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IS AN ADVANCED THINKER.

It is always enlightening to read the letters that Dr. S. A. Aykroyd gives to The British Whig. Even if one cannot agree with the learned doctor, one is impressed with his serious and sincere declarations as to measures to make Canadian life better. He is always a step or two ahead of the mass and his reformative ideas may jar on the average reader, but he speaks with convictions that are worthy of examination and candid consideration. To bring about reforms in the political, social and economic systems, that find so wide adhesion as prevail today, is a task that calls for the calm, earnest and persistent work of such men as Dr. Aykroyd. He may never see the fruition of his ambitions for his native land, but he is sowing seed for further generations to reap, if they are genuinely sound and effectively helpful. Dr. Aykroyd is a great reader and a sincere student and he has no hesitation in declaring his advanced views for the consideration of Whig readers. He is to be commended for his zeal amid so many discouragements, for men generally are prone to let things move along lines of least resistance.

THERE IS NOTHING NEW!

On Sunday morning Kingston starts on summer time, clocks being put on an hour. It is admitted that Ex-Mayor H. W. Newman was not really the originator of the idea, even though Kingston introduced it into Ontario, for it is now disclosed that the adoption of summer time, is no novelty, but only a reversion in a modified form to a custom that existed for hundreds of years prior to the twelfth century, A.D., according to the dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. An Irish sun dial of the sixth century recently discovered in County Down, and another in County Kerry confirm conclusions to that effect drawn from the Gezer dial in Palestine. The hour varied in length, according to season and latitude, the daylight hour in Ireland being in midsummer eighty minutes and decreasing in winter.

MRS. PARKHURST'S TIMELY THRUST.

Mrs. Emmeline Parkhurst, the former suffragist leader is back in England, after a sojourn in Canada and the United States. Hear her: "My stay in Canada has made me more of an imperialist than ever. I believe in the British Empire and its mission for the world. It stands for just government and fair play for everyone. In Canadian prairie villages, after the school, the chief building is the cinema, where American pictures are shown. In stores practically all the books and magazines are American. Is it any wonder the children are growing up so American in sympathy? A real hard thrust at Canadians. Cannot we learn to discountenance so much United States propaganda in our midst!

MADE MARKED REDUCTIONS.

The New York legislature has just concluded its session and it has made a record in tax reduction. A twenty-five per cent. decrease has been ordered in income taxation and exemp-

BIBLE THOUGHT

★ THOUGH HE WILL NOT RISE AND GIVE HIM because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.— Luke 11:8.

tions have been materially increased. Readjustment of bank taxes will bring added revenues to many municipalities. Legislation has been enacted permitting the state to take advantage of the eighty per cent. refund law recently enacted by Congress. The direct tax has been reduced from a mill and one-half to one mill. All told, the savings in taxes will aggregate \$22,000,000. This has been accomplished while making all proper provision for carrying forward the manifold activities of the state. Total appropriations have been increased from \$169,000,000 to \$185,000,000, but of the \$16,000,000 increase \$11,000,000 is represented by the increased needs of public education.

WHAT DOES IT PORTEND?

The Presbyterian denomination in the United States now has 2,000 churches without pastors, according to statistics that will be offered May 2nd by the church's board of education to all the churches. The situation for the future is really serious, according to Rev. Lewis B. Hillis, secretary of student aid. Previous to 1920, the report states, ministers were ordained in sufficient numbers to replace the gaps caused by the death of aged preachers. During the last five years the situation has been becoming more acute. The Presbyterian church is not alone in its need. From almost every other great church comes the same call to youth. Why this shortage of pastors? Is the outlook for the future of the ministry not as impressive as the lower callings of life?

RURAL SCHOOLS GET GOOD SEED.

Over forty thousand boys and girls will plant school fair material in rural Ontario this year, although this work commenced only seventeen years ago, states R. S. Duncan, Director of the Agricultural representatives of Ontario. This spring the department is sending out almost 400 bushels of grain and 1,000 bags of potatoes. The latter were purchased last fall, and, incidentally, after paying all charges, it could sell the supply to-day and make \$2,000 profit on it. This material is the very best obtainable. All the grain is composed of standard varieties, free of weed seeds; in fact, grain fit to register. The officers distribute it in pound lots, which in a few years will grow into big crops if properly handled. When one remembers that all the Marquis and Red Fife wheat in Canada to-day started from a few kernels harvested near Rice Lake, in Peterboro county about 1842, one can realize the effect of these pound lots of superior grains distributed among the rural boys and girls of the province.

CHARACTER AND THE MOVIES.

Dr. H. P. Newsholme, medical officer of Croydon, England, says that many spectators are hypnotized by the watching motion pictures. "The darkness, concentrated attention and the stimulation of one sense by a bright light," he explains, "tend to produce a hypnotic condition. Intense films may penetrate to the subconscious mind and affect the character of the observer." The controversy over the possible good and bad effects of the motion picture has hung fire for a considerable time. However, Dr. Newsholme and others often fail to consider that not only the motion pictures but everything else that we see, hear, think, or do may penetrate to our subconscious mind and affect our character. Our mental and physical experiences, together with the experience of others as related to us, given our own individual and peculiar interpretations, appear to be the dominant forces in building character. A character is seldom complete but continues to undergo gradual changes. The influence a motion picture will have on a character depends entirely upon the individual and his particular reaction to the picture shown.

