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In detouring, one good turn deserves another.

No man really loves a town, but just the fact that he is doing well in it.

The way of the expressor is hard when vacation trunks are being shipped.

You are getting down into the thick-water class when a drink of ice water is free.

A jitney is a handy little trick if the neighbors know that you can afford a big car.

The best thing you can say for increase of population is that curiosity grows less.

"So long, ol' top," will be the proper way to address your straw hat very shortly.

A philosopher is one who can be proud of his tummy instead of his vanished waistline.

At any rate, the old-fashioned bathing suits looked a lot wetter than the modern ones.

We have reached the point in life where a walk is no less tiresome if you call it a hike.

Onions are vegetables people try to eat without breathing it to a soul—but never succeed.

Just at present, however, we can't remember Canada's champion fancy handler of the hoe.

The honeymoon is expensive, of course, but think of the hotel towels you can accumulate.

One reason why people don't go to church is because they no longer believe that hell is that hot.

A metropolis is a place where they must find something to do until bedtime after the party lets out.

Always be careful about calling a man a liar, because you are liable to find that you missed your calling.

The modern thinks he is practicing renunciation when he cuts down his cigarettes from twenty to eighteen.

You can convert savages, but you can't teach them anything about making their hair stick out that way.

If one has a cabin in the woods and makes a better mouse trap, insects make a beaten path to his door.

Every woman who hasn't the price knows she wouldn't employ such atrocious taste as Mrs. Blank if she had.

The man who has no acquaintance with the great open spaces has no idea how wonderful nature is or how many insects there are.

BIBLE THOUGHT: REMEMBER NOW thy Creator in the day of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.—Ecc. 12:1, 13.

BECK'S LATEST.

Doughty Sir Adam, for whom Kingston cheers sometimes loudly and sometimes a trine faintly, has lately returned from Europe enthusiastic with large new ideas. The coming power shortage in older Ontario is to be moderated by erecting huge steam electric-generating plants located at strategic points and fed with Nova Scotia coal. To use his own words, "One thing certain is that we will have to rely on steam plants in Ontario to supplant the present supply until we can get on the St. Lawrence site—that is, unless the present rate of increase in the consumption of electricity decreases."

How times change. When Kingston entered into an agreement with the Hydro to take a block of power, an apparently useless steam generating plant was left on the hands of the Public Utilities Commission. "Scrap it," commanded the Hydro engineers who are all for efficiency and never haggle over a few thousand dollars of other people's money. But the Utilities Commission were an unprogressive lot and decided to retain their steam plant for emergency use—to the great disgust of the efficiency experts.

It may have become an expensive decision, but not many of us would quarrel with it. There have been occasions when we have basked in our own steam-generated light while neighboring hydro towns were plunged in blackness. And now, if auxiliary steam plants come into style the sooty old generator on Queen street may look forward to another period of steady service.

Kingston has been plainly told that she is now receiving all the electricity she can possibly be granted until the St. Lawrence development is completed some years hence. But the demand for power continues to grow and the pinch will soon begin to make itself felt. It may well be that the despised boilers will then be fired again to relieve the shortage. Of course the plant is old fashioned and inefficient, not at all a suitable rump for that new-rich office where we indignantly pay our bills, but it will perhaps suffice, and we are extremely fortunate to possess it. Sir Adam's latest innovation has, in fact, just caught up with Kingston's patriarchal conservatism. An exchange of congratulations would be in order.

UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE

The Conference on Unemployment to be held at Ottawa early in September seems likely to result in some beneficial developments. There is far more accurate knowledge as to the causes of unemployment available now than there has ever been before, and it is probable that fewer foolish ideas will be presented before the conference than would have been the case in the past. At any rate the government is to be congratulated on having expressly excluded, by the terms of the summons, the most foolish of all the ideas that can possibly be suggested as a remedy for unemployment, namely the payment of a dole to the unemployed.

Canada has admittedly a difficult climate from the point of view of regularity of employment, but there is much truth in the idea that we have too placidly accepted the supposed necessity of curtailing activity in the winter. After all, the mere effort to contend with the disabilities of our winter does in itself offer an opening for a good deal of labor. Our cities are still dealing with the problem of snow in the streets in much the same manner as they did before the invention of the automobile, when the summer vehicle itself could be adapted for winter use by the simple process of putting it upon runners. It would be worth while in these days to engage in a much more complete and effective snow removal on most of the streets of cities and even on the highways in the country. In manufacturing industry, it would be advantageous if employers would undertake, and employees would consent to, a policy by which the youngest among the workers, if of an age and intelligence to profit by further education, should be laid off during the school terms (except in cases where there are dependent relatives) and their places given to older men among the unemployed. There can be no doubt that many young workers who do not need the money, and who would be greatly benefitted for the future by further education, are holding jobs which in periods of low employment are urgently needed by older men and heads of families.

