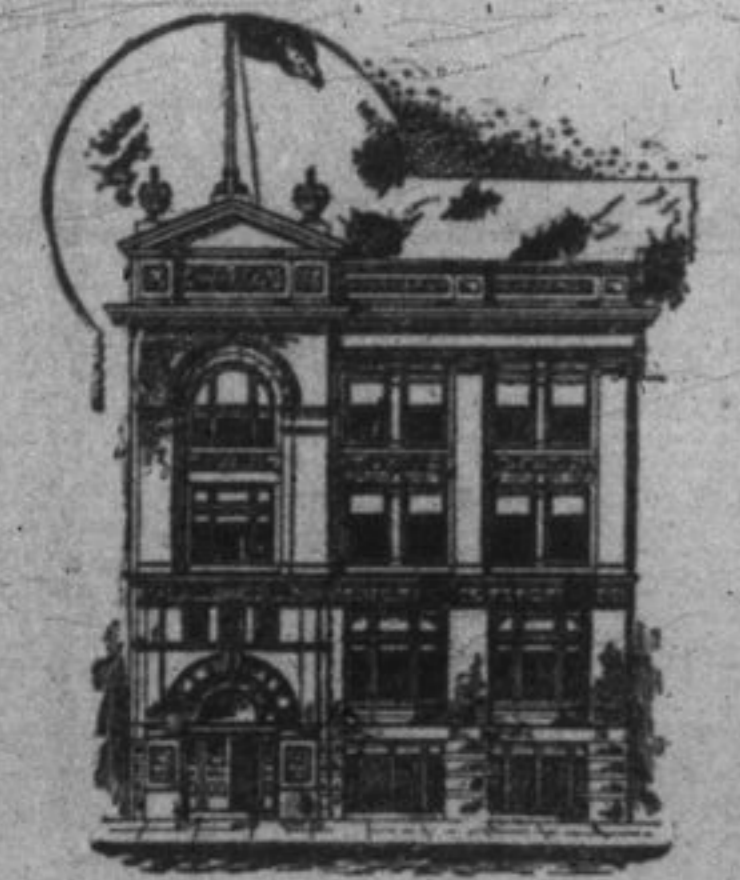


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Many people are now observing Lent by giving up things they do not want to do anyway.

The only banks in Canada that are not making money for their owners are the snow banks.

"Food Hoarders to be Prosecuted," announces a newspaper headline. Man never is, but always to be, blessed.

No coroner's jury ever yet found that a man had been killed with kindness, or that a woman had died of a broken heart.—Bellville Intelligence.

The progeny of a single fly during the summer, says the London Lancet, often amounts to 1,427,694. Supposing this "single" fly got married, what then?

The best way to deal with Bolshevik Russia would seem to be to leave it entirely alone, and thus force it to a showdown of what its system of government can accomplish.

"Rowell's Ready Relief and Drury's Dry Drops are not specifics for the flu," said Sir John Willison in excusing the feebleness of his voice when replying to the toast to the dominion at the reunion of Upper Canada Old Boys.

Attorney-General Raney is being opposed in East Wellington by a fighting Canadian farmer. Col. Pritchard is also a resident in the constituency, while Mr. Raney is an outsider. These facts are said to endanger the chances of election of the government's candidate.

Though all the winds of doctrine were let loose to play upon the earth, so truth be in the field, we do not gloriously, by licensing and prohibiting, to misdo her strength. Let her and falsehood grapple; who ever knew Truth put to the worse in a free and open encounter.—Milton.

All the criticism against the unsavory Hearst publication would be avoided if Canadians refused to read them. Meantime a weekly is being published in Toronto which is about as bad as anything Hearst ever produced. A decent Canadian would be ashamed to be caught with any of these publications in his possession.

School examiners have requested the government to increase their daily allowance from \$8.40 to \$12 or \$15. It is to be regretted that the teaching profession should join the ranks of those who demand "all the traffic will bear." The Whig, which has in and out of season supported the teachers' requests for better salaries, is not in sympathy with this new demand. The educational department at Toronto might far better increase the salaries of the teachers in the rural schools.

The provincial secretary is bringing over a hundred or so Scottish girls to serve as probationer nurses in Ontario hospitals, because, he says, he cannot secure enough Canadian nurses to meet the growing demand. Canadian girls, who wish to enter the nursing profession, are flocking in thousands to United States hospitals. Their loyalty to Canada is not as strong as their desire to take advantage of the extra remuneration afforded elsewhere. If Canadian hospitals can offer better inducements to Canadian girls, and

thus keep them at home, they should lose no time in doing so.

OUR "GOLDEN SMILE" TO GO. Traditions are upset about as frequently as automobiles in these days. The dentists are the latest to take a hand at the upset game. An academy of dental science has condemned the wearing of gold in the teeth as "unsanitary and productive of disease."

Time was—and no so long ago—when the individual, who had a gold filling could not escape the feeling that somehow he had joined a select company. To paraphrase Mr. Le Gallienne, the "quest of the golden smile" seemed quite general. When the dentist asked: "Will you have cement or gold in that tooth?" you answered promptly "Gold," and then added an "of course," just to let the slave of the buzz wheel know that he had no ordinary patient in the chair.

It did not matter that at the same time we might be making swift calculations to see just how we were going to pay for such a large chunk of gold as this threatened to be—the main thing was ordering the best the dental market afforded.

Now comes the sad news that we were all wrong in ordering gold, and the dentist was all wrong in putting it in. Truly these scientific gentlemen who look after our bodily welfare are somewhat puzzling, the follow in their professional convolutions.

Meantime, the great army of those who ordered the yellow metal would like to know just what diseases the gold-filled tooth brings in its train and why—information which probably will be retailed at regular rates while the plastic cast is hardening and the patient is staring at the ceiling.

