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PRISON REFORM.

The Ontario Government, it is stated, is about to introduce in the operation and conduct of its prison system, certain radical reforms which will be first submitted to the Provincial Legislature before the close of the present session. The abolition of all prison competition with free labor in the various trades has been definitely decided upon and it is intimated that the future employment of prisoners will be largely farm work, and work upon municipal and colonization roads. But more important than this is the introduction of the policy of compensating prisoners for all work effectively and efficiently done, such a step marking a decided revolution in present methods, not only in Ontario but in Canada. This plan will practically guarantee the support of the wives and families of men sentenced, even though the earnings may not quite equal what they would be by free labor, Ontario is not the only province in which much suffering has been caused the families of convicts, by the incarceration of those who should be providers. It is with a view to partially remedying this condition that the proposed changes are to be made.

INDISCRIMINATE CONDEMNATION.

Those citizens of Hebrew descent who are engaged in the second hand and junk business in St. John, were the objects yesterday of severe censure on the part of Judge Forbes. Such dealers were charged with generally abetting crime, by their custom of promiscuously purchasing goods offered to them by persons of unknown, or suspected reputation. It is to be hoped that by far the larger number of junk dealers in St. John are Jews, and because of this circumstance, Judge Forbes' remarks were naturally directed to persons of this nationality.

The Judge did not say that Christians engaged in similar business are free from censure, but realized the peculiar adaptability of the Jew to the species of bargaining entailed in the second hand trade and dwelt particularly on what he believes to be the fact that a disregard for the law, it is not absolute dishonesty, is very commonly practiced.

While there are many who will not thoroughly agree with all that Judge Forbes said, and who may not believe that the offences should not be visited on the class as a whole, there is a very general impression that some better system of control of the junk business is necessary. Not only should there be a more rigid enforcement of the laws governing the purchase and sale of second hand goods, but house-holders and other property owners deserve better protection from the itinerant dealer. No matter what nationality these collectors may belong to, it is not disputed that there are engaged in the business a considerable number who are willing to steal when opportunity arises, and that there are in St. John countless families who have suffered through pilfering by this undesirable character.

The collectors go from house to house, from yard to yard, soliciting or demanding goods, driving hard bargains, frightening nervous women and even those who do not steal-making themselves in every way objectionable. Judge Forbes may have some reason for his suggestion that Hebrews are able to buy valuable real estate after a few years residence in St. John—although it is the direct poverty when they arrive here—because of the dishonesty practiced by them in the junk business, but it is scarcely fair to allege that as a class all the Jews in the junk business are guilty.

P. E. I. SENATORSHIP.

There is a vacant senatorship in Prince Edward Island. This office would not be vacant long if some ten or a dozen more or less eminent gentlemen had their desires. It is understood that there are quite a large number of applicants for the office, or at least a large number of men who would be charmed to receive the appointment. This list includes the present Lieutenant Governor, Mr. D. A. Mack, whose term of office expires during the present year. Mr. L. E. Prowse, who has done good service in both provincial and federal fields. Mr. Benjamin Rogers of Alberta; ex-Governor McIntyre, Mr. Geo. Forbes, Mr. J. J. Hughes, Mr. J. H. Bell, Capt. Jas. Read, Mr. J. J. B. McCready, Hon. Samuel Reid, Mr. T. B. Riley, Mr. Geo. E. Hughes, and others. Mr. Prowse is perhaps the strongest aspirant for the honor and is said to stand a good chance of obtaining the appointment, his strength lying principally in political influence. Mr. McCready is perhaps as suitable a man as could be found, and it is believed he has the sympathy of a majority of the federal ministers, who, however, recognize that this appointment is a matter of particular interest to the Island Province and that the wishes of the representatives from

that province must be consulted. If this is done, and it very likely will be, Mr. Prowse is almost practically assured of the promotion, especially as he has the hearty co-operation of Mr. Warburton, M. P., at present chairman of the Public Accounts Committee. Mr. Warburton, he it understood, was once a judge of the County Court, and although he liked the job he gave it up and re-entered politics. There is a strong possibility that before very long a vacancy will occur in the Supreme bench, through the retirement of Mr. Justice Hodgson, who is in poor health, and that Mr. Warburton would not be inclined to refuse the appointment to this position. While many of the others have claims on the party, which are being more or less strongly pressed, it is believed on the Island that the contest has narrowed down to Messrs. Prowse and McCready, and although the former's ability is readily recognized, it is felt within the party that he is too young a man to retire from active participation in the game, and that he can be of more value by remaining in the fight. And the governorship is still to come.

