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When Arts Decay

Have the younger generation completely lost interest in the art of public speaking? Such would seem to be the case, judging from the fact, emphasized at the Teachers' Convention this week, that not a single entry had been received in the public speaking contest which was to have been held at the recent Provincial Hobbies Exhibition.

Youth, we venture to assert, would not be "afraid to try" if the standard of public speech-making were sufficiently high as to excite admiration and emulation. Indeed, up to a few months ago this seemed to have been the case, as was evidenced by the tremendous success of the oratorical contests held in connection with the Central School Fair.

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Radio In Canada

The issues now before Parliament in connection with radio broadcasting are thus summed up by the Vancouver Province:

"The two systems of handling radio are exemplified in Great Britain and the United States. In Great Britain the service is publicly-owned and is operated by the British Broadcasting Corporation, which is responsible to Parliament.

"In Canada we have had, for some years now, a combination of those two systems. The Radio Commission has been broadcasting programmes of instruction and entertainment over its national network and has been receiving license fees from radio listeners.

"The suggestion of those interests opposed to a publicly-owned radio service is that the Radio Commission should be wiped out and that, in its stead, a corporation should be set up which would collect the \$1,500,000 fees contributed annually by radio listeners, using the money to help private stations provide sustaining programmes and to encourage the broadcasting of network advertising programmes.

"But she can not retain them for herself if she loses her hold upon them. If she adopts advertising as the basis of broadcasting in the Dominion, the radio will inevitably fall, as it has fallen in the United States, into the hands of the great radio corporations and the electrical equipment and power interests.

Canada wishes to call her own that part of her national soul reached and dominated by radio, she must keep radio within her own national control."

Editorial Notes

Tomorrow, Good Friday.

Attend church tomorrow—it is a Holy day, not a holiday.

It evidently is still true that "winter remains while we have a March new moon."

P. E. I. Hospital "Black Cats for Luck" will be meeting every eye on Saturday.

Yesterday a young man's fancy gloomily turned to thoughts of sweaters and rubbers.

The Forum Motor Show in the week after Easter will help to put us on the map for the coming summer.

It will be the part of wisdom this year for our farmers to restrict the potato acreage and also that of turnips.

RAPHAEL, whose great picture "The Transfiguration," is the pride of the Vatican, was born on Good Friday 1483 and died on Good Friday, 1520, aged 37.

The German electors who were employees and failed to go to the poll to vote for the Fuehrer have lost their jobs and been refused unemployment relief. HITLER reality is even worse than the CAMPBELL threat.

The fourth Dominion Drama Festival will open at the Ottawa Little Theatre on Monday, April 20. There are 22 competitors from eight provinces, the Maritimes being represented by the Theatre Arts Guild, Kentville, N. S. with "Legend," and by the Saint John Theatre Guild with "The Old Troupers." The judge will be Mr. GRANVILLE BARKER, eminent English playwright, manager and actor.

We did not notice it before, but we find from our English exchanges that Mr. HITLER, when announcing his determination to smash up the Locarno treaty, declared: "What I have in mind is the permanent settlement of relations between the European peoples in the same manner as I have established order within my own country." A fine prospect for Europe, indeed!

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Municipal defaults are few in the Province of Alberta, according to a report from the secretary of the Alberta Institute of Chartered Accountants which is published in the April issue of The Canadian Chartered Accountant.

According to a preliminary statement issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics there were 3,044,592 lbs. of creamery butter in cold storage warehouses in Montreal as compared with 1,904,415 a year ago. The figures for Toronto and Winnipeg follow, with last year's figures in brackets: Toronto 1,227,664 (1,401,217); Winnipeg 571,000 (496,212). Cheese stocks at Montreal were 7,432,326 (4,496,861) lbs., Toronto 2,469,437 (2,162,256), Winnipeg 157,221 (160,597).

At the Conference of Red Cross workers at Ottawa recently discussions took place on what to give, and what to withhold, in the case of children's meals. Dr. ROUTLEY, of Toronto, told of the need for education on the pasteurization and nutritive value of milk in rural communities. "Many farmers feed milk to calves and not to their children," he said.

The Washington correspondent of the Portland Press-Herald writes thus: "When a correspondent of a Canadian paper said the other day to me that there was a movement in Canada to increase the duty on potatoes I asked how come, when the treaty, ratified a fortnight ago, gives potatoes free entry into Canada. He explained. It's rather complicated, but in Canada they have three lists, General, Intermediate and British Preferential. The latter is the lowest rate, General is the highest rate. Potatoes were free on the Intermediate lists, but taxable on the General list. The trade agreement struck out the duty on the General list, leaving them free on all. But the agreement does not bind them on the free list, so there is a movement to put on a duty on potatoes on the Intermediate list. That would be lower than the old duty on the General, but still would be a duty."

Are the Maritimes to be ignored by transatlantic air interests as they were by the Railway interests when they made Montreal the starting point for trans-Canadian transport? The Mayor of Sydney, Mr. S. E. MUGGAH, evidently thinks so. "It is quite evident from information we received at Ottawa," said the Mayor, "that the Canadian Government intends to subsidize an airplane landing field at Botwood, Newfoundland."

