

THE HOME PAPER IN WINTER

From John Greenleaf Whittier's poem SNOW-BOUND (Written in 1866)

At last the floundering carrier bore The village paper to our door, Lo! broadening outward as we read To warmer zones th' horizon spread, In panoramic length unrolled We saw the marvels that it told. Welcome to us its week-old news, Its corner for the rustic Muse, Its monthly range of snow and rain, Its record mingling in a breath The wedding-bell and dirge of death; Jest, anecdote, and love-love tale; The latest culprit sent to jail; Its hue and cry of stolen and lost, Its vendue sales and goods at cost, And traffic calling loud for gain. We felt the stir of hall and street, The pulse of life that round us beat; The chill embargo of the snow; Was melted in the genial glow; Wide swung again our ice-locked door, And all the world was ours once more!

A printer received an inquiry from a surgeon who wanted bids on several thousand letter-heads, different sizes, grades and colors, and he wanted the form held standing. The printer wrote back: "Am in the market for one operation for appendicitis, one, two, or five-inch incision, with or without ether; also with or without nurse. Quotations must include putting appendix back and cancelling the order if found sound. Successful bidder is expected to hold incision open for sixty days, as I expect to be in the market for an operation for gallstones, and I want to save the extra cost of cutting."

Speaking of the coming British Empire fair to be held at Wembley, near London, from April to October of this year, E. R. Bruce, director of exhibits of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who is on a visit from England, states that the exhibition will be the biggest thing of its kind ever yet attempted. The promoters of the fair have increased their estimate of attendance from 15,000,000 to 25,000,000 persons, said Mr. Bruce. The fair will open April 15th. Editors of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association will visit the Empire Fair in a body while on their two months tour of Great Britain and the Continent next summer.

While in St. Thomas recently, Dr. Frenfell arranged with Dr. F. S. Bennett, president of the Horticultural Society, and an expert gladioli grower, for an exchange of horticultural products between Labrador and St. Thomas. A collection of iris and gladioli will be sent from St. Thomas to the two larger hospitals operated by Dr. Grenfell and his co-workers and in return Dr. Grenfell has promised to send to St. Thomas a collection of the beautiful perennials for which Labrador is noted, and some of the country's flowering shrubs, such as the kalmias and azaleas. These native shrubs have never before been sent out of Labrador.

The year 1924 promises to be an interesting one for Canada, with just enough uncertainty about the outcome to give zest for anticipation. In politics there is a prospect of one or more crises, with a strong possibility of a general election, perhaps running contemporaneously with the United States campaign; in business a moderate prosperity views with apprehension the continuance of chaos in Europe and the probability of the collapse of United States inflation which, as always, is likely to have a reflex effect in Canada; in social problems the attempted "come back" of the demon rum promises the most interesting developments. A referendum is almost certain to be held in Ontario.

SO NERVOUS SHE COULD NOT SLEEP

A Quebec Woman Found Relief and Wants Others to Know.

Mrs. Donald M. McLeod, Springhill, Que., was a victim of great nervousness until she found the right remedy, and is now anxious that others shall profit by her experience. Mrs. McLeod says: "Some years ago I became run down, and grew so nervous that my life was a burden to myself and all around me. Every night I would wake up with a choking feeling, numb all over and my heart beating at an alarming rate. I would jump up and walk the floor and declare I was dying. Then I would have sinking spells, and all day long would be so dizzy that I would stagger like a drunken person. I was afraid to be left alone, and my condition was terrible. I was then taken to the Sherbrooke hospital, but the treatment there did me no good and I came back home so weak that I could hardly cross the floor. I could not take care of my children, and my mother did so. Everybody thought I was dying and I was just waiting and wondering when the end would come. At this stage my attention was directed to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I got a supply at once. By the time I had used five boxes I felt much better, could eat better, sleep better, and felt almost like a new woman. I continued the pills for some time further, and am now a strong and healthy woman. I advise all run-down to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as I am sure they will do for others what they have done for me."

The new sales tax will not increase the price of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as the company pays the tax. You can still obtain the pills through any medicine dealer at 50 cents a box, or by mail, post paid, at this price, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

ing the government what the citizens themselves already know. Can we not have an advisory council in place of the experimental laboratory?

NOTE & COMMENT

Most of the movie queens look like angels on the screen and act like the devil behind it.—Milverton Sun.

The various factions in Greece have agreed to hold a plebiscite on the question of a Republic or Monarchy in the middle or at the end of March.

You have heard, perhaps, of the Englishman in the South station, Boston, who read over a door "Inside Baggage," and chuckled with glee: "You Americans are so droll! Now we should say 'Refreshment Room.'"

