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CANADA HAS ADVANTAGE.

C. E. Neill, general manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, finds conditions in Canada quite distinctly better than in the United States and particularly in agriculture. The United States farmers have found their markets not of the best and the politicians have been looking about for a remedy but so far without success.

A MEMORIAL SUGGESTED.

They are talking of a memorial to R. K. Kernighan, the "Khan" who died in Wentworth county recently. He was a genius, apt as a writer of prose and verse, and a lovable man in the neighborhood.

CHANGES NOT DESIRABLE.

The Transportation Bureau of the Montreal Board of Trade has been studying the question of railway freight rates and is not inclined to favor much disturbance in them, because it would affect business seriously.

SHIRAZ THOUGHT

I KNOW THY ABOVE, and thy going out, and coming in.—3 Kings 18:27.

stoners, emphasizing the danger of upsetting a rate structure built up over a long period of years, under which the natural resources and industries of the various sections of the country have been developed, and pointing out that changes in railway rates should in the future be made, as they have been in the past, only for the purpose of developing to the greatest possible degree the existing potential resources of the Dominion, both in natural products and manufactured goods, and that such changes should in all cases be designed to add to our prosperity by way of wealth, employment and population, and to conserve the revenues of the railways.

BEING MISUNDERSTOOD.

The whine of the world, remarks Grove Patterson in the Duluth Herald, is "I am misunderstood." Everybody is. It's a good thing that many of us are misunderstood. Thus we pass for knowing more than we do. Emerson had something to say about that. He said: "Misunderstood! It is a fool's word." Is it so bad, then, to be misunderstood? Pythagoras was misunderstood, and Socrates, and Jesus, and Luther, and Copernicus, and Galileo, and Newton, and every pure and wise spirit that ever took flesh. To be great is to be misunderstood.

THE BRIGHTER CHILDREN.

Down at Leland-Stanford University in California the staff of experts is seeking to answer the question as to the cause for bright children after a wide search for a thousand of the most gifted children in the state. To begin with, it was discovered that the parents of these children were themselves above the average. They were better educated and held more difficult jobs than the average. They married later in life, the men averaging 33 1-2 and the mothers 29 years which means that the parents were also above the average in maturity when the child was born and incidentally refutes the oft-quoted statement that early marriages are best.

POWER BY HORSE; NOW MOTOR.

In 1812 boys from Jersey ferried across the Hudson River to New York city. The ferry of that time was a big flat-boat whose side paddle-wheels were driven by power from a treadmill operated by six horses. The next generation saw steam ferries which have grown more comfortable and reliable down to the present. Today one Hudson River ferry line has converted to electrically-powered boats and other lines are considering the same change.

WORDS THAT BURN.

William D. Guthrie, president of the Bar Association of New York is hot over a remark, made years ago by Chief Justice Taft, that "the administration of criminal law in the United States is a disgrace to our civilization." The accusation is inscribed in the campaign book of Harvard Law school, when its supporters were seeking to raise a \$5,000,000 endowment. Mr. Guthrie has made the declaration that he will have the words deleted from the record, as it has "done more harm than any other single utterance that has been made in the last thirty years."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Vaudeville is said to be one hundred years old. That explains the jokes!

Canada does an export business with nearly seventy countries and the basis of our export trade is steadily widening, but we are still mainly dependent on two great

markets, the British and the American.

A British auctioneer says Americans are the best customers for suits of armor. Quite a few Americans own no cars.

The public libraries find an increasing demand for non-fiction. Probably the people hear enough fiction in the election oratory.

The Kiwanis Magazine says the sign, "Stop, Look, Listen" is for a railroad crossing and not for a business office, although frequently used as such.

In Berlin cemetery space is rented for twenty years. Then the bones are exhumed and the space relet. And by the way second-hand tombstones are also available.

A man whom seven women claimed as their husband recently was tried in Warsaw. The court took a merciful view of his case and sent him to prison for a long term.

Queen Marie has had a splendid opportunity to see the styles in silk hats—old and new. French, English and American. The dear ladies never resurrect their old finery!

A philosopher says a man can lose \$10 in a poker game and never flick an eyelash, but if the grocer happens to slip over an old egg on his head he'll remember it for months!

History discloses that the worst earthquake of which there is record in the United States and Canada happened in the St. Lawrence river. What do you know about that!

Only "reputable" persons are to get liquor permits from Mr. Ferguson. Solomon's task was easy compared with the job Mr. Ferguson's arbiter would have, comments the Globe.

Stand up straight if you want to be and look intelligent, healthy, and successful in life, says an expert in physical training. He says that bad tricks in standing and walking are detrimental to bodily health.

It is estimated that there are over 40,000,000 births every year. Supposing that the children could be carried past a given point at the rate of twelve a minute, the one who was last would be seven years of age before he passed the counter.

Mr. George T. Bell, of the C. N. R., has retired and with him goes a wide experience, a genial manner and a grace and comeliness that will be widely missed. In retirement he will have time to think and appreciate what he accomplished.