W. F. HAMMOND

ENTERTAINED STAFF

Jolly Skating Party at Amphitheatre Followed by Luncheon and Dancing

Programme.

Last night W. J. Hammond entertained his large staff of employees at the Amphitheatre Rink. After the exceedingly enjoyable time spent in skating, the party, numbering about 50, adjourned to the handsome supper room, where a very dainty meal was served, the tables being beautifully decorated with flowers and ferns. After the supper Mr. Hammond made the recipient of a very handsomely fitted dress suit, which he had purchased for the members of the staff. W. J. Hammond in reply mentioned that he was enlarging, and that although he would not be quite so actively engaged as heretofore in the business his interest would never cease to be with it.

G. V. Cooke, representing the Dunlop, Cooke Co., Ltd., now amalgamating with the present firm, in a few well chosen words, expressed his satisfaction the way the business has been run, and his desire that the same standard of excellence be maintained as that which has been associated with the name of Hammond.

To close a very enjoyable evening the party then adjourned to the ballroom where dancing was continued until 2 a. m.—From Free Press, Winnipeg.

NO HOME RULE BILL AT THIS SESSION

Definite Announcement—Austin Chamberlain on Tariff Reform—Scores Against Home System of Government.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Affairs political now appear likely to simmer for some weeks until the matter of finance is disposed of, unless the revolt of the Advance Radical spreads. In the house of commons today Premier Asquith replying to a question stated definitely that the government had no intention of introducing a Home Rule Bill for Ireland during the present session.

In moving the tariff reform amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne in the house this afternoon, Austin Chamberlain made a plea for a fiscal system that should afford first a preference to home productions so as to give employment to the people and second a preference to British productions overseas to the end that the Empire might be more closely consolidated.

"The test of any fiscal system," he said, "is in the provision it makes for the comfortable subsistence of the largest number."

"The situation in the United States is constantly referred to," he continued, "but they have duties out of comparison with anything suggested here. It is not the American tariff that has presented the true test in the United States but the weakness of the central authority in America, the great complexity of state jurisdiction and the inability of any public authority to bring the law to bear successfully upon them. So long as we remain a united parliament we will have no such difficulties to affect us here."

MARRIED IN THE MAKING

Have you ever noticed that half the troubles of the young housewife are of her own seeking only? She will take the nice little bit of cold roast beef or mutton, hash it, mince it or stew it, spend as much as two hours in turning it into a tough, colorless, over-salted or over-peppered dish. She is anxious all the time she is cooking it, most anxious of all, as the husband, upon whom she has wasted all her endeavors, tries to make light of the failure, and bites his tongue in an attempt to repress the wish that she had left the meat cold, and merely set it on a clean dish, with a sprig or two of parsley as a garnish, and a bottle of H. P. Sauce as a relish. But young housewives are learning wisdom, hundreds and thousands of them.

H. P. Sauce sells in bigger and bigger quantities every week. Cold meat is coming back to its honored place in the homely little family—and not only so, but the housewives have discovered that when the joint can no longer be served cold, H. P. Sauce takes all the responsibility of flavoring off the shoulders of the inexperienced cook.

H. P. is a rich, thick sauce, not hot, but piquant and fruitily flavored; it is made of the choicest tropical fruits and spices and pure malt vinegar. When you must hash, or mince or stew, just see yourself what a difference is wrought to the dish by the addition of a teaspoonful of this delicious Sauce, but be sure it is H. P.

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

When you run across an expression you do not understand, a word whose exact definition you are uncertain of, do you simply remain in your state of ignorance or do you look it up?

I often hear people say, "I do want to be well educated, but I have so little time I cannot keep abreast of things as I would like to."

Very few of us who have our living to earn can do that. Our days are spent in bread winning and our nights in recuperating for more bread winning. Except for the man in ten who has a one-in-ten physique and brain, any very deep study, any systematic course of reading, or any thorough attempt to keep abreast of the political situation, the scientific discoveries, and the new things in literature and the arts, is incompatible with a six days in the week job.