Thomas A. Edison believes that a day will soon come when coal will be converted into electrical energy at the mines, and the power delivered all over the country. He has been discussing the plan with Nova Scotia mine owners.

Weighing 3,170 pounds, a steer, said to be the largest ever received in Winnipeg, recently arrived at the stockyards from Wainwright, Alberta. It was sold for \$250, the highest selling price of any steer in Winnipeg since the war.

It was one of London's grey days when one American greeted another American in Piccadilly. "Lil' ol' London's got no skyscrapers yet?" remarked one. "Pity, too," answered the other, gazing skyward. "I never saw a sky that needed scraping more."

That the depositors of the defunct Home Bank would receive only from 37 to 40 per cent. on their money was the opinion expressed by I. E. Weldon, associate liquidator of the Home Bank, at a meeting of the Ottawa depositors of the bank at Ottawa Tuesday.

Captain Donald B. MacMillan's exploring party aboard the steamship Bowdoin is only 760 miles from the North pole, and yet they are in constant touch with the events of the world through radio. They are able to get in touch with several stations every day, among them some in the Eastern States. The Bowdoin uses a short wave-length, but has been able to talk 5,000 miles to Hawaii.

Judgment by Justices Kelly and Masten in the South Waterloc election case, following the trial at Kitchener on December 27th was given Tuesday, unseating Karl Homuth the Labor U.F.O. member. The petition was filed by Arthur W. Mercer, Conservative candidate, but the court is unable to declare that he or any other person is duly elected. The judges report that the election is void, and they certify accordingly. Homuth is required to pay the costs and the proceedings of the trial.

Toronto ratepayers have voted to continue with daylight saving for three years more, at least. Hamilton has very wisely decided against it. It is rather difficult to understand Toronto's attitude in this matter. The town is out of tune with practically the whole of the province and with the railways operating in and out of the place, the thousands of people who visit Toronto are befuddled by the difference in time, and many of the residents themselves are against it. The people who voted to keep on with the system consider only their own pleasure.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1924

SALES TAX STIFLES INDUSTRY

In practically every quarter the new sales tax is being criticized. The demand is growing insistent for some form of relief from a burden that is not only objectionable and troublesome but is acting as a brake upon the wheels of commerce. The remark of a building contractor that our government has adopted the popular four wheel brake has the popular truth than humor in it. Industry is being taxed to a stand still.

Every one knows we must have taxes. We are heavily in debt and the interest must be paid. But there are many different ways of carrying a burden.

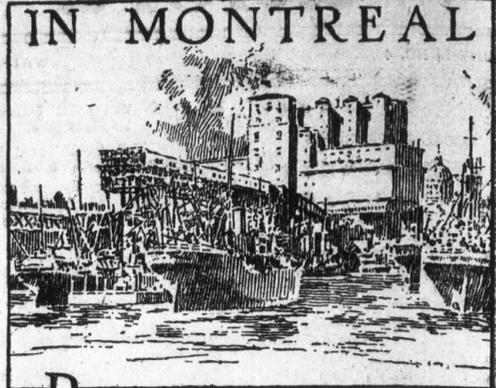
First—Can it be lightened? Are there not some non-essentials included? Is there not an excess of certain items? In other words, are there not many government departments and operations where expenses can be cut? We believe millions could be saved by putting the management of government expenditures and revenues in the hands of any one of a dozen hard-headed, experienced industrialists that could be named.

Second—Are our taxes imposed tactfully? There are many different methods of abstracting money from a victim, ranging all the way from highway robbery to church bazaars. The main difference is that you feel more resentful toward the highwayman—his methods are so blunt. This also is typical of our present system of taxation. Whether from a feeling that it will be spent extravagantly or whether because it is levied in an objectionable manner the best citizens are soured today on taxes. It's a little thing, of course, but merely typical, that many tax notices from the Dominion assessment department were delivered this year on Christmas morning.

Third—Are our taxes imposed fairly? Do the burdens rest evenly on the various industries and on the whole population? Is taxation for the payment of a war something to be arbitrarily fixed by the head of a government department or something to be decided after thorough study, discussion and consideration of every group in the country? We believe the imposition of such taxes can only be properly apportioned when every group has had a chance to be heard and in this connection no more constructive suggestion has been made than that the time has arrived for the formation of an advisory council made up of representatives of every group or class in the community whose business it would be to formulate a system of taxation on a basis of equity.

