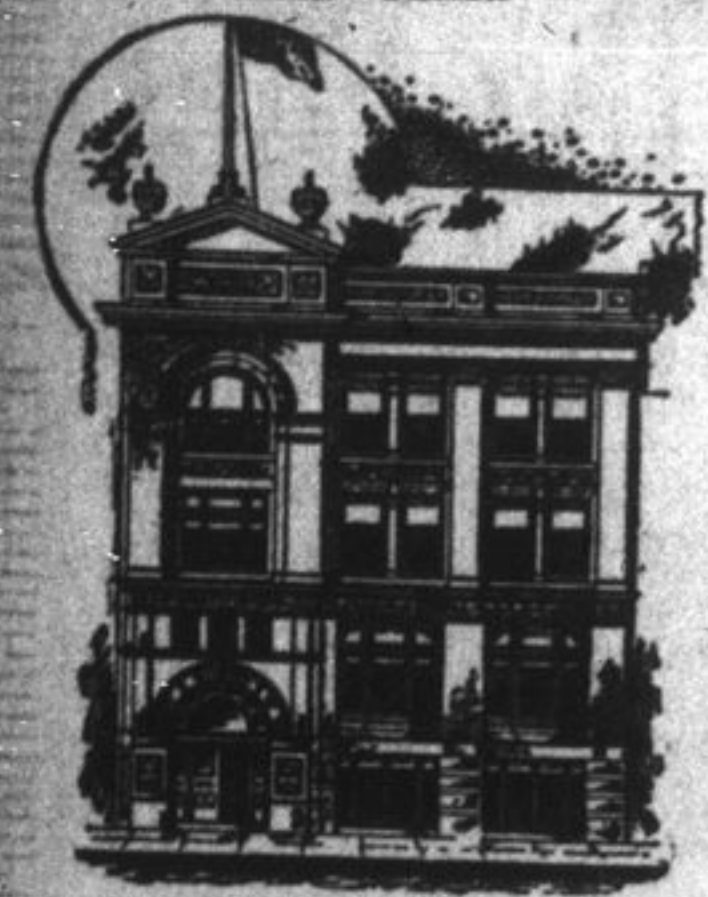


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THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH.

The three-hour speech of the Prime Minister of Canada on the Budget was a masterpiece. It was a valiant defence of the Government's position, full of optimism and inspiration backed up by facts that no attempt was made to contradict.

Because of the fact that Conservative speakers and writers in season and out, with little regard for the true facts of the case, persist in talking blue ruin, some people imagine that Canada really is in a bad way. Those who are not aware of the improvement that has been made in the country's condition under the Mackenzie King Government, should get a copy of Hansard and read every word of the Prime Minister's eloquent address.

Mr. King pointed out that the Government by its economical policy had been able to reduce the public liabilities from \$76,000,000 in 1922, to \$45,000,000 last year. He also analyzed the public accounts and showed that spendings had been cut by \$170,000,000 since 1921, when the Conservatives were in power.

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Mr. King's speech was a masterpiece of exposition of true Liberal doctrine. He was able to point to many things that his Government had done for the people of Canada. He was able, also, to show that his Administration was able to reduce taxation because it had curbed extravagance. It was one of the Prime Minister's great efforts and it is not surprising that it raised his supporters to heights of enthusiasm.

CHANGE OF POSITIONS.

In 1923 Mr. Coote, Progressive member for Macleod, moved for a "substantial reduction" in the tariff on motor cars. The motion was lost because it was not a government measure. For the same reason, no doubt, six stalwart Conservatives voted for that substantial reduction. These included Mr. Baxter, now

BIBLE THOUGHT: BEHOLD HOW GOOD and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalms 133:1.

Prime Minister of New Brunswick, also Mr. Doucet, Mr. Jones, Gen. Ross, of Kingston, and Donald Sutherland. And when the government complies with their demand, some of the self same politicians wax tragic over the impending doom to Canadian industries. Hear Horatio C. Hocken, M.P., speak in the Orange Sentinel in November, 1923:

"Whatever else may be done with the customs tariff at the next session of parliament there should be a substantial reduction in the duty on motor cars. It is clear from the prices quoted in the United States and Canada that the Canadian manufacturers are charging 'all the traffic will stand.' The duty of thirty-five per cent. is more than protection. It is in part a government subsidy to the makers of automobiles. The makers of motor cars in Canada are soaking the public unduly, and it is the duty of the government to lower the tariff, and in that way inject a little competition of American firms that will bring down the prices."

But in the parliament of 1926 it was Mr. Hocken's conviction that the government proposed "a cut that, in my opinion, is calculated seriously to impair one of the basic industries of this country."

