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CANADA

Knew How

Despatches told of a Toronto magistrate letting a man off because the prisoner always read the magistrate's articles on trees and wild flowers. Another Toronto magistrate, the late Col. George T. Dennison, could always be moved by any old soldier who, excusing too exuberant a celebration, pleaded a battle anniversary or a reunion of old comrades.—Edmonton Journal.

The Editorial Page

For a time, in some quarters, there rose a feeling that what the people desired most in their newspapers was news, and the editorial page was a thing of minor importance. George Fort Newton, distinguished historian and editor, told the American Political Science Association recently, that this philosophy was passing and the editorial page was coming back into its own. "Today's editorials," he said, "explain, rather coerce. The editor undertakes to relate an item to its general frame of reference. He introduces an explanation and background, so that the reader, having informed himself, can make up his own mind as to what it is all about."—Halifax Chronicle.

Motoring in Australia

The cost of motoring in Australia is very much higher than in many other parts of the world. A car costing approximately £170 in Canada, would be sold in Australia at about \$400. The difference in cost is accounted for by customs duty, primage, freight, exchange, and other charges. In addition, the price of petrol is much higher, being 1d per imperial gallon. In 1914 the duty was one halfpenny per gallon for British and three-quarters of a penny for foreign. Gradually this has been increased until now the duty is 7½d per gallon.—Brandon Sun.

Pullman Porters

How the railroads began to employ colored gentlemen as porters seems "wrapped in mystery." There is no foundation for the belief that President Lincoln suggested it to George Pullman, mention of whose name may be the reason why porters are called "George." At any rate colored porters were first employed in the late seventies or early eighties. Six or seven years ago when the railroads were really prosperous the Pullman Company gave employment to 11,000 porters, chefs and waiters, but at the present time there are only about 7,000. The pay varies according to the job on the train, but the average is \$90 a month.—St. Thomas Times Journal.

Germany Arms

It has been openly stated in France that the German military strength is now three times that of France herself. This proportion is rapidly increasing in favor of Germany. She possesses an air army not only the finest of its kind technically, but an air force under control of men more thoroughly air-minded than any in the world. Like her opposite number in the Far East, Japan, Germany has expansionist aspirations; she has the means to fulfill them, and she has the will to apply those means.—London Sunday Dispatch.

Tradition of Service

King Edward is certainly not a slave to tradition, but he adheres to the tradition of service that his forebears have handed down. The world wishes him well.—Sault Star.

9.85 Cents Per Day

Major Trethewey who governs the jail of Perth County reports that during the last quarter of 1935 it cost 9.85 cents per day to feed a prisoner. That would be about 69 cents a week. So if you have a family of five you see the weekly bill for food should be about \$3.44. The report from Perth says the inmates of the jail did well on the diet; in fact we believe it was stated they thrived on it.

Bread appear to be one of the large items, and 266 pounds of meat was purchased. Other articles used were wheat products, beans, barley, rice, sugar, potatoes, onions, rice, sugar, potatoes, onions, raisins and jam.

A dietitian would say this was not a balanced diet; it leans toward starches and its carbohydrates content would be high. A person working at something where physical exertion was needed could probably burn up all the fuel provided, but one staying in jail would be apt to put on a coating of soft fat. One with a tendency toward diabetes would go down quickly under such food.

But as best all such argument is the fact that the prisoners lived and

did well on the diet, so until we have something stronger in the way of argument than we now possess we must conclude that it is possible to keep body and soul hitched together at a very modest outlay—9.85 cents per day.—Peterborough Examiner.

Exemplary Act

A Port Colborne man has paid back to his municipality all he received in relief. Having "got on his feet" again, he shows his appreciation in this way. It is such cases which makes it easier to pay taxes for relief purposes.—Chatham News.

Sensible!

There is good sense in the ruling of a Prince Edward Island county judge that a minor of nineteen is bound by a contract he signed to buy a fox—a contract he attempted to evade by pleading his legal infancy. "I am asked," said Judge Duffy, "to assist the defendant on the technical plea of infancy. If I did so I would consider that I was helping him to steal the fox from the plaintiff. This I refuse to do." This is sensible. On the precedent set by Judge Duffy perhaps the custom will be established of deciding every such case on its merits.—Ottawa Journal.

