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Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CHANGE IN RULERSHIP

In the last 24 years, eight monarchs of nations containing about 500 million persons have lost their thrones. The monarchs ruled Russia, Germany, Austria-Hungary, China, Portugal, Greece, Spain and Turkey. Rulership has passed from monarchy to money power, as it did in France a century ago.—The Citizen, Ottawa.

CANADA

Tax rates, it has many times been pointed out, are not always the safest guide to the actual tax burden a community is called upon to bear. A more accurate indication of the true tax rate is the assessment levels.

A bulletin issued last year by the Citizens' Research Institute of Canada gives assessment figures and net debt figures for 17 Canadian cities for the year 1931. Worked out on a per capita basis, these figures are as follows:

City	Assess.	Net Debt
Toronto	\$1,661	\$138.19
Victoria	1,511	229.20
Windsor	1,414	184.07
Ottawa	1,250	104.93
London	1,220	109.43
Montreal	1,201	
Saint John	1,116	40.31
Vancouver	1,094	219.17
Winnipeg	1,085	75.05
Hamilton	1,002	120.94
Halifax	989	154.43
Quebec	900	173.26
Regina	872	155.11
Edmonton	840	276.00
Saskatoon	801	191.92
Calgary	789	152.21
Charlottetown	707	97.04

Average \$1,055 \$142.43
—Winnipeg Tribune.

NO NEVER IN THAT CONDITION

One of these days some enterprising pyjama firm is going to turn out suits in which the trousers and coat will be of a different color. Did you ever struggle to try to get your feet through the sleeves? —Oshawa Times.

"DRIVE SLOW"

A letter appearing in the Toronto Globe, under the signature of Mr. A. W. Baird, principal of the Renfrew Collegiate, will be read with considerable interest in Kingston, not merely because of its subject matter, but because of the fact that A. W. Baird is one of Queen's most brilliant graduates and at the present time occupies an important position in our educational world.

Mr. Baird takes issue with the Rev. C. Graham Jones of Campbellville who recently wrote to the Globe complaining of slow highway signs as "School Drive Slow." Mr. Baird points out that slow is quite correct on draws attention to the following on Page 542 of Modern English Usage, by H. W. Fowler:

"Slow, adverb. In spite of the encroachments of slowly, slow maintains itself as at least an idiomatic possibility under some conditions. Of the conditions the chief is that the adverb and not the verb should contain the real point of comparison. 'We forged slowly ahead,' where the slowness is an unessential item, with 'Sing as slow as you can,' where the slowness is all that matters.

These highway signs have bothered others besides the Rev. Mr. Jones of Campbellville, and some of us may even have the temerity to take issue with Mr. Fowler. However, as Mr. Baird points out, it is evident that those responsible for the signs have good authority for their use. We doubt, however, if they were aware of this fact.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

THE LABRADOR DOCTOR

At 69 Sir Wilfred Grenfell has decided that his active days in the medical missionary field are about over.

Sailing for England with Lady Grenfell, the man whose name is synonymous with Labrador admitted that he was "getting too old to drive a dog team" and must henceforth take things easy.

That does not mean, however, that Sir Wilfred will be content to retire and spend his declining years in contemplating the noble work which brought him knighthood in 1927. Sturdy, ruddy checked, a picture of health despite his strenuous life, "the Doctor" will continue to be the driving force behind the International Grenfell Association.

Only those who have been to Labrador and talked with its hardy people can appreciate the high regard in which Sir Wilfred is held. What he has done over a period of more than forty years to ameliorate conditions of life in a land where there are few pleasures and much poverty must be measured in terms of the future.

If, as Sir Wilfred believes, Labrador is developed and eventually becomes one of the important sections of the continent, it will be due in no small measure to one who placed a literal interpretation on the words of twenty centuries ago: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these My Brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

AN EDITOR ABROAD

A series of sketches written for the Vancouver Sun by Harold L. Weir, chief editorial writer of that newspaper, on his impressions of the United Kingdom and France as acquired in a short tour of those countries, has been published in the form of a 36-page pamphlet. It is a bright and interesting little publication. The style is light and

A Princess of Sweden



A new portrait study of Princess Ingrid of Sweden, regarded as one of the prettiest of European nobility, wearing the clothes and jewels which she wears on court occasions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON VIII—NOV. 25
The Christian Steward—Matthew 25: 14-30

GOLDEN TEXT—"Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord."
TIME—The parable of the talents was spoken on Tuesday, April 4, A.D. 30, three days before the crucifixion.
PLACE—It was spoken on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem.