Gen. Ross and Mr. Hocken both voted against the budget just adopted.

THE PROJECT OF A MOSLEM LEAGUE.

The project of a Moslem League of Nations as separate from the existing League of Nations is challenging and, if it succeeded in coming into being, might be a terrible threat to the peace and progress of the world, writes Mr. Basil Mathews in the New Outlook. The idea of such a League is actually being mooted and is discussed in many a cafe and caravan-serial all across that Moslem world, which stretches from Morocco over North Africa and India to the American Philippines. It becomes acutely topical at the moment because the great Sheikh of the El Azhar University has called a meeting at Cairo, from all Moslem nations to elect a new Caliph.

In this movement the whole British empire is obviously involved, for it is by far the greatest Moslem power in the world, seeing that there are well over ninety million Moslems in the British empire out of a total in the world of less than two hundred and fifty millions. Holland and France come next with more than fifty million Moslems. Actually there are barely thirty million Moslems under Moslem rule to-day, or only one-eighth of the total. All the rest are under Christian governments.

The masterful men who would control such an Islamic League of Nations are in fact the most picturesque, powerful and dramatic figures on the world's horizon to-day.

Looking at this unique array of new nationalist Moslem leaders (Abd-el-Krim, Zoghoul Pasha, Ibn Saud, Riza Shah Pehlevi, Mustapha Kemal) we see three things clearly. First, that for the first time in history, nationalism in the Moslem world is stronger than the Brotherhood of "The House of Islam." The old Pan-Islamic scheme is torn to nationalistic shreds.

Secondly, there is so far no sign of alliance between them. Kemal and Ibn Saud are as antagonistic in personality and policy as Mussolini and Stresemann. Saud's alliance is with Britain. And neither Kemal nor Saud would accept King Fuad of Egypt as Caliph; while Pehlevi of Persia is a Shiah who utterly disowns all Sunnite Caliphs.

Thirdly, however, if the Western powers try to dominate and exploit these nations we shall force them into forming a League against Western Christendom. We should then have all the horror of the Crusades without their religion or romance and with the hell of poison-gas rained down from aeroplanes.

What remains for us to do? The diplomacy and the commerce of the west must discard all desire to dominate and exploit, and accept whole-heartedly the attitude of co-operation. They need us and we need them. Idealism! Yes, but Lord Grey has just told us in his "Twenty-five Years" that "lack of idealism in our relations with these people was a symptom of the cause of the disaster of the war." Above all (if we are to have a friendly Moslem world) we need to help them to train and equip a new leadership for peaceful self-government. The greatest steps to that end so far are undoubtedly the American Universities at Cairo, Constantinople, Smyrna and Beirut, and the English missionary colleges and schools in Palestine (at Jerusalem), in Egypt (as at Old Cairo), in Mesopotamia, and in Persia. At the present moment at least 5,000 possible leaders of a friendly Islamic world are being trained in those educational institutions.

They are the potential bridge between the new Moslem world and a new Christendom. Viscount Bryce (who knew that world better than any other man) said, before his death, that the creators of those colleges are "the only invaders of those lands in all history who have ever done the people any good."

The alternative is clear and decisive. We can continue the "lack of idealism" in our relationships and create another "disaster" by forcing

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "there is no use of me going." Say "of my going."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: absent. Accent the adjective on first syllable, verb on last syllable.

OFTEN MISPELLED: coerce, not se.

SYNONYMS: anger, hate, hatred, animosity, enmity, aversion, antipathy, hostility, grudge, dislike, malice.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours."

Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day.

To-day's word: MOTIVATE: to act as the motive for. "His knowledge of the hidden facts that motivated their deeds gave him an advantage."

the creation of an anti-western Islamic League of Nations, leading to a race war. Of we can work to build bridges between us to make possible a World-League that shall contain us all.

LOOKING AROUND

A landmark is disappearing in the demolition of the old horse livery buildings at the corner of Brock and Bagot streets. The frame portion of the structure on the corner was really ancient. But the place has outlived its usefulness, and to make it profitable, the historic building must give way to something modern and useful. The corner will not seem the same to the older residents without the frame ramshackle.

Readers of The Whig are very much pleased over the variety of this newspaper's comics. There are "Bringing up Father" and "Mr. and Missus" in full pages; "Freckles and His Friends," "Boots and Her Buddies" and "Bringing up Father" in strips; "Out Our Way" in cartoon and last and not least "What Peeper Fanny Says."

Really this spring reminds one of old times, for our old friend the organ grinder is on the streets. Styles and tastes may have changed, but the old organ box and the man from sunny Italy have not in the least.

The beautifying of the new public library boulevard has been started. The earth has been dug for a grass plot and soon the corner will be decked with shrubbery and flowers.

