

Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

THE ART OF LISTENING

The art of listening, like the art of thinking, is an achievement. It is not everybody that can listen carefully, and learn thereby. Perhaps it is because few people can converse well enough to hold the average person's attention. There is something to that.

There may be times when one, amongst a crowd of people talking like blue streaks, remains silent. The silent one might be termed a quiet fellow. He may be quiet, yet be a good listener. Engage this quiet person in conversation and it might be surprising how much he knows.

The Chinese may not have a word for it, but the saying that it is better to have two ears and one mouth can be credited to them. Ancient Chinese sages said a mouthful when they uttered that remark—Regina Leader-Post.

PRaise FOR CUSTOMS OFFICIALS

Speaking with knowledge of conditions at Portal the News desires to state that the customs officials, both Canadian and American, at that point are the personification of courtesy and kindness to travellers.

They are not only thoughtful of the feelings of tourists, but are veritable mines of information when it comes to answering the thousand and one questions which are shot at them from every angle as they carry out their duties at the border.

There is no special reason why the officials at North and South Portal should differ materially from those at other points, and the News is much inclined to think that if a tourist, crossing the border, is at all reasonable, his troubles will be infinitesimal.—Medicine Hat News.

NO CODDLING WANTED.

There is no disposition among the general public of Canada to mollify the criminal or to waste any sentiment on public enemies—to borrow our neighbor's criminal nomenclature—whose methods of disturbing the peace are of the most violent kind. The gun-toter who holds up a citizen and demands his money or his life deserves the extreme penalty of the law. Kidnapping should be regarded as a capital offense—a few lashes before the noose.—Victoria Times.

STENOGRAPHERS JOIN UP

Two textbooks on evolution, originally listed by the Fort Worth, Tex., Board of Education as approved books have now been stricken from the list with the explanation that they were included through a "stenographer's error." Thus the stenographers join the Great Army of Goats, which is headed by the newspaper reporters who are forever "misquoting" public speakers.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

RULES USELESS UNLESS OBSERVED.

The statement by an eminent British statesman to the effect that he knew of no act of parliament through which he could not drive a coach and six, illustrates the weakness of formulating rules for human conduct provided that there is a determination not to be guided by those rules.—Fort William Times-Journal.

BEGIN TO NEED 'EM

September is presumably the month when the midwest gentlemen begin trying to recall where they hung up their trousers.—Regia Leader-Post.

THE BARRS GOOD FARMERS

In a year when most farmers are realizing only partial crops the achievement of John Barr of Pakenham in raising 3,200 bushels of grain and 75 tons of alfalfa, all off 110 acres, is amazing. The land is black clay and the excellent results obtained were due to proper drainage. The 110 acres were sown as follows: 50 acres in barley, O.A.C. registered seed, No. 21, which yielded 2,500 bushels, averaging 50 bushels per acre; 20 acres in Marquis registered wheat which produced 700 bushels and the remainder in alfalfa with 75 tons from the first cut and the second cut was sold standing to Mr. Leo Colton of Kincburn, who also purchased all the straw and grain.—Almonte Gazette.

BILLBOARD ADVERTISING

Blotting out a beautiful view is a misdemeanor as harmful to the public interest as many others which arouse a good deal more public indignation.

The reason we do not yet feel that way about it in Canada is because we have not yet made the protection of beauty a sort of passion as they have in England. But the time will come, if it is not already here, when we shall regret the day when we allowed marring objects on the landscape. Besides, the beautiful outdoors is not the place to advertise. It is the place where people should be able to get away from commercialism.

The place to advertise is where the advertising will do most good with-

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THE EMPIRE

SENSATION IN MAYFAIR.

Lady Dalrymple-Champneys' butterfly transfer just before her left shoulder was one of the features of the week-end.

ROYAL ROMANCE.

The nation received with deepest gratification the announcement of His Majesty's approval of the betrothal of his youngest son, Prince George, to the daughter of the Duke of Kent, Princess Marina of Greece. Prince George is known to many of his father's subjects for his interest in the social welfare of the people, his keen sense of duty, his taste for letters—he is perhaps the most bookish of the younger generation of Royalty—and his interest in music, both serious and light.—London Daily Telegraph.

NEW YORK (ENG.)

