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THE SOCIETY COLUMN.

It Was Not a Pleasant Column to Edit a Few Years Ago.

There is no more attractive part of a newspaper than the society column, nor any more useful to those whom it is intended to serve. Prejudice against the publication of items formerly considered an offensive intrusion upon private affairs now hardly lingers in the most conservative quarters. A record in the public prints of the comings and goings of society people is held to be almost as essential as the publication of the races, or the high and low on the stock market, and reports of the festivities of society appeal to at least a very large minority. It is generally understood that in gathering this class of news the workers assigned to that branch are rather likely to be embarrassed with volunteer aid. But when the daily press of Canada first began to include society matter in its columns the public attitude was far different.

A young newspaperman in an eastern town, who has since graduated into the ranks of professional politicians, many years ago conceived that a chronicle of the more important happenings in local society would add a piquant flavor to the columns of his paper, and while the idea was still fermenting in his ambitious brain, he heard that a literary light from Boston had recently visited a retired concert soprano of his own town. The newspaperman immediately called upon the lady and made known his object.

"I understand, Mrs. P.," he began, "you had some people in last evening to meet Dr. ——, of Boston. People are much interested in the circumstances of the doctor's visit, and perhaps you will not mind telling me, for my paper, what form of entertainment you adopted for the doctor and your friends."

"Certainly not, Mr. C.," said the lady, "nothing could have been simpler. We arranged our chairs about the fireplace thus, and, and talked."

"Yes, Mrs. P.," said the reporter, "and after that?"

"And after that, Mr. C., we went and stood on our heads in the corner."

"What, ladies and all, Mrs. P.?"

"Ladies and all, Mr. C."

And the inauguration of the society column was temporarily deferred.

Another Canadian Story-Writer.

Though he does not belong to the Canadian Society of Authors, there is in Toronto a most industrious short story writer who has of late won genuine recognition among magazine editors who like to purchase light and breezy tales. He is Mr. Charles Langton Clarke, who for a decade has been telegraph editor of The Mail and Empire, Toronto, and as a writer of fiction he followed Dr. Osler's declaration that no man should write a book until he was over forty. Some years ago Mr. Clarke commenced writing boys' stories for The Argosy, a publication of the Munsey Company. They were so successful that the Munsey concern has now first call on his contributions, and has resold some of his stories in England. Latterly Mr. Clarke has taken up the writing of humorous sketches of domestic life in a medium-sized city dealing chiefly with the ups and downs of Mr. Scales and Mr. Butterworth, two married men who take part in the simple life of a city which, though unnamed, strongly resembles Toronto. The Cavalier, one of the newer of the Munsey publications, is now running a series of these stories. In the March number appears a story in which Mr. Clarke has some mild fun with the choral singing craze. His Mr. Scales becomes infected with the idea that he has a voice which should be cultivated, and his adventures in attaining this end furnish good fun. Mr. Clarke tells his stories largely in dialogue, after the manner of W. W. Jacobs, and the repartee of his characters is at all times droll and expressive. Before he gets through with the Scales and Butterworth families, Mr. Clarke, who is also known as a most facile writer of vers d'occasion, will have had a good deal of fun with Canadian civilization.

Blueboards the Latest.

Will blue boards succeed blackboards in the public school? This is a question soon to come before the Toronto trustees. Inspector Hughes has always claimed the former are much easier for the eyes than the latter, and lately numerous complaints have been received by the trustees from parents that the sight of their children is impaired. This is substantiated to a large extent by the number of children who wear glasses. Some time ago slates came under the ban of the inspector, owing to the bad effects of the eyes from the striking contrast of white on black. White scribbling books were also changed to grey to avoid the same trouble, while numerous minor alterations were made to ease the eyes. So it now appears it is up to the blackboard to vacate in favor of blue.

Reduce Taxation.

There have been heavy deficits in the United States Treasury for several years. For the present year the receipts will be a great many millions short of the expenditures. The president and his cabinet are endeavoring to discover the direction in which new taxes can be levied. They should follow the example of Canada and reduce instead of increasing taxation. Such a device would be a very simple way of both increasing the revenue and striking a blow at the trusts which are growing fat at the expense of the people. We have tried it in Canada and can speak from experience.—Victoria Daily Times.

