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TO LIBERAL PARENTS.

Have any of your boys or girls reached the age of 21 since last October? If they have be sure and get their names on the voters' list. Every vote counts on election day, but no one can vote if they are not on the list.

G. B. NICHOLSON AND THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Mr. George B. Nicholson, in his speech at North Bay on August 4th, made an attack on the Civil Service that was unequalled for and unwarranted. He is now trying to disown his remarks. Mr. Nicholson is reported as saying, in the presence of the Prime Minister, Mr. Meighen:

"Do you want to endorse a condition in which one of the chief buildings of the country in Ottawa is practically turned into a bawdy house, and the keeper of that bawdy house is in the pay roll of this country at \$3,500 a year?"

Mr. Nicholson wired to Sir Henry Drayton a protest against the interpretation placed on his utterances. He stated that he referred to "the chief city of Canada," and by that he meant the city of Montreal. Mr. Nicholson's telegram to Sir Henry reads:

"Contradict most emphatically having made any reference whatever to any public building or any part of the service in the city of Ottawa. Any matter referred to in the short address given was connected with revelations in Customs Department at Montreal. I have the highest personal regards for the whole public service at Ottawa. What I said was as follows: 'Do the electors of constituency of Nipissing desire to endorse a state of immorality in which the chief branch of the public service has been reduced in the chief city of Canada namely the city of Montreal?'"

It so happens that the reporter who took this meeting for the Canadian Press, was none other than Mr. George Hambleton, the superintendent of the Canadian Press at Ottawa. Mr. Hambleton is used to political speeches and is considered one of the most reliable reporters at Ottawa. On receipt of the complaint, Mr. J. F. B. Livesey, the manager of the Canadian Press immediately wired Mr. Hambleton, and received the following reply:

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 8.—Re Nicholson; before typing despatch I sent this note to Nicholson in meeting, as follows: "Dear Mr. Nicholson: I did not quite catch your reference to the public building. Is this correct please? 'Do you want to endorse a condition in which one of the chief public buildings of the country in Ottawa is partially turned into a bawdy house and the keeper of that bawdy house is on the pay roll of the country at \$3,500 a year?'" This note was returned to me without any changes and marked 'Yes.' I still have it. I notice my despatch as published quotes him as saying 'practically turned'; actually words were 'partially turned.' Copy is at North Bay but my recollection is I wrote 'partially.' In my note to Nicholson I underlined words 'in Ottawa' to draw his attention to them, but he made no change. (Signed) George Hambleton."

It looks as though Mr. Nicholson was trying to make a bit in the presence of his leader, and is now trying to get from under. No doubt his reference to the Civil Service at Ottawa will be strongly resented. Public men cannot be too careful when dealing with questions involving the characters of others. Mr. Doucet has already found this out and Mr. Nicholson and his Conservative running mates at Ottawa.

WAR ON RATS.

"Deratized" is a terrible word, but the action it designates is important and should be productive of much good.

The World Health Congress, which recently concluded a long conference in Paris, advocates as one step in ending disastrous epidemics the extermination of rats in all parts of the world. It has decided that the shipping of all nations must submit to being "deratized" upon arrival at any port, to prevent the creatures from carrying disease from one country to another.

In addition to the drastic war on rats at ocean ports, there will be a campaign of extermination waged throughout the world in inland centres and all places infested by them.

This isn't a job to be easily accomplished. It calls for considerable co-operation, prolonged vigilance and general interest. But the end sought—the elimination of the fifth

will in all probability find it out too, on September 14th.

DEVELOP CIVIC PRIDE.

How many Kingstonsians know Kingston? Wouldn't it be a good thing for the citizens to cover the city, by foot or by auto, and learn what a delightful place they live in. The beauty spots are all about the city. The beautiful water is, of course, the superlative attraction but we have a wonderful collection of other things that are worth knowing. The public buildings are unsurpassed for architecture and they are set down in all parts of the city. Our trees are a mighty fine asset. Nothing finer anywhere. The streets are lined with them. The shrubbery is delightful and it bursts into view in surprising places. The flowers are equally entrancing; almost every home has its lawn and garden aglow with brightness. We have hundreds of private residences, of stone, of brick, of cement and of wood that are delightful to look upon. Kingston with its expanse of territory, its beautiful parks, its superb landscape all attract observation. Know Kingston in all its features; create a civic pride that will go far to make it a delightful place of residence. Greet the stranger, welcome the visitors for you may thereby be attracting to our city a future citizen.

TWO VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES.

