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Ancient Norse Were Here

Col. BOVEY, M.B.E., to whom we are so largely indebted for the Carnegie Library and the Chairs of Economics in Prince of Wales College and St. Dunstan's, is ever keeping "the Island" before the public. At a recent meeting of the Royal Society in Ottawa, Col. Bovey elaborated the theory that an ancient Norse explorer reached the Gulf of St. Lawrence and saw Prince Edward Island more than 500 years before Columbus made his landfall far to the south.

That Fisheries Grant

The Nova Scotia government is so confident of obtaining \$100,000 of the \$300,000 federal grant for the relief of needy fishermen that it is already planning, in co-operation with representatives of the industry throughout the Province, how it will spend this money in addition to the \$100,000 voted by the Nova Scotia Legislature by way of supplement to the federal contribution.

Who Owns The Whisky?

As everyone now knows, the whisky interests were well provided for by Premier Mackenzie King when he signed the trade treaty at Washington. With an enormous exportable whisky surplus in Canada, accumulated for the special purpose of quenching our American neighbors' post-Prohibition thirst, Mr. King lost no time in bargaining for the full fifty per cent reduction in the whisky tariff.

Editorial Notes

Radio is to get a shake-up. Today lets loose the last of our college graduates for the year. We are still in the days of the worship of the radio.

ship, the biggest corporation, the biggest army, navy and air forces. The still small voice—it is almost impossible to hear, far less appreciate.

Mr. "Sage" accomplished much more than he anticipated when he butted in unnecessarily on the general election campaign.

One can readily believe that the German anti-Jew propaganda has more than a little to do with the Arab unrest in Palestine.

The new French Government declares itself 100 per cent behind the League. Better late than never, no doubt, but it was due to the reluctance of the previous French Government to apply Sanctions that the League got its black eye, from which it is not likely to recover in a hurry.

The much abused Tariff Board, which Liberals, when in office, alleged was merely an excuse for the Government shirking its responsibilities, is now of so much importance that Mr. DUNNING suggests that it should be used to probe agricultural implement tariff and manufacturing costs.

When the Bar Association of some 1000 members held its convention the other day at Wichita, Kansas, the Attorney-General found it necessary to stage a "clean-up" raid on half a dozen clubs in a search for liquor. He evidently thought his fellow lawyers did not deserve to have their thirst quenched when patronizing a supposedly Sahara-dry city.

The idea of subsidizing a billion dollar canal scheme to connect Montreal with Albany, New York, may seem preposterous, but it is just the sort of thing the initiated would expect from the pro-Yankee Government of Prime Minister KING. It would mulct the Eastern farmers their cheese subsidy, and sink a hundred times as much in a scheme to give the American farmers more easy access to our main markets.

When a Union Jack flag sale was put on here the other day, purchasers were surprised to find "Made in Japan" prominently printed upon them. It now seems that not only in emblem Union Jacks, but in the Imperial British Standard as well, the Japs are underselling British manufacturers in our own market with their cheap, low-grade labor-produced imitations.

According to the Montreal Gazette, "Mr. J. B. Priestly, the author, who was reported as saying that Canada 'has no literature worth speaking about,' was forwarded fifteen poems by a champion of the Canadian Muse, which verse brought no change in his attitude. 'To be perfectly candid,' he replied, 'I do not find this poetry as good as you do.' This in turn has brought the declaration that Europe is not in the habit of considering Canada as a literary nation.

Our old friend "Bossy" GILLIS is again in the limelight, this time for obediently following the advice of his wife in matters municipal. When her husband was campaigning for office in Newburyport, Mass., recently, Mrs. GILLIS made him promise not to talk, not to denounce, and above all not to threaten.

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Notes by the Way

A partner who censors the salesman's outgoing letters quotes from this one batted out last week: "I can offer you these bonds at 90. If I do not hear from you I shall conclude that you do not wish to pay more than 80 so in order to save both your time and mine I will accept that price."

"If that lady M.P. is correct in saying that most of our statesmen have protruding ears, why," asks the Telegram, "is a demand raised for better acoustic properties in parliament?"