Great Is Ontario's Wealth.

The silver output of Ontario last year was over $12,280,000, the largest in the history of the province. Our total mineral production for the same period was $90,000,000. And the mining industry in this province is still in its infancy.—Citizen, Ottawa.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

Nova Scotia's Apple Yield Close Up to a Million Mark

Annapolis Valley Produced Last Seaon 900,000 Barrels, But That There are Other Good Districts is Shown by a Sample Barrel Hants County.

The year's crop has been marketed. The export figures are 710,000 barrels Local markets, evaporating plants, cider and vinegar factories and home consumption may at a conservative estimate be said to have got away with 190,000 barrels, and makes the years total 900,000. This brings the 1,000,000 mark so near that a big crop will now make it any coming year.

Judge Chipman, Kentville has a two-third acre lot comprising twenty-two trees, Blenheims, which last year produced one hundred and eight-three barrels and twelve crops since the trees commenced to bear, foots up a total of 1,150 barrels.

J. A. Kinsman, Lakeville, has on one acre fifty Stark trees, from which 350 barrels were picked last season. Forty trees, Starks, set out nine years ago produced fifty-seven barrels.

One of the fruit inspectors is authority for the statement that the best barrel of Northern Spys he saw during the season were grown at Scotch Village, Hants. This is gn indication that there are good orchard lands along the section opened up at the Midland railway.

Co-operative meeting is a marked and growing feature o, the industry. The latest on this line is an organization formed by a number of farmers at Port Williams and the erection of another large warehouse at that station.

The farm at Kentville purchased by the government for an experimental orchard station, is situated at the eastern limits of the town. It is the Silas Elderkin place, at Elderkin Creek, on the road to Wolfville, and in full view of the D. A. railway. While it comprises some 375 acres, 200 of which are admirably adapted for fruit culture, there is also a large area of forest land with a great variety of forest growth, so that the property has excellent facilities for forestry, arbour culture, etc., as well as for the main object o, its establishment. Eventually these kindred subjects will be pursued with this result that the place will develop along both practical and artistic lines, becoming a thing of beauty and joy as well as utility, An object lesson and incentive towards more tasteful surroundings in our homes.

Twelve thousand barrels were grown on one mile along the road between Lakeville and Woodville.

Forty trees, Ben Davis, set out ten years since, and fifty trees, Starks, fifteen years out, grew 250 barrels and netted ten per cent on $3,600.

On the old post road between Waterville and Berwick, one finds three miles of solid orchard on both sides of the street with no breaks except the line fences. This calls to mind Joseph Howe's famous apple blossom journey through the valley, and is also an indication of coming conditions througnout this part of Nova Scotia, "Where graceful homes of prosperous men make all the landscape fair." Not to say anything about the barrels of money which the fruit grower has in prospect.—Halifax Herald.

The beginning of construction work on a $75,000 church at Philadelphia, built from a fund which was started by sixty-seven cents, given twelve years ago by a little girl on her death bed, illustrates once more the power of the small gift.

PURIFIED HIS BLOOD

Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills Healed Mr. Wilson's Sores

When the sewers of the body—bowels, kidneys and skin ducts—get clogged up, the blood quickly becomes impure and frequently sores break out over the body. The way to heal them, as Mr. Richard Wilson, who lives near London, Ont., found, is to purify the blood. He writes:

"For some time I had been in a low, depressed condition. My appetite left me and I soon began to suffer from indigestion. Quite a number of small sores and blotches formed all over my skin. I tried medicine for the blood and used many kinds of ointments, but without satisfactory results. What was wanted was a thorough cleansing of the blood, and I looked about in vain for some medicine that would accomplish this.

At last Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills were brought to my notice, and they are one of the most wonderful medicines I have ever known. My blood was purified in a very short time, sores healed up, my indigestion vanished. They always have a place in my home and are looked upon as the family remedy."

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A PRINCE FOR CANADA.

