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THE OPIUM PROBLEM More than a year ago the Throne of China issued a decree, appointing a number of "capable and upright departmental officials" to investigate the nation's opium traffic. Their report has just been published and as it is said to be the most complete investigation of opium consumption yet attempted in China, it should prove of the utmost value in shaping the decisions of the International Commission which is to meet in Shanghai in January. As is well known by every man, woman and child in Canada, this country is to have a representative on that commission in the person of William Lyon Mackenzie King, M.A., M.P. On this account our interest in the opium traffic in China becomes acute and a resume of the native official's report will be received with enthusiasm.

The report declares that the production of opium in China is less than it was a year ago, and that the official classes of the community are breaking themselves off the pernicious habit of smoking the drug. With equal positiveness it states that "a real determination to give up the practice, no matter how intense the craving for the drug, results in a complete abandonment of the habit within a few months." This comforting assurance is at variance with popular opinion, which, however, as de Quincy pointed out long ago, was remarkably ignorant on the subject of opium. Nevertheless the authors of the report say that in a few years at the present rate of reform, opium smoking will have practically ceased in China.

The present intention of the Chinese government appears to be that for ten years opium is to be grown and sold under strict official supervision, and that the end of the decade the drug shall become contraband and its possession or use a crime. The officials do not dissent from the wisdom of this course, but they point out practical difficulties to be overcome. They reason that a definite amount of opium would require to be fixed upon for purchase, on the basis of that fixed upon in regard to foreign opium, and there could be no use made of that amount left over. The fact that the use of the drug is decreasing convinces them that the amount of unsold opium would be large.

They declare further that if China establishes these official bureaus, Great Britain will object on the ground that a Chinese monopoly is being created. The British government's good faith in a wish to suppress the traffic is taken for granted.

The export of the drug from Hong Kong into China has been forbidden, and for two years no opium will be permitted in Shanghai. At present the contraband trade from Hong Kong is large, amounting to twelve chests a day, which is exactly the four times the amount used in the great port itself. The report urges that the enormous expense incurred by Japan in regulating her official sales in Formosa is a strong argument against China going into the dispensing business. Finally, abuses might grow out of the administering of the bureau hardly inferior to the ill they sought to remove.

The official recommendation that the best system is one indirectly adopted on that of official sales. All establishments selling opium and all opium smokers should be supplied with permits, failure to secure which should be punishable by a heavy fine. The report continues: "In order to secure the still speedier suppression of the practice, poppy cultivation should be prohibited entirely within a period to be fixed, and proclamations should be issued by the provincial authorities threatening members of the official classes persisting in the habit with loss of their rank, and the rest of the population with enrollment on an opium smokers' list, to be published broadcast. All honors should be closed to them, and they should be treated as pariahs, so that a stimulus for the abandonment of the practice would thus be supplied by a man's natural ambition."

The report goes on to say that in some parts of China it is the cultivation of the poppy that should be stopped; in others the smoking. Some provinces use foreign opium exclusively, others use the native drug. The provinces of Yunnan, Kwelchaw, Szechuan, Shensi, Shaansi and Honan are all growers of opium, and exporters to other provinces, but Yunnan, Fuk-tien, Nanking, and Anhui will grow no more of the drug. Neither will Honan after next year. This will mean that the entire production of opium in China will have decreased by 30 per cent. If the foreign powers do not force their opium upon China, and if the newly formed poppy system is capable of preventing smuggling, there is every reason to believe that the Chinese government is capable of stamping out the traffic altogether.

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By instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture a distribution is being made this season of samples of superior sorts of grain and potatoes to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed. The stock for distribution has been secured mainly from the experimental farms at Indian Head, Sask., and Brandon, Man. The samples consist of oats, spring wheat, barley, peas, Indian corn (for ensilage only) and potatoes. The quantity of oats sent is 4 lbs., sufficient in each case to sow one-twentieth of an acre. The samples of Indian corn peas and potatoes weigh 3 lbs. each. A quantity of each of the following varieties has been secured for this distribution:

Oats.—Banner, Danish Island, Wide Awake, White Giant, Thousand Dollar, Improved Ligowo, all white varieties. Wheat.—Red Varieties, Red Pile (beardless), Chelsea, Marquis, Stanley and Percy (early beardless), Preston, Huron and Pringle's Champlain (early bearded), White varieties, White Fife (beardless), Bobs (early Beardless). Barley.—Six rowed; Mensury, Odessa, and Mansfield. Two rowed, Inverleith and Canadian Thorpe. Field Peas.—Arthur and Golden Vine. Indian Corn (for ensilage).—Early sorts, Angel of Moonlight, Comptons early and Longfellow; later varieties, Selected Leaming, Early Mastodon, and White Cap Early Dent.

Potatoes.—Early varieties, Rochester Rose, and Irish Cobbler. Medium to late varieties, Carman No. 1, Money Maker, Gold Coin and Dooley. The latter varieties are as a rule more productive than the early kinds. Only one sample can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat, barley, peas, Indian corn or potatoes. Lists of names from one individual, or applications for more than one sample for one household, cannot be entertained. The samples will be sent free of charge through the mail.

Applications should be addressed to the director of experimental farms Ottawa, and may be sent in any time from the 1st of December to the 15th of February, after which the lists will be closed, so that the samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing. Applicants should mention the variety they prefer, with a second sort as an alternative. Applications will be filled in the order in which they are received, so long as the supply of seed lasts. Farmers are advised to apply early to avoid possible disappointment. Those applying for Indian corn or potatoes should bear in mind that the corn is not usually distributed until April, and that potatoes cannot be mailed until danger from frost in transit is over. No postage is required on mail matter addressed to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ont. WM. SAUNDERS, Director of Experimental Farms.