Save The Surface

"Save the surface and you save all," they tell us. So when we read that the co-eds of the University of Wisconsin use enough lipstick each year to paint four barns, all we can say is that perhaps it is the more important surface that is receiving attention.

Barns may be important to house horses and cattle and machinery and potatoes. But just think of all the romance there is wrapped up in a pair of girl's lips.

And without that romance there probably wouldn't be any use for the cattle and the potatoes before long. Perhaps even the farmers will agree to that.

By all means save both surfaces!—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Delayed News

The speed of communications between all parts of the world is one of the proud boasts of the present era. But there are some regions without direct contact with the rest of the world. For instance, the news of the earthquake in China reported to have brought death to thousands in Szechuan province, did not reach the world until a week after it occurred.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

Canada's Smoke

With women taking to the weed in more recent years, cigarette consumption has gone up materially. Last year nearly four and one-half billion cigarettes were smoked in Canada. This works out to an average of 1,250 for every man and woman of smoking age. Since there are still many of either sex who cannot bear the taste of tobacco or haven't formed the habit of puffing away at a "rag," some cigarette smokers must have greatly exceeded the 1,250 average.—Kitchener Record.

Chronic Disease

Injured Michigan couple wants to sue reckless driver whose mind, his lawyer claims, has been a blank since the accident. Only since the accident?—Guelph Mercury.

A Job for Leacock

If Stephen Leacock is serious (and we scarcely think he is)—about devoting his remaining years to the presidency of the Anti-Mosquito Association of East Simcoe, now that he has been chucked out of his job at McGill by its octogenarian governors because he has reached the age of 65, we think that, in the national interest, he might do much worse than become the head of a Dominion-wide anti-mosquito organization or, speaking more locally, the head of an Upper St. Lawrence Valley Anti-Shad Fly Association.

We understand that the mosquito control efforts undertaken in the vicinity of Orillia, a community immortalized by Leacock, have been uniformly successful. He would confer benefit upon many another Summer resort region, not excluding the Rideau lakes, if he would undertake a nation-wide tour in the interest of mosquito control.—Brockville Record.

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Reason for Royal Purple

Many people have been asking themselves during these recent days, when so much purple has been mingled with the black, why purple, a color in itself so bright is a mourning color. One has failed to find the origin of a custom so wide-spread.

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Canadian Olympic Members Pass in Review



Members of the Canadian Winter Olympic team return a Nazi salute as they pass reviewing stand in the parade opening the 1936 Winter Olympic Games at Garmisch Partenkirchen.

One can only learn that purple has always been a "Royal" color. King Edward VII, it is stated, pointed out to the authorities that all drapings should be carried out in purple rather than black at Queen Victoria's funeral.

All shades of purple are being widely worn at the moment, and will continue to be much seen. Amethyst, plum, and egg plant are three tones suggested by the British Color Council.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

World's Best Seller

I predict that Kipling's fortune will prove the greatest ever left by an author.

More than any man he had what Arnold Bennett called an estate in his books. They sold steadily all over the world for 45 years, and he never allowed his work to appear in cheap editions.

In 1929 his fortune was estimated by those who should be in a position to know at about £750,000. His "Jungle Book" alone brought him over £10,000 a year.

Nothing can be more erroneous than the idea that his poetry is no longer read. In the United States alone the sale of his various volumes of verse has averaged from 100,000 to 150,000 copies annually during the last quarter of a century.—London Evening Standard.

Pictures Life Bit Fantastic

Woman's Speaker in Winnipeg Asks for Modern Gilbert

WINNIPEG—A modern life as fantastic as a comic opera and nearly as hilarious was pictured by Mrs. Valance Patriarche in an address here.

Speaking on "This Gilbert and Sullivan World of Ours" she stated, "We sadly need a reformation of the Gilbert and Sullivan—a genius who would make this somewhat criminal world a source of innocent merriment."

After dealing with the fact that Gilbert and Sullivan opera was modelled on the pure Greek comedy written five centuries ago, and was equally pungent and democratic, she outlined some phases of modern life.

Extraordinary changes have taken place in domestic life—companionate marriage, alimony for men; children taken on visits to see what their mothers and fathers are like; three-quarters of the people being supported, submitting, and thinking the 25 per cent should be ashamed to have enough money to do the supporting.

"We make it easy for young couples to marry and have a family. We build large sewers and large hospitals, but have no money to build homes; we live in a world where everyone sings, that, too, making it more operatic," said the speaker.

