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"BRITISH"—A GOOD TERM

For generations Scotsmen and Irishmen and Welshmen and men of the Dominions beyond the seas have protested against the use of the term "English" where "British" was really the correct word. Scotsmen have loosened up in temper at the references to the "English" Empire, and Welshmen have been irritated when mention has been made of the "English" king when the king was really a British one and a former Prince of Wales. A speaker at the St. David's Day banquet here on Monday night suggested that soon the English might be the first and foremost in insisting upon the term British so as to avoid confusion or error. The suggestion grew out of the fact that one gentleman, believed for many years to be an Englishman, told the audience at the banquet that his mother was Welsh and he was born in Wales and so could claim to be a Welshman, while another equally well-known citizen, honestly considered here since the early days of the camp to be a New Zealander, and so more English than the English, calmly informed the gathering that he was of Scottish birth and breeding. "If this sort of thing continues," the speaker at the banquet stated, "and it appears to be happening all the time these days, it will be increasingly difficult to know when an Englishman is an Englishman, or if there are any Englishmen left. With all the Englishmen turning out to be Scotsmen and Welshmen and Cornishmen and Lancashiremen, in self protection, the Englishman will have to turn in and help preserve some name that will be all-inclusive." At present with the new King held in the hearts of all as the "Prince of Wales," it seems particularly inappropriate to refer to him as the English King. British is an embracing term that includes English, Irish, Scottish, and the races of the Dominions and colonies and outposts of the Empire. It is a proud name—"British"—and with the English anxious to maintain it to preserve their part in the Empire's name, it should soon be the only name to be used to describe the Empire and its people in general terms.

Of course, if the term British supplemented all less inclusive terms, it would be one less subject for busy letter-writers and accuracy-loving editors. But these gentlemen would soon find other perennial topics, while the British Empire would continue on its way onward and upward.

HOW'S YOUR W. P. B.?

Mining is sometimes referred to as the only industry that has prospered and progressed and expanded in Canada during the depression. There is another line of business that should be feeling the effects of greater demand, or there is no justice in the world. That other industry is the making of waste paper baskets. Never has there been so great a call for waste paper baskets. Even those who have waste paper baskets feel the need for larger and larger ones. If it needed a college education to be a waste paper basket, the problem of what to do with the youth of the land would be solved.

Once upon a time newspaper offices and politicians and other people who didn't pay their bills seemed to be the only ones needing waste paper baskets. Now, not only do the newspapers need larger baskets, or boxes where baskets seem too high hat, but half the rest of the people appear to have similar need, unless they leave half their mail on the post office corridor floor. The ordinary man gets circulars soliciting everything from patronage to espionage. Opportunities to get in on the ground floor, and invitations to go up in the air. In summer time the lawns are turned into huge waste paper baskets, but in winter, the show-er holds off until you are inside the house or office. Newspapers get all that the ordinary man gets, with hundreds of other subjects for the waste paper basket thrown in for good measure. Propaganda for this and that and the other! Much of the material should not go to the waste paper basket. It should go to the advertising columns. Neglect to include cash or advertising space order, sends the stuff, however, to the w.p.b.

There are modes or fashions or what have you! The class of waste paper basket material received at any given period is proof of the truth of the popular modern masterpiece in song about the world going "round and round." The waste paper basket material has gone round from chain letters to books of raffle tickets. These are coming by the score these days. Why the newspapers should be singled out for this particular form of racket is difficult to understand. It may be that the raffle racketeers over-estimate the simplemindedness of newspapermen and under-estimate the capacity of the newspaper waste paper baskets. There should be a law—

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Many men to-day find the difficulty of maintaining their bank balance puts their mental balance in the balance.

The Advance is in favour of a new town hall. The people of the town—the people who will have to pay for a new town hall—have voted in favour of it. But The Advance is certainly not in favour of the town buying the central public school to use for a town hall, and there is reason to believe the people who have to foot the bills would not be in favour of anything so absurd. The school building is not in any way suited for town hall quarters. It is needed for school purposes. With the lesson that should be learned from the thousands wasted on the old town hall there should surely be no further attempts to "fix up" an unsuitable building for municipal uses. When the proposal was first made that the central public school should be taken over for a town hall and a new public school built in the Bartleman townsite, The Advance made no reference to it, believing it could be meant only as extravagant humor. It is humor still and would assuredly prove extravagant, but it apparently has secured the support of some. It does not seem sensible that ratepayers should countenance any such ridiculous and costly a plan. If more room is needed for public school purposes, addition should be made to present school buildings, or a new school built. If necessary the land should be expropriated for the new school. The new school should be built on a proper site. There are plenty of proper sites available, if expropriation is kept in mind, and not the idea that the town has to accept anything that is offered and on terms that may be set by those offering the site.

All those interested in horticulture and the beautifying of the town should read the comprehensive, interesting and educative report of the annual convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association. This report, written by Cyril Read, will be found in another column of this issue of The Advance.