It is to be hoped that the conference will recognize, and will succeed in impressing upon any of its members who have not yet recognized it, the elementary economic fact that the more goods are produced by the community as a whole the more demand there will be for the goods produced by any section of it. A potential worker who could produce \$500 worth of goods during the winter months, but cannot find employment to enable him to do so, is a far worse loss than a similar worker who has emigrated to some other country; for the worker who remains here and does no work is a consumer of some of the accumulated wealth of the country, since he must eat and be clothed. From the social standpoint

It is a minor detail whether he consumes his own wealth or that of his creditors or that of the community (given to him in the shape of doles); the great thing is to see to it that he has the opportunity to produce something that the community wants, or that it can export to foreigners. Then whatever he produces is the payment for what he consumes, and he is living, not at the expense of himself or his creditors or the community, but on the proceeds of his own toil.

RARE BOOKS IN KINGSTON.

Old Kingstonsians who have the good fortune to possess old libraries should run their eye over their collections to see whether by any chance they include some of the excessively rare volumes published in this city in the 'twenties and 'thirties of the last century. A copy of the first real Canadian novel, "St. Ursula's Convent," is said to have been picked up in a Toronto second-hand store recently for a small fraction of its real value; and as it was published in Kingston (in 1824, exactly one hundred years ago;—why not include a centennial reference to it in the forthcoming pageant?) and was the work of a lady who had come here from Fredericton to become the wife of a Kingston bookbinder, it seems possible that one or two more copies of it may be still lurking in this city. The author was Julia Catharine Beckwith, wife of George Henry Hart. The critics were just as severe in those days as they are now, and it is surmised that the poor lady, depressed at the reception accorded to her maiden literary effort, tried to suppress the volume. Anyhow it completely disappeared from sight before the end of the nineteenth century, and its existence was only known by a review in the Canadian Magazine of 1824, until a copy turned up at the sale of the library of the late Senator Masson in Montreal in 1904. There is no indication that the senator knew of its rarity; he may even have been scarcely aware of its existence, and have kept it merely as a volume which happened to have been in the library of one of his ancestors. The risks which such books incur so long as they remain in private collections are very great, and it is because of the high mortality among them that so many volumes of more recent date than Mrs. Hart's are quoted at fabulous prices. Fire, damp, insects, vandals and the spring-cleaner are all responsible for the annual destruction of thousands of volumes for which collectors and libraries would pay large sums. The safest policy is to donate them to a public institution before anything happens to them. One's name on a library bookplate as the donor of a volume of priceless rarity is not a bad bid for immortality.

KINGSTON IN 1852

Viewed Through Our Files

NAUGHTY NAPANEÉ. Feb. 13.—Napanee.—Since this rising town attained the distinguished honor of having a newspaper published there, it has sunk in general estimation very undeservedly. This arises from the narrow-minded puritanical prejudices of the editor of the new paper; and when the public are made acquainted with the fact of the learned pundit's being a Methodist preacher, the milk of the cocoanut is at once accounted for. In his laudable attempts to improve the morals of the community under his charge, he has painted these morals infamously worse than they really are. Other local newspapers have taken up the silly cry of vice and profanity; their remarks have been copied into distant journals, until at length Napanee stands out prominently as the very den of wickedness. Now the very reverse is the real state of the case. There is no crime, no drunkenness, no riots in Napanee; the people are religious and sober-minded; and yet since the "Bee" strove to refine imaginary abuses, and the other papers followed in its wake, the town has nearly lost its character!

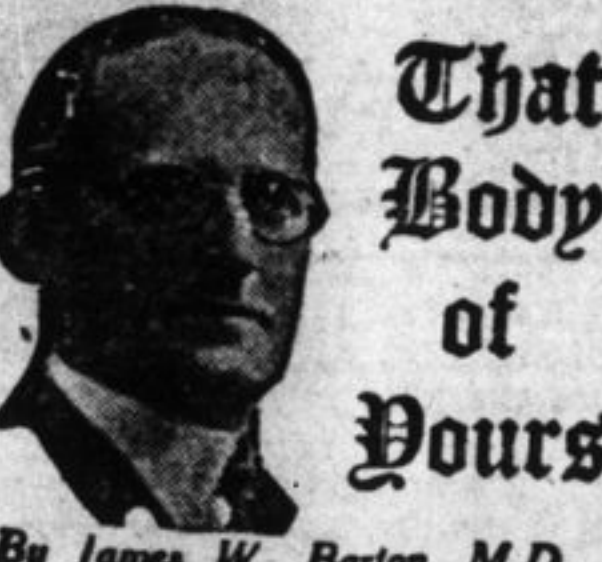
THEY NEIGHBOR'S MAIDSERVANT.

