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## To Be or Not To Be

A case that aroused more than ordinary interest in the English courts lately was one which arose out of the publication of a book on Birth Control by Dr. Marie Stopes. The writer took an action for libel against a Doctor Sutherland, who had very severely criticized the work and the principle which it advocated. The case was eventually carried to the House of Lords, where the final judgement was given recently against the former decision, which had been in favour of the author.

The principle involved in this question is one which lends itself to controversy, and the issue is of such grave national importance that a Commission under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Winchester has been appointed to take the evidence of many well known public men. It has given much time and thought to the subject with the intention of eventually placing its decision before the Government.

The main factors which have influenced those who advocate the system are, the increasing density of population; an increasing sense of the value of child life and of the responsibility of parenthood; the parents' desire to equip their children to the best of their ability both in mind and body; the social and domestic difficulties in the homes of educated people;—and the increased scope in these days of a woman's activities in public affairs and in the field of employment.

No one questions the motives of the advocates of birth control or their sincerity, but even while admitting that there is something to be said in its favour on economical and social grounds, one cannot but view with misgivings the ultimate consequences, nor is it possible to overlook the fact that it is contrary both in the letter and in the spirit to the teachings of the Book in which we have always been told to seek counsel and guidance.

One of the most serious problems with which France is confronted to-day is her rapidly decreasing birth rate. Only two days ago we read that, according to an official statement, while the number of marriages in that country was practically the same this year as it was in 1923, the births had dropped from 584,000 to 573,000. The figures recording the death rate showed that in the same time the number had increased from 506,000 to 521,000. This does not appear to support the contention that fewer births necessarily mean a lower mortality.

That the new teaching has found many converts cannot be doubted if statistics can be relied upon to prove the statement. The number of marriages in Great Britain according to the Registrar General's figures very materially increased in the last two years, but in the third quarter of this year the births were 500 less than they were in the previous quarter, and 1,065 fewer than they were in the corresponding period in 1923.

Apart altogether from the religious or scientific aspects of this question, there is another consideration which is perhaps

more serious than any other. It can be taken for granted that if birth control became an accepted principle, it would be practiced far more generally among the more highly cultured and more intelligent classes than among those in the lower grades of humanity. Civilized peoples would "reap the benefit," whereas the unenlightened races of the world would increase and multiply and in course of time inherit the earth.

When man contemplates interfering with the ordinary courses of Nature, he must bear in mind that he is not omnipotent. Knowledge has placed in his hands the power of removing mountains, eliminating space, and making many of the forces of Nature his servant, but there are still bounds beyond which he cannot pass, and certain powers with which he cannot interfere without exposing himself and his fellow men to disaster.

"There's a divinity that shapes our ends,  
Rough hew them how we will."

## Customs Statement

Comparative Statement of Duties Collected At St. John's From July 1st, 1924, To December 13th, 1924.

1922	\$2,828,180.66
1923	2,765,383.85
1924	3,118,738.72

The excess of duties collected in St. John's over that of 1923, amounting to \$346,344.87 and \$283,588.16 over 1922 is the best possible proof that St. John's is again coming into its own, and that the time is still far off when the grass will grow on Water Street.

## Delegates Arrive in Montreal

From messages received by the relatives of the members of the Labrador Boundary Delegation, it is learned that the party arrived in Montreal at eight o'clock last night. Sir P. T. McGath who had preceded the others joined the party at North Sydney. Another message, received by H. A. Saunders, Superintendent of the Anglo, also advised of their arrival.

## Express Passengers

The following passengers crossed over to Port aux Basques by S.S. Kyle at 6.05 a.m. yesterday, and joined the express:—A. Pieroway, J. Kieley, P. Kieley, Joseph Hickey, R. J. Hartigan, J. Giovannini, P. McEwen, I. Henrett, S. Sable, E. Feder, Mrs. M. Coxworthy, J. Duff, Miss M. Duff, Miss M. Dicks, W. B. McManus, E. and Mrs. Cohen, A. and Mrs. Shears, J. Fisher, Mrs. E. Pike, J. and Mrs. S'mms, Miss Harvey, K. Faria and C. Hunt.

**TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!**—Cinderella Dance, "Gaiety" Hall, to-night. Prince's Full Orchestra. 9.30 to 12.30. Elimination prizes. Admission 30c.—dec15.11

## Purchasers of German Bonds

CAN GET THEIR MONEY BACK.

We understand that the agent, Murdoch McLeod, who was arrested on a charge of obtaining monies under false pretences in connection with the sale of German Bonds, has left for his home in North Sydney.