"For it is as when a man going into another country called his own servants." Our Lord, as he well knew, was about to leave this world for another country returning to the heavens from which he had come. "And delivered unto them his goods." His goods the talents did not become theirs just because they were entrusted to them. Yet how often do men regard abilities and goods as their own just because the Lord of all has placed them in their hands, to use for him during the few short years of life.

"And unto one he gave five talents. The talent was not a coin, but a certain weight of gold or silver varying according to the money standards of the times." To another two, to another one; to each according to his several ability." This parable first gave the word 'talent' to all Christian languages. "And he went on his journey." The thought of our stewardship of time, money, influence, spiritual power—should be the dominant thought in our lives.

"Straightway." Our use of our talents should begin promptly. "He that received the five talents went and traded with them, and made other five talents." He bought goods and sold them at a profit.

"In like manner he also that received the two gained other two." The man in the parable who received two talents stands where he is apt to be overlooked, between a conspicuous success and a very dramatic failure. He is the average man.

"But he that received the one went away and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money." There were no banks in those days and no safe deposit vaults.

"Now after a long time." In order that the judgement may be fair, the reckoning is not made until after a long time. "The lord of those servants cometh." No feature of our Lord's teachings is clearer than his prediction of his second coming.

"And maketh a reckoning with them." There are a few articles in our creed to which we more easily and generally assent than that which affirms that God will come to judge the world by that man whom he has appointed.

"And he that received the five talents came and brought other five talents." He had received a large sum and he had made a large profit as he should. "Saying, Lord, thou deliverest unto me five talents; lo, I have gained other five talents." He was

rightfully proud of his work and its results.

"His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant. A philosopher would ask at least a hundred words to define a great life. A poet would perhaps demand as many more and a statesman could hardly get along with a less number. But Christ takes the philosopher's hundred, the poet's hundred, the statesman's hundred drops at least 98 substitutes two words which may have been altogether absent from their reckonings, and writes a definition which is well nigh overpowering in its simplicity. 'Well done!'"

"Thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will set thee over many things." What this parable teaches so powerfully and clearly is absolute continuity of life, and absolute identity of character in this world and the next for us all. "Enter thou into the joy of thy lord." The joy of our Lord becomes for us, not the joy which he experienced but the joy which he bestowed.

"And he also that received the two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliverest unto me two talents; lo, I have gained two other talents. Probably this man was disappointed because he did not, like his fellow servant, receive five talents; but he was courageous; he made the most of what he had.

"His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord." The five talent man and the two talent man received exactly the same praise and the same reward, for their fidelity had been equal, and the praise and reward are for fidelity and not for concrete results.

"And he also that had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I know that thou art a hard man. The least scrupulous are often the most zealous in vindicting themselves.

"And I was afraid." He pretends he was afraid of losing the money if he traded with it; really he was not afraid, he was very lazy and indifferent. "And went away and hid thy talent in the earth." And that one talent which was death to hide—so said Milton: "Lo, thou hast thine own." In the literal fact the talent was restored; but not in the spiritual interpretation.

"But his lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant! The master condemns the idle servant, not because he has no money to hand in, but because of his idle, sullen and wicked disposition. "Thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I did not scatter." The master does not delude to combat the slave's false estimate of himself but convicts him out of his own mouth.

"Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the bankers." Not bankers in our sense of the term, but money-changers such as those whom Christ twice drove out of the temple. "And he that drew out of the temple, received back mingled with interest. If the servant was afraid to risk his talent in the trading, by which the other two servants doubled their

money, he might at least have employed it in this safe way.

"Take ye away therefore the talent from him and give it unto him that hath the ten talents." The minus principle in the moral world is the thing that subtracts and diminishes. The plus men in the parable were honored with public plaudits.

"For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance, but from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away." If our lack of gain is due to neglect, even what we started with shall be taken away. If we have made good use of what we started with, more will be given us, for we shall have proved our ability and earnestness to use more.

"And cast ye out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness; there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth." Outer darkness, weeping and gnashing of teeth were popular terms descriptive of the fate of the wicked in the next life.

Once Upon a Time Wife Didn't Own Her Own Hairpins

NEW YORK.—The assertion that women are forging steadily ahead "despite Hitler and all his followers," was made by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt before the Annual Women's Conference on Current Problems, sponsored by the New York Herald-Tribune.

Tracing advances in the field of women's rights from the time the first women's convention was held 86 years ago, the suffragist said that at that time a married woman did not even own her own hairpins. Now, she said, the Western hemisphere has progressed so far in this respect that "it fills one with amazement," while in the Eastern hemisphere the women of Turkey have dropped the veil and are now eligible to vote and hold office.