"Our Gang" chose a very choice downtown location for their underground club house—close to the public library, Aeg. Glens' weekly newspaper office and the Hotel Dieu. Should irate presents make a raid, hospital treatment may be had very close by.

Kingston rate payers do not care to be called out to vote on by-laws. Evidently they think it "out of season," and prefer to do all their voting at the yearly municipal elections. The vote of Monday last showed a lamentable lack of interest in civic matters. Baseball and the movies are better drawing cards.

The city council has acceded to the popular desire and proclaimed the 24th of May as our national spring holiday. Whether the day be fine or not we will once more live in the past by observing Victoria Day in honor of the greatest Queen Great Britain ever had. The descendants of Victoria still reign over us, and therefore, her day is their day. Long may Victoria Day be observed by the British Empire!

The federal budget is passed and down go our taxes and the prices of automobiles. Whether we are Tories or Grits, we hold up both hands for a government that proposes to run the country on a lower tax.

Our good friend, Prof. "Sano," MacPhail of Queen's University has made a hit down in the City of Quebec by advocating the general teaching of French in Canada. The Quebec liquor law also appeals to the professor, who recognizes in it something that can be enforced. Now it is up to Quebec to return the compliment to Queen's and to "say it" with dollars.

Kingston is eighty years an incorporated city, eighty-eight years an incorporated town and 253 years an established place at the junction of the mighty St. Lawrence river and Lake Ontario. But why has King-

ston not prospered like Little York (Toronto)? Because its inhabitants 125 years ago lacked the enterprise of the men who settled 160 miles to the west. It was enterprise that made Toronto what it is today. Its early settlers became live traders, while Kingston's settlers lived on the garrison, and did not exert themselves.

A fleet of speed run-boat chasers is reported to be on the way to the upper Niagara River.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

Strange Brownies of the Insect World.

BY ARTHUR N. PACK Tree-hoppers are small insects found in most parts of the world. As their name indicates, they live mainly on trees, and travel mainly by hopping. Like most insects, they have four wings, but they prefer to do most of their moving by hopping, using their wings as gliders. Their food consists mostly of the juices of plants, but though they are very numerous, their small size causes the injury they do to vegetation to be comparatively negligible. Trees and bushes seem to furnish all their needs, for the eggs are laid in tiny incisions which the mother makes in the bark, leaving a series of peculiar rounded scars. These are sometimes injurious to apple twigs. Many of our North American species are peculiar looking creatures when viewed through a microscope, for in all the prothorax is strangely modified, taking on appendages whose shape give no hint as to the

Advertisement for Laura Secord Candies. Features a large illustration of a candy box and text: 'MAY 24th For your Week-End Vacation No week-end party complete without these famous old-time dainties. Fresh—Wholesome—Pure. They add the final touch to every happy occasion. Take home a box today. Laura Secord Candy Shops 188 PRINCESS STREET THE FAMOUS Laura Secord OLD TIME-HOME MADE CANDIES ONE QUALITY—ONE PRICE'

News and Views. For Longer Berths. The Outlook: The Iowa man who secured legislation lengthening the sheets on hotel bedssteads, thereby comforting countless toes, still has work to do. He should get a Constitutional amendment to lengthen the berths in all Pullman sleeping cars six inches. It will save a great deal of lurching on the lengthy part of the human race in America.

Starvation Wages. Cleveland Bulletin: Profanity is a sign of rhetorical poverty. "Are you paid anything for swearing?" was once asked of a commercial traveler. "No, I do it for nothing." "Well," said the other, "you work cheap. You lay aside your character as a gentleman, inflict pain on your friends, break a commandment and lose your own soul—and all for nothing!"

Reaction To Comp. Pembroke Observer: On a \$2,600 Chrysler car the difference, in selling price caused by the tariff is only \$90. Will anyone seriously contend that such a cut is going to wreck the automobile industry in Canada? The simple fact of the matter is that the tariff change in this regard is being seized upon by Tory politicians and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to try to create sentiment in favor of high protection. But it will be a difficult task and the present agitation will have its re-acton shortly.

Elder's is the place for fireworks.

Advertisement for Queen's Hotel. Text: 'All The Comforts of Home can be enjoyed at THE Queen's Hotel (Opposite New Union Station) TORONTO Noted for its homelike atmosphere, quiet, comfort and refinement. Unexcelled cuisine and moderate charges. SPECIAL GARAGE FACILITIES FOR MOTORISTS American and European Plans. Phone or wire your reservation at our expense'

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Advertisement for Dr. J. C. W. Broom. Text: 'DR. J. C. W. BROOM Dental Surgeon 150 Wellington Street. Phone 679. Evenings by appointment.'

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