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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—WATSON.

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FRENZIED FINANCE

There are some people who insist that the world is going to the dogs, and that it is not nearly so good a place as when "we were young." When we hear people talking in this manner we lend an attentive ear, but let it in one and out the other, with no stopovers for refreshments.

We read an interesting letter recently by a well-known lady of the mid-Victorian era who even in that early day loudly proclaimed that everything was rotten in the state of Denmark and that if the young folks persisted in travelling at their present rate they would assuredly land in the place where a drop of water was of inestimable value and heavy woollen underwear decidedly de trop.

We have said on numerous occasions that we still have great faith in humanity, despite the many unkind things that have been said of many of our prominent citizens in the not far distant past, but last week we had almost decided that there might perhaps be something in the pessimistic views of our calamity howlers after all.

The story we got was this: A certain party in Durham went in to one of the local stores. Here he purchased three dozen eggs. He had them charged. He took the eggs to another store in town and sold the money for them. He then took the money and bought gasoline to take his family driving on Sunday.

We cannot vouch for the truthfulness of this story, but were assured that it was so. If so, then the party in question displayed real financial ability, and with the proper training would make a good oil stock salesman. While his talents were not directed in a very good direction, still, it must be admitted that he had talents, could he be captured now and educated in the right direction.

Another case of frenzied finance was reported to us some time ago, when a local man went into one of the grocery stores and asked for a pound of butter. The butter came to fifty cents. The purchaser had no money, but was willing to give a cheque for the amount. While he was at it, he might as well make the check out for a dollar if the merchant would give him cash for the difference. The merchant was willing, but when he went to cash the cheque the next day there were "no funds".

Being in business has its disadvantages, and from the foregoing two cases it can be seen that a business man without a sense of humor is apt to find himself nursing a wrench when some of the local frenzied financiers get through with him.

THAT HISTORY LETTER

The recent uproar in the daily press over the appearance of the letters of a well-known South Grey lady to the school children of the riding, has prompted a correspondent in The Ottawa Journal to write a letter telling of the early French occupation of Canada. Of course, this letter is a satire on the recent famous epistle to the

South Greyites, and is written to show that facts, like figures, can be made to say almost anything if the writer is so inclined.

The Journal, besides publishing the letter, refers to it in its editorial column, and both the editorial and the letter are well worth reading. We give both, but in order that our readers may get the full gist of the communication we publish the editorial first. The articles follow:

In view of certain letters that have been going from Parliament Hill to the school children of South-East Grey, "Another Letter to School Children," published in an adjoining column is not without interest. For with delicate satire, which is often the best way to expose fallacies, the writer shows how given a certain set of facts, most anybody can pervert history to suit most any prejudice.

"All history," said Napoleon, "is a lie agreed to." It may not be exactly that, but those who have read history, and who have taken the trouble to subject certain histories to the too-cold-light of documentary proofs, know how it has been mixed with propaganda. The very best historians have been transgressors and the pamphleteers and propagandists and special pleaders have been worse, with the consequence that a great deal that has been written about most nations and most people is utterly unreliable.

"A little knowledge is a dangerous thing." And when such history falls into the hands of people who know little of the rules of evidence, and who combine with this deficiency a propensity for taking their facts from their prejudices, the result is always bad. Just how bad and how foolish it can be, we have just seen; and "Another Letter to School Children" delightfully emphasizes both.

Following is the letter:

Dear Boys and Girls:— Today I am going to write about what the French did in Canada a long time ago. The first Frenchmen who came were what are called militarists and capitalists, and they came to take the lands of the Indians away from them and to make a great deal of money in the fur trade. The very first one to come, Jacques Cartier, by a mean trick got an Indian chief and some little Indian boys and girls aboard his boat and carried them off to France where they all died of the gout. This made the Indians very sad, and I am sure you would not like it yourself.

Another French militarist was Samuel de Champlain who built a fort near Digby, N.S., and then went down to Cape Cod to see if he could not get some slaves to do all his work for him. The Indians struck him a lot of times, and just for that he had a lot of them killed. Just think of that, children!

Champlain then went to Ontario, and made several trips around the country looking for trouble, and one day he went down into New York State and came upon some harmless Indians called Iroquois. He got the low, sneaking Hurons he had with him to make faces at the Iroquois until they were annoyed, and then he shot down seven or eight of them and scalped and burned as many as he could catch.

The French capitalists who were greedy for furs, tempted the poor, ignorant Indians with brandy a kind of rum and the Indians got to like it and gave up their nice warm furs for this awful stuff, and went home drunk and beat their wives and children.

Dollard des Ormeaux was another dreadful militarist. He and 17 low, blood-thirsty companions made a fort at Long Sault and lay in wait for the Iroquois, who wanted to go down the Ottawa River on just a little peaceful procession to protest against the terrible conditions in the Algonquin wampum-mills. The Frenchmen shot at them with guns and killed I don't know how many.