Parasitical "You seem overcast, my lad," said the gentleman behind the scenes in the melodrama theatre. "Yes, boss," responded the youngster, as he mopped the perspiration from his brow. "I have de hottest part in de show." "Indeed! And what part is that?" "Why, I have to get 'way up in de dies an' tear up paper for de snow storm in de blizzard scene."

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Willie—Papa, what is a close call? Father—A close call, my son, is the kind of call your sister's sweetheart makes when they sit in the parlor with the light out.—Boston Transcript.

"Sandy, how do you train your dog? I can't teach mine to do a thing." Sandy, with a simple look in his eyes so common with some rustics, said: "Well, you see, doc, you have to know Hora's the dog, or you can't learn him anything."—Cleveland Leader.

IN THE DRESSING ROOM "Say, aren't you going out today?" asked the Derby hat. "Sure!" replied the tan shoes. "But you need not wait for me." "Why not?" asked the hat. "Because it's your business to go on a head," replied the shoes.—Detroit Tribune.

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Hugh A. Green, a Farmer and Independent Liberal, Asks Electors of Saltcoats to Vote for a Local Representative.

Yorkton, Nov. 27.—Hugh A. Green, a well known and popular farmer of the Wallace district will run against Hon. J. A. Calder in the approaching bye-election as an independent Liberal. Mr. Green has been a life long Liberal and in the last provincial election worked hard to elect the Hon. J. A. Calder. He states, in his published election address: "I take the field in order to give every elector who believes a local man should represent his constituency a chance to say so by his vote. As a Liberal I have no confidence in Mr. Calder, not because Mr. Calder is a member of the government, but because Mr. MacNutt had represented Saltcoats as only a man living in the constituency can represent it. Mr. Calder represented a constituency in the last legislature and notwithstanding his influence as a member of the government was defeated at the late election in Milestone by a non-resident. As a farmer living in Saltcoats I solicit especially the votes of the farmers of Saltcoats. I believe in the provincial government ownership of elevators in order that farmers may obtain their fair share of the ultimate price of the grain they grow and would ask the support of farmers in order that we may force this issue on our provincial government."

As Mr. Calder's nomination was practically forced on this constituency and is very distasteful to the large majority of voters, Mr. Green's chances of election are exceedingly bright.

Through our advertising columns we are pleased to learn that Mr. Hugh Alexander Green of Wallace has so far forgotten his duty as a Liberal as to raise his standard of revolt and rebellion to do battle with our forces in Saltcoats under our lieutenant-general Calder, on the 7th of December next. And this in spite of all our solemn warnings. We therefore solemnly read Mr. Green out of the party—and not only him, but every other Liberal who has, or thinks of having the impudence of so audaciously so support his candidature in any way. Let him be anathema. What right has he, or any other Liberal local man though he be, to dare to oppose the will of the prime minister, from whom all political blessings flow?

We therefore commend each and every justice of the peace, commissioner for taking affidavits, game guardian, school inspector, road fortman, road laborer, enumerator, would-be deputy returning officer, and every other Liberal who dare not say his soul is his own by the power of the patronage we wield and by that gratitude which is the expectation of favors to come, to smite Green and every other Liberal who supports him, his and thigh and teach these political rebels that the people of this country must do as the Scott government tells them.—Yorkton Enterprise.

GENERAL NEWS

Carleton Place, Nov. 27.—A most regrettable incident occurred here on Wednesday, when Florence, the five year old daughter of George Aylford, of the Clarendon hotel, was severely bitten in the face by a supposedly mad dog. Mr. Aylford left immediately with the little girl for Minneapolis, where she will be put under the Pasteur treatment. Florence is an extremely popular child and all here sincerely hope that no evil effects will follow. Several dogs have since been destroyed suspected of suffering from rabies.

Calgary, Nov. 27.—The blockade on the branch south from Calgary continues very severe. Three hundred thousand bushels are stored at High River and half a million yet to market. Everything is filled with wheat. The same condition is in all towns between here and Macleod. Farmers have recourse to various methods of storing their grain. In one instance a farmer had erected a six foot enclosure, poured his wheat in, and trusting to nature, had left the bin exposed to the weather. This enclosure stored three cars, while another three cars lay out in sacks. In another instance the farmer erected a building capable of holding ten cars. This means a great amount of extra labor, as it will be necessary to again move this grain.

Calgary, Nov. 27.—Living away up in the foothills northwest of Cochrane is Juliette Jacqueline Shettler, a handsome young woman about 25 years of age, who, according to the New York Telegram, is suing James Gordon Bennett for the right to bear his name in Paris. The case will commence tomorrow in Paris. Suit was entered by her mother six years ago. She would not give particulars to correspondent. Whatever was done in the lawsuit would be by proxy. Speaking of Bennett and her early life, Miss Shettler stated that she was born in Paris and educated in Surrey, England. She knew Bennett, and he might be a great, but he was certainly not a good man. She positively refused to make any statement regarding her parentage, nor would she speak of her mother, except to state that the suit was entered by her, using the daughter's name, some six years ago in Canada.

Edmonton, Nov. 27.—Howard Douglas, commissioner of Dominion Park returned today from Elk Island park at Lamont. He says the buffalo are being driven into the winter quarters and are all in fine shape. There are now 475 there. Park will be moved to Battle River Park next year when the 300 remaining in Montana are brought north. About 75 from Banff park will be brought up here. Some moose and elk from Banff will also be brought up to the northern park, and later musk ox, caribou and other native animals will be brought and become extinct. Next spring Mr. Douglas and H. C. Campbell of Ottawa, superintendent of forestry will take a trip west to the new Dominion park at Yellow Head. Five guards will be appointed and arrangements made for the care of the park. This park is 5,400 miles in extent and is the largest single park in Canada.

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