Most forms of taxation since the war have been of the experimental type. "Let's try it!" has been the government's attitude. "If it doesn't work we can change it." This is surely attacking the problem from the wrong end and is not worthy of men entrusted with such important work. It is time the policy of experimentation was discarded as it is not only troublesome and disagreeable for the Canadian citizen, but expensive as well. It's a painful process of teach-

FIRST of the series dealing with the establishment of the BANK OF MONTREAL at representative points in CANADA and elsewhere



BEFORE any steamship had crossed the ocean, and before either the locomotive or the telegraph had been invented, nine merchants of Montreal signed articles for the formation of the "Montreal Bank," now the Bank of Montreal. That was on June 23, 1817—more than 106 years ago.

Since that time Montreal has grown from a town of less than 20,000 to a city of more than 800,000 population. The Bank, in continuous and successful operation from those early days down to the present time, has steadily pioneered its way across Canada. Today, through its Head Office and more than 550 Branches, it offers complete banking service—local, national, and international—in every section of the Dominion.

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Slats' Diary

By Ross Farquhar

Friday—I gess me and pa will half to brush Ant Emmy up a little on her Histy and ect. Tonite after she had ben a reading in the paper she wanted to no who was Random she red so much about in the noosepaper acts. & when pa ast her to xclame what she sed she so often red where fokes had ben shooting at Random and she was just curious to no why no buddy never hit him yet.

Saturday—well pa has got a new cote of paint on the ford and a vizer on the front and shock asobbers on the back and a new running bored on the side and evrything and he has cum to the conclusion that ma is rite when she sed. The more you dress it up to look what it aint the more it looks like what it really is. After all.

Sunday—Wile the sun was a shining the safternoon I meets Jane and we went and tuk a long walk altho she complained that she wassett overly fond of walking and then we went and got sum ice cream and ect. and I gess she wod of spent the remainder of the day rite there if my quarter had of lasted long enuff. I gess they are just two ways to please a modern girl. 1 way is to by ice cream. So is the other.

Monday—This is a blue ole nite as fas as this branch of are little family is concerned. Teecher sed that who ever fell below 60 in the joggrafy test tomorro wod half to stay in evnings all the rest of the months. So I have studied tonite till evry mussel and bone in my hed is herting.

Tuesday—Had a call tonite from a cuple fokes witch has went to gather for over 30 yrs. And insted of getting marriedy they have remained frends.

Wednesday—Pa says Ike Watson witch is hard up for a job was over at the county set yesterday and as he past the Sheriffs office he seen a sine witch red. WANTED for Forgery. And he went in and applied for the job as he had warked 3 wks as a black Smiths helper doing the war.

Thursday—Pa got a book on Statisticks today and him and me has ben a looking over it. We found that the sensus showed that most of the babys borned are girls and boys cum next. Got 60 and a 1/2 in joggrafy tast Brayvo.

Friday—went and attended a

marriage anniversary of a ole cuple witch has ben married to each another for fifty yrs. ago today. They was a plenty to eat like lots of candy and nuts left over from Crismus and ict cream & soup and Oisters. And then 1 man made a long speech. Pa told me that he herd that in all the fifty yrs the man had ben a muddle Husband and that he had never struck his lawful wife except it had ben in self de fence or etc.

Saturday—Joe Hix was a complaining to ma and pa about the hard life he leads since he has got married. He says that his wife has so much washing and ironing to tend to that it keeps him busy a cutting wood and carrying cole to keep the fire going. Sum wimen takes their freedom to litrally he says.

Sunday—Went down to the city to visit sum innocent frends today and pa had a awe full time finding a place to park the Fd. Ma says that the only salution to the parking problem wod be to make evry buddy go and pay cash for their ottomobels and she gesses there wod be plenty of extra space left over then.

Monday—Went into the bank to get 1/2 a dollr changed and wile I was sojourning there I seen one of the bank hands count out 8 hundred dollars. Well it axually made me feel like as if I was prit near broke.

Tuesday—well I dont no what cum over ma. When I got home tonite from skool I found sum nice bran new Cookys and when I got started to eating them I cudent stop till they was about gone. And when Ma cum home I figger on a lamming but I told I done it and she just gathered my little skull to her beaten busom and sed she forgive me. I gess I will never understand the ladylike sex.

Wednesday—Tuk a new kid in are club today. He is oney ten yrs. old but can play a Cordion and Marbles and Hooky bettern enny kid in the hole gang.

Thursday—they are a dance tonite of the oldes Set of witch I am invited to stay home wile pa and ma goes alone without me. Ma just simply falls all over herself to go to a dance, but pa does his falling after he gets to the dance.

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