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One of the signs of normalcy is "For Rent."

One half the world doesn't know why the other half lives.

A plebiscite is not without honor unless the weaker nation wins it.

Too many people begin at the bottom by throwing rocks at the man who is on top.

The destruction of pedestrians wouldn't seem so wanton if their hides were worth anything.

An enthusiast suggests that Russia's leaders should be knighted. They are already benighted.

Perhaps man's most pitiable failure is his effort to pretend that he doesn't mind being bald.

Business may be dull, but designers of women's gowns are apparently in a fair way to make ends meet.

If you don't get what is coming to you in this world, don't be uneasy. Hell was provided for that purpose.

We can't remember that the sentimentalists ever petitioned the government to do anything for the criminal's victim.

There is gold in sea water, but the cost of extracting it is prohibitive. So the case of Germany isn't the only one.

Adam had one disadvantage. He couldn't tell Cain and Abel what a good little boy he had been at their age.

Men's styles are funny, too. But the men don't feel under obligation to take off anything when dressing for a party.

Peace treaties are usually faulty, but it doesn't matter. They are soon scrapped to make room for new models, anyway.

The man who can't borrow fifty cents in his home town can always get enthusiastic recommendations for a government job.

You may not know the name of the anonymous letter writer, but if you have any knowledge of rodents you know his species.

The knight didn't associate with common folks, you will remember. And you can't really blame Sir Loin for being exclusive.

When a great nation feels under an obligation to be its brother's keeper, it seldom lets the brother keep his natural resources.

The mental bankrupt who calls a grown boy "sonny" is the same one who pats the important citizen's shoulder and calls him "old man."

Some insects use their legs to catch prey, and the cynic observes modern styles and reflects that the insects have no monopoly of the plan.

The only freedom which deserves the name is that of pursuing our own good in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it.—John Stuart Mill.

KEEP VICTORIA DAY. The general opinions seem to be in favor of keeping the 24th of May as a holiday in preference to the 3rd of June. The days are too close to-

gether for both to be observed, and the larger centres appear to have kept to Victoria day. Our grandfathers, our fathers and most of the third generation religiously kept the 24th of May, the queen's birthday, and the fourth generation has been taught much about the good Queen, Victoria who reigned sixty-four years and was gathered to her rest honored as the most beloved sovereign the world has ever known. It is no wonder that memory carries us back to those May days of the glorious past, and that we wish to keep Victoria's memory green. In honoring Queen Victoria, we honor the throne of Great Britain and everything it stands for. King George himself prefers that Victoria day be kept instead of his own birthday, and therefore it would appear to be the proper thing for Kingston to do to fall into line with Toronto and the other cities in observing the 24th of May as it did in the past.

SAFER SUMMER SPORTS. What one paper refers to cheerily as the "drowning season" is at hand. It is pleasanter, if less pointed, says the Oswego Palladium, to say that the season for enjoyment of water sports is at hand, and that every precaution should be used to render such amusements safe. Most deaths by drowning come under the head of avoidable accidents. They are the result of ignorance, carelessness or panic. All that is necessary to prevent them is proper training and common sense. Proper surveillance of small children, swimming instruction, lessons in handling boats and due observance of weather conditions will go far to reduce water casualties in any community. Neither children nor grown-ups should be frightened from the water by tales of its dangers. Rather, they should be encouraged to enjoy every sort of aquatic sport, with the fundamental idea that knowledge and common sense will be their safeguards. The giving of medals to those who save others from drowning is a fine thing. It would also be a fine thing to install a series of trophies to be given to communities where no water casualties occur during the swimming season.