Travel to the Briton, one of the charms of travel in North America is that he is liable at any time to find himself upon his own doorstep, so to speak. A Bristolian in Bristol (Pa.), or an Oxonian who finds (amid many O's) that Ohio has an Oxford too feels a kind of "hands across the sea" feeling. A suggestion has just been made that residents in similarly named towns in Britain and America should exchange greetings and visits. Americans arriving here would find familiar names less obvious than Boston or Washington. In Yorkshire there is actually a New York, and there are three Broadways in various parts of the country, all delightfully remote from the "great white way."—London Daily Mail.

How the Cup Was Won 85 Years Ago

An interesting account of how the America's cup was won in 1851 is published by the Scientific American. When the yacht America, it says, arrived in England in 1850-51 her owner, Stevens, published a challenge to sail anything for 1,000 pounds to 10,000 pounds, but he had lost so many stipulations that the challenge was not accepted. Then the Americans appeared to think they were being treated discourteously, and the Royal Yacht Squadron went out of its way to offer a cup valued at 100 pounds to be sailed for—open to all—without conditions or time allowance; course, round Isle of Wight. Now this is the cup that the Americans are pleased to call the Queen's Cup for some reason known only to themselves. Possibly the hall mark on silver in England being a crown, the Yankees assumed that this must be Her Majesty's private totem. In 1851 five Queen's cups were given, not one bearing the slightest resemblance to the Royal Yacht Squadron cup.

August 22 was the eventful day. Fifteen yachts started, ranging from the barque Brilliant, 393 tons, to the cutter Aurora at 47 tons. Only five could be termed racers or ever won a prize. The five were the Freak, Volante, Arrow, Alarm and Aurora. The start was very peculiar. The fleet went one way, the America another. "Round the Isle of Wight" in racing parlance means around the Nab, and then right away. Round the Nab went the Britishers, but the Yankee, to the amusement of the spectators and the disgust of the officials, took no notice of the distant lights, but headed straight for the corner of the island, scraped over Bembridge Ledge and then took a short line to Culver Cliff, thereby effecting a saving of eleven minutes. Off Bembridge the Freak and Volante caught up and the Freak and Volante got to windward of the America.

Then a series of disasters occurred. The Arrow grounded off Ventnor and the Alarm went to her assistance; of St. Lawrence the Freak fouled the Volante. Thus four of the five racers were out of it. Passing the Needles the America was a long way ahead, but coming up the Solent the little Aurora gained rapidly and reached Cowe eight minutes behind the America. The Aurora had sailed the Britishers claimed the cup, but the squadron people had omitted to tell the Yankees that they must round the Nab, and they saw no other way out of the difficulty but to head the cup to the first yacht in.

EMPIRE DEFENCE?

Sir Maurice Hankey, Secretary of the Cabinet and also of the Committee of Imperial Defence, left London on Friday on a journey of some months, which will take him to South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. It seems certain, however, that whatever truth there may be in these interesting and possibly significant attempts to gauge the importance of Sir Maurice Hankey's journey, his visits to the self-governing Dominions should at least prove a very useful preparation for direct conversations between the statesmen of the Empire in the coming year.

The opportunity for such conversations being provided by the ceremonies in London in connection with the silver jubilee of the King's accession.—Yorkshire Post.

"BROTHERS ALL."

An unsympathetic Mayor at Rangoon has publicly deplored this "football fever" which he finds, has even spread to the Corporation staff. If "even" in this complaint is to be interpreted as "at last" the Mayor will find that Calcutta and other towns on this side of the Bay of Bengal are decades ahead of Burma. Staffs in India have long been skilled in the



Prince George is shown motoring with Princess Marina of Greece shortly after their engagement was announced. They are shown leaving the Hotel de l'Europe. The Prince and his fiancée, Princess Marina, left from Bled for Munich, en route to London. The Royal couple were accompanied by Prince Paul of Yugoslavia, their host at his castle near Bled where the engagement was announced.

After The Betrothal

out offending people and violating amenities. That is in the newspapers.—Winnipeg Tribune.

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News of the Air

We're not at all sure whether our readers (both of them) agree with us, in that the short, short story, etc., stories we relate each week about present and past favourites of the air are interesting or not, but, yes or no, here goes another this week.

We select as our hero one of the finest singers of semi-classic songs to ever appear on the air. Franklyn Baur was holding down the Fortnightly on the Firestone half-hour, and a spot-light which was destined to glow stronger as the years passed, burning down on such names as John Charles Thomas, (in our humble estimation the finest baritone, thrilling us with his voice), and Lawrence Tibbett. Well, to get on with our tale, it seems that Harvey Firestone got connected in some way with an large benefit performance and promised to have the star of his program appear at the same Benefit Performance.