Incandescent lamps are now made with two filaments. When one burns out at the end of a lamp's normal life, the removal of a small cap in the base of the lamp exposes the connections to the other filament and the lamp goes back into service.

Elmira, N.Y., residents propose a park and playground in memory of Mark Twain. The property was once owned by Jarvis Langdon, whose daughter became the bride of the rather impetuous Samuel Clemens in 1870.

Why does a violinist and a pianist develop growths of hair while a trombone player is bald. There's a reason. The vibrations of string instruments keep the hair healthy and prolific. The vibrations are like a massage to the head. Those who play wind instruments literally blow their hair off. Look it up.

What has become of the old-fashioned woman who used to open all the windows for five minutes the first thing in the morning, in order to air out the house after it had been shut up all night? Nowadays the windows are up all night and shut all day. And the furnaceman tries to heat the city at night.

George F. Baker, eighty-six-year-old banker of New York, never went to college, but the measure of his belief in college education can be found in his gifts to colleges, \$5,000,000 to Harvard's School of Business, probably half that much to Cornell for a new chemistry building and other purposes, and now a million to Dartmouth for a new library.

HARTWELL AUXILIARY

May Be The Name of Organization at Morton.

An auxiliary of the W.M.S. of the United Church, was organized at Morton, on the afternoon of Nov. 14, by Mrs. R. O. Jelliffe, president of the Presbyterian. The officers are: President, Mrs. J. Coon, Morton; secretary, Mrs. Thomas Burtch, Morton; Treasurer, Mrs. James Hudson, Morton; Associate Helper's Secretary Mrs. Roantree, Morton; Secretary of Missionary Monthly and Literature, Mrs. O. Willis, R. R. No. 1, Seeley's Bay; Strangers Secretary, Mrs. Roantree.

Morton is the house of the Rev. George Hartwell, D.D., missionary in Chenta China, and it is suggested they name the organization the Hartwell Auxiliary.

New well in Cooksville, Ohio, is making 1,000,000 cubic feet of gas a day.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE GREAT AUTHORS

Dr. Herbert Clarke opened the winter series of public lectures at Queen's University on Monday afternoon, when he spoke on the subject of "Conversations with Great Authors." The men whose conversations Dr. Clarke recounted to his audience, were Thomas Hardy, Joseph Conrad, John Massfield and John Galsworthy. Dr. Clarke has met and conversed with these brilliant men of letters, and the sketches he gave of their characteristics and conversation were most interesting and illuminating. Prof. P. G. C. Campbell presented Dr. Clarke to the audience.

It was difficult to dovelat the Hardy of literature with the charming, delightful and genial Hardy of reality, said Dr. Clarke. The lecturer had been forced to give an undertaking that he would not publicly divulge his conversation with the great English novelist but he assured his audience that despite the gloomy outlook on life reflected in the novels and poems by Hardy, the man himself was not a pessimist. Dr. Clarke described him as an idealistic realist. The speaker quoted from Hardy's poems and said that Hardy believes that eventually the world will regard him more highly for his poetry than for his novels.

The second conversation was with Joseph Conrad. The speaker found Conrad a brisk, rapid-fire type of man, speaking English with a peculiar accent. During their conversation, Conrad had said it was a mystery to him how anyone could write poetry. At the time of the conversation Conrad had not been to America, but willingly gave his impressions. America, he said, was woman-ridden and he deplored the fact that the anti-British spirit was kept alive in some quarters. He said that in reality the colonists had not been greatly suppressed; the matter was purely a fiscal one and the colonists had eventually had their way. Prohibition, Conrad felt, was wrong, because it was a law to protect the weak from their appetites and such laws would not develop a strong, self-controlled race, he contended. Woodrow Wilson, he described, as a man with an unfortunate way of writing or saying unfortunate things at most unfortunate times. He liked Walter Hines Page, war-time ambassador from the United States to Great Britain, very much. Dr. Clarke named "Rescue" as Conrad's best and "The Arrow of Gold," as his worst novel. Galsworthy shared this opinion, he remarked.

The lecturer had little time at his disposal to speak of Galsworthy or Massfield. The latter had at one time been a bar-tender in a saloon in New York, and it was while working in a carpet factory at Yonkers that he felt the stirring of poetry within him. Luke O'Connor conducted the saloon where Massfield served and is now running a restaurant in Greenwich Village. Dr. Clarke talked with O'Connor about Massfield and found that the Irish saloon-keeper felt a great friendship and reverence for the English poet. "John never seemed to have any fun," he said, "because when he wasn't working, he was upstairs with his books." Massfield like Conrad, served for many years as a sailor and saw much of life in the raw, which he later utilized in his narrative poems.

Income tax lien of \$6,490, said to be amount due U.S. Government on his income for 1924, was filed against the estate of Rudolph Valentino.

Miss Mary Judson, of Berwin, Ill., was killed and three others injured when a train struck their automobile at Lyons, Wis.

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