There are two issues that the Liberals should stress. One is the Canadian National Railways. It is time that Canadians should wake up to the fact that if the Conservatives are returned to power then the St. James Street interests will get control of our railway. The Montreal Star makes this very plain. The other is the Robb budget. If group government can give us such a budget, then all honor to group government, so writes "An Average Citizen" in the Toronto Globe. He goes on: The Premier can call it a "sham," a matter of "juggling" with taxes, if he likes, but my own experience is no "sham." When the budget changes were announced I had my cheque for \$12 for my income tax written out. I saved it. I wanted to buy a small automobile. The change in tariff meant that I paid \$65 less for it than I would have a few weeks before. In a year I expect to save \$10 as a result of penny postage. As an average citizen, this saving of almost \$100 appeals to me. If the Liberal party cannot sweep the country on these two issues then I fear Canadians are blind and victory is an impossibility on any platform.

MALCOLM FOR THE CABINET.

Premier King wrote to the North Bruce Liberal convention commending the nomination of Mr. James Malcolm. The Premier added that "had the Liberal government continued in office it was my intention just as soon as Parliament had prorogued and it was possible to arrange a bye-election, to ask Mr. Malcolm to become a member of the government as one of the ministers from the province of Ontario. It is greatly to be hoped that Canada may yet have the benefit of Mr. Malcolm's splendid business experience and ability in the administration of her public office." The electors of North Bruce can do much to ensure this opportunity.

HEALTH OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The schools will be in active operation in a few weeks. The children who gather can develop along healthful lines if their parents are attentive to the instructions of the school nurses. They are doing good service in diagnosing defects in eyes, teeth, hearing, seeing, breathing and they advise parents how to bring about improvements. The teachers are equally helpful in giving appropriate instruction in health training. They are constantly alert to give lessons along lines of sanitation, exercise and physical development. All these things tend to tremendous gains in public health, efficiency and happiness as the school generations benefitting by it grow to maturity.

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DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON. WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "at about" where "about" will suffice. OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: courtier. Pronounce kort-yer, the o as in "do." OFTEN MISPELLED: homeliness; e after m. SYNONYMS: brief, small, little, tiny, trifling, diminutive, insignificant, limited, paltry, petty, minute, slight. 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: VALIDITY; legal force; justness. "The attorney admitted the validity of the plea."

News and Views.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Are you on the Voters' List? Are you sure you are on? Have you enquired of the registrar? If not you may be left off. See the registrar for your ward today. Remember. You cannot vote if your name is not on. Nowadays the bathing girl does not care a rap. No, you don't fish for electric eels with a lightning rod. The price of cranberries is expected to be so low that everybody can afford one next Thanksgiving. The world's greatest surgical feat, co-operation: cuts to the root of the cancer of misunderstanding. A lightning bug resembles some human beings: he can't see where he is going, but he can see where he has been. And now Doucet joins Garland, DeWitt Foster and the Hon. Potatoes Jones in aiding Mr. Meighen's campaign for honest government. Mr. Meighen and other Conservative speakers keep harping on the need of stable government. What's the idea? Surely they are not thinking of taking DeWitt Foster into the Cabinet. Vienna has a demi-dozen of "don'ts" for street regulations, all of which tend to disembarrass pedestrian traffic. Whistling, singing, loud talking, reading books or papers, stopping of conversation in roadway, carrying large parcels. Wouldn't you like to live in Vienna? If the purchaser of a touring car, equipped with balloon tires, can buy it for \$530 he is making \$103 as a result of the Robb tariff. Pretty good. And he can save \$130 in buying a Tudor car. Before the Robb tariff he paid \$268, now he pays \$398. Is this tariff worth supporting? The world old institution of the home is the foundation of nationhood; it must keep its high standard if the country is to be great. There is more than ever a duty upon mothers and fathers to see to it that the early training of their offspring is in keeping with the rights of the future citizens. Our old friend the Prosperity League of Canada is with us again. After having looked over the list of officers and the advisory council, we have decided to vote Liberal once more. Whenever we see a long list of millionaires banding themselves together for the common weal we always figure it is safe for the poor to vote against it. Sir John Snell predicts the time when electricity will be used for all farming. He said every operation, from milking, sheep shearing and grooming horses to the hatching of eggs, could be done by electricity as the price of it becomes cheaper. Willson's Magazine has come out for a return of the Meighen government. Oh, what a surprise.

A Friendly Precaution.

Boston Transcript: In deporting alien gunmen, it will, of course, be only the part of decency to see to it that they do not take their guns with them.

Some Difference.

Sudbury Sun: The difference between the women of to-day and the women of yesterday is that the former's hair is off all the time, while the latter's was off only at night.

Public Service Has Call.

St. Catharines Standard: Both Mr. Meighen and Mr. King in private life could earn a great deal more than in the public service. Mr. King is reported to have drawn a salary of \$75,000 per year from the Rockefeller Institute; Mr. Meighen, by virtue of his legal talent, could do as well or better. The truth of the matter is that public service has a call for both men. And the greatest men Canada has produced in the political field have been poor men, Macdonald, Laurier and Mr. Fielding being outstanding examples.

Mr. Meighen Yanked.