At the same time there is evidence of genuine consternation as the public begins to feel that French foreign policy may have fallen between two stools. In giving luke-warm support to the British policy regarding one covenant-breaker, it is expected for luke-warm British support of the French policy regarding another.

Japan is marching thousands of troops into the Peiping and Tientsin districts "in the interest of peace" and "without injuring Chinese sovereignty." No nation excels Japan in the art of saying a crooked thing with a straight face.

The emergence of the Oxford Group Movement in House of Lords debates twice in a week is not without its interest. "In the words used by a great movement in this country today, what were wanted were God-guided personalities, to make God's will manifest, to make a new world."

Canada's growing trade with South Africa lends intense interest to the Empire Exhibition which is to be held in Johannesburg from September 15th to January 15th next.

As a people we stand in a fever-stricken world wonderfully level-headed and sober-minded. It will be our greatest tragedy if in this new reign we lose that old quality of level-headedness, and if we come to prefer intolerance.

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We're getting nearer and nearer to those Social Credit dividends. Thanks to H. O. Haslam, K.C., M.L.A. for Nanton-Clearholm, we're beginning to see the light.

That Body of Hours

By James U. Barton, M.D.

PROLONGING LIFE IN HEART DISEASE

Now that heart disease stands first as a cause of death, physicians everywhere are advising their patients that despite leaking valves, irregularity in the beat, enlargement, high blood pressure and other disturbances, life can be prolonged if the individual can prevent further infections, eat small easily digested meals, and not do much work or take much exercise.

Fortunately one of the first signs of a failing heart is getting out of breath easily, and this can be readied by heart defects, an individual may be able to carry on in a quiet, sensible way—plenty of rest, small meals, and only light work or exercise—and greatly prolong his life, is certainly reassuring to all of us.

The Poets' Corner

IMPUDENCE
Blood of her blood stirs in me, and I know
When April comes, that in the long ago,
Eve, the lovely, of her own glad will
Did eat the fruit forbidden. At the will
Of some fair bird she wandered to the tree,
Eve, the first gypsy, venturesome and free,
And Adam followed, having little sense,
But the snake meddled—that was impudence.
—Grace Mansfield in "Spirit."

Children And Motor Car

It is not feasible to put old heads on young shoulders, and even if it were, the problem of preventing street accidents would not be solved; for the adult cannot avoid trouble either. But children, we know, are naturally heedless and the risk is undoubtedly increased in their case. Just what should be done to lessen the risk is a question.

owed public and private debts amounting to \$611,000.00. If the average rate of interest is five per cent, the annual interest thereon—if it were paid—would amount to \$30,550. A levy of 50 percent on this sum would amount to \$15,275.00. Accepting the figure of 400,000 as the number of bona fide adult residents of the province eligible for social credit dividends, each would get about 38¢ a year. That, of course, is a long way from \$25 a month. But it would be a good start.—Lethbridge Herald.

PUBLIC FORUM

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BRIDGE AT WESTVILLE

Sir—In a progressive section of country as ours is, it being a centre of the combined industries of farming and fishing—the fishing of lobsters, oysters and smelts, would it not be greatly to the advantage of the people who live south of the West Diver, to build a steel span at Westville, where there are two new abutments or wharves, directly opposite each other. This is the winter road, crossing the Long Creek and passing Westville, then overland to North Point or down the river when the ice is good.

Ten Contenders For Leadership

The latest entrant in the competition for the Ontario Conservative Leadership, Colonel George Drew, brings the total up to 10 and assures a spirited contest for the past when the Provincial Convention of the party meets at Toronto on May 27. To add to the interest of the event, Hon. Howard Ferguson is to arrive in time to attend, and the Toronto Telegram, independent Conservative suggests that his name may also be submitted to the Convention.

educational work among young children is particularly emphasized, with systematic instruction in the schools, and lessons given by police officers in uniform. Another interesting portion of the report is that which deals with the value of play spaces. This is a reform in which Hamilton has played the part of the pioneer. In certain congested areas, too, the suggestion is made that legislation closing certain streets to traffic should be passed to playgrounds, convincing evidence is given of their efficacy.

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