WOMEN IN POLITICS FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURES. Their Powers and Their Limitations. The British North America Act of 1867 was a formal compact the terms of which had been considered and agreed upon by the several provinces to be federated and approved by the Imperial authorities before it was finally approved. "The Imperial charter," as Bourlart calls it, conferred upon the Federal Government the exclusive legislative authority over all matters respecting the public debt, regulation of trade and commerce, postal service, navigation and shipping, Indians, census and statistics and all other matters of Dominion import and significance. In Section 91 of the B.N.A. those matters are fully and explicitly set forth, while in Section 92 there is a schedule of matters which come within the jurisdiction of the Provincial Parliaments. This latter section provides that the local Legislatures may exclusively make laws in relation to municipal institutions, management and sale of public lands belonging to provinces, incorporation of companies with provincial objects, property and civil rights in the province, and generally "all matters of a merely local or private nature in the province."

PROUD OF BRITISH EMPIRE. Greatest Force Making for Liberty and Democracy. Toronto, May 28.—In an editorial on "The British Empire" the Christian Guardian, organ of the Methodist Church in Canada, says: "There are foolish theorists who think that Canada would be wise to sever all connections with the Old Land, and set up housekeeping upon her own account. But there are vastly more who prefer to develop self-government in close connection with the greatest empire the world ever knew. We are Canadians, and we are justly proud of the great empire to which we belong, which, despite all its blunders, has still been the greatest national force in the world making for liberty and democracy."

After Cape Vincent Hero. One of the seven new dormitories being built by the Carnegie Institute, of Technology, at Pittsburgh, Pa., will be called "Scobell hall," in memory of Henry J. Scobell, Cape Vincent, N.Y., who was a student of the university when he enlisted for service in the world war. The announcement will be made and a memorial tablet unveiled at the commencement exercises on June 6th.

Deposit of Pickered Fry. Cobourg, May 28.—A large number of yellow pickered fry from the government hatcheries have been deposited in the Trent River, Rice Lake and at the Kawartha Lakes.

Famous Controversies. There have been some famous con-

troversies in the past with regard to the scope of the jurisdiction of the Federal and Provincial Parliaments and the extent of their powers. It must necessarily happen that in the operation of a constitution doubts will arise as to the limits of jurisdiction of the Federal and Provincial legislatures. In 1875 a Supreme Court of Canada was created. This court has appellate powers and the governor in council may refer to this court for an opinion on any subject. In certifying their opinion this court does not give any reasons, following in this respect the practise of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council when appealed to for an opinion by the Crown. Many important questions of federal and provincial jurisdiction have been referred to the Privy Council and the Supreme Court of Canada for decision. Notable cases are the New Brunswick School case which began in 1871, the question similar in principle raised in Prince Edward Island in 1877, the famous Manitoba School case, the dispute over the Presbyterian College at Kingston, the Orange Society of New Brunswick, the Jeaults Estates Act and others.

Many Acts Disallowed. The power of disallowance of provincial acts as well as the refusal to sanction reserved bills has been freely exercised by the Governor-General-in-Council from the time of Confederation until the present day. For the most part this power has been exercised only in cases in which the provincial legislatures have passed acts which were unconstitutional or beyond their legal powers to enact. But it has sometimes been invoked in respect to legislation which was contrary to sound legal principles and therefore likely to prove injurious to the welfare of the Dominion.

No Interference. The British North America Act which sets forth so clearly and distinctly the powers of the federal and provincial governments has been called the "great charter of our constitution." It recognizes and guarantees the right of local self government to every province in the Dominion and it does not contemplate or justify any interference with the exclusive powers which it entrusts to the several legislatures except in so far as such powers transgress the bounds of provincial jurisdiction or assert a principle which is injurious to the interests of any part of the Dominion or which diminish the rights of minorities in relation to education which the respective provinces held prior to Confederation. It is this clear distinction of spheres that has solidified the bond between the various provinces and completed the work which was begun at Confederation.

There is no inferiority in provincial law as compared with Dominion law. All laws whether passed by the provincial parliaments or by the Parliament of Canada are equally binding when they have received the sanction of the Lieutenant-Governor or the Governor General and are not disallowed for the causes above specified. (To be continued.)

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When Miss Peaches was ill. She called in Dr. Walls. Then she settled his bill. By returning his calls.