Mr. Gordon Bradley, acting for the Canadian National Guarantee and Sureties Co., for whom McLeod was agent, having assured the authorities of the bona fides of the sales and agreeing to buy back from holders any bonds sold, prosecution was not proceeded with. We have been informed by Mr. Bradley that McLeod, in making sales agreed with the purchasers, to take the bonds back if for any reason they were not satisfied as to their value, and according to the Sureties Co. has deposited in a local bank sufficient funds to redeem all the bonds sold.

Keep your shillings and dimes for the G.W.V.A. Raffle, starting shortly in the store of U.S.P. & Portrait Co., Water St.—dec15.21

## False Rumor

It has been rumored that the piano now being lotted by the S. U. F. will not be drawn before next summer. This is absolutely false as the lottery will be drawn on Dec. 23rd, enabling the winner to have it in their home for Xmas. No tickets will be sold after Wednesday, Dec. 17th.

Ice Cream for your Xmas Party: Maple, Strawberry, Vanilla, Chocolate, Frozen Pudding, Orange or Pistachio, also Ice Cream Bricks. Phone 1016 for information.—dec15.21

## Magistrates Court

Four drunks were discharged. Two drunk and disorderly were allowed to go upon payment of costs. A labourer given in charge by Albert Michael, was charged with (1) being drunk and disorderly in his store (2) assaulting Mrs. Michael, (3) breaking a large pane of glass in door of shop, and destroying several bottles of beer, the damage valued at \$10.00. The second charge could not be substantiated, by Mr. Michael, the witness, as his wife did not appear in court. The evidence on the other two charges was clearly against the prisoner, wherefor he was committed and fined \$10.00 or in default 10 days imprisonment.

An assault case was postponed until Wednesday morning. The defendant in a case for assault was fined 50 cents. A woman without a home, taken for safe-keeping was discharged.

The Slogan for the Ladies' Aid Sale in the Presbyterian Hall, Wednesday, will be "Moderate Prices."—dec13.31

## Given Twelve Months Term

FOR ATTEMPTED ARSON.

The case of the Crown vs. J. R. Courage, heard at Port Blandford on Thursday before Magistrate James, concluded on Saturday when the accused was found guilty and sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment. The prisoner, who is a "J.P." and carries on a business at Port Blandford was accused of setting fire to the shop of Messrs. Pelley on the night of Nov. 8th. The Crown case rested on the fact that tracks were discovered in the snow leading from the premises of Pelley to that of the home of the accused. One of the tracks went only part way and suspicion of being an accomplice was thrown on a domestic in the employ of Courage. She was arrested on Thursday and charged with aiding and abetting. She appeared before Magistrate James and was allowed out on bail. In the trial of Courage eleven witnesses two of whom were for the defence were called. The accused pleaded not guilty and endeavoured to establish the fact that he was in his home on the night of the fire. He was brought to town, in charge of Constable Walsh, by last night's train and taken to the penitentiary.

Starting this week, G.W.V.A. Raffle. The proceeds are not for a society or club, but are used for relief of needy ex-service men and dependents.—dec15.21

## Malakoff Runs Aground

SAGONA GONE TO HER ASSISTANCE.

Yesterday morning the Management of the Government Railway received a message from Capt. Blackmore of S.S. Malakoff, stating she had arrived at Summerside, B.B., with her rudder and rudder post damaged as a result of her running aground at Castle Cove Point, near Keels. As soon as word of the mishap had been received arrangements were made to send the Sagona to her aid. The latter ship finished discharging her inward cargo this morning, and left port at noon hour to tow the disabled ship to port. In the meantime the Sebastopol will replace the Malakoff on the Bonavista Bay route. It is not known whether the Malakoff is leaking any or not.

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## Saturday's Sailings

On arrival of S. S. Rosalind which leaves New York on the 17th, inst. She will remain in port until Saturday then giving the crew the advantage of spending Christmas ashore at this port. The crew of the Silvia will have Christmas ashore at New York, as the sailing from there is scheduled for the 27th, inst. The ships will sail from New York and St. John's on Saturdays throughout the winter.

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## Shipping

S. S. Silvia arrived at 12.45 a.m. S. S. Rosalind is due at New York to-day and leaves again on Wed. 17th, inst.

Schr. General Gough enters at Grand Bank to load codfish for Brazil.

S. S. Digby arrived at Halifax at 11 p.m. Saturday making the trip from this port in 3 1/2 hours.

S. S. Sachem arrived at Liverpool yesterday morning.

## TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

HUNTERS MEET DEATH. BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 15. Four hunters were drowned yesterday in Lake Champlain, when their boat overturned a few miles north of here.

FATALITIES FROM INDULGING IN POISONOUS CONCOCTIONS. NEW YORK, Dec. 15. Six persons are dead, several others are unconscious and in a serious condition in hospital as a result according to the police, of an epidemic of poisonous liquor drinking, during the past 25 hours.