Hitler's order that women drop their jobs and devote their time to home duties she termed "a backward slide."

"Women have lost something," she said, "but not so much as is ordinarily supposed. If men are to hold all the jobs and thus support all women it will be necessary to institute polygamy, since, before the great losses of the war, Germany had 1,000,000 more women than men."

Concluding, she said: "If you do not like this depression, with its unfriendliness toward all things, then set your resolution, firm and strong, against the 'next war,' and let a united womanhood waste no time in lamenting stabs at the feminist movement, which can take care of itself, but stand fast and effectively against another war."

Wealthy Not Allowed To Be Movie Extras

Hollywood, Cal.—The moving picture industry is one jump ahead of the New York moneymen who object to society girls who take away their bread and butter by acting as models.

For Hollywood already has set its foot down hard on anyone with independent means becoming a movie 'extra' just for a lark.

"Any time we find society people trying to get movie jobs just for the fun of it, we cut them off our lists," Campbell MacCullough, new general manager of Central Casting Bureau said today.

Before the present motion picture NRA code was crystallized a number of girls of social prominence took minor roles in the films as a diversion. Some showed enough promise to win contracts.

Youth League Backs Australian Culture

Melbourne, Vic.—Dedicated to the protection of Australian natural treasures and resources—notably the Lyre bird and other rare species—as well as the preservation of native culture, the League of Youth has been founded. James McAtee, director of education, presided at the meeting when a constitution was adopted.

An appeal made by Ambrose Pratt in his book, "The Lore of the Lyre Bird," for the youth of Australia to band together in the interests of native flora and fauna, was influential in formation of the league. Among the aims of the league are the development of community service and of personal responsibility, the preservation of national monuments, and the encouragement of local groups to carry on these and similar objectives. The league is open to any youth over the age of 12 years.

INEXPERIENCE

"Jennie," said he, "believe it true I never loved any girl but you."
"Oh, Fred," she answered, "I'm sure of this; You make such work when you try to kiss."



Woman's World

By Mair M. Morgan

KEEPING OUT THE COLD

From Alberta we get these suggestions to combat cold winds. This housewife evidently speaks from experience.

"While still hoping that our dream houses will materialize 'some day,' probably most of us are glad indeed to have a tight roof over our heads right now. If there are a few drafts coming in from around foundations, doors and windows, surely we have enough ingenuity to stop them. Here are a few suggestions from one who has lived many years in the Canadian West.

The greatest help of all is to have the house, including any back kitchen, porches or verandas, well banked up with clean, dry earth. Mr. Man-of-the-House may think this a nuisance at a busy season, but surely not when he considers how this banking will protect the cellar, save fuel and prevent floor drafts.

It is wise not to delay in looking over the windows from the outside to make sure that the glass panes are well puttied all around. This is a pleasant job on a warm autumn day, but not so if it is left until winter sets in.

If you have no storm doors, just tack a piece of clean cotton cloth or awning over the screen door, or smaller pieces over each wire panel. You wouldn't believe the extra comfort which these improvised storm doors give! Last year we had a side door we never used anyway, so, after tacking the cotton, as above, to the screen door (with pieces of lath nailed around the edges of cotton to keep the wind from tearing it), we put a bag of coarse feathers between the inner and outer doors. What a lot of cold breezes these two little contrivances kept out!

Home-Made Stripping
Weather stripping for around imperfectly fitting door and window frames is satisfactory, and only costs a few cents. But we can, if necessary, save the few cents by cutting four-inch strips of sacking, doubling them twice lengthwise, and stitching them on the machine. This home-made stripping may easily be tacked to cover the crack. And does it work? It does.

Last winter, on a very stormy day, in a neighbor's sickroom, I noticed that the doctor had ordered a blanket hung over a drafty window. Then the room seemed so shut away from the blizzard and so safe! So, on reaching home, I sewed two brass rings to the heavy car rug, and hung it over our northwestern back door (on two nails driven into the door frame). The sudden cessation of cold wind was so welcome that I hunted up a sheet, a rug, a curtain, etc., on which to sew other brass rings (for speed and convenience) to hang over windows, etc., in cold bedrooms.

When two rooms are separated by an arch only, it is better to hang curtains, no matter how humble, between, and have one room really comfortable, than to have both rooms half chilly. I have seen quite handsome curtains, made of sacking, stenciled to match the room colors.

