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SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD.

La Patrie is another newspaper that proposes the erection of a monument to Sir John A. Macdonald at the place of his birth, which it intimates was on the shore of Hay Bay, three miles from Adolphus town.

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There is no need to erect a monument to Sir John at Hay Bay, where he lived for a while, anymore than there is of rearing one at the old stone house down on Rideau street, Kingston, in which the Macdonald family lived.

MORE PAY AND THEN PENSIONS.

The Presbyterian Church of the United States led by Mr. William H. Hays is endeavoring to raise \$15,000,000 to establish a fund for the payment of pensions to its ministers.

BIBLE THOUGHT

LET YOUR SPEECH BE ALWAYS WITH GRACE, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.—Coloss. 4:6.

paration for the ministry involves several years spent in acquiring the necessary education, and this in itself represents a considerable monetary expenditure.

It is the aim of every person to lay aside something for the future and old age. This is impossible in the ministry. The next best thing is to provide for a pension system.

The same lack of monetary appreciation of the work of the clergy is felt in Canada and it would be a good thing if some attention was paid to the matter by various denominations.

AFRAID TO COMMIT HIMSELF.

The Toronto Star points out that the reason for the delay in filling the vacant legislative seats is the same as that for not appointing a minister of lands and forests in place of Hon. Mr. Lyons.

Seemingly it is a dictatorship that Mr. Ferguson would like to establish. He has frequently intimated that he will not ask the people again to make their wants known by plebiscite or referendum; he did not like the results of the last one.

The premier may cherish ideas of that kind. But he should remember that a weak dictatorship is one of the worst forms of government and that Anglo-Saxon people never take kindly to dictatorships.

WEATHER.

The years 1926 and 1927, it was prophesied some time ago by a meteorological expert, are to be summerless years. And it begins to look as if the fellow knew what he was talking about.

THE "HATE" VERSES.

The famous "hate" verse in the National Anthem which still has a place in denominational hymnals and in school text books in England, is being vigorously attacked there and its elimination urged.

Another writer suggests, possibly, with the worrisome incidents connected with the coal dispute and the recent general strike in mind, that the subjects of Their Majesties are just now falling to do as much as they might to promote the happiness of the royal birthdays, and wonders whether the verse in question, considered as present suitable for school instruction, might not pardonably be uttered from the throne itself.

The "hate verses" has of recent years been eliminated from many of the denominational hymnals of Canadian churches. In any case, we are fair to admit very few in Canada ever sing the verses through, and in many instances our people know nothing more of the anthem than the first verse and if the second verse is attempted the majority can only hum the tune.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "where have they gone to?" Omit "to."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: docile. Pronounce the o as in "of," or as in "so."

OFTEN MISPELLED: restaurant. SYNONYMS: anxiety, concern, solicitude, care, vigilance, attention, worry, watchfulness.

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: VERNAL: belonging to spring. "The vernal days have given way to summer."

RURAL CREDITS.

With the exception of a few particular instances, it is correct to suppose that in reality the farmer has too often suffered in the past more from an abuse of credit facilities than from a deficiency of them.

It is interesting news to hear that the British coal strike is likely to soon end. The operators and operatives evidently think the industry has been long enough idle.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The old-fashioned farmer's conception of farm relief was four or five husky sons.

It has been made an offence to jay-walk at Edmonton. Which is going to be heard on the local jays.

Let autoists practice common dinner table politeness back of the steering wheel and help save thousands of lives.

A gentleman in British Columbia said he kept a stock of liquor to give to his cows when they were sick. Probably had hay fever.

"East and west must pull together," says Lady Byng. Absolutely. But they must not make it a tug-of-war, comments the Winnipeg Free Press.

The inquiry into the grievance of the Maritime Provinces will begin in June, it is announced. But does anybody in this country have grievances in June?

Canada will celebrate her next birthday by returning formally to the gold standard, but the paper Canadian dollar came back without waiting for it.

"No man can play golf on Sunday and expect his children to go to church," says Prof. Kerr. But would they go if he didn't play or if he spent the day in bed?

A truism for parents: Better let the children play on the grass, though the lawn be spoiled, than on the roadways where their lives are in imminent danger always.

Principal R. Bruce Taylor, enunciates this aphorism: "Honesty and thoroughness in work is demanded today, and remember, what you get in this world worth while is what you have to toil for desperately."

Canadian Clubs, as a whole, have done and are doing nothing to make Dominion Day a Canadian Day, or any other kind of a Day at all. The clubs are near stagnation all over the land. This is a sorry state of affairs.

A man has been arrested in Philadelphia who is accused of having married, in his time, fifty-seven women. He has evidently been trying to emulate another brand of pickling variety, suggests the Brantford Expositor.

Where were the speed cops when Peter Smith and the newspaper followers burned up the roads at the speed of forty to seventy miles an hour? The papers publish the evidence that should convict them. Let the law be enforced.

Hon. George P. Graham, as chairman of the Tariff Board, has the right idea when he announces that the board is to be an open forum.

Recommendations for improvements in the organization of the civil service have been made by the Civil Service Commission. The abolition of the Commission would be the greatest improvement and ought to be the first, remarks the Montreal Gazette.

WIT AND HUMOR

A Compliment. He: You look very beautiful to-night. She: Flatterer!

No Wonder. "I'm going to give you this violin." "An out-and-out gift?" "Absolutely. No strings to it!"—Life.

As Usual. "What, another row with your wife? What's the trouble this time?" "The same old thing—she's right and I don't agree with her."—Life.

Exposure? She: I can't see the stage very well at this distance. He: Use your opera glasses. She: I can't. I forgot to wear my bracelet.—Berlin Nagels Lustige Welt.

Peace-Time Army. Sergeant: So you want to enlist. For how long? Recruit: Duration. Sergeant: But there's no war. Recruit: I know, I meant duration of peace.—London Tit-Bits.

Forget It. "I can't remember the words of that new song." "That makes it easier. Now all you've got to do to make home happy is to forget the tune."

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QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

The Tarantula Killer, an Eagle of an Insect. By Arthur N. Peck.

Flying low, with plenty of noise of the three-inch wings, these large wasps, in fact the largest of the wasp insects, the tarantula hawk or tarantula killer may be seen all during the summer in the southwestern part of the United States.

This interesting insect, with a black-bluish body measuring from three to four inches in length, with wings a deep orange red measuring from four to six inches from tip to tip, flies over the fields and pastures, lighting only on the milk weed.

It feeds entirely on this weed. If the insect is approached in flight it will buzz around as if in doubt whether to attack or not, and will then usually rise in the air and fly rapidly away.

One of the habits of this wasp is to catch the deadly tarantula. This spider, often reaches a size equal to the tarantula killer, and the battle between the two is then deadly and fierce.

The final outcome in most cases is undecided, one fighting to kill with the bite, the other with the sting. If the tarantula killer is successful, it will drag the spider to its nest, which is a hole in the ground. If the tarantula is successful, it will devour the wasp.