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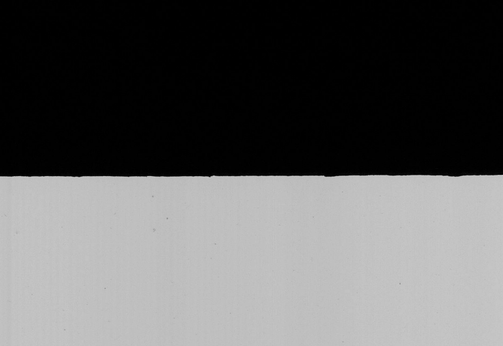

Prince Edward of Wales, photographed just as he made a jump in a recent race in which he finished third. The Prince is devoted to riding and hunting and is never happier than when on a house. He met with an accident a few days ago.

Insulin's Discoverer Praised In Home City As Race Benefactor

Dr. Frederick Grant Banting Relates Story of Achievement That Now Commands World-Wide Interest.

(Toronto Globe, Tuesday)

Toronto had its first public opportunity to do honor to Dr. Frederick Grant Banting, when he related the story of his research work in connection with insulin at yesterday's luncheon meeting of the Canadian Club. The narrator bore his honors with great modesty, giving the utmost credit to his fellow-workers in various departments of the University of Toronto and the Toronto General Hospital. The story of the research work was told in non-technical language. Dr. Banting read a leter received from a child of ten years, telling of the remarkable benefits secured from insulin treatment. This letter was typical of many others received from many quarters principally from children.

The patients of Christie street hospital, who submitted themselves to insulin treatment a year ago when the process of manufacture had not been perfected to its present point, were also given tribute by the speaker.

Honor in Home City.

Dr. Banting stood for several minutes, waiting for the cheering of 600 Canadian Club members to subside before he was able to commence his address. It was a personal tribute that has seldom been equalled in the history of the Canadian Club. The romantic story of the great medical discovery by a young doctor, who is still under thirty years of age, keenly appealed to the imagination of the audience. The fact that the discovery was one of immediate practical application for the amelioration of suffering largely accounts for the enthusiastic reception with which Dr. Banting was received.

Dr. H. J. Cody, who was Minister of Education when the first grant of $75,000 was voted to the University of Toronto, spoke briefly, praising Dr. Banting's splendid achievement. He linked the discoverer of insulin with Jenner, Pasteur, Lister and Roentgen, and other illustrious names in the field of science.

"The prophet is not without honor in his own university and in his own country," declared Dr. Cody. "We cannot pay too great a tribute to the discoverer of the treatment for diabetes."

For Good of Humanity.

Dr. Cody called attention that the research work and ultimate discovery did not bring financial rewards. He declared that it was one of the finest things in the medical profession that discoveries have been placed freely at the disposal of mankind.

"He will have the heartfelt thanks of his fellow-citizens," said Dr. Cody, "and in addition the blessings of countless thousands of children and adults who will be restored to health and strength through the use of insula. He takes his place in a great succession of scientific discoverers. Discoveries in pure science may be found almost any day to have practical application." In this connection the achievement of Prof. J. C. MacLennan, of the Physics Department of the University of Toronto, was mentioned as a valuable piece of work that will probably find practical application.

Brilliant Hypothesis.

Dr. Banting's discovery was due first of all to a brilliant hypothesis, stated Dr. Cody. This was the idea of isolating the internal secretion of the pancreas. To carry this idea to achievement, the unselfish co-operation of others was involved. Other discoveries in pure science were utilized. This constituted the strongest argument for the spending of money by public bodies for scientific research, the speaker declared. He advocated that the grant be increased from $75,000 to $150,000 so that the University of Toronto might be enabled to promote special research work to better advantage. Life membership in the Canadian Club was extended to Dr. Banting, amid prolonged applause from all parts of the crowded room.

Dr. Banting's address was preceded by a brief speech by C. H. Best, a co-worker in the research work. The principal speaker of the meeting referred to the history of diabetes dating back to the first century. The symptoms of the disease were chiefly outlined in the sixth century. The pancreas of a dog was partially removed by a scientist, and somewhat later the entire pancreas was removed, definitely establishing the cause of the disease. It is due to failure on the part of the body to burn carbo-hydrates, (sugar), and this is caused by a lack of the secreation of the pancreas.

