if you would you, he put a cent in that chewing gum slot and nothing dident come out. Meaning some kid standing in front of a segar store shaking a chewing gum machine with a hopeless expression, and me and Puds went up to him, me saying, Wats the matter, wont it come out?

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A sound stomach is gold. Probably eighty of the digestive organs. Known as indigestion, it is but it is one of the most diseases, and has for y alists everywhere.

Stomach trouble is almost followed by a complication. One of the first being worked liver, with all the symptoms of biliousness, followed in the head, coated tongue, dizziness, pain in the back of the heart and other symptoms. Sooner or later kidneys will become involved. It is just why these danger should be heeded in time. man puts out the first before the too much destruction; the theory should apply to stomach.

Gas in the stomach means indigestion instead of digestion; a gland of nutrition for fermentation produces poisons, which are by the blood, and which brings on the condition known as "auto-intoxication" or "self-poisoning." This is also why we develop which brings on so many conditions such as rheumatism, of the arteries, high blood, and other conditions, which in permanent loss of health. At one of the main forerunners of Bright's disease and diabetes it is evident that if we have trouble, however slight, we should indeed if we do not take steps to correct it.

If we are not fit as a fiddling morning; if we don't feel better when we went to bed; if we are offensive; and we have taste in the mouth; nature has danger signals for us and we afford to neglect the warning she gives us. That is just what for Tanlac, the great St. Systemic and Reconstructive

## THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

A theological conference, held semi-annually, but now for the priests of the south-riets of the St. John diocese held yesterday morning in the Palace Waterloo street. R. V. Walsh, V. G., presided. Those in addition to the priests take

10 for 18¢  
 20 for 35¢