Feb. 13.—(From an indignant letter.) The new law at present in force as regards masters and servants is very defective; the latter can be punished only for leaving their service before the termination of their agreement, but the parties who seduce them away, under promise of higher wages, and harbor them escape with impunity. A case in point occurred here recently. My female servant left my house, and her whereabouts could not be discovered until yesterday morning, when I accidentally saw her getting into a sleigh from the house adjoining my own, accompanied by her new mistress, on her return home. I stepped out and demanded her back, but all my remonstrances were in vain as the law could not injure her, she would not give her up!

When Lights Are Lifted.

One of the most utilitarian night light yet offered by the electrical manufacturers is one in the shape of a candlestick, which when it is standing, remains unlighted but immediately it is lifted the tiny bulb glows. It is a bedroom night light and works on a battery. Its own weight pushes the off button so that it remains unlighted when not in use.

The close deal is often the one that savors of dishonesty and persecution.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Ours

Tonsils and Exposure. I can remember quite distinctly talking to an old physician nearly twenty years ago, when he stated that he had been noticing the number of cases of rheumatism and heart disease, that followed simple cases of tonsillitis.

These tonsil cases seemed to follow prolonged periods of overeating and under exercising, so that he was at a loss to know whether the tonsils caused a poisoning of the system, or the tonsils just reflected the congested condition of the digestive tract.

Further, one might be going along all right, feeling fine, eating well, and get his system partly clogged up, when along comes a spell of wet or cold weather, to which he inadvertently becomes exposed.

Immediately he is on his back with a high temperature, bounding pulse, coated tongue, foul breath, and badly swollen, painful tonsils. Naturally the cold weather, or the dampness, is blamed for the tonsillitis, and for the rheumatism or heart disease that might follow it.

It would appear that this matter of the rheumatism and heart disease following tonsillitis, was being noticed by physicians everywhere for many years.

These rheumatic cases have been cleared up by the removal of badly infected tonsils.

You may have been surprised of late that you have had repeated attacks of tonsillitis, and never have had a touch of rheumatism.

It may be that your resistive forces are such that they can attack the invader with such power, that he leaves no after effects.

But there is just this point to remember. Some time you will be working hard mentally and physically, getting little rest and irregular meals, be in fact just a bit below par physically.

You will then get well soaked in a rainstorm, perhaps have to sit or stand around in your wet garments, and in a day or two you have a tonsillitis that not only puts you down hard, but is followed by rheumatism or even heart trouble.

My only suggestion is, that with bad tonsils you can't take the same chances with exposure and overwork, as the other fellow.

Tenth Anniversary Of the Great War

August 26th, 1914. The British cruiser Highflyer sank the converted German cruiser, the Wilhelm der Groesse, which has been doing serious damage to British shipping off the west coast of Africa yesterday.

The Russian army, which now has eight million men in arms, plans an attack on Berlin within three weeks.

A special session of the city council this evening granted \$5,000 to the Patriotic Fund and appointed the following Patriotic Fund Committee for the city and county: Mayor Shaw, Ald. Harrison, A. Minnes, W. R. Rigney, James A. Macpherson, W. R. Givens, C. A. Macpherson, the warden of the county and Lt.-Col. F. Ferguson, Inverary.

The city council also decided to pay permanent city employees who volunteered the same salary as they are receiving, and to guarantee them their positions on their return.

At the meeting of the Kingston Methodist District in Brock street church to-day a resolution was passed declaring the Allies cause to be righteous and praying for the success of their arms.

Lt.-Col. G. H. Hunter has the names of seventy veterans who are ready for home service.

Canada's Story Day by Day

By B. G. Owen Davies

In these days the whole fabric of industrial life in great cities depends upon the street railway transportation system. Any accident which interferes with that system demoralizes the industries of the city because employees are unable to reach the factories. Electric street railways mean that men are no longer compelled to live in the sordid atmosphere of the factory districts but may have their homes miles away on the outskirts of the cities. Canada's first street railway was opened on this day in 1861. It was the pioneer of several railways in Canadian cities, in which the motive power was the horse. While horse-railways have entirely disappeared in Canada, they still survive in remote parts of the British Isles. The cars hold about twenty-five people, and are mounted on rails. One horse draws the vehicle with ease. It is harnessed first at one end of the car, and when the return journey is made, is harnessed to the other end of the car. The first electric street railway in America was operated in Toronto in 1888, on a short line built for exhibition at the Toronto industrial fair. A line was introduced into a United States city in the following year, and in 1887 Canada had her first permanent elec-

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Volume of Water Over Niagara. As closely as mathematicians can measure it, 150,000 cubic feet of water goes over Niagara Falls each second. Of this amount only 5 per cent. goes over the American falls. The great volume going over Horseshoe Falls or the Canadian Falls is rapidly eroding a kind of gulf or throat which is drawing more and more water from both sides of the Horseshoe, and before many years it is feared, will eat a huge V into the limestone. Conservation experts are studying the situation, which may have grave consequences.

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