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Add famous last words: "Is it not enough for you?"

The long green doesn't remain with the green long.

The only nation now free of all troubles and anxieties is imagination.

God give us men. And then teach us not to waste them as cannon fodder.

One suspects at times that it is much easier to be good if you can't see good.

The plane girl may conquer the air, but the plain girl hasn't much chance with the heir.

God's prescription for mankind will cure most human ills: "Take a little wait before meals."

It won't help much to have ships carrying the Canadian flag if they have nothing else to carry.

An optimist is one who earns \$25 a week and buys \$75 suits on credit. A pessimist is the one he buys from.

The chief aids to philosophy are a calm and untroubled spirit and a nice collection of tax-free securities.

There's one advantage about a cork leg. When a mosquito presents his bill he finds nobody at home.

When the family must choose between beef steak and silk stockings for daughter, it has been soup for dinner.

Citizens of ancient Tyre frequently quarrelled at their nightly blow-outs, but they patched it up next morning.

It is rather disconcerting, but the nation that knows the least about hygiene is the one that contains the most people.

It will help some when each public square contains the gigantic figure of a crutch instead of the gigantic figure of a general.

Beer may be a medicine, but the only thing home brew will cure is the delusion that anybody can make it as well as the brewers.

When the girl tells him that he shouldn't spend so much money on her, he knows that she and her mother have decided that he will do.

News: Something out of the ordinary. Thus we find encouragement in the fact that man's meanness and not his goodness inspires headlines.

When a woman boasts that she is a resourceful husband, she means that she doesn't bother to husband her resources.

THE RAIN. The continued dry spell with the accompanying heat wave has set a lot of people thinking about the value of water.

The remedial plan proposed was Proportional Representation by which each elector is given a single transferable vote.

Paraffin is found in the native state in coal and bituminous strata. Europe's first authentic history begins in Greece about 176 B.C.

the mouth of an oriental well, worn in holes by the calloused knees of the women who came hither to draw, bear eloquent testimony to the hardship of being a drawer of water.

And perhaps the need of so many fellow men and little children who in these days are denied a plunge in the waters of the lake, or a summer outing in the wilds of nature, might stimulate those who are better circumstanced to inaugurate a fresh air fund for poor children who will otherwise not know the joy of a week or two in the country, away from the things they see every day of the year, away from an environment which at best cannot be as helpful as God's out-of-doors.

WOMEN IN POLITICS.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

We have traced in some detail in previous articles the growth of the feminist movement and reviewed its possible influence on governments and we have outlined the form of government which exists in the Dominion of Canada and the electoral machinery provided for the selection of representatives.

Still, in spite of the fact that the representatives in parliament and on the councils do really reflect the opinions of the majority to a far greater degree than they used to, the perfect electoral system has yet to be devised. Some of the cities of Canada, notably in the west, have made experiment with what is known as proportional representation, and the P.R. idea has rapidly gained popularity during the last few years.

Representation in any governing body to be proportional must give to each group of voters in the electorate who think together a number of representatives in that governing body in direct proportion to their relative numbers in the total electorate.

Strange to say some of the first attempts to improve municipal governments on this continent had a trend away from and not towards representative democracy. The early charters granted to what were called commission form of government cities nearly always provide that the commissioners should be elected at large and by plurality vote.

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full quota at the time one's ballot is reached by the enumerators and therefore does not need the vote then that vote is made to operate in favor of the elector's other preferences in the order in which he or she has stationed them. The single transferable vote is never wasted as are all the unsuccessful votes under either the plurality or the majority systems based on geographical divisions.

Theoretically of course the ideal plan would be to constitute the whole electorate into one constituency but the ideal is not always practicable and it is with the practicable that we must deal. The plan of Proportional Representation will then retain provincial boundaries, but will form within each province groups of constituencies returning five or six members from each group.

The objections advanced against the plan are that it tends to create instability of government by creating groups in parliament to the destruction of dependable majorities and that the manner of voting is cumbersome and involved. On the other hand we have Proportional Representation in Switzerland, Belgium, Sweden, South Africa and in parts of Australia while the speakers' conference in Britain in 1917 warmly supported the plan. The last elections in Ireland were decided by this method.

The scheme has not been tried out on a large scale in Canada owing to the conservatism of the province of Quebec which on the whole opposes P.R. and the failure of so many people to grasp its meaning. A study of the question will dissolve many doubts and wipe away many supposed difficulties.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

HOT ENOUGH. It's hot enough for me, my friends, my once blithe spirits sag; my collar's wilted at the ends, my shirt is like a rag; the sun, with many an angry curve, is baking land and sea, and I admit, without reserve, it's hot enough for me.

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HEAT WAVELETS

The Printers' Devil ought to know and he says that Hades has nothing on the weather of the past few days. So grieve not, ye sinners.

Nothing raises the temperature quicker than a political discussion on a hot day.

Staid professors at Queen's summer school cast aside their coats at lectures during the heat spell. Such is the levelling force of a high temperature upon dignity.

A pretty sight was the lawyer who pulled off his collar, kicked his heels up on his desk and ordered the office boy to purchase ice cream cones for the staff. The boss is some lad when the heat goes to his head.

Maybe it was the bandit scare that induced a local ice company to brighten up its premises on King street with some paint. Camouflage sometimes is necessary when masked men want ice.

One piece bathing suits are said to be no novelty for the girls but the boys look just the same.

Foolish thoughts of the witless. Some people have been thinking about next winter's coal.

Lo, the poor postie! Winter and summer he is the faithful servant of us all, except on Saturday afternoons and other holidays.

Summer colds seem to be the vogue but probably lead beer would be a splendid remedy barring accidents.

We may know where the flies go in the winter time, but do they come from the same place in the summer time?

Some of the motorists seem to forget that they might fill those big back seats of their cars with the little kids who are sweltering in some sections of the city. What a relief a cooling breeze and glimpses of the countryside would be! What a delight to leave behind the squalor of the alley for a few hours! Think, you who are blessed.

"Gee, it's hard to be respectable these days," said a young lady. All of which goes to prove that the girls do worry about their clothes—not so much the quality as the quantity. But then as the office cat says, "All the girls conceal now is their age."

Speaking of heat wavelets we have come to the conclusion that the best remedy for the heat is to get under a cold wave of Lake Ontario.

Those young men who hang around the bathing houses looking at the pretty girls are evidently obeying mother who says, "Go down beside the water, Jim, but don't you dare go in."

"Please, pop, give me an electric fan For the old palm leaf is an also ran."

The police have stopped sunning themselves at the station door. Is it already too warm or are they on the trail, like the well-known bloodhounds, of the bandits?

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