There is the touch of humor in the story of John Hancock, of Tory Hill, near Lindsay, walking eight miles so that he might enter jail to serve a sentence of 15 days. But the story suggests something more than humor. It indicates a deep-seated regard for law in the case of a man who had broken the law. John Hancock was found guilty of assaulting his sister's boy friend. This in itself will not be esteemed as a very vicious crime by some knowing people. Few people like their sister's boy friends. It is an odd fact that sisters who show such singular good choice in the matter of brothers should be so deplorably lax in their selection of boy friends. But so goes the world. Anyway, John Hancock was fined \$10 and costs, or fifteen days. He didn't have the money, \$10 and costs being a lot of wealth in some parts of Victoria County, and in all of Haliburton. John Hancock might break the law by setting a sister's sweetheart to his place, but he would not apparently flout the law when sentence was passed. So John Hancock, who was tried at Tory Hill, walked the seven miles to Gooderham, where the jail is situated, walked it with a policeman by his side. It reads like what some writers would call an epic of the rural life. There was one John Hancock who made fame for himself because he had the courage to put his name to a document that defied the powers of the land. This later John Hancock seems to deserve equal celebrity for something greater—he walked eight miles to give up liberty that the law might be accommodated.

Premier Okada, of Japan, was supposed to be dead, but it develops now that he is much more alive than some of those who are not his well-wishers desire. Some days ago the Japanese premier was thought to have been assassinated by some of the leaders in a species of revolution or civil upheaval in Tokio. The assassins did kill a man whom they believed to be the premier. It was the premier's son-in-law who was thus killed. The premier let the story go out that he had been murdered, and while plotters were thus deceived into believing that their plot had succeeded in its major objective, the premier was working in secrecy to circumvent all their evil plans. The details of the plot and counterplot—the premier all but three or four people believed to be dead—the clever secret work of the premier to achieve his own ends and the confusion of his enemies—these read like a story from a book on Oriental "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain."

It may be that the local radio on Monday night was whistling to keep its courage up. In any case the moral is that what the North needs in the way of radio is a government radio relay station to made radio available for the North.

Wouldn't it be embarrassing if when one of the collectors of radio licenses asks, "Why haven't you paid your radio license fee?" the patient taxpayer should respond, "Why haven't you given us radio?"

The serious accident on the T. & N. O. this week calls attention to the carefulness and skill with which the operation of railroads is carried out by all concerned to avoid accidents. Serious accidents on the T. & N. O. have been very rare. It was long the boast of the railway that no passenger had ever been killed on the railroad and few injured at any time, despite an occasional accident or wreck. In more than thirty years of operation the fatalities among railroad employees has been very small indeed, and a comparatively few of the men on the road have suffered injuries. All this argues the greatest attention to duty and the greatest care and good judgment on the part of



"My accountant

was making the most simple mistakes. It was so annoying I threatened to discharge him. Toward the end of the week he came in wearing glasses. He explained to me that he hadn't been able to see distinctly but that Mr. Curtis had prescribed new glasses and assured him that he would not be troubled further."

Good work requires good sight! Have your eyes examined!

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Timmins Delegate Gives Good Report

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The theme of the convention from the inaugural address to the adjournment was the interesting and instructing of junior members, and during this procedure a great many helpful hints were given, and one could not leave the convention without being inspired and greatly interested in this matter. I have perused copies of President O'Connor's and Secretary Carroll's reports, and these gentlemen presented their reports in a very earnest manner and one might derive a great deal of information concerning the society by a careful perusal of these reports.

The MacCallum Monument
Reference was also made by J. B. Spencer, of Ottawa, concerning a suitable monument for the great Ontario and Canadian horticulturist, Mr. MacCallum. The speaker called for \$300 to complete the beautiful sunken garden and fountain which has been erected at Mr. MacCallum's farm and which will be officially opened in June by Hon. Mackenzie King, the prime minister of Canada. The speaker hoped that a great many societies would send small contributions in order that this new Ontario beauty spot might be the joint property of the people of Ontario.

About Rock Gardens
Cleveland Morgan, of Montreal, Que., without doubt Canada's greatest rock garden enthusiast, showed a series of slides of his own rockery. He urged the starting of rock gardens and showed the wonderful possibilities of rock garden cultivation. His slides were very good, particularly so in this manner that he introduced a great many varieties, and he emphasized those of simple and easy cultivation.

Paper by Mr. Cooper, Kirkland
Probably one of the most outstanding and without doubt the best received of all the speeches of the convention was given by H. L. Cooper, of Kirkland Lake. Mr. Cooper gained great prominence for his work at Charlton. He changed the public school yard there from a veritable eyecore to a schoolyard which is now famous throughout the province. Mr. Cooper is now stationed in one of Kirkland Lake's public schools, and though the yard is composed entirely of rocks he has produced a rockery which will in time be the beauty spot of Kirkland Lake. The meeting thanked Mr. Cooper for showing what splendid results and enthusiasm could be attained from the children of the province by such a careful and tactful manner.