FIVE HEALTH RULES.

It has been for most people a long, hard winter, with much illness and under-efficiency. Spring comes with a promise of relief. The quest of health is easier at this time of year. Warmth and sunshine help, and so does the outdoor exercise they invite. Here are some simple rules submitted by a physician which will supplement the wholesome effects of the season: There are five fundamentals of health, he says. They are correct diet, correct posture, exercise, deep breathing and plenty of refreshing sleep. It is essential to eat plenty of vegetables and fruits and drink plenty of milk, going light on meats and pastries. Not that the latter are to be condemned, but they must be kept within reason. Also it is well to eat slowly, and use the teeth for what they were intended for—chewing. After diet, it is well to think about walking. Properly indulged in, it combines the three fundamentals

of exercise, good posture and deep breathing. Incidentally it helps digestion and induces refreshing sleep. Ride less and walk more.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Even the very simple spring hats bring top prices.

Canada last year exported goods to sixty-five different countries. Good enough!

It was Noel Coward who said: "Being modern only means twisting things into a different shape!"

Brown-eyed people, we are told, are the best golfers. This ought to make the others green-eyed.

A doctor says that the wearing of a hard hat is less fatiguing to the brain than a soft hat. Something tight is needed on a soft head!

The health committee of the League of Nations reports that the birth rate is steadily declining throughout the world, with unimportant exceptions.

"Here's a real mule," said an Iowa farmer to several of his friends, as he slapped the animal on the hip. Ten days elapsed before the farmer woke up.

The St. Lawrence does well to open its season with nearly six thousand new Canadian citizens. Let the tide roll on, suggests the Toronto Globe.

The best praise of the Robb budget, probably, says the London Echo, is the extreme difficulty experienced by opposition critics in poking holes in it.

Within ten, yes, within five years, the Canadian National may well be the greatest asset that the Dominion of Canada possesses, is the optimistic opinion of the Ottawa Journal.

We hear a lot about westerners having little time for anything but hard work and yet Winnipeg with a population of 285,000 has twenty golf courses. Two of which are supported by the taxpayers.

A joke cracked by Lord Birkenhead, at the expense of a friend, is said to have cost him £7,000,000. Does anybody know of a barbed crack that ever paid dividends? comments the Hamilton Spectator.

Step out, gentlemen! This was the Premier's advice to two Civil Service Commissioners who accepted contraband whiskey from Montreal civil servants. This was the suggestion and it has been obeyed.

If the old adage: "The bigger the maple syrup crop, the smaller the yield of wheat," still holds good, there should be a good crop of the latter this year. The aggregate amount of maple syrup made in this district will be unusually small.

Rev. E. H. Brewin, St. Simon's Anglican church, needs \$14,300 to pay off a mortgage. He declares there will be no campaign and no canvassing. The only agency will be prayer. It has been effectual in other times and for good causes.

Did those people who claim that the tariff is not a tax notice the rapidly with which the retail price of motor cars declined, the moment a reduction in the tariff affecting them was announced? is the question put by the Brockville Recorder and Times.

Many a dollar is made out of articles thrown into the discard. A Lucknow, Ont., dealer took a trip west and discovered there was a demand for rigs on the western farms, and always with an eye open to business, and remembering the many discarded buggies in Ontario barn yards, he decided to supply the western demand. Hundreds of old rigs are being revamped for service.

Quebec Viewpoint

La Patrie supports the proposal of Senator Lewis for a worthy celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of Confederation.

"The fiftieth anniversary of the Canadian Confederation passed without celebration because of the anxieties attending the Great War. But there is no reason why we should not specially mark the sixtieth anniversary. Senator Lewis has submitted a motion to this effect in the Senate. Will it receive the support of a majority of the two Houses? In laying the foundation of confederation, Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir George Etienne Cartier and their colleagues desired to establish a reign of harmony and concord amongst the various provinces. Has their dream been realized? Celebration of the sixtieth anniversary would provide opportunity to glance backward and make a true examination of the public conscience. All the provincial leaders could meet together, discuss actual needs, present problems and problems likely to arise in the future. It would be a superb occasion to weigh the grievances of the Maritime Provinces and the provinces of the west, and at the same time draw the attention of the country to the common injustice practised towards the

French-speaking population, especially where these people are in a minority. We are convinced that this would result in a great good for everybody concerned. It is in the best interests of the Dominion that all cause of dissatisfaction and disunion should be wiped out. So long as one of the great elements of the population feels that it is insulted, misunderstood, and spoliated there can be neither peace, nor harmony, nor national unity. The celebration that it is proposed shall be organized would equally permit greater importance being attached to the history of Canada and make its study more widespread. The young generation does not fully realize the value and richness of the national heritage that has come down to us from our ancestors. For a multitude of reasons, patriotic and otherwise, it is desirable that the suggestion of Senator Lewis should be realized."

