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Summer is here, but we groan about the heat. Are we ever satisfied?

In planning your garden don't overlook egg fruit, sugar cane and milk weed.

Farmers and janitors are the real independent mortals on this hemisphere these times.

The uplifters! What have they to say about it? Seems as if we had fallen on bad times.

The grass is wonderfully green and the cattle will fatten upon it. The crops are coming along fine.

And now for house cleaning. Some ladies, with a sense of pride in their voices, say, "I'm through!"

Just now the citizens are not so much concerned about the price of coal as to where to get the coal.

Carranza is likely to find a haven in the United States, a country he flouted not so many moons ago.

The average clerk hereafter will have a splendid opportunity to work off his knowledge of arithmetic.

The snail and the clam have the call on most horrified paterfamilies—they have their own house always.

And when you come to think of it, we will have to pay the excise taxes with dollars worth only fifty cents.

The days of extravagance must end. The budget has decreed it and common sense backs up the demand.

The Washington Star remarks that the European problem consists largely in encouraging Germany's industrial talent and discouraging her militaristic impulses.

Over in the United States there has been a wonderful advance in production, but it is in the way of candidates for federal and state offices. This crop never fails until after election day.

Twenty thousand barbers in New York are on strike. Thrift may compel the residents to become Bolsheviks. Think of the whiskers that would adorn our people if the Kingston barbers were to walk out!

Everybody who has a plan to do the government on the excise dues should exploit it in the papers. The government is really anxious to know how it can be flim-flamed, and then it will devise remedies and penalties.

A Kingston symphony orchestra should not have to struggle for existence. Are there no patrons of music in Kingston who could present a thousand dollars a year to permit the orchestra doing bigger things? Should the city council not be one of the patrons?

The Farmers' Government at Toronto has imposed a big increased tax on all amusements in the province, including theatres, movie shows, dance halls, etc. This is a street hit at the towns and cities. To be consistent, the government should insist that all country dances, concerts, etc., should pay the same increased rate.

The story told from a Kingston pulpit of a retired clergyman eighty-three years of age seeking to officiate at Sunday services as supply, in order to augment his pittance of a retiring allowance to keep himself and his wife, was most pitiful. The

minister of the gospel who has served the church faithfully and well for many years deserves a more serene evening of life, but the world's riches are too unevenly divided to permit of it.

A SQUARE DEAL FOR THE MINISTRY.

At a lecture given recently at a college closing it was urged that unless the churches took more interest in their ministers it would soon be difficult to man the pulpits of Canada. This was not because the ministry was not thought of as an honorable calling, nor because the young men of Canada were not as ready to respond as they ever were to the appeal of a noble and heroic idealism.

Of course, it may be pointed out that very few ministers wish to engage in these or other quite legitimate occupations, and if they do it is not from their love of money, but from the sheer necessity of providing bread for their families.

Then again it should be remembered that the minister neither sets nor negotiates his salary, nor usually is consulted as to where he shall live. He receives an appointment or a call, and it is on other than economic grounds that he decides to accept it.

A more serious question still is how the ordinary man is going to view the office of the ministry, what respect is to be shown it, what reverence will be paid to it, what weight will be attached to the messages which are delivered by these ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

EMPIRE DAY, HURRAH!

'Tis Empire Day, 'Tis Empire Day, Hurrah! Hurrah! Our Empire's away, None can gainsay— Hurrah! Hurrah!

A colossal fact—the British Empire. It is astride this old planet. It looms up in every part of the world. Its flag, symbol of Empire, our Union Jack, is fanned by the winds of every clime, and is ceremoniously and reverently saluted by many millions of people on the 24th of May, Empire Day, the wide world o'er.

Our Empire, after passing through the fiery furnace trial and the Gethsemane of agony and suffering of the Great War, emerged not weakened but stronger, not lessened but increased. The British Empire was great before the war; it is greater still to-day. It occupies more than one-quarter of the known surface of the earth, while more than one-quarter of the estimated population of the world lives under the protection of the Union Jack.

Other empires have risen and fallen. Their glory is but a memory. They were great and magnificent. But it is an indisputable truth that of all the world's empires the greatest, mightiest and grandest is the British; and that, whether it be the Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian or Roman, they one and all pale into insignificance when compared with Our Empire.

Our Empire is the wealthiest the world has ever known. Financiers attest that for many years before the great war the foreign trade of the United States and even Germany was mostly financed by the bankers of our Empire.

It is recorded that when the war opened the people of the world owed the people of Great Britain \$20,000,000,000, a sum of \$4,000,000,000 in excess of all the gold and silver, coins and bullion, paper covered and uncovered in all the world. And though she had this huge sum loaned out, the Mother of the Empire still had a little in hand when she went forth to aid Belgium and France, for she spent \$38,000,000,000 on the war, of which \$7,325,000,000 was loaned to her Allies.

Not only in material wealth, but in every branch of science, in literature, in art, in inventive genius, and in all that makes for enlightenment and the uplift of humanity, our Empire is beyond compare.

Our Empire's defenders! The British Tommy and his comrades from the self-governing company of nations and possessions. What tongue or pen can adequately describe the heroism, the endurance, the courage, the self-sacrifice displayed by the Empire's warriors?

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Rippling Rhymes

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—WALT MASON.

that contributed to the building up of such a monument of courage, pertinacity, and enterprise. On the 24th of May all the peoples of the Empire pause in their daily round of toil and gather inspiration from the past to help in the present and the future.

To Canadians the day will be a reminder that Canada has won a pre-eminent position among the daughter nations of the Motherland, and that by the sacrifice of her treasure and the outpouring of her blood in defence of Home and Empire has attained to front rank among the nations.

The torch. Be yours to lift it high! If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.

FAMOUS QUOTATIONS AND THEIR ORIGIN

IT IS EASY TO CRITICISE. In these days of intensive politics, we hear much of "Constructive Criticism."

Francis Bacon (English 1561-1626) quotes Sir Henry Wotton as saying that "critics are like brushers of noblemen's clothes."

Samuel Taylor Coleridge (English 1772-1834) says: "Reviewers are usually people who would have been poets, historians or biographers, if they could; they have tried their talents at one or the other and failed; therefore, they turn critics."

Dierckx (English 1803-1881) says: "You know who critics are? The men who have failed in literature and art."

Laurence Sterne (English 1713-1768) says: "Of all the cants which are canted in this canting world, though the cant of hypocrites may be the worst, the cant of criticism is the most tormenting."

The New Public School LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE The Corner Stone of the Robert Meek School, corner of Bagot and Dufferin streets, will be laid on Monday, May 24th at 2.30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to be present and assist in the proceedings. JNO. MACDONALD, Sec.-Treas., Board of Education.

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