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Silence is golden, but the silent ones envy the brass of the good talkers.

As a general thing, the boss of the house is the one who can be the most disagreeable.

Perhaps the utilities commission wants to embark in the hotel business, who knows?

Adam was here first, and when he felt peevish at Eve he probably called her a darned alien.

Christian nations are the ones who have done the most to develop our civilization and our padlocks.

A closet is a place where you keep the things you are ashamed to wear and too stingy to give away.

The world is so full of a number of things that make it hard for us to attend to our own business.

The man who said ignorance is bliss never was caught five miles from town with an empty gas tank.

You can recognize the approach to Easy Street by the little piles of discarded friends along the way.

The bachelor has some advantages, but he has no children to spank when he has a bad day at the office.

The next time we decide to have a war, let's shop around a bit and see if we can't find a cheaper one.

An efficient wife is one who can get her work done in time to take a nap or have a nice cry in the afternoon.

The world is learning that forgiving one's enemies is good business policy as well as good Christian doctrine.

Correct this sentence: "Mamma," said the flapper; "Billy has invited me for a ride and I'd like to have you go along."

If she lives in a small town and is broken and bent with toil, she is called a dutiful wife.

Another awkward thing about automobilism is that you can't tell which way the pedestrian is going when you flush him.

The book of etiquette doesn't mention it, but it is considered good form to return the book of etiquette you borrow.

As we contemplate the worries of the Allies, it occurs to us that the hateful Germans may have lost the war on purpose.

Man is the only creature endowed with sufficient reasoning power to convince himself that his pet vice isn't hurting him any.

When France finishes driving the German mark to the bottom, perhaps she can be induced to do something about our price marks.

It isn't possible, sometimes, to tell from the way a woman dresses just how near bankruptcy her husband is, and then again sometimes it is.

It is alleged that there are modern writers who are excellent Dickens, Scott and Thackeray, but since it is an author who says it perhaps the testimony is biased.

WARNING TO BRITISH WORKERS

A timely warning has been sent to Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the labor party in the British house of commons, by the trades and labour council, of Victoria, B.C. At the present time earnest efforts are being made to induce immigrants to come to Canada, and although the preference is being given to those who are agricultural workers, the actual regulations are such as to give encouragement to any class of workers from the British Isles. It is in connection with this that the labour men of Victoria are warning their fellow-labourers in Britain. Their message to the British labour leader is a warning to the effect that no worker should leave Britain for Canada without having secured definite employment before sailing. The letter goes on to say that it would be a calamity for both the British workers and for Canada were idle men in the old country to be beguiled by stories of prosperity and employment into seeking entrance into Canada, while this country has not completely solved its own unemployment problem.

These are words of wisdom which have been penned by the men of Victoria. Those who have come from the old country are well aware of the glowing stories which are told of the country of the golden west by the shipping agencies and others who make profits out of the unsuspecting immigrants. Those are things over which the government has little control. Every immigrant who leaves the old country means a profit to the agent who books his passage, and these men are naturally in the business to make as much money as they can, irrespective of the fate which may await the immigrant on his arrival on this side of the Atlantic. With such stories being circulated, it is but natural that the man who cannot find work in the old land, and who has enough money to come to Canada, should turn his eyes westward in the hope of doing better. The average old country immigrant is not completely informed regarding conditions on this continent. He is probably not aware that conditions in his own particular line of employment may be just as bad, or even worse, in Canada than in Britain.

There is one way, and one only, by which the workers of Great Britain can be made aware of the true facts of conditions in Canada, and that is by the method adopted by the Victoria labor men. The labor men of this country know conditions have not yet returned to normal, that although there is a decided improvement in many lines of industry, there is not, as yet, any room for an influx of artisans or city workers in the Dominion. This fact should be spread broadcast throughout Great Britain, so that men may not come here to be disappointed, and to form a wrong impression of the country because they have arrived at a bad time. There will be a time in the future when Canada will have room for thousands of such workers, but the time is not yet. Until the vacant agricultural lands are filled up, and the farms of Canada are multiplied, the cities cannot expect that prosperity which creates a shortage of workers, and until that time comes, the labor men of Great Britain should be discouraged from coming to this country.

CANADA'S FINANCES.