Edmonton Bulletin: The Liberal leader yore unceremoniously yanked Mr. Meighen out from behind the figure of the governor-general, where he has been trying to find refuge, and stood him before the public as the man who is responsible for the establishment of the bureaucracy which now holds power. It is Hon. Arthur Meighen, not Lord Byng, who has to answer for that automatic assumption of the right to rule, and whose conduct the voters will have to either condemn or condone.

Weed Worth Millions.

New York World: A young student at Sao Paulo, Brazil, may save millions of dollars for his country by a new discovery he made recently while working for his doctor's degree. Coffee is shipped from Brazil in sacks made of burlap which is manufactured from jute, and the Brazilian student, Benedicto Garces, has found that instead of jute there can be used a weed which grows rank in the pastures and has long been considered a nuisance. Jute is especially liable to damage by moisture, and the fibre from this weed is supposed to be much better in this respect, besides being cheaper.

"Bumptious" Tourists.

Border Cities Star: President Coolidge, through a spokesman, censures "bumptious" tourists who offend citizens of other countries by their behaviour or attitude. The point is timely. The tourist is apt to judge an entire nation by the few citizens with whom he comes in contact. That is entirely wrong, of course. Besides being unfair to the nation which he visits, he is unjust to his own, for the very people he is censuring are passing judgment on his own country, on parallel grounds. If a man goes abroad to be offensive, he need not be surprised that other countries take him as a fair sample of the "place he inhabits."

Prince Remembers Faces.

The Prince of Wales is getting the reputation of having a remarkable memory. While reviewing the First Seasmouth Highlanders of which he is Colonel-in-Chief, he stopped before Mrs. Mackenzie, wife of Sergeant-Major Mackenzie, who was standing in the women's enclosure. "I remember you when you were in India," he said, "how long have you been home?" Mrs. Mackenzie replied that she had just returned to England and was delighted. Afterwards she explained: "He only saw me for a few minutes in 1923 in Delhi. What a memory he has for faces."

Weighting Fog.

Dr. J. S. Owens, an English scientist, several years ago engaged in experiments through which he endeavored to ascertain the quality and weight of London fog. One day, he found that three hundred tons of it were hanging over the city. That is to say, that much soot clung to the mist, for it is the soot in the mist, according to this scientist, that makes the London fog the densest in the world. Dr. Owens found that there were 256,000 soot particles in a cubic inch of fog, and when the fog turns to drizzle and falls to the ground, as many as 515,000 of these particles fall upon a square inch. He also found that one fog differs from another in weight and that it was only by the most careful comparative statistics that contents and avoid-dups.

New Machinery for Flour Mill.

Rumors of business depression and deflation are not apparent at the flour mill of Messrs. D. Craig & Son, Arranport, who have started extensive alterations to their plant and buildings. Prominent in their renovation is the installation of new and up-to-date cleaning machinery. This is a set of four machines with a capacity of twenty-five bushels per hour, which will thoroughly clean all grass seeds and grains and does what is known as a hand-picked operation. The machinery is the best on the market to-day.

Visitors at Delta.

Delta, Aug. 11.—Wilfred Slack, Toronto, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Slack. Mr. and Mrs. Braithwaite, Toronto, is with Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna for a few days, also guests at the home of her brother, Dr. Hanna. Clifford Morris is with friends in Watertown, N.Y., for a week. Mr. and Mrs. J. Phelps and son, Sarnia, are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Howard. John Burns is still at home recovering from his accident. Mrs. Edward Graham, Toronto, is in the village for a few days.

Rev. Mr. Drummond, returned missionary from China, occupied the pulpit in the United Church, Sunday evening. Mr. A. Irwin and Miss Anna were in Brockville last week on day. Mrs. J. Bell has been on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Greenham, Syracuse, N.Y., were in Delta visiting relatives.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

HE ISN'T DANGEROUS AFTER ALL. (By Arthur N. Paek, President American Nature Association.)

Damselflies are those slender-bodied, long-winged insects, built somewhat along the lines of dragonflies, and in common with them sometimes called "Devil's darning-needles." Large boys, who ought to know better, are fond of telling the smaller ones, when these efficient insects are seen skimming over the old swimming-hole, that they will sew up the little boys' ears. "Sewer-doctors" also they are called under the pretended notion that they administer to the ills of those reptiles. They are also supposed to sting horses.

As a matter of fact, however, the adults of both dragon flies and damselflies are perfectly harmless except to other insects. In the adult flying state they feed on various flying insects, and many tribes of people give them the name "mosquito-hawk."

Most damselflies lay their eggs on the surface of the water, and they lay a great many. When these hatch, the tiny larvae grow to be a comparatively heavy bodied insect, exceedingly well fitted to capture other insects, or any small water animal, even including small fishes.

A curious modification of the lower lip is fitted with hooks with which they can seize and hold their prey. The damselfly larvae themselves are so very abundant that they form an important source of food for fishes and other aquatic vertebrates.

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