Firestone believed that it was only a question of asking Baur to settle the matter. Mr. Baur seemed to think differently about it though, demanding a thousand dollars to show himself and produce enough music to pass for two songs. Firestone could hardly believe his ears, but felt obliged to pay him. After all, he had promised to have Franklyn Baur sing.

After the H. B. P., Firestone paid Baur the money in silence. So what? Baur was never heard again on the air and Firestone program, neither was he able to hook up with any other sponsor, and as far as radio is concerned now, it is absolutely through. Which goes to show quite a few things, figure them out yourselves.—O.

Have just been listening to the new Camel half-hour and its ippay. Walter O'Keefe out Benny Benny, the Casa Loma band, outbidding most everything plus the most stupendous stupendous singing of "Man on the Flying Trapeze". The audience joining in each refrain under O'Keefe and it couldn't have been rehearsed; it was that good. This program will have all the success their last season one misstea.

Heard Hal Kempton opening at the Pennsylvania, last Monday. The more I hear his band the more convinced I am that he has the best band of them all. Listen to him play the Continental.

Eddie Stone, one of our reasons for enjoying Isham Jones, has left him to become featured vocalist with another orchestra in another spot. In the meantime, a current monthly Radio magazine features a story concerning Eddie Stone's allegiance, loyalty, devotion, etc., to Isham Jones. Oh, the bitter irony of it all. Jasper, the hemlock.

The fall-winter season of radio is on us and the big names, big programs and big what-have-yous are returning in full force. It looks like the biggest year yet for the ether waves. Speaking of the fall, we understand Roger Baker is to broadcast the World Series for Columbia. Bet Al Leary and Co. says, "See, you've gotta have pull tuh get these swell jobs, everybody knows I'm the best baseball announcer anywhere."

March of Time will be on the air by the time you read this column. Friday at 9:00 p.m., over the Columbia B. S.

The Fishman Hour every week

Street Car Fares

A correspondent, writing on the subject of the local street railway service makes the suggestion that the English system be experimented with—charging according to distance, instead of having a uniform fare, whatever the mileage covered, writes the Hamilton Spectator. He believes that many more people would use the street cars if less were asked for short rides.

In these days full value is demanded for expenditure—if it costs seven cents to travel a block or two, the money will often be saved by walking instead of riding. It does seem unreasonable to charge the same for a mile as for ten miles; it's nice for the ten-mile, but hardly fair to the one-mile.

No doubt, a uniform fare makes for simplification and is convenient for the operators. The cars have to run, anyway and it makes little difference, so long as they are not overcrowded, whether a passenger goes all the way or only a short distance. But the system is not working out profitably and the railway is in need of greater revenue. Would it not be wise, therefore, to consider the practice which has proven successful elsewhere?

True, there is a great difference between a large European metropolitan city and Hamilton, in point of population. What may pay in Europe may not pay here. Nevertheless, there may be something in this zoning idea worthy of examination. If it would attract greater patronage, it would achieve its object.

Who Told You That

The ocean liner was steaming slowly up the bay. Directly in its path drifted an old mud scow.

"Hey, down there!" bellowed an officer on the liner. "Get that old tub out of the way."

The grizzled, weather-beaten ancient on the scow looked up.

"Be you the cap'n o' that there vessel?" he asked.

"No, I'm not; but what difference does that make?"

"Waal!"—spitting contemptuously over the side—"I be cap'n o' it."

BABY BORROWS GROWN-UP IDEAS FOR HIS NURSERY

Toys Not Only Amuse Children—But Help Develop Senses of Touch, Sight and Hearing

No modern nursery is limited to pink and blue. Nowadays furniture for the baby emulates the periods and patterns that are smart in grown-up rooms and the tiniest member of the family may play and sleep in a room full of Louis XIV. designs or in a nursery done up in Early Colonial manner.

Children's play furniture was the first to be modernized with diminutive chairs and tables copied from full-sized dining suites and dolls' dresses patterned after the chest of drawers in the master bedroom. Later actual furniture for children—not just play pieces—was taken in hand. Much interior decoration thought goes into the room for the new baby.

BRIGHT ROOM.