There are two main features which stand out prominently in the statement of Canada's finances for the ten-month period ending on Jan. 31st, which has just been issued from Ottawa. The first feature is the gratifying fact that while the revenues have shown a substantial increase, ordinary expenditures for the same period have shown a large decrease. This is a satisfactory position and one in which the people of Canada might well take pride. The present government when it went into power had before it the unenviable task of trying to balance a budget which for some years previously had been more than unduly heavy on the expenditure side. There were two ways by which it could be done. The first was by cutting down expenditures wherever possible, and the second was by increasing the revenues by a readjustment of tax provisions. Happily, the government has been successful in applying both these methods. The expenditures have been reduced by the sum of \$6,241,022 for the ten-month period, and it is encouraging to know that the bulk of this decrease was effected during the past month, which shows that there is a steady improvement. On the revenue side of the balance sheet there is an increase of \$9,652,196 over the corresponding ten months of the previous year, and about one-third of this increase was earned during the month of January. These are healthy signs and they show that the government is working along the proper lines to bring a return of better financial conditions for the Dominion.

The second feature of the statement, however, is not quite so satisfactory. It is that, in spite of this increase in the margin of revenues

over expenditures, a sum of \$7,483,842 had to be added to the national debt during the month of January. This does not seem very consistent with the other main features of the statement, but the explanation is made that this addition to the national debt had to be made largely owing to advances to the national railways. The time has not yet come when the country can look for a change in the financing which has to be done for the national systems. It could not be expected that a new government could, in one year, turn a deficit of seventy-one millions for the railways alone into a surplus; and that is the reason why money has still to be paid out for railway purposes. The time is not so far distant, however, when the railways will be on a revenue producing basis, for each succeeding month finds an increase in the margin of earnings over operating costs. Were it not for the heavy interest and capital charges, the railways would now be paying their way. With the co-ordination of the systems, however, there will be a continued improvement, and a more substantial one, to hope that before very many years the railway system owned by the people of Canada will be helping to reduce the national debt which it has swelled so largely for the past few years.

COUNCIL VS. COMMISSION.

It is unfortunate that there should be a rupture between the city council and the utilities commission. It appears to have been brought about by a very simple matter, but which is significant as showing how quickly the people will become aroused when the trouble originates at the point of contact between them and those they elect to do their business. From the question of how and where the people must pay their accounts has grown the issue between the council and the commission; the rights of the latter to proceed with large expenditures, and whether the provisions of the public utilities act that constituted the commission are being observed.

It is certain that there has been an absence of the close touch between the council and the commission that should exist in the interest of harmony, and this is due to the lack of information in council respecting the conduct of the public utilities. The people expect aidmen to redress their grievances and to answer questions regarding expenditures, and it is important that aidmen should study all matters and be in a position to give the rate-payers some satisfaction.

The commission in spending \$40,000 may be right or it may be wrong, but why go ahead with a program calling for constantly growing expenditures without regard to the desires of council or the people? Why ignore the alternative of utilizing the city hall building for an office, especially when it means the saving of \$40,000 or \$50,000 that might better be applied to the indebtedness against the plant, a course demanded in the interest of economy?

This is a question of financial policy that the council has a right to be consulted about, and it was not consulted, neither had the council any data regarding the affairs of the commission, although the public utilities act clearly intended it should. But it also intended that surplus funds should revert to the corporation.

It is difficult to understand why a commission would choose a course diametrically opposed to public sentiment without taking any means to obtain the concurrence of the council, and it is here that the mistake was made. If it is proposed to spend \$40,000 on an office thus increasing the debenture debt and keeping some section of the city out of pavements for some years, surely the council is right in calling a halt to such a scheme. If there is money available to apply to plant debt and permit a reduction of rates, it is the duty of the commission to do it before creating further liabilities.

That Body of Hours By James W. Barton, M.D. (Includes portrait of James W. Barton)

Those White Spots in Your Nails. A chap very much interested in Spiritism, New Thought, Clairvoyancy, and allied subjects, confessed that he believed in Palmistry also. Questioning brought out the information that he had had his palms read, and the palmist had made the astonishing statement that he was just recovering from a severe nervous breakdown. Now this was really the case and of course he was puzzled at such knowledge on the part of the palmist. Now was there really any clairvoyance about this knowledge? None whatever. Physicians have noted that little

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

ALL THINGS POSSIBLE:—Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.—Mark 9: 23.