Use of mail coaches was started in England just 150 years ago. They travelled at a rate of 8-1-2 miles an hour and the journey from London to Edinburgh required 18 days. Transportation has made progress in the last century or so.

Notes by the Way

The increased flow of American journals into Canada must tend to spread the North American as against the Empire point of view. Can this tendency be successfully countered? Will the publishers of British papers and periodicals think it worth while to try to secure quicker postal delivery to Canada, to increase their Canadian circulation to try to present the wider view of the British world in the Canadian field? Until something of this kind is done, or until we develop our own really independent journals, Canadian public opinion, especially in foreign affairs, will inevitably be coloured by the Americanisation that has been outlined in these notes.—The Spectator (London.)

Today Sweden appears in a new role. Enthusiastic travelers speak of it as a country without slums, without unemployment, without a country where housing is more artistic and better adapted to low incomes than any other in the world, where farms are electrified, where government credit is available for social needs, where private enterprise is held to the competitive standards of great co-operatives without either going bankrupt or destroying individual liberty. No set theory of socialism or capitalism can quite explain Sweden, and so we think of it as having successfully pursued a middle path. Sweden offers us a great example, without plaguing us with a formula.—Spring Yale Review.

Considering the astounding things he has done in the past, Hitler has done nothing much to astonish the world with his proposals towards settlement of the intolerable situation he has created. His methods of removing opponents by assassination, his treatment of Jews, his attempts to bend religion to political ends, his violations of the Treaty of Versailles and of Locarno are all fairly astonishing; but the world is beyond being surprised at a mere evasion of the main question. Hitler broke a treaty and claimed that an act of France justified him; that must be settled and France is willing that the world court should decide. All Hitler apparently does now is to propose negotiations with a view to new treaties while he holds what he gains by tearing up the old ones.

Sun-ripened fruit and vegetables, according to the "Popular Mechanics and Farm Journal" are now being kept fresh by a thin armor of wax, so effective that in many instances shippers can dispense with refrigeration. Wax prevents scald, chief cause of rot in apples, and triples their market life out of storage. Oranges and grapefruit are kept fresh six months instead of six weeks; lemons last eight months to a year. Tomatoes can be picked ripe instead of green and remain twice as long. One California company is picking canteleoupes dead ripe and coating them, so that city people may at last know what a real melon tastes like. All this suggests that products of the home garden may yet be kept "fresh" for weeks, certainly well into the autumn months.—Edmonton Journal.

Nothing effective can be achieved without the ready and active cooperation of the trade unions, and they will certainly demand two assurances which the Government should have no difficulty in giving—that no war will ever be engaged in by this country except in accordance with the League Covenant and the Pact of Paris, and that the most rigorous safeguards against profiteering out of armaments shall be imposed. The cause of peace would not be served if this country bared itself to attack in the conditions that prevail; but the Government can only be justified if it devotes even greater energy to changing the conditions that it goes to arm against their consequences.—The Spectator (London.)

After an unbroken sequence of deficits running back to 1921, the Canadian Government Merchant Marine bobs up with an operating surplus. It's not much of a surplus, to be sure, but it's better than a deficit. So with the Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships. For the first time since the company's formation they have some money above operating costs with which to meet interest. The line has 11 vessels in operation now, including the five "Laud" ships and steadily gains in traffic. The ships maintain Canada's trade and passenger connection with the British West Indies and so achieve something worth while the value of which cannot be estimated entirely in dollars and cents.—Ottawa Journal.

"The little girl once said that pins have saved thousands of lives by not being swallowed. So one might say that Ireland and other small nations are a great force for good in the world just because they have no influence in shaping the course of events, like their bigger sisters. The more one looks at the course of international events, the less one is tempted to admire the forces that are shaping them."—New York Times.

"Of course it is argued by some that Canada should stay out of any future European war, but shall this Dominion do nothing if the capital of the Empire is bombed? The war would then cease to be merely an European war and become an Empire war. We cannot avoid looking fates in the face. Nor can we avoid the question. What does the United States fear to cause it to build up its defence forces in the way it is doing? For whatever the United States fears, Canada must also fear."—Hamilton Spectator.

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That Body of Pours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

WHICH IS THE WEAKER SEX?

"It is a common observation that in almost every community there are more widows than widowers. This may be explained in part by the fact that widowers are more likely to remarry."

"When the newspapers report a sudden death from heart disease, the deceased usually is a man. Men are the victims of gout, of cancer, inflammation and stones of the kidney more frequently than women. In 1927, at the age of ten years the average expectancy of life for males was almost four years less than females."

"Serious diseases of digestion affect men more frequently than women. Ulcers and cancers of the stomach, cancers of the lip, mouth, tonsils and intestine and hardening of the liver affect men more frequently than women. The single exception in this group is disease of the gall bladder including inflammation, gall stones and cancer, all of which affect women and girls more than men."

Formerly tight corsets were considered the cause of so much liver and gall trouble in women and there must have been some truth in it as the proportion of women to men some years ago was about four to one. The proportion now is considerably less.