THE GERMAN OBLIGATIONS. BERLIN, Dec. 15. The ministries concerned have fixed 17.1 as the percentage that German shipping and private railways and tramways must raise of a total of five billion marks for industrial bonds stipulated by the Dawes report. Each concern must contribute its share in the form of a first mortgage on the plant and other property.

OFFICIAL RED FLAG IN PARIS. PARIS, Dec. 15. The red flag of the Union of the Social Republics, as Russia is now officially named, was ceremoniously hoisted from the Russian Embassy yesterday.

FOUR CHILDREN DROWNED. NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 15. Three twelve year old boys and one nine years old were drowned yesterday in Lake Mitchell, Depew Park, when thin ice broke under their weight, while they were sliding, hanging to each others coat tails.

FREEMAN'S JOURNAL BECOMES REPUBLICAN. LONDON, Dec. 15. The transference of the famous Dublin Nationalist newspaper, Freeman's Journal, to the Republicans is reported by the Daily Express, which says it is believed it will take place to-day.

POSED AS A MAN. LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 15. Mr. Paul J. Beach, who claimed to be a former Chicago Packing House official and Sacramento railroad employee, who died here Saturday was a woman, the physicians and nurse who attended Mr. Beach at her last illness have declared.

Delicious Layer Cakes, Sponge Cakes, Pound Cakes on hand and baked to order at THE BLUE PUTTEE.—dec15.21

## PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES

Dec. 13th.—While I was busy at the office, my wife sends for me to come home, and what was it but to see to the furnace, which could not be lighted and she fears that something is wrong with it. But Lord, 'tis little I myself, know of its workings, since I do make my living not as a tinsmith but as a writer, and am therefore at a loss to know what is the matter. But God be praised what manner of woman it is I have for a wife, being that she must get in a pretty toise about what she is pleased to call my 'ignorance, and says I am a great good-for-nothing, nor can anything make me ought else. At this, I did fly into a pretty rage myself, and did tell the hussy that henceforth she would ask a long time ere she received any gift from me, and so back to the office.

No news all this day, and seems how most people are too full of business to give ear to rumours, such as they do when times are dull. But whether it is from this or some other cause there seems naught that merits discussion save the weather. This night to the Club, where some good discourse of divers matters, and so home and to bed.

Dec. 14th (Lord's Day).—Lay long this day, the weather wet, and the walking treacherous. Anon up, and to wait on Povey, who gives me to drink some very fine ale such as I have not seen this long time. But where he gets it he will not tell me, albeit he has it by the keg, and though a mean man, yet distributes it extravagantly, and so makes it evident that the cost is not great.

Going home, I did miss my footing on the icy streets and did fall on my face in the slush, to my great discontent, being that I am covered all over with slushy snow. So to hurry home and to dry myself by the fire all day nor venture out again.

## Silvia in Port

S.S. Silvia arrived in port at 12.30 from Halifax, making the trip in 42 hours. The ship had a fine run to port and brought the following passengers:—J. Covey, A. G. Blackmore, Mrs. and Miss Blackmore, E. J. Wornell, W. Willie, Miss B. Brown, G. Noah, J. P. Cooney, C. A. C. Bruce, Mrs. R. G. Reid, Loyal Reid, P. L. Carr. Fifty-three passengers came second cabin. The Silvia has practically a full general cargo, including a large quantity of poultry.

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Brown	White	Racquet	Fallow
Otter	Neutral	Grey	Fog
Pearl	Nude	Peach	Beige
Dawn	Tanbark	Airdale	Silver

AT 3.60 A PAIR.  
PURE DYED SILK HOSE

Black	Cordovan	Log Cabin	Otter
Racquet	White	Grey	
Stone Grey	Silver	Mid Grey	Dawn

AT 4.40 A PAIR.  
GLOVE SILK HOSE

Black	White	Cordovan	African
Fawn	Grey		Brown.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR THE HOME

SEE THEM IN THE SHOWROOM.

Mistletoe	Holly	Poinsetta	Maidenhair Fern	Moss
35c.	35c.	30c.	55c.	30c.
a bunch	a bunch	each	Box of 12 Sprays	a package

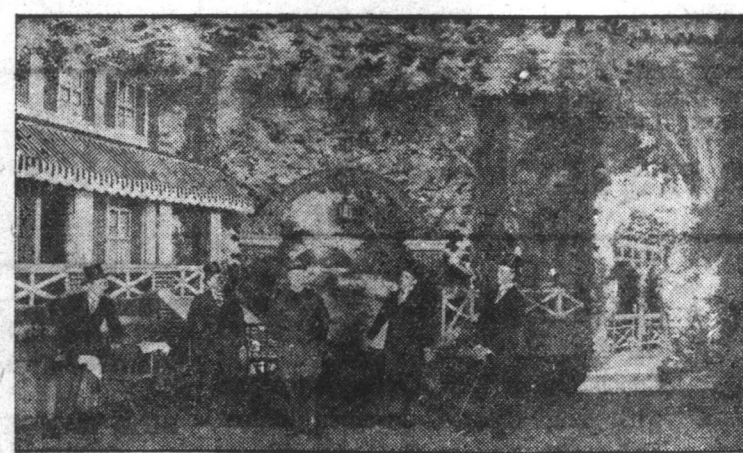
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ADMISSION:  
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CURTAIN: 8.30 Sharp.  
2 Changes Weekly—Monday and Thursday.