News and Views.

Canada's Chief Asset. Christian Science Monitor: Canada is justly proud of its immense resources of forest and fertile field, of mine, and water power. But of their greatest asset Canadians are characteristically voiceless. It is not something drawn from the earth. It has sprung rather from an inherent consciousness in the people of the value of the "things that are unseen." The Dominion's greatest resource is character. Set down anywhere on the globe, a people of such integrity, courage, open mind and friendliness would have made a notable place for themselves; endowed with the unmeasured wealth of Canada, they will make their land one of earth's chosen places.

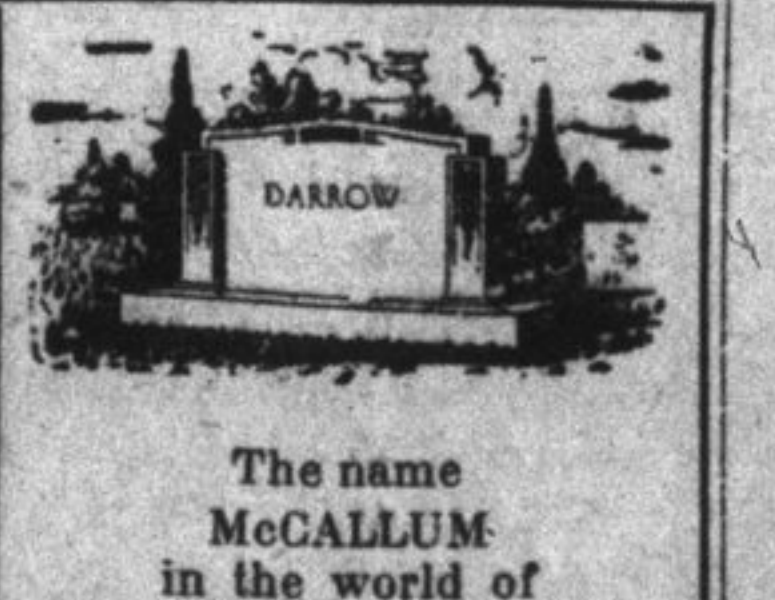
Definition. Arkansas Gazette: Optimism "is the ability to speak of "my car" in the face of chattel mortgage, six payments still to be made, a bill at the garage, and state and city license tag time just around the corner.

Hopeful Prophecy. Woodstock Sentinel Review: Provost Seager, of Trinity college, expressed the opinion quite recently that Canada will have before the end of the twentieth century a population of 50,000,000. The prediction may or may not be justified by the facts hereafter; but there is this to be said that Canada could easily hold such a population without being overcrowded. It is also to be noted that of late predictions in regard to the future of Canada seem to be dominated by the spirit of optimism. Is this an evidence of the influence of the spring feeling?

Juvenile Immigrants. Sherbrooke Tribune: The children are brought to this country by immigration societies, which select them in the homes where they have been received and place them in situations ready chosen and approved by the societies. Boys are placed almost exclusively in agricultural employment and girls in domestic service, in town or country. It is stated that the percentage of real failure among these juvenile immigrants is very small, and they compare to advantage with Canadian children born in this country, by reason of the training and discipline which they receive in the schools from which they come.

Stop Sunday Traffic. Whitty Gazette: A resolution was passed at the Ontario Good Roads Association Convention in Toronto a few weeks ago asking the legislature to prohibit by law trucks, except those with perishable commodities, from using the highways on Sunday. This would seem to be a step in the right direction in view of the large number of trucks loaded with almost every kind of merchandise seen on the highways on Sunday. One only needs to stand at the Four Corners in Whitty for an hour on a Sunday afternoon, or to drive on a provincial highway, to realize that trucks are moving a great many commodities which the railways will not move on Sunday unless they are being carried through from coast to coast.

Impressive. A young lawyer, pleading his first case, had been retained by a farmer to prosecute a railway company for killing 24 hogs. He wanted to impress the jury with the magnitude of the injury. "Twenty-four hogs, gentlemen. Twenty-four; twice the number there are in the jury box."



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# He Was in a Hurry to Paint His Floors

He sure was in a hurry. Here it was Friday evening, and he had to paint the kitchen and bathroom floors before week-end company came. He dreaded waiting for paint and varnish to dry—waiting between coats usually wiled his enthusiasm to finish the job. One excuse and another had put it off—his wife couldn't spare the kitchen, or the children couldn't be kept off the floors, his inclination wasn't always in that direction, or some one of a hundred inconveniences always proved a good alibi. At last, necessity had brought him to a showdown. His wife vowed she certainly couldn't do her Saturday baking hopping around on boards in the kitchen—as for the bathroom, it was a disgrace—"But—they had to be painted." Home sweet home's atmosphere was frigid, but thoughts within each other's minds were sulphurous. He had to crawl out of it somehow. He grabbed the telephone and told his troubles to Fred Hasit, the local hardware and paint dealer. "Now, forget all that," was Fred's assurance. "I'll send you up some



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