Dr. Edgar V. Allen tells us in Hygiene that man is really the weaker sex after an examination of 300,000 cases of disease observed at the Mayo Clinic.

Even in infancy more male than female children die at birth or during the first year.

However it must be admitted that men work harder, smoke more, drink more alcohol, and live more irregularly as regards food and rest. This accounts to some extent for the higher rate of sickness and death among men.

I believe however that Dr. Allen has overlooked one important point and that is that man's work takes him away from his home every day. He has to be quite weak and ill before he will remain at home. The result is that he is often on his feet and at work for one, two or even three days after the beginning of an illness. This means that his heart reserve and vitality which he needs so greatly to fight the ailment are being used up at his daily work and he has nothing left with which to fight the illness.

The greatest proportion of deaths in any community during the flu epidemic was among the "strong young men" who remained on their feet the first few days instead of going to bed.

Women may be just as good fighters as men when attacked by ailments, but being at home there is always the chair, couch, or bed available for "rest."

In about another century, it is possible that the financial system will be similarly remodelled to serve the needs of modern society.—Ottawa Citizen.

Whenever a business man tries to make plans for the future, he is sooner or later confronted with the necessity of trying to figure out whether the world as a whole is going to wrack and ruin. That is to say that he cannot simply look at his own line of trade, judge the future by the past, and lay his plans accordingly.

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The Poet's Corner

THURSDAY BEFORE EASTER

(From "The Christian Year") —At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show thee; for thou art greatly beloved; therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.—Daniel ix, 23.

"O Holy mountain of my God, How do thy towers in ruin lie. How art thou riven and strewn abroad. Under the rude and wasteful sky!" 'Twas thus upon his fasting-day The "Man of Loves" was fain to pray.

Oh! for a love like Daniel's, now, To wing to Heaven but one strong prayer For God's new Israel, sunk as low, Yet flourishing to sight as fair As Zion in her height of pride, With queens for handmaids at her side.

With kings her nursing-fathers, throned high, And compassed with the world's too tempting blazonry . . .

Oh! grief to think, that grapes of gall Should cluster round thine health-lest shoot! God's herald prove a heartless thrall, Who, if he dared, would fain be mute!

Even such is this bad world we see, Which self-condemned in owning Thee, Yet dares not open farewell of Thee take, For very pride, and her high-boasted Reason's sake.

What do we then? If far and wide Men kneel to Christ, the pure and meek, Yet rage with passion, swell with pride, Have we not still our faith to seek? Nay—but in steadfast humbleness Kneel on to Him, who loves to bless The prayer that waits for Him; and trembling strive To keep the lingering flame in thine own breast alive.

Dark frowned the future even on him, The loving and beloved Star, What time he saw, through shadows dim, The boundary of th' eternal year; He only of the sons of men Named to be heir of glory then, Else had it bruised too sore his tender heart To see God's ransomed world in wrath and flame depart.

Then look no more: or closer watch Thy course in Earth's bewildering ways, For every glimpse thine eye can catch Of what shall be in those dread

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

HAND LOOMS MEANT

Sir,—I note an item in one of your recent issues, stating I had advocated in my address before the N. B. Legislature, that farmers should return to the spinning wheel to increase revenue on the farm.

EXTREME PARTISM

Sir,—Senator Sinclair's speech on the Reciprocity Agreement stands out prominently as a case of Liberal partism run to seed. Instead of standing by the rights of his Province and frankly acknowledging the injustice done to it as Mr. Dunning did, he bends the knee to the damning Baal of partism, and tries to cram down the intellectual throats of common sense peoples his labored and absurd claim that the pact is proving a great blessing to them!

He blows about a trifle of duty on a probably small fraction of 750,000 bushels of potatoes for all Canada!

Yes, the poor farmers will certainly become rich, now that there is 50 per cent reduction of duty on that costly, laborious back-breaking lowly vegetable, the turnip! It is hard

days: So when the Archangel's word is spoken, And Death's deep trance for ever broken, In mercy thou mayst feel the heavenly hand, And in thy lot unharmed before thy Saviour stand.—John Keble

INDUSTRY HELPS FOR TRAM FARE

TORONTO, April 7.—(C.P.)—In centres where factories abound a sharp increase in the car passenger returns is noted coincidentally with any pickup of industrial production.

FIELD TALKIE FOR YANKS

NEW YORK—Yankee Stadium will feature a public address system this season, last of the major league parks to install one. They had a loud speaker several years ago but it was abandoned because of the acoustical interference of the wooden bleachers now being replaced with steel stands.

RAIDED FOR BOXING COACH

CAMBRIDGE, Eng.—Cambridge has made the latest move in the boat race training "war" with Oxford. The Light Blues have engaged their rival's boxing instructor, Billy Cook, to supervise their physical jerks.

"CLEANSE" YOUR KIDNEYS

Just as your household needs cleaning, so kidneys often need similar attention. Healthy kidneys filter the impurities out of the blood—that is their normal function. If they fail, poisons gather and illness follows. Dodd's Kidney Pills help restore the kidneys to their normal action of cleaning the blood stream. Don't neglect your kidneys. Take Dodd's.

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