Now all this trouble came about because the French wouldn't stay in their own country. By rights this Canada we live in should belong to the Indians who are kept cooped up like chickens on the Indian reservations. I think you should tell your father he should give his farm



Paris Fashions—No Change. Mlle. France: "Ah eet is tres jolie, M'sieu Collidge, but eet is not French." Daily Express (London, Eng.)

to some poor Indian. I went to a lovely little party the other night. We played post-office and had raspberry vinegar and seed-cake. Don't you wish you had been there?

Dr. Edwards has just sent me a lovely aspidistra and I have it beside the rubber-plant in my office and it looks simply wonderful. Now I must go and make a speech before the Canadian Historical Society, of which I have been elected an honorary member.

Your sincere friend,

ORPHELIA MAGINNIS.

NOTES & COMMENTS

The Midway Gazette complains because the weekly half-holiday for that town this summer has not yet been named. "The editor says that it had been settled 'this time last year.' The only way to settle this question, so far as we can see, is to do the same as in Durham, Bagn, Thursday afternoons will be observed as half-holidays and the only fly in the ointment this year is that some of the business men wish to eliminate the Wednesday evening open shop. It is hardly likely that this latter will be agreed to, however, and the holiday season will remain as in previous years.

We were much interested in a dispatch in Monday's dailies, telling of the burning of the Danville (Quebec) Academy, with a loss of \$40,000. This burning was where the writer spent the greater part of the first five years of his life when his father, the late editor of the Chronicle was teaching school there. The building was known as the French Academy Masson, and in the early 80's was a famous centre of education for the district surrounding Danville.

THE RHYMING OPTIMIST

The crescent moon sails down the western sky, close in her wake a tranquil silver star; around me twilight's creeping shadows lie, that seek in vain the moment's bliss to mar. For shadows whisper that the crescent moon, however fair her loved and lovely light, must sink beyond Earth's farthest rim too soon; too soon must be engulfed in deeps of night. Yet will I know the message of the moon when, like a slender shallop sailing through dim seas, to whip-poor-will's most poignant tune, she leaves the land to night-wind, stars and dew. For, ah! the crescent moon is, but a word of promise falling through the deeps of space, a promise that through all my soul has stirred since first the young moon lit my upturned face.

BARNARDO HOME BOY SENT TO DURHAM BY MISTAKE

Routed to Durham Town Instead of Durham County, Telephoning Was Necessary to Straighten Out Tangle.

W. A. Wallace, a home boy being sent out by the Barnardo Home in Toronto to a farmer in Durham County, east of Toronto, arrived in town Monday, and it took some figuring on the part of Mayor Murdoch to get the matter straightened out and the boy sent back to Toronto.

The little fellow, only eleven years of age, arrived on the noon C.N.R. and his condition of mind can be imagined when he learned that he was a couple of hundred of miles out of his course, in a strange country, and with no one to look after him.

Learning of his predicament, Mayor Murdoch saw to it that he was given a good dinner, and immediately got into touch with the Barnardo authorities in Toronto and he departed on the afternoon train for the city to resume his journey to his proper destination the next day. It was a mistake on the part of the person who bought his ticket in Toronto, as it read, "Durham, Ontario, change cars at Palmerston."

QUEEN STREET LADIES MET LAST THURSDAY

The monthly meeting of the Young Ladies' Mission Circle of the Queen Street church was held last Thursday evening in the church parlor. The meeting opened with the singing of a hymn, and afterwards the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The scripture lesson was taken from St. Matthew 27 and was read by Mrs. Padfield. Miss Phebe Wolfe gave a very interesting talk on the fourth chapter of the Study Book, telling of the great medical need of India.

During the meeting it was carried that Mrs. A. C. Kinnee be the new president, and another motion carried that the Circle help the Ladies' Aid furnish flowers for the church.

Following the taking of the collection the meeting was dismissed with the nuptial benediction.

Kerosene on Floors

On a hardwood floor use no water, but wipe it with a cloth moistened with kerosene. Rub hard with another cloth until the wood is perfectly dry.

GOOD LECTURE CUT SHORT BY STORM

Chevrolet Publicity Meeting Had to be Called Off When Storm Struck Town Tuesday Night.

The General Motors Corporation of Oshawa, manufacturers of Chevrolet cars, of which Mr. Albert Noble is the local agent ran into hard luck Tuesday night when their illustrated lecture in the town hall was cut short by the big electric storm putting the local hydro system out of commission.

The lecture proper had been given and the interesting part, the showing of motion pictures depicting scenes in the big factory at Oshawa, was about to be run when the storm arrived. With the hydro off there was nothing left but to call the balance of the demonstration off.

The lecture proper had been given and proved most interesting, the company representative, Mr. P. Irwin, demonstrating the various assemblies of the Chevrolet car from the radiator to the exhaust pipe. On the table he had a cut-away motor, transmission and differential, as well as other portions of the body and car and in simple language explained the "how" of the various working parts. Of a pleasing personality and a good flow of language, as well as a thorough understanding of the various parts he was explaining, his lecture was most convincing and a revelation to those who were in attendance.