C. Frederick Hamilton Argues For the Affirmative.

"A British nobleman is selected as Governor-General by the Cabinet of the United Kingdom; presumably he is a political friend of the party in power. He assuredly has been a party man at home, and his whole training up to the moment of his appointment has been as a partisan. He suddenly is charged with a monarch's duties; he becomes our local King, minus the affectionate loyalty, which is properly reserved for the King in London. But monarchy is a trade in itself,—from the power of recollecting names and faces which is said to be a royal quality, to that poise of the mind which regards no political parties with undue favor or resentment; it is a life training. It is a trade which is difficult enough with the aid of all the advantages which are denied to our Governor-General. It is only fair to expect our Governor-General to take some months at least to get into the necessary frame of mind to which royalty is trained from infancy. As soon as he has learned his trade, as soon as he has forgotten that he ever was a partisan as soon as he has begun to accumulate the experience which is a monarch's special personal qualification, we wisk him off, we erect an unwritten law forbidding him again to set foot upon our shores; and we send him back to the Parliamentary arena of Great Britain, there possibly to be a partisan once more.

"Regard two things as valuable in a working resident Kingship, training, and the mental attitude which it brings; and experience. The logical results of this contention are royalty and permanence. Let us have a royal prince as Governor-General, and let it be a life appointment.

"We Canadians have pretty definitely made up our minds about our national business. We intend to make this North America of ours, at present a One-Power continent, at some time in the future a Two-Power continent. It is unlikely that we can hope to equal the United States in sheer bulk of citizenship, and it consequently is necessary to search for some countervailing advantage. The advantage which lies to our hand is the power which we possess of making ours infinitely the more interesting citizenship.

We are part of the British Empire; we have a world-wide citizenship; we have interests in Europe, in Africa, in Australasia, in Asia, and Canadians without sacrifice of allegiance, with a strengthening instead of a wrench of loyalty, can play their part in the affairs of any continent of the world. Our American cousins are in a continental ring-fence; we are free of the world and of world-politics. This advantage, already perceptible, will grow as Imperial organization marches forward, and as Canada takes an increasingly active part in the affairs of the Empire. Now, of this subtle difference in the two North American citizenships, the presence of royalty at Ottawa would be an outward and visible sign. It would impart to the texture of our national business that warm and gracious personal note which makes a monarchy an attractive method of Government, the absence of which makes a republic a cold, bare, and uninteresting method.

"Certain of our private and confidential bits of business should be expedited by the presence of royalty at our capital. Here one is dealing with matters which are jealously guarded for a couple of generations at least; but it seems within the bounds of probability to hold that a certain proportion of our public affairs, never large, always appreciable, and sometimes important, depends upon personal considerations. The subject does not lend itself to full or explicit discussion, but at least it may be said that it should be no disadvantage to Canada to have as her medium of communication with the United Kingdom a royal personage whom every British statesman would regard with thorough respect, who would be the near relative of our King and Emperor, and who would be the blood relation of nearly every European monarch. We could count upon our royal prince being more Canadian than the Canadians; his whole interest would be bound up in the growth, prosperity, dignity and glory of his principality; and as our part upon the great stage increases it should prove increasingly useful to have devoted to our service a personage of real European influence. Our views would be sure of getting to headquarters; a proportion of our frets are due to the suspicion that our representations do not reach headquarters, but are smothered on the way.

"Of ways, means and persons I have little to say. The daily press is busy now with the discussion of one august name; I am content to argue for the general principle. The question of ways and means is simplicity itself. Let a royal prince be nominated as Governor-General. On the expiry of the six-year term, if all has gone well, reappoint him. Continue the process until it seems convenient to change to a life tenure. As for title, it will be easy to leave it as it is."—C. Frederick Hamilton.

Hindu Must Go Back.

Because Nathan Rema, Hindu, did not travel from Calcutta to Vancouver on the ticket he bought in the former place, he is denied admittance to Canada and must return to start anew.

This curious point was decided the other day by the British Columbia Appeal Court, to which the Hindu applied for an order compelling the Government officials to admit him.

He admitted that at Hong Kong he changed his third-class ticket for a second-class by payment of $50. Because he did not travel continuously on one ticket he is barred.

Under the Old Flag.

What is it that makes the pulse quicken when we see the Union Jack in a foreign land? It certainly is not the hope that at some time, more or less remote, Canadian wheat may have a preference of a few cents a bushel in the markets of the United Kingdom. We all felt the same before anyone ever thought of trade preference as a factor in Empire-building

Airship Flights in Sydney This Summer

Sydney Record.—Douglas McCurdy the Baddeck aviator is in town today on business.