A neighbor declared that his storm windows on the south side paid for themselves quickly by saving fuel, on account of the extra heat caused by the sun shining through the double glass. How about clubbing together and buying at Christmas a couple of storm windows for Mother? However, if there are none, just pull the blinds down well at night, and be happy anyhow!

An old coat thrown down in front of the kitchen door does keep out a lot of draft, but poor Mother has to keep her eye on it, and see that it is put back each time the door is opened! A better way is to take, say, an old trouser leg, fold it several times, and then nail it with a lath on top to hold it firmly. Then it moves back and forth with the door.

On unusually cold nights, I find it helps to cover the cellar trap door with old rugs or sacks, thus keeping the cellar heat from escaping through the cracks. Bags of straw placed between the earth and the floor is another cellar emergency measure. Even then, where we live, it is sometimes necessary to cover the potatoes with everything we have.

Often there is a crack between the two window sashes, or on the window sill, which lets in quite a bit of cold. "Snakes" (long, narrow, homemade bags filled with sand or

sawdust), made long enough to go across the width of the window, will overcome this trouble.

If you have time to make an extra quilt or two, interlined with sheep-wool or down from ducks or geese, you will be glad of them later on. Remember that one of the secrets of keeping warm in bed is to have plenty under you as well as over. Just now a sheep's fleece can be bought for very little, so how about one for a bedside mat?

TO STIR PAINT

For best results in outside painting, do not shake the can to mix the pigment with the liquid, but pour off the liquid into a clean container, then stir the pigment in the can with a flat wide paddle, working from the bottom up. Add the liquid again, gradually, stirring the while.

CABBAGE AND SPROUTS

When you think that the common cabbage contains some of those rich vitamins which we all try to get into our family menus, it is surprising that it is not treated with more care and consideration.

More often than not, a cabbage is over-cooked and therefore inferior in flavor and indigestible and practically valueless as far as nourishment goes. The first essential is to have fresh cabbage, never a stale, wilted one. Remove the outside leaves and wash in salted water to bring out the insects.

Cut the stalk of the cabbage across to make it easier to cook, then put in boiling salted water (one tablespoon salt to 2 qts. of water), then boil quickly with the lid off until soft—no longer. Drain thoroughly before serving.

A cabbage is improved by the addition of a small nut of butter and a sprinkling of pepper on the top before it is in the vegetable dish. And do you know that a stale bread crust added to the pan will remove the cabbage smell while cooking? That's how to boil cabbage. Here are more varied ways of dressing up this valuable vegetable.

Vegetable Puree
Sprout puree makes a tasty supper snack.

Boil the sprouts as usual, with two small onions. Strain, then rub through a sieve.

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a pan, stir in a teaspoon flour and 1 cup of milk or white stock. Boil and stir until thick, add the sprout puree and stir for a few minutes. Season and serve with fried bread. Garnish with a fried chopped onion.

Supper Snack
This is an excellent way of using up a few cold cooked sprouts.

Fry some rounds of bread in dripping, then fry the sprouts and arrange on the bread.

Make a well in the centre of the sprouts, and break in an egg. Bake in a moderate oven for five minutes, until the egg is cooked. Garnish with chopped parsley or grated cheese.

Chestnuts combine excellently with sprouts. Cook the vegetables, mash them, then lightly fry them in a little butter. Add the chestnuts, boiled until nearly warm, and serve with a little warm butter.

CABBAGE AU GRATIN

Cheese adds a piquant flavor to cabbage. This dish will prove popular with the menfolk of the family.

Wash and shred a cabbage and cook in boiling, salted water until just tender, drain well and arrange in a buttered pie-dish.

Make a white sauce as follows: Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a small pan, then stir in 2½ tablespoons flour and 1 1/2 cups milk. Stir until smooth and boil and stir for two minutes, then add two tablespoons strong grated cheese, pepper and salt.

Pour the sauce over the cabbage, sprinkle with more grated cheese and a tablespoon of browned crumbs then brown in a hot oven for half an hour.

Here is just the dish to serve with a grill or cutlets.

Boil a medium sized cabbage with three or four onions until tender, drain and chop up fine. Heat a nut of dripping in a frying pan, add the chopped cabbage and onions, and fry to a golden brown. Drain and serve with a thick gravy.

The children usually like brussels sprouts, but how often are they served in perfect shape? Most often they are a squishy mass.

Remove the yellow and decayed leaves, then wash in salted water and cook in boiling salted water for from 15 to 20 minutes. Strain and serve.

MUTT AND JEFF



By BUD FISHER