

SQUABBLING ERECTS NATION SPITE-WALL

Writer Pleads for Better Understanding of Canada

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It does seem rather strange that there should be those hereabout who are inclined to erect again to squabble and to erect commercial "spite" walls between Canada and this country that have so much in common, in ancestry, in language, in the communications of daily life. The condition that should obtain was splendidly epitomized by Senator Dandurand of Canada in an address at Chicago some years ago.

The Senator is one of Canada's ablest men and a profound thinker who has made a place for himself among the great statesmen of the day. A sentiment expressed then may well be repeated today: "The true precept of perfect citizenship is that every man should so order his life that a portion of it be given to some work for the common good. This is the real test of public spirit and of true brotherhood. There is no other ideal which in my judgment should be common to every citizen of North America and which Europe would in vain envy us; it is that larger brotherhood which makes for peace among nations."

"I always cherished the hope that in this part of the American Continent where we are moulding the soul of two nations—vigorous and healthy—new ethics should be irrevocably established which would put to shame the rest of the world, and perhaps contribute to reform it, by simply maintaining that the code of honor which governs the individual shall obtain in our international relations; that the golden rule, revered in private life by all good citizens, shall not be set at naught by those same good citizens once they are clothed with responsibility as representatives of the nations...."

Avoid Being Irritant.

Some folks are just plain irritants. You don't know why it is you don't like them. But you surely don't like them. By word and deed they get under your skin and you feel mean at being so touchy. But it can't be helped—they irritate. Do your best to get beyond the irritation stage. You can put up with a lot when you train yourself to it. In the end you may find that part of the irritation belongs to yourself. Come on. Be a sport. Buck up.—Grit.

GOOD CREDIT IS NOT ACCIDENT; SAYS WARD

Charles W. Ward Points Out Thrift Lesson

BY CHARLES W. WARD

Good credit is not an accident. It is an indication of a healthy mind and a strong character. Bad credit is not often an accident. Usually it is a symptom of an internal malady. As in the case of some other disease, the patient always expects to get well as soon as the weather changes or some other external circumstance has righted itself.

Slow pay tends to develop into poor pay very quickly and the latter is a chronic and almost incurable disease as is indisputably proven by the records of any credit bureau. It is a kind of auto-intoxication that saps the vitality of its victim and leaves him a prey to all sorts of unhappy ailments as worry, indecision, timidity and all kinds of morbid afflictions of the spirit.

The patient becomes at once a burden on society for his delinquency must be counterbalanced by an extra charge upon those who pay promptly.

Only a change of mind and a heroic change of habit can affect a cure. With every improvement of financial circumstances the patient will find an even greater temptation to indulge in an abnormal appetite for things he cannot afford. Only a prolonged period during which all credit is withheld from the patient and he adheres strictly to a prescription in the form of a carefully prepared budget can bring about total recovery. Even then he will not be immune from later attacks of the disease but must be on his guard always.

To face frankly the fact that poor pay is an internal malady, not an external circumstance, is half the battle.

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