She suggested scenes and lyrics for an opera dealing with tendencies of today, and finished by explaining that a writer of pure nonsense and satiric comedy would have a more difficult task now than in the time of Gilbert and Sullivan. Those writers made sober realities appear fantastic and absurd; a modern satirist must make fantastic and absurd realities appear serious and matter of fact in order to show what they really are worth.

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Farm Problems

Conducted by Professor Henry G. Bell

with the co-operation of the various departments of Ontario Agricultural College.

The business of farming is yearly becoming more and more dependent upon facts that have been gathered regarding livestock and livestock management, crop production, soil management, disease and insect control and business organization of the farming industry. Individual problems involving one or more of these, and many other phases of agriculture, engage the attention of Ontario farmers from day to day. During the winter months there is a little more time for study of the most acute problems.

Through this column farmers may secure the latest information pertaining to their difficulties. To introduce this service Professor Bell has prepared the following typical problems which should be given in order that a satisfactory answer can be made.

If answer is desired by letter enclose stamped and addressed envelope for reply. Address all inquiries to Professor Henry G. Bell, Room 421, 73 Adelaide St. W., Toronto, Ontario. J. H., Chatham.

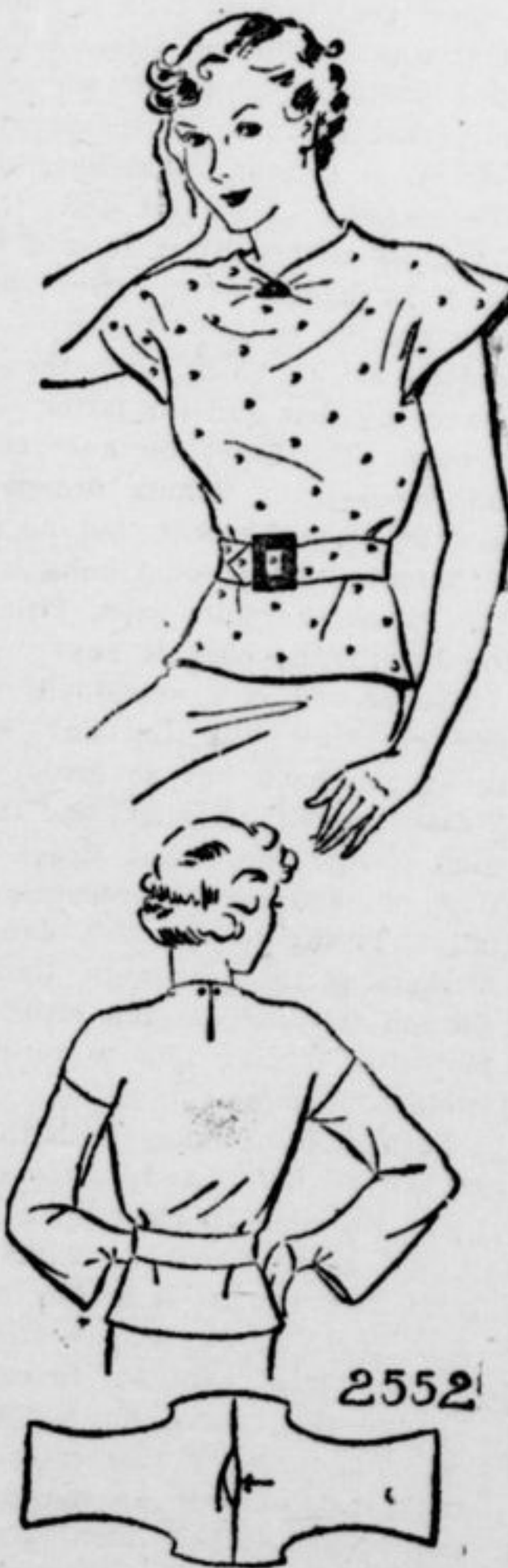
1935 by the Ontario Agricultural College with the following results:

Treatment	Yield per acre
No fertilizer	32.1 bus.
125 lbs. per acre	39.4 bus.
250 lbs. per acre	55.6 bus.

Henry G. Bell,
Dept. of Chemistry, O.A.C.

Mme. Stavisky, or Mme. Simone, as she prefers to be called, is a Cinderella in reverse. At one time the most envied woman in Paris she turns today to the chorus—appearing in the French Casino's revue in New York. Mme. Stavisky speaks English haltingly despite the fact that her early years were spent in an English school.