But there is one thing that most of us can do, and that is, "look it up."

It wouldn't take such an appalling amount of time to jot down the little expressions and allusions and scientific terms which you do not understand that crop up from time to time in your reading, and spend an occasional hour in looking them up, would it?

Each bit of information would be only a very little thing, to be sure, but it's infinitesimal insects that slowly form the beautiful coral reef and LITTLE drops of water, LITTLE grains of sand that—well, you know the rest.

And the finished product in this case would, of course, be some store of education.

I know a man who had to leave school and go to yet kept up his efforts at self-education so faithfully that now, at the age of twenty-five, he is constantly taken for a college man.

And one of the chief features of his self-education is a little custom he has of looking up every word he hears or reads, which he does not fully understand, and writing the word and its definition down on a black-board in his room.

He does not try to learn the definitions, but having them constantly before him in this way he says he gradually absorbs them.

The other day I was visiting a home where there is a very bright little school girl. Her other sister who, despite her three years' seniority, is not half so well informed or interesting a girl, looked up from the book she was reading.

"What does 'condign' mean?" she asked. "Condign punishment?"

Her father confidently started to define it, and then decided that, although he had probably read the word a thousand times, he didn't know exactly what it meant.

"Oh, never mind," said the older girl, going back to her reading, but my bright little school girl was already at the dictionary.

"Condense," "Condensation," "Condign," she ran her finger down the page. "Condign—deserved, merited, suitable. Condign and worthy praise," she read.

And after that I didn't wonder so much at the difference between the two girls.

Of course looking up things is something of a bother. A musician's finger exercises are too, I suppose.

But if he wants to be a great musician he usually does them. Do you really want to be a well educated man or woman?

Then supposing the next time you strike a word or expression you don't understand, you do the finger exercise of education and look it up.

Paul Cameron

The Lighter Side of Life

THE BABY.

How strange it seemed to wake last night and hear the baby breathe—the room under the night-lamp's shaded light wrapped softly in a gentle gloom!

What mystic wonder stirred us that, with joy and love what mingled awe, before this little slumberer, when the flower-like face we dimly saw!

A moment there we hung appalled, Pleading to read in life's long scrolls Fate of this Lord that we had called Out of the very deep of souls.

Perhaps the Lord of Being bent That instant to our sudden prayer—For still the low breath came and went, But peace and blessing filled the air.

THE NEED WAS PAID.

Read the new clergyman been younger he might have suspected something; for his parish held not a few horse-raisers who had been known to race their stock. But forty-nine is often un-sophisticated, so, by request of one of the deacons, prayers were offered on three successive Sundays for Lucy Grey.

On the fourth Sunday the deacon stood forth his superior, just before the morning service, to the prayer need no longer be repeated.

"Indeed?" queried the good parson, with a knowing look. "I hope Lucy's not dead?"

"Oh, no," came the reply; "but she has won."

"Your wife is quite hospitable," said the friend.

"I don't know," answered Mr. Cumroy. "Mother and the girls used to be glad to see folks that dropped in off-hand. Now they send out invitations, and seem more tickled to get regrets than acceptances."

GOBS OF GLOOM.

To have your sweetheart far away. It makes existence dark and dreary; But worse it is—luckily! To have her distant when she's near.

Store open till 7 p. m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 1914

We are showing some very nice advanced styles of LADIES' SPRING FOOTWEAR in

Low Shoes and Boots

Also some nice things in men's and boys' seasonable FOOTWEAR.

For men wearing sizes smaller than six we have a large assortment of the Gold Bond Shoe at \$4.00 and \$4.50 a pair.

This shoe is the best offered the trade. It is comfortable, looks better, and wears longer. Sole agent.

PERCY J. STEEL, Foot Furnisher 519-521 Main St.

REMEMBER THIS STORE CLOSING AT 7 P. M.

BUNIONS

Have you got a Bunion? If you have you don't have to keep on with it a single day longer because Porter's Corn Paint will soften it in a few applications and in two or three days you can begin to peel it away. It is painless. Safe to use. Sure to cure. Costs only

15c.

Brush Free

Frank E. Porter

Prescription Druggist.