The dressers bedspread for the crib, pillow covers, screens and rugs for the play pen may be of linen crash, appliqued with fanciful motifs, or in gay chintz or crocheted, or in room bright and cheerful. Keep the room a neutral toned rug or a washable oilcloth floor covering and decorative but useful lamps.

The little crib should have sides that pull up to keep Junior from falling out and the mattress should be comfortable, but not too soft.

There are high chairs that won't make low chairs with play board in front. At meal time the play-board is an adequate dining table for a youngster, and later, when he starts playing with small blocks, it comes in handy again.

Pithy Sidelights Of the Famous

He-awatha

One evening, when Edward Howard Griggs, well-known educator and author, was a guest at the Cambridge home of Alice Longfellow—daughter of the poet—her sister, Mrs. R. H. Dana (the former Edith Longfellow), who was present, remarked:

"I was at the publishers' this morning; and they say schoolteachers are writing in from all over the country, asking how father pronounced Hiawatha. I told them that he always called it He-awatha."

"What you did?" exclaimed sister Alice. "Why, I thought he always called it Hi-awatha."

So, teachers, take your choice! chuckles Dr. Griggs (in "The Story of an Itinerant Teacher.")

LONGFELLOW

Speaking of Longfellow reminds me of a story told by Mrs. Winthrop Chanler—sister of F. Marion Crawford, the novelist and niece of Julia Ward Howe—in her memoirs, "Roman Spring." It was towards the end of his life that Mrs. Chanler was dining with the old poet at Cambridge.

"He had great fame and many honors in his day, and accepted their decline with philosophic detachment, even amusement," she reminisces. "He told me of a couple of English globe-trotters, who brought no letter of introduction, and who had excused themselves for calling on him by saying that as there were no ruins to see in this country they had thought it would be a good idea to visit Mr. Longfellow."

A WITTY JOHNY

A famous wit was Johnny Moriarty, a giant of the Irish bar, afterward Mr. Justice Moriarty. In a will case being tried before Justice Johnson (universally known as "Wooden-headed Billy"), Moriarty sought to have the will set aside on the ground that the testator was feeble-minded when he signed it. Sergeant Sullivan (who tells the story in "The Reminiscences of an Irish K. C.")—Kings Counsel and, don't forget, he was the man who defended Sir Roger Casement in evidence for the will. It was given in evidence that the testator, when aroused on the arrival of his lawyer, and old friend, bringing the will to be signed, had indignantly inquired: "Who are you, sir, who are you, sir?"

In his Charge to the jury, Justice Johnson remarked, warmly: "When roused from slumber, the most brilliant and erudite intellects may be momentarily confused. I myself remember on one occasion being suddenly awakened and, turning to the good lady beside me, I exclaimed: "Who are you, madam, who are you?"

"You did," said Johnny Moriarty "and who was she?"

On another occasion, Justice Johnson came into court with his hand bandaged.

"My dear Johnson," exclaimed a brother judge. "What has happened to you? Nothing serious, I hope?"

"Oh, no, thank you," replied Wooden-headed Billy. "Very painful, but not serious. Merely a splinter under my finger nail."

"He's been scratching his head, audibly observed Moriarty.

A DYING DUCK

As a boy I often used to hear the expression—applied to some Dismal Jimmy—"You look like a dying duck in a thunderstorm." Now, after all these years, I have discovered the reason for the simile. It seems that ducks often become extremely restless just before a thunderstorm.

"Their skulls are very thin and they are consequently extremely sensitive to sudden changes in the atmosphere," declares E. C. Boulenger, director of the London Zoo (in "Animal Mysteries"). "Hence a 'dying duck in a thunderstorm' is a phenomenon by no means rare."

Water Pollution Law Recommended

MONTREAL.—The American Fisheries Society at the close of its sixty-fourth annual convention authorized the establishment of a new standing committee on pollution of waters, one of the principal problems studied during the convention. The president of the committee is Mr. Harry B. Hawes, of Washington, D.C. It was recommended that different states of the Union should take uniform action in providing against such pollution. Heretofore, when one state made laws punishing polluters, they were too apt to move into a neighboring state where regulations were not so strict, the result being that the country as a whole did not benefit.

Mr. H. C. White, of the Biological Board of Canada, informed his hearers that in the streams of Quebec and for existence goes on between the early and the late spawning species of brook trout. Early spawners have the advantage of early developed offspring, but many of their eggs are eaten by those that spawn later. Spawning period, he noted, is directly related to the temperature of the water in which the trout live.