Mr. Irwin stated at the outset that the meeting would not only be the means of spreading Chevrolet propaganda, but would give the public an insight into the motor industry as a whole. It was too bad that the storm forced the closing of the meeting, as the most interesting part was to come—the factory scenes, and the close-up view and explanation of the various parts to those who were interested.

Accompanying Mr. Irwin was E. F. Thompson, the District Representative of the company.

During the meeting, numbered tickets were given out which the recipients were required to sign and return. Three of these were drawn from a hat and three prizes awarded. The prizes were an inner tube, a rear view mirror and a radiator cap. These were won by Wallace Thompson, George Pedlar and Eric Clark.

He Was Curious

She: "My father gives me a dollar every birthday. I now have 18." He: "How much does he still owe you?"

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected April 21, 1927

Table with market prices for Live hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Mixed Grain, Hay, Potatoes, Butter, Eggs, Chickens.

Fresh Groceries



What you want, when you want it is the keynote of our service. We have a complete stock of fresh groceries. Fresh groceries is a part of our service. Phone us, if you wish, and we will send you any groceries you ask for. Come in and see just what you want.

Fancy Biscuit Special Our full line of Fancy Biscuits at special price, per lb. 30c.

Specials For This Week:

Table with special prices for 4 lb. tin Apple and Strawberry Jam, 4 lb. tin Plum Jam, 2 1/2 lb. tin Tomatoes, Flaked Cod Fish, Finan Haddie, Sliced Pineapple, Ivory Soap Flakes, Post Toasties, Corn Flakes.

We have a full line of Ferry's and Rennie's Garden Seeds, all fresh stock. J. & W. McLachlan The Quality Grocers Durham, Ont.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gustine spent over the week-end the guest of Mrs. N. McKee other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ross family spent the holiday at Embro.

Miss Mildred Stonehouse, Jessie McGee, both of whom spent the Easter holiday at aunt, Mrs. James Hodgson.

Mr. Harry Whitby of Bank staff visited at Paris over the week-end.

Mrs. James Lavelle, morning for Cleveland, visit her sister, Mrs. who was to undergo operation this week.

Miss Margaret Macdonald has been in Toronto since of her mother, the late Macdonald, is visiting around town for a few days.

Miss Mary Targallo, Easter week in Quebec, Saska, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. J. Wilson and others in town.

Mrs. C. Upham of visited with her mother, Whelan, for a few days.

Dr. C. E. Wolfe of Toronto home for the holiday.

Mrs. Peter Reed, and Miss Jessie Reed, visited and Mrs. W. Johnson at over Easter, being for an extension of French work.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer in unison after which Mrs. Stonehouse served tea and a pleasant hour was spent.

Mrs. Ed Kearney was in Harrison, visiting his sisters, over Easter.

Miss Clara Alton is spending holidays with her parents, Mrs. R. Alton, here.

Miss Edna and Mr. Rowland of the Western University, are home for the holiday.

Mr. Albert Kress is home Western University at Long the holiday season.

Mrs. R. M. Spurling and are visiting her relatives in town.

Miss A. G. MacRae, spent the Easter holiday in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. O' family of Goderich visited friends and relatives on Sunday.

Mr. John Whittaker and Miss Irene, of Toronto, were in town over the week-end.

Mr. Harold Sharpe was in Toronto with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker, son daughter Margaret, and Mr. G. G. G. of Toronto, are in town over the holiday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. G. spent from Friday to Sunday their homes in Meaford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Schombert visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. G. G. over Easter Sunday.

Mr. Harold Mountain of Western University, London, is in the holidays, visiting his Mr. and Mrs. Thomas MacBentick.

Mr. Fred Kelsey is in Caledonia for the holidays his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey.

Miss Bertha Milne of visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milne, during the Easter week.

Mrs. Wm. Burnett returned on Monday after visiting in Detroit, Windsor and Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Ed. Stoburne visited for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. town, and with Mr. and Mrs. Edwards in Glouch.

Miss Grace Baird accompanied Mrs. J. A. Rowland on an Easter visit to her Mr. L. W. Kohl, B. A. University, Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rowland in town Tuesday night and the summer at his home.

Mr. Head, Macdonald, born in Owen Sound, a month or so is in town here, and is being with his sister Margaret, and Mr. C. MacKenzie of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. of Toronto were Easter Rev. and Mrs. B. D. A. Master Alister Smith accompanied Miss Bertha her home here and spent holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Milne and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. D. A., and daughters, M. and Kathleen, of Keady, day visitors with Mr. and Morrison.

Mrs. John Galbreath was the guest of Mr. and Morrison over the week-end.

Miss M. Boston of visited with Mr. and Duffield for a couple of week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas children of Bayview Sunday at the home here.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwards Toronto visited the day in town over the week-end.

Master Jack and Pettigrew of Hamilton, with their grandparents, Morton.

Mrs. Thomas Davis is here.

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