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Women Not Lazy Preparing Food

Miss Agnes Macphail Takes Exception to Remarks of Dr. Currelly

Miss Agnes Macphail, the woman member of Parliament from Grey-Bruce, is irate at the statement of Dr. C. T. Currelly that "women are growing so lazy they won't make the effort to cook the family meal."

The statement of the distinguished Toronto archaeologist was sweeping. "There is a tendency to neglect the cooking of vegetables because of sheer laziness," Dr. Currelly said, adding women go to the corner store to buy prepared food and that the eating of the "lazy" forms of foods increased the danger of universal dyspepsia.

"Dr. Currelly sounds as if he was suffering from a bad attack of indigestion himself," Miss Macphail responded. "Out our way most women cook two, three and even four varieties of vegetables for the midday meal in the summertime. A large salad is almost regular menu for supper. In the winter vegetables are not so numerous and come from the vegetable pit. As for women being lazy cooks! Well, I think perhaps what we had better do is to invite Dr. Currelly—who, I believe, is an archaeologist—out to our part of the country for a meal."

(Dr. Currelly made his accusation of laziness at a meeting last week of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association in Toronto. However, he corrected the statement by saying women worked just as hard now as they did in bygone days because they had less help in modern times).

Mennonites Wish to Come Back to Canada

WINNIPEG—Western Canadians sought a clue last week as to where 7,000 Mennonites from Mexico would seek new homes if they return to the Canadian west they abandoned in 1922.

So far as could be learned, no contact has been made with Mennonite colonies in Manitoba and Saskatchewan although some communication has been made with the Canadian Mennonite colonization board at Rosthern, Sask.

Disputes over education and military service led to 5,000 Mennonites selling their Canadian holdings in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and going to the Durango Valley in Mexico and another 1,500 going to Paraguay in South America.

They quit Canada to escape the obstacles to their religion. Reports not. A high soprano voice may be wanted to leave Mexico and return to the Dominion because they were opposed to the socialist educational program of the Mexican government.

Welcomes Return Of Spelling Bee

Commenting on the revival of the Old Fashioned Spelling Bee, Stephen Leacock, Professor of Economics at McGill University in a letter to The Montreal Star: "I am glad that we are to have the Old Spelling Bee back with us. It used to play a great part in the lives of the plain people of Canada and the United States. Before radio was and before moving pictures were, in the days of the 'Little Old Schoolhouse,' the Spelling Bee had its honored place. It represented that combination of amusement and intellectual dear to a progressive people. The people on this continent could always read and tattered Spelling Books to the Frontier cabins. The book moved west. 'True progress,' as my epigrammatic friend, Sir Andrew Macphail, would say, 'is best achieved by putting the cart before the horse.'

"All our great men on this continent, our Abraham Lincolns and our John A. Macdonalds, achieved their first triumphs in a spelling Bee. As a matter of fact, I was pretty good at it myself, my supreme feat of spelling 'harass,' 'arras' and 'embarrass' at school (Section No. 3, Township of Georgia, A.D. 1878) put a laurel wreath on my head which I am still prepared to defend. I congratulate The Star on reviving this good old institution."

"Oo's Ickie Mousie Mousie Are You" Injures Infants

CHICAGO—Baby talk came in for some hard words recently. Parents who indulge in it, when talking to baby, drew a frown from Dr. Frederick W. Brown of Floral Park, N.Y., who told the American speech correction's annual convention that this means trouble.

"Poor comprehension in children of the seventh and eighth grades has been traced to the fact that they were baby talkers in infancy," he said.

"To encourage it, or induce children in it, will retard and may impair his general learning."

At The Olympics

The Canadian public must be weary of the sort of thing that has been coming over the cables about the activities of Canada's hockeyists at the Olympics, remarks the Ottawa Journal. In the first place there was a lot that smacked of childishness if not hypocrisy, in the roar set up by our representatives because England was using two players recruited from Canada. That, apparently—the practice of importing "amateurs" from other countries—is a practice reserved for our "amateur" football teams. Then there was the wholly ridiculous spectacle of the managers of the Canadian team taking part in an international contest while not troubling to find out what the rules of the contest were, subsequently waiting loudly because they became victims of their own ignorance. The whole business, to say the least, is a bit humiliating.