OTHER WORLDS THAN OURS.

The report of wireless messages from space, the teachings of such men as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Sir Oliver Lodge and others, have distracted the minds of many people who are otherwise sensible. It is conceivable that certain men and women, whom the war robbed of all or nearly all they held most dear, might be expected to welcome any evidence that those they loved and lost could communicate with them from the spirit world. Their minds are distraught, and they readily grasp at any measure of relief. This recent tendency toward spiritualism has, we are told, resulted in an alarming increase in insanity in Great Britain, where the cult has gained considerable headway. A few days ago a Brooklyn, N.Y., priest challenged the alleged communications which Sir Oliver Lodge has had with spirits in the other world, declaring that:

"Spiritism" is an American word, which has been coined by us and used in place of "spiritualism," and it is a black art and one of magic. Its chief purpose or element is that it has to do with evil spirits, and in spite of what its expounders might say, intelligence cannot be eliminated. So long as we have intelligence, spiritism cannot as a religion or a belief conquer the beliefs of every one.

The first recorded mention of spiritism being practiced in this country was in 1853, when the Fox sisters, of Rochester, N.Y., told how it was possible to communicate with departed spirits, and as a result of the doctrines expounded by these so-called scientists we have to-day among us over 150 churches, and in addition over 1,500 public mediums, and those who believe in it look upon it as a real religion with a real ritual.

Sir Oliver Lodge is a modern scientist and a fraud, and he is trying to create the impression that there is an upper and a lower chamber in the soul. He, like all other mediums, will sooner or later be exposed. Most of these mediums believe that Jesus Christ was an expert medium, not a divine person. And with their belief they maintain that the human soul is part of an infinite being; that upon death there is a transmigration of the soul and that it never dies. To their way of thinking, God really exists, but He is impersonal, that is to say, He is a blind force, and only those possessed with the keener sight can see Him, and, naturally, the existence of the souls of the spirits with whom they allege they hold conversation.

It may be, as the Literary Digest points out, that there is some wireless system of telegraphy between this world and the next, but no one has yet announced communication with Adam and Eve, and there are some skeptics who believe that we never will have long-distance converse with the pair responsible for all our troubles. It is a materialistic world, my masters, and the people will have to be convinced by facts before they believe in the Lodge theory of inter-stellar communication.

Minerals of Labrador to Enrich. New York, Feb. 23.—There are great possibilities for Canada in the development of the mineral resources of Labrador, Vilton Wallace, an American, who has made a number of trips to that part of the Dominion, told the members of the Canadian Club at a luncheon Saturday. He declared Labrador would be to Canada what Alaska is to the United States. Mr. Wallace described several exploration trips he had made through Labrador.

Canada-East and West

Dominion Harpings of Other Days.

Prince Edward Island Ships.

The smallest of the provinces of the Dominion, and the last to enter Confederation among the old divisions, Prince Edward Island, has long been noted for its interest in shipping. As many as one hundred sailing vessels have been built there in one year, but iron and steel have so largely replaced timber in the construction of ships now, that the industry has waned greatly. The first vessel propelled by steam to enter any port of the Island, was a tugboat named after its owner Richard Smith, manager of the Albion Mines Coal Company; the little craft was built at Pictou. On the 5th of August, 1830, the little vessel brought a party of thirty excursionists to Charlottetown—returning the same day. On the 7th of September the next year, the famous "Royal William," on her first voyage from Halifax to Quebec, called at the same port, but as the merchants of the place declined to purchase fifty shares in the company, which they had been offered conditionally, she came no more. The next May, under arrangements with the postal authorities, the "Pocahontas" began regular trips between Pictou and Charlottetown. From that time onward there was a regular shipping industry in the province. Vessels called at its ports, and some of the best craft afloat in the early days slipped down the Prince Ed-

ward Island ways to the water. The service satisfied the residents for a long time, although every winter there was a serious interruption when the straits were ice-encumbered. Finally a movement was inaugurated to have a powerful winter ferry constructed, and when this was constructed the situation of the island in the stormy periods of the winter months was much improved. Even with this ship there are occasional interruptions.

An Instrument of Government.

(Philadelphia Record) Many men of prominence in this country have felt, though they have hesitated to express their opinions in print, that the churches now so actively engaged in furthering the cause of prohibition will soon regret their course. This, in effect, is what Rabbi C. A. Rubinstein, of the Har Sinai Temple, in Baltimore, said in his sermon of a few days ago. "Every one knows," he said, "that religious institutions are the very bulwark of the law of the land, and that the church and the synagogue exist as a moral influence, not as a political agency. That is where the danger lies. The church is being turned into an arm of the government—the old phenomenon with which history is familiar, where the church and state were combined."

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Rippling Rhymes

TESTAMENTARY.

"Of course, I'll make my will," said Mike, "when I am in the mood, some day; it is a job I much dislike; it brings me visions of decay. But I'm resolved to do it soon; from that resolve there's no retreat; I'll do it ere another moon has waxed and waned, so help me Pete." Then he goes touring on the sea, to breathe some wholesome atmosphere; he winds his car around a tree; then he is placed upon a pier. Then lawyers like the Ravens fit from every quarter to his gate; they come with warrant, deed and writ, and divvy up that man's estate. The lawyers gather in the kale that may be hid in safe or till; in vain the rightful heirs may wall—the dead man failed to make a will. He is indeed a foolish skate who puts off duties such as this, for no man knoweth when his fate shall send him to the realms of bliss. At any hour a wrench may drop from some large airship overhead, and land upon your dome, kerflop, so that you line up with the dead. The wise man has his life insured, and makes his will, while strong and hale; then when he's in the clay immured, the rightful heirs will get the kale.

—WALT MASON.

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