Dr. Banting gave a brief outline of the work started in May, 1921, at the Connaught Laboratories of the University of Toronto. He referred to the numerous letters of patients who had been benefited by the use of insulin, which is the product of the insular cells of the pancreas. It seemed to him that insulin would be of particular use to children. It would take five or six years, he admitted, to discover definitely whether the insulin treatment will be permanently successful in curing diabetes in its advanced stages. Regulation of the diet would always have a place in the treatment of the disease, he declared.

Praise for Co-Workers.

It means a great deal to the medical profession to have something specific to do for a disease," said Dr. Banting. He paid high tribute to the work of his co-workers in the University and Toronto General Hospital, as well as to the sympathetic interest of the Boards of Governors and Presidents of both institutions.

"There is no reason why these problems cannot be attacked, and the work carried out in our own universities," said Dr. Banting. "Science is free, but you must pay for the materials to of Toronto for the way it has placed carry on the experiments. We are very much indebted to the University its resources at our disposal."

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V. O. N. MEETING.

At a meeting of the directors of the Victorian Order of Nurses last night, a record month in bedside nursing was reported. Miss D. Coates told of 1,376 visits, 976 nursing and 370 child welfare; sixteen well baby clinics with 117 attending and six kindergarten inspections. Hon. J. G. Forbes presided. It was reported that the Carleton street home would be vacated on May 1. The second death among the babies being cared for under the free milk fund was reported in the last month. The number has now been reduced to forty-seven getting the milk.

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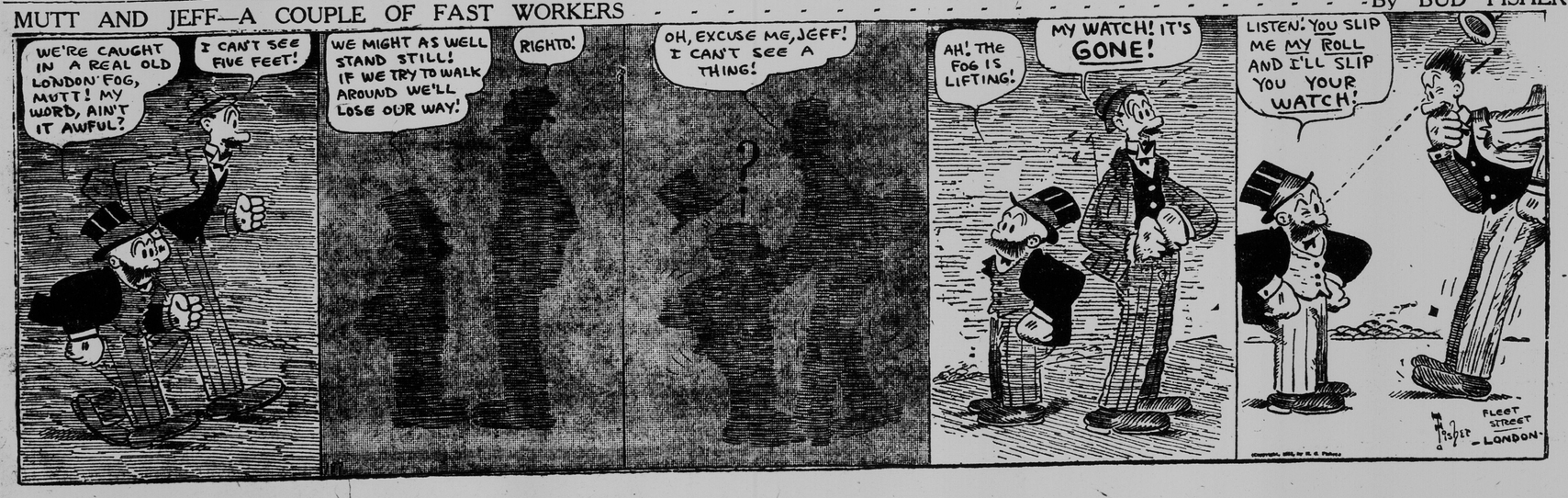
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