Mr. McCurdy intends to bring one of his flying machines to Sydney this year and make flight on Sydney harbor. He will equip his machine with two air-floats, and one wooden one, the three weighing about one hundred and twenty pounds. Mr. McCurdy expects this arrangement to be just as satisfactory as flying on the ice and it will also make alighting more easy and also lessen the chances of damaging the machine.

Mr Cassy Baldwin, Mr. McCurdy's partner, has gone to Toronto on a business trip.

DESERVE NO MERCY

No consideration should be shown for those who are guilty of dishonesty in the packing and marking of fruit. The finest should be the heaviest and every conviction should be given the widest publicity. This type of fund is so contemptible in itself and so injurious to Canada's trade and to the reputation of Canadians abroad that all means should be used to drive the offenders out of busicess.—Toronto Globe.

London, April 14—Amid a scene of intense excitement hardly paralleled since the Gladstonian Home Rule debates, the House of Commons tonight by a majority of 103, recorded its approval of Premier Asquinth's resolutions dealing with the veto power of the House of Lords, and heard the Premier's declaration of a policy for carrying them into statutory effect.

HUNDRED STOVES IN ORCHARD TO SAVE THE PEACHES.

Wooster, Ohio, April 8—Ohio's official peach crop will not be wrecked by the frost. The horticultural experts in charge of the state experiperiment station here rushed one hundred stoves into the peach orchard last night and impressed a number of agricultural students to stay up until morning and keep the fires going.

Chilly weather and a light fall of snow last night gave warning of danger to the extra choice freestones which the state is cultivating for distributing to the farmers.

Digby, N. S.,
January 2nd, 1909.

Mr. E. P. Hanson, mill owner and lumberman of Tusket, N. S., says: "For several winters past I have been carrying on a large lumber business in the New Brunswick woods. In making up our supplies we never for, get a case of Empire Liniment. We simply cannot do without it. Our men use it constantly for colds, sprains, chaps, etc., and it never fails. In the stables our teamsters say that for colic, distempers, swellings or sprains it gives results quicker than any other remedy they have ever used. Mr. Hanson further states that he does not hesitate to say that Empire Liniment leads the Liniment world for effectiveness in making cures."

HIS MAIDEN SPEECH.

Sir Gifbert Parker has given a most amusing account of his maiden speech in the House of Commons. He says: "I had been waiting the opportunity for two days to speak on the Budget, but when the instant came, although the House was more than half empty, I would gladly have run away. I have been under fire more than once in my life, but I never experienced anything like that: not because I had not something to say—I was deeply anxious to say certain things, but my throat got dry, my sight got dim, and my senses got confused.

"Then some on the opposite side made interruptions, not wholly unfriendly, and that threw me off. Next morning the newspapers treated me in a friendly way, although I believe one of the Opposition papers said I was a great disappointment.

The most noticeable feature about his second speech was the fact thae he was called to order by the Chairman of Committee five times, and then sat down on his hat!

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I see their onslaught on the shore,
their withdrawal back to the deeps
I see the calmness of the stars that
stare unswerved
Into the farthest reaches of future
realms
Filled, too, with stars that must
shine and burn till they burn out
their dross
And are but the spirits of stars that
haunt the emprean.
That are but as the memory of wonders that have played their part
and passed away.
I see the patience of the seeds that lie
waiting in the darkness of winter.
Knowing that if they will hold their
peace and rest in the beauty of
silence.
They will some day come to their
blossoming.
I see the endurance of the oak against
the wind and the driven rain;
The calm of the mountains that await
the will of the Creator.
The placidity of dawn, the sun that
hastens not, yet rises in glory when
his time is come—
All this I see, and then I look into
my own heart,
And therein the pitiful clamor, the
petty unrest.
The question and doubt and onrush
of a hundred fears.
And I cry out. O Patience. O Endurance,
Be not alone written on my heart,
But enter also into the chaos of my
soul
And bring it peace.

—By Louise Morgan Sill.

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But always fronting onward to the
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