White transverse lines with irregular edges often show in people below par physically. Now what does this condition mean? Has it really any significance? Yes, it signifies that the individual possessing same is in a lowered condition of health generally. The blood pressure is low, and there are usually symptoms of physical and mental depression. It often follows a severe illness of some kind, being frequently the forerunner of tuberculous or anæmic conditions. Don't misunderstand me, it doesn't necessarily follow these conditions.

Don't get alarmed if you have a few of these white markings in your nails. They are fairly common as a matter of fact. Nor does it necessarily follow that you are going to develop Tuberculosis, Rnaemia or other wasting condition. However, it is often a warning sign that you are not in the best of health, that you are in fact below par, and so fresh air, good food, and sensible exercise are at once indicated.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR BY SAM HILL

Best Thing to Take. If you will take precaution, so I often have been told, You'll need to take no doctor's dose. For then you won't take, cold.

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant. I kin remember when parents didn't expect teachers to attend to the job of training their children.

Well, Isn't That the Truth? "Pa," said Clarence, "I don't suppose a timid man would have much chance of getting a job in a bank would he?" "Why, not, ace?" asked his dad. "Because a bank never likes a clerk to be shy," grinned Clarence as he made for the door.

The Stork, It Appears, Was Scooped. (Kielat Cor. Falmouth (Ky.) Outlook) Some three or four weeks ago the Democrat reported a little daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, but the little fellow got sick-teaching in some way and did not arrive until last Monday, February 5, and then it was a boy.

Finish This Yourself.—They said that it was coal, and it did cost like coal, I'm here to tell; But when I put it in the furnace—goosh! I found it surely burned like—well?

Needed Some New Clothes Himself. "Alas," sighed the shapely wife, "I suppose I'll simply have to begin teaching my skirts longer." "You will," grimly replied her husband, "for I simply can't wear these old trousers any longer."

Keep 'Em, Adam, Keep 'Em; Nobody's Gonna Call For 'Em. (Liner in Adam Bredge's Hastings Tribune) FOUND—Two auto cranks. Inquire at Tribune office.

They Ought To Know. I've often heard it said "That in their youth the good do die." And yet hair dressers state It is the older folks who dye.

We'll Bet on This. After many, many years, shawls are coming back, and will be worn by fashionable women. But it will be many, many years and then some before \$18 silk shirts again will be worn by working men.

Gems From Guide Book To Success. The man looking for a "snap" may find one, but it will be occupied by the chap who systematically wears wide-gaited and therefore is still holding on to the job.

If You Are From Missouri—(From the Vivifier) Oh! Sam Hill, the funny-column head of The Enquirer, says "Young women of London have taken to wearing red ribbon around their ankles as a sign that they have been vaccinated." 'Tis a titter. Over here they wear so little you can see for yourselves.

That Doesn't Heat the House. For the coal man I have no use. He surely makes me swear; When I asked for a load of coal He just gave me hot air. —Sam Hill.

The gas man surely pains me so. His ways I would not share; For when supply of gas is low He just turns on cold air. —Canton (Ohio) News.

News of the Names Club. It wouldn't do any good, we suppose, but still Otto Warner lives in Quincy, Ill. Will Sease, of St. Louis, and A. Chinn, of Haie, Mo., are on the waiting list—what'll we do with them?

GANANOQUE

Feb. 13.—The Knights of Columbus are to be congratulated on the success of their banquet held in the Lyceum last evening. The principal speaker of the evening was J. P. Dunn, Prescott, executive agent for the Dominion of the Knights of Columbus. The following were present from Frontenac Council, Kingston, J. H. Welch, J. Grady, Vincent Kane, Lawrence Welch, M. Garrath, J. Behan, W. J. Bailey, Dr. J. Davis, Frank Fallon, John O'Neill, M. Kilbon. Dr. Davis also proved to be a very eloquent speaker. Bert Lish, W. Gregory, Hewitt and A. Kettle left yesterday for Pontiac, Michigan. Dr. Edward Bird, Toronto, is home

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