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DR. MARTEL'S FEMALE PILLS

SEVENTEEN YEARS THE STANDARD

Prescribed and recommended for women's ailments, a scientifically prepared remedy of proven worth. The result from their use is quick and permanent. For sale at all drug stores.

The machinists of the St. John Iron Works will hold their annual sleep strike Saturday evening. A full attendance is requested.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The rate of discount of the bank of England remained unchanged at 5 per cent. today.

Easily Tired Exhausted

DOES THIS DESCRIBE YOUR CASE? THEN READ THIS LETTER ABOUT

DR. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD

The accompanying letter describes so well the condition of a person whose nerves are weak and exhausted that little need be added.

The dangers of such a state of health is sometimes overlooked by persons who do not realize that the next step is some form of paralysis which leaves one helpless in mind and body.

Mrs. Edward Schwartz, Ladysmith, Que., writes: "It is a pleasure to let you know how I was benefited by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. I was run down and nervous, easily irritated, could not concentrate the thoughts, hands and feet were cold, I could not sleep, had frequent headaches and dizzy spells and palpitation of the heart."

"Nervous prostration was my trouble, but Dr. Chase's Nerve Food cured it all and I cannot find words to express my thankfulness for this wonderful medicine."

The results achieved by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food are often more wonderful than words can tell. In cases such as this patient, persistent treatment is necessary, but you are encouraged by steady and natural improvement until the cure is thorough and complete.

There is a satisfaction in knowing that each and every dose is bound to do at least some benefit in rebuilding the wasted nervous system.

Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cts. a box, 6 for \$2.50, all dealers, or Edmonson, Bates, & Co., Toronto. Write for a free copy of Dr. Chase's Recipes.

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Quick and Easy

SHAVING POWDER

25c.

The newest thing in Shaving Soaps.

E. CLINTON BROWN

DRUGGIST

CORNER UNION AND WATERLOO STS.

SUN AND SNOW

SOMETIMES HELP THE HAIR TO GO.

In any changeable climate the hair is apt to become brittle and to break off stubby here and there. This makes a hair-dressing almost a necessity, especially to ladies. In using a hair dressing which not only keeps the hair from falling out, but also keeps it soft and supple, and how stylish your hair will appear, after an application or two of Herpelide. It is certainly a wonderful innovation as a scalp antiseptic and hair-dressing. Sold by leading druggists. Send for a sample in stamps for sample to The Herpelide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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E. CLINTON BROWN, Special Agent.

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Corresponding week last year, \$1,156,822.

D. Boyaner,

Scientific Optician,

38 Dock St.

Store closes 6 p. m., Saturday 9:30 p. m.

DEATHS

DOWNING—At his residence, Mill street, Fairville, on Feb. 21st, James Downing, son of the late Michael and Catherine Downing, leaving a wife, six sons and two daughters, one brother and sister to mourn their loss.

Notice of funeral hereafter. (Boston, Sydney and Oregon papers please copy).

We are Going to Make the Last Week

The banner one of our annual Furniture Sale, which is drawing to a close. This sale ends positively on February 28, and we want everyone to take this rare chance to secure BAR-GAINS in all kinds of high-class furniture. Goods purchased now will be

STORED FREE OF CHARGE by leaving a deposit.

ONE MAHOOGANY DRESSER, highly polished, regular price \$85.00. Now \$57.00.

ONE QUARTERED OAK DRESSER, highly polished, regular price \$32.00. Now \$21.00.

A large variety of dressers to select from.

Parlor Tables, Shaving Stands, Music and Parlor Cabinets, Fancy Odd Pieces, etc., at greatly reduced prices.

Mission Furniture for dining room, hall or den.

Amland Bros. Ltd.,

19 WATERLOO STREET

A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

Fashions and Fads

Large handbags are not now in the best style the newest are small, made of undressed kid.

Some of the prettiest of the French cotton grenadines come in white with ribbon stripes of colors.

Semi-precious stones, set in exquisite filigree work, are in high favor as day-time ornaments.

Handsome waists are those of pongee, with the Bulgarian embroidery in blues, reds or greens.

Very stunning are large gunmetal hatpins. A single rhinestone is in the centre of the disk-shaped top.

The lingerie gown is promised a great vogue, and this, of course, means a great vogue for embroidery.

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