Finally there was the rather unpleasant picture of the spokesman for Canada—he seems to be a particularly talkative fellow—elling like a corner-lot urchin that England had no business defeating Canada, the Canadian team being much better. It was all due, he said, to England's goalkeeper. Well, we have always understood that a goalkeeper was a pretty important part of a hockey team; that he was the fellow who, for the most part, kept the goals out. Moreover, if this English team was so inferior, how did it come to score two goals?

What the whole business suggests, we think, in that in the future when sending teams to Olympic games—providing we go on sending them—we should exercise some caution about those we send to manage them. It might be a good idea, for example, to send sportsmen—and gentlemen.

Dramatic Coach Thinks Voice Most Distinctive Asset

Pleasant Quality and Unaffected Speech Helps You Through Life

"Soprano, mezzo or contralto—you were born with your individual voice and to attempt to change its quality and natural timbre is a mistake indeed," says a dramatic coach. "You may injure your speaking apparatus disastrously and permanently."

"A good many girls think that the rule about speaking softly means to speak in low throaty tones. It does not. A high soprano voice may be as soft and well modulated as a normal low one.

"No woman should try to force her voice below its natural pitch. She may think this produces an interesting result, but her listeners think only that she is hoarse and that her vocal chords give out rasping, grating tones whenever she opens her mouth.

"On the other hand, good speech is entirely up to the individual. Even education is no guarantee of correct and pleasant diction. It is the personal duty of every person to learn how to pronounce words correctly with more dependence upon the personality and to realize that pleasant voice quality and unaffected speech than on many things often considered paramount.

"For instance, every girl at the party may have her hair fixed exactly like yours. A dozen girls may be wearing white gowns very much like your own. There may be a marked similarity in cosmetic makeup. However, one thing no other woman at the party possibly can have is a voice just like yours. Our voices and our speech are our very own. We should guard, improve and treasure them.

There is a correct way and a wrong way to pronounce each word in the English language. Every woman who cares about the appearance she makes should learn the right way.

Alberta Premier Opposed to Married Women Teachers

Wants Expectant Mothers To Be Dismissed from Their Positions

EDMONTON.—Alberta's Premier Aberhart is opposed to married women as school teachers, and his Social Credit Government is seeking ways and means of dismissing expectant mothers from teaching positions.

A delegation from the Alberta Cabinet recently discussed means of dismissing teachers expecting a child, or suspending them until after motherhood. The trustees explained that under the present system of contracts, they cannot force teachers to leave their positions, even temporarily, by reason of approaching maternity.

"There is no reason why married women should be employed as teachers anyway, with so many men and unmarried women seriously in need of positions," Mr. Aberhart told the delegates.

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Thirty P.C Shipped Higher

OTTAWA The United Kingdom has an increase of over the year, according to Minister of W. D. Euler.

Last month's 682,840, as of January, 1935, 55,971,894 or 8

Exports to showed a slight increase over the last year, at or almost 15 per

The ministry never regarded answer to criteria trade pact with Canada would be to trade with it. It would be to have increased rate than those

"Our exports are about 8 per cent to all countries," and the gain is a sign of the effectiveness of the program

total exports in 538,000 which was over the year ago.

"This sharp decline in exports is due to the fact that the value of exports is down during the month."

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Rainy days are in the offing, and the Haile Selassie's skies mean the "the way, hamper movements with plain, old-fashion ments of hailston water that makes of dry river beds streams.

Mud and rain the base of arid rain in Ethiopia ce in travelling, per anywhere else.

In Ethiopia it is "it never rains as longer it rains th the mud—and the boots in great quantities in which sink helplessly up hard-surfaced b practically non-exis

The little rains, on the way, are to travel than the which halt (except the rain between June and

During the little hard shower during every day, but after sun dispels the it becomes dry until The little rains be February and last May. Records at that the average rain jumps from half an to 1.89 inches in March, 3.42 in April (Maximum rainfall period is 12.68 in during the big rains

Even during the sudden floods from the streams from raging torrents, bridges, make for undermine banks as stock. Every water becomes a boiling creeks overflow and areas turn into swam

The swamps and a water become excellent for malarial run during the big rains soaked earth and ha make it easier for take hold.

When the big natives stay indoors possible. Those usually protected by plained grass, which around their shoulders of glorified beehives