Then It Happened! "I wonder if you could?" mused the Cheerful idiot. "You wonder if you could what?" asked the Wise Guy. "Why, if you woke up in the morning with fuzz on your tongue, I wonder if you could say that you feel down in the mouth?" replied the Cheerful idiot.

The World Do Move! It wasn't so long ago that silk shirts were so expensive that only laboring men could afford to wear them. But things are different now.

Advice. "Think twice," said old man Kemper. "Be careful what you say; if you don't keep your temper, it may give you away."

Paw Knows Everything. Willie-Paw, why is money called dust? "Paw—because so many people are blinded by it, my son."

Bang! We know you are tired of naval engagements, bombardments, shell shock and other big gun stuff, but we simply can't help informing you that Bombom Shotwell lives in Memphis, Tenn.

Revised Version. Dollars we should be pursuing. Brothers! Let us then be up and doing. Others!

Oh! The American who had just returned from Spain was relating his experiences. "I got a bull fight rather dangerous," asked one of his hearers. "It sure is—for the bull," replied the Traveler.

Strange! Contrary fellows some men are. 'Tis truth, I will admit. They will select a black cigar. Then want a light for it.

A Chance To Get Rich Quick. (Dalton (Ga.) Citizen) Some of these days, says Luke McLuke, a genius is going to invent a skirt that can be pulled around and worn the other way when it gets shiny in the rear. But, Luke, that does not interest us. The genius we are looking for is the one who is going to invent a pair of trousers that will work the same way.

Aw, Cheer Up! Some of our reformers fear that the old-fashioned girl is in danger of becoming extinct and they have sounded a blast against paint, powder, hair puffs, see-everything waists and see-more skirts. Why, bless their souls, Luke has been doing this for ten years, and they keep putting on more paint and taking off more clothes each year. And, at that, we believe with Prof. F. H. Giddings, who holds down the chair of sociology at Columbia University, that our moral tone is no lower than it was in the days of our mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers. A dozen states are considering legislation enforcing lower skirts and higher waists. But you cannot legislate dress reform. What is needed is legislation that will regulate the public dance, as it is shimmied, toddled and wobble to-day.

Our girls will continue to dress as they please, and the old-fashioned styles of recent years have not affected their morals. The American girl of today is more clean-minded and clean-lived than her predecessors. And she is healthier and more independent. Don't worry about her.

Favorite Quotations. T. S. McCamy was asked to name his favorite quotation. And he replied that his favorite quotation is: "What'll You Have?"

Why? Why is it that when I ask for "Double-five-nine" the cheerful phone girl will correct me and say "Five-five-nine"? And why is it that when I ask for "Five-five-nine," the patient operator will correct me and say: "Double-five-nine"?

Notice. We'd like to see Pa. Moran off to the fact that Ivery Peak lives in Memphis, Tenn.

Our Daily Special. There Are A Thousand Good Starters To Each Good Finisher.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

LOOKING FOR IT. The man who always looks for grief is sure to find the goods he seeks; or it may last for seven weeks. But when he finds his grief, he's prone to wish he'd sought for other things, and he puts up a bitter groan, while the Wise Man smiles and sings. The man who doesn't pay his bills hunts grief, and he will run it down; the course he follows always kills a fellow's standing in the town. And when he runs for county clerk, or tries to follow other plans, his creditors get in their work; and he is with the also rans. The scandal monger's hunting woe, and he is close upon its heels; some ugly tale he whispers low will reach the man with whom it deals. Then there will be a frightful scene of violence, the man beneath; and Mr. Scandalman will lean against a fence and spit out teeth. If grief's invited to your home, it's sure to come, with its vaudeville, and it will furrow your old dome, and never give you any peace. It's better far to hunt for joy, and ask it to your cheap abode; say kind things and don't annoy the other folks along the road. Be honest as the day is long and earn the kopecks in your purse; then life will be a grand, sweet song, a chorus after every verse.

—WALT MASON.

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