## Personal

Mrs. W. A. McKay, accompanied by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Wareham, of Haystack, P.B., arrived by Saturday's express. Mr. Wareham has been very sick for some weeks, and Mrs. McKay was called to his bedside. His many friends will be pleased to know he has sufficiently recovered to be able to come to St. John's where, it is hoped, the best medical skill and attendance will soon restore him to his usual good health.

TEA SETS—A useful Gift, wonderful values, at S. RICH'D STEELE'S, opp. Court House.

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## RELIGIOUS POLICY OPPOSED.

PARIS, Dec. 15. The movement among organized Opposition parties in protest against the Governments religious policy which they declare is a menace to freedom of creed continues active, large meetings of Catholics having taken place yesterday in various cities.

MINARD'S LINIMENT, THE ATHLETIC REMEDY.

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## Yesterday's Storm on West Coast

Yesterday morning a southeast gale and snow storm prevailed on the West Coast, and did not abate until the afternoon. The express from Port aux Basques was delayed three and a half hours as a result, and is not due until 5 o'clock this evening.

## DO NOT DELAY!

While your mind is alert and active is the time to make your Will. Do not wait until you think you are going to die. Consider now how your Estate will be distributed and managed. Confidential discussion of this matter is invited without obligation or charge.

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F. G. Donaldson, Gen. Mgr.  
F. T. Palfrey,  
8 Manager, St. John's

# Another FAIR!

During this week we will have our Store nicely decorated and will place on Exhibition our entire stock of Imported and Local goods comprising the very best brands of Cut and Plug Tobacco, high grade Pipes and the best Imported Cigarettes and a full line of Smokers' requisites.

During this week Our Store will remain open until 11 p.m.

**JAS. P. CASH,**  
Tobacconist,  
oct2.eod.11 Water Street.

DELAYED BY STORM.—S.S. Rosalind left Halifax at 8 a.m. Sunday for New York. The ship was delayed for a few hours owing to a storm that prevailed in the Maritime Provinces.

## BORN.

On November 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Stamp, 74 Brazil's Square, a son, a son. (Stillborn.)

At Grace Maternity Hospital, on December 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Oke, a son. (Stillborn.)

## DIED.

Passed peacefully away, on December 14th, Florence Jenkins, aged 18 years, second eldest daughter of Joseph and Harriet Jenkins, leaving to mourn 5 sisters and 2 brothers. Funeral on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 46 1/2 Carter's Hill. Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep.

On Sunday, Dec. 14th, Fred, darling child of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Davis, 9 Franklin Avenue, aged 7 months.

IN LOVING MEMORY of our darling little girl, Edith Stevenson, died Dec. 14th, 1923. In our hearts we mourn the loss. Of her we loved so dear; What would we give to clasp her hand Her gentle voice to hear.

Her loving smile and welcome voice, That were so dear to us; She's resting now in Heaven above In God alone we trust.

And we think of you, dear Edith, While tear-drops dim our eyes; You could not say good-bye to us Before you closed your eyes.

Dearest Edith you have left us, Never will your memory fade; Loving hearts will always linger, Around the grave where thou art laid.

—Inserted by her mother and father.

IN SAD BUT LOVING MEMORY of my dear brother, Edgar Harding, who died at Greenspond, Dec. 15th, 1918. To-day brings back sad memories. Of that sad and bitter blow; That was cast upon our homestead Just six years ago.

The memory of your dear kind face, Your kind and thoughtful ways; Your constant vision memory brings Shall never fade away.

I mourn for you dear brother, No eye may see me weep; But many a silent tear is shed While others lie asleep.

—Inserted by his sister, Mrs. Robt. J. Brown, 26 Goodview St., City.

IN LOVING MEMORY of our dear daughter, Hannah Bertha, daughter of Henry and Mary Boyle, died December 15th, 1921.

You suffered much, you murmured not, We watched you day by day; Until at last with broken heart We saw you pass away.

Softly at night the stars are shining, On a lonely, silent grave; Where thou liest, dearest daughter, Whom we loved but could not save.

—Inserted by her parents and family.

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