"Junior Members"
Mr. Trudell, of Thamesville, gave a brief address on the junior work in his district. All the school teachers in one town were made members with excellent results. The directors of the society personally lectured throughout the schools. Junior branches were

all engaged in work on the T. & N. O. Because of this there will be very genuine sympathy with the man or men responsible for the serious wreck on Monday. Railroadmen are human like other people and subject to error or mistake. There are few walks in life where people do not make mistakes daily. In most departments of work the odd mistake is not a very serious matter. In railway work it is a matter often of life or death. It is the knowledge of this that makes railwaymen so careful, so painstaking, so anxious to be absolutely right. There seems to have always been on the part of the T. & N. O. employees, from the highest to the lowest, the earnest determination not to make a mistake. The greatest care has been taken to issue the right orders and to carry out orders to the letter. There will have to be a thorough investigation to determine who was responsible for the mistake that resulted in the wreck. It may be said here and now that there are none who will feel the error so keenly and deeply as the man or men responsible for the error. Of course, the strictest measures must be taken to avoid accidents on the railways—perhaps even to penalize those responsible for any errors that may occur,

but in view of the fine record of the T. & N. O. and its employees, few thoughtful people will withhold sympathy from the man or men who through momentary lack of thought or attention shoulders the responsibility for a mistake that mars a notable record of thoughtful and earnest service.

His many newspaper friends and admirers never dreamed that a Liberal Government at Ottawa would ever send Harry Anderson to the Portsmouth penitentiary, even though he did edit The Toronto Globe.

"A Break for Tax Delinquents" is the heading on an editorial in the Sudbury Star this week. Tax delinquents may get a break, but taxpayers were broke long ago.

The Italians claim great victories over the Ethiopians. The Ethiopians deny the Italian claims. Emperor Selassie is going to the war front to take personal command in the war. If Premier Mussolini does the same, they will both be in position to make impressive announcements as to what is really happening at the Ethiopian war front.

A MESSAGE to Employers

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It is also suggested that judging contests be sponsored for younger members, similar to those held in connection with livestock fairs in order to encourage juniors in the art.

The banquet was an outstanding success. The hall was appropriately decorated in spring flowers, a gift of the Toronto Horticultural Society, and the Toronto Art Galleries graciously loaned R. P. Holmes' large collection of water colours depicting the flowers of Ontario in their native surroundings, in order to decorate the walls. The hotel management provided an excellent menu, which, with the variety of musical talent, enlightened the gathering. Many excellent speakers were present. Controller Robbins welcomed the delegates to Toronto. The Speaker of the Ontario Legislature assured the delegates of the annual provincial grant. President Occomore, President-Elect J. B. Spencer, Secretary Carroll, the mayor of Kitchener and others gave brief addresses.

Dr. Christie, Guest Speaker
The guest speaker, Dr. G. I. Christie, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, of Guelph, paid tribute to the Association, and in a very emphatic manner urged the importance of civic improvements, and in so doing referred to beauty spots throughout the province and extending as far north as Kapuskasing, stating not only their material value in the tourist trade, but as a sense of beauty, joy and satisfaction to the citizens themselves. He paid special tribute to the speech of H. L. Cooper, of Kirkland Lake, and he urged all to follow the example set in the educating of juniors. In conclusion he stated that it was every society's and every member's duty to improve and beautify our Ontario, year by year, and by this means and this means only could the success of the association be measured.

Association Given Medal
Lionel Godson presented the association with the "Canadian National Exhibition" gold medal for the association's outstanding exhibit in 1935. The meeting adjourned after a convention which will bear a permanent reflection on those present, and I feel assured that such a convention is of great importance and aid to all societies and it is most unfortunate that Timmins could not have an annual representative of delegates.

I trust that you will accept this report, and I will do all that is within my power to give fuller details or particulars pertaining to the matters under discussion.

In closing let me thank you for entrusting me in the position as delegate from Timmins.

Wishing the local society every success for the coming season, I remain, Yours Sincerely,

Cyril Read.

Popular Long Excursions on the Cent-a-Mile Basis

With the continuance of the popular cent-a-mile special bargain coach excursions to Western Canada, the Canadian railways announce special rates also in tourist sleeping cars at approximately 1 1-4 cents a mile, plus regular berth fare, and in standard and sleeping and parlour cars at approximately 1 1-2 cents a mile, plus regular berth or seat. These low rates will be available between February 28 and March 12, inclusive, with a return limit of 45 days. From Eastern Canada, round trip tickets will be good from all stations, Windsor, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Capreol, Sudbury, Cochrane and east to all stations, Port Arthur and Armstrong, and west to and including Vancouver, Prince Rupert and Victoria, B.C. The same special rates will apply from Western Canada to the east. From Port Arthur, Armstrong and west including Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Rupert, tickets will be sold to Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, Capreol, Cochrane and all points east in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Both railways again expect an equal stimulus in traffic over greater distances during this movement.