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WOMEN AND SMOKING.

The Boston Traveller says: Apropos of the announcement that the Canadian railroads are providing smoking cars for women, the National Geographic Society sends out a bulletin regarding Burma and its people. In some respects the Burmese seem to be throwing dust—or at least smoke—in our faces. Our boasted Yankee up-to-the-minute-ness regarding us of "the weed" as will be seen from quotations from the bulletin referred to.

"Perhaps the most characteristic concomitant of the Burmese men, women and children's appearance is the inevitable 'whackin' white cheeroot.' It is said that a mother often transfers her lighted cigar from her own mouth to that of the wee child in her arms; and no lady would start on a dress parade without taking a necessary stock of 'smokes' to supply her while she is out. This cheeroot is more like an over-grown cigarette than anything else."

It seems that the Burmese women and the children as well, not only smoke but chew.

"Another Burman custom common to boys, girls, men and women is kun-chewing. The Burman has been said to smoke between chews and chew between smokes, but to have little time for anything else. The betelnut is chopped fine, a red lime paste is spread on a certain kind of astringent leaf and all are jammed into the mouth together. Then the chewing begins. To extract the last bit of flavor from the combination, the chewer contorts his face while his cheeks puff out more and more, until finally discomfort compels him to start again with a fresh 'charge.'"

All of which means we are rather slow and unsophisticated over here on this side of this wabby old world but the Canadians, it would seem, are making a real start toward being something and somebody. In the meantime is anybody going to remark that the women haven't just as much right to a smoking car as have the men?

AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC.

A civic official who was recently mixed up in an auto accident is quoted as saying that the city has no law to regulate traffic. If the official in question is correctly quoted he is wrong. A traffic law was adopted by the City Council a few years ago when Mr. R. W. McLellan, barrister was a member of that body. It is a very good law but possibly may need some amendments to meet changed conditions. As auto traffic this season is the greatest ever and some people have apparently forgotten all about the traffic by-law, it might not be out of place for the City Council to have it printed and distributed for the information of the public. Fredericton now has some fine new streets; it also has some speed fiends and the combination is one which might cause some fatal accidents if the authorities are not on the alert.

The latest returns from the Alberta provincial elections show that the United Farmers will have thirty-nine members in a house of sixty-one. In the near future they may be expected to select a leader and form an administration. The Calgary Albertan says that the Liberal Government was not defeated because of its administrative record, but went down before a group friendly to the government but having different plans as to provincial administration. The Conservative party was completely eliminated at the polls.

So far at least as Saskatchewan is concerned, oleomargarine has proved a harmless bugaboo. It used to be said that there would be no market for butter if once the substitute were admitted into Canada. Last year Saskatchewan produced 6,000,000 pounds of creamery butter, practically double what it produced three years before. It almost looks as if the use of oleo stimulated the demand for butter.

The Meighen Government passed an order in council on March 8th requiring County Court Judge Wilson. After a lapse of three months Hon. A. R. Slipp, K. C., of this city was appointed to the vacancy and yesterday (July 19th) he was sworn into office. The Meighen Government cannot be accused of exercising undue haste in the matter.

"Give the little dear his watch, Dick," said the Chicago girl bandit to her companions when their victim remarked that the timepiece had been given to him by his mother. Another joyous thing about the incident is that as the girl is still at large the sob sisters haven't a chance to interview her.

At the national educational conference in Des Moines a New York teacher urged instructors to banish fairy stories of real people. But there are those who declare that, unfortunately, most of the stories of real people are fairy stories and that the real people in the world are the fairies.

Mr. Martin Robichaud, ex-M. P. P. of Gloucester, a hero of one of the Royal Commissions which functioned during the good old days of the Flemming regime, has been rewarded for his services to the party with the appointment of returning officer for the prohibition referendum for the electoral district of Gloucester.

"Well, Little One," said the Story Teller to the Big Sport. "how are you?" And the Big Sport, who had taken a tip from the Weather Man, truthfully replied "Fair and warmer."

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

A lazy man's idea of unrest is to have to move to keep in the shade.

It is no easy matter to become accustomed to fussing about hot weather.

Walking is a splendid exercise but a slow method of annihilating distance.

For most married men the cost of living remains exactly where it was, all they've got.

Darwin's theory can't make a monkey of a man but the man can make a monkey of himself.

Nowadays, the hems of big sister's frocks have to be let down, when they are passed on to little sister.

The trouble with some men is that they work too hard trying to get things they don't need and never ought to want.

Often a woman keeps asking her husband what shade of blue he prefers for her new dress and then goes out and buys a pink one.

"Having one's own way," remarked the Man on the Car, "means greater responsibility and nobility upon whom to shoulder the blame when the bone in one's head is exposed."

While a New York iceman was being fined \$10 for driving a lame horse, \$80 worth of ice melted in his wagon outside. In this case Justice should have worn skates instead of leaden heels.

PROSPECTS FOR AN EARLY HARVEST

Prospects are for an early harvest of wheat in all provinces being fully headed, and many reports of harvesting of rye being in full swing, states the weekly crop review of the Grain Trade News:

The review says: "The intense heat which prevailed during the period of the last report continued into the week under review, June 30 to July 6, but was relieved to some extent by fairly general and heavy rainfalls and succeeding low temperatures. The portion of Alberta for which very grave fears were entertained, has been visited by heavy precipitation, but in some districts too late to ensure more than a very reduced crop. In others the situation has been saved and fair yields may be expected provided no untoward circumstances occur before harvest. Similar conditions are reported to prevail in some parts of southwestern Saskatchewan.

"Some isolated hailstorms did con- and these were accompanied by terrific winds in many cases, which would have laid considerable of the crop if it had been further advanced.

"Rust reports are slowly creeping northward although nothing of a serious nature is yet reported from the Canadian west. The grasshopper fight continues and generally favorable reports are being received. Up to the present, damage is of a minor nature."

A. E. Tremblay of Moncton arrived in the city today and is a guest at the Barker House.

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GOOD WORD FOR MOTHERS-IN-LAW

New York, July 20—Judge Talley, in General Sessions, defended mothers-in-law yesterday, when counsel for Victor A. Hurst, 25, a salesman of Brooklyn, convicted of bigamy, declared his client's troubles were brought about by the mother of his first wife.

"I think they are more abused than any other persons in the community," said Judge Talley. "In this case I cannot understand why the prisoner was driven, as he claims, to take another wife because of the attitude of his first mother in law. He not only took a second wife but a second mother in law. This does not seem consistent."

The indictment against Hurst charged he married his first wife, Rose Fitzpatrick, April 28, 1918, and on May 4th, last, he married Emilie J. James. Judge Talley sentenced him to serve from six months to three years in the penitentiary.

Campbellton, July 19—The most serious fire that has occurred here for a long time today destroyed the lower lumber mill of the Richards Manufacturing Co., Ltd. The mill made a big blaze, but fortunately no lumber was destroyed.

This plant was built nine years ago and was generally in good condition. The financial loss is estimated at \$60,000, and it is understood there is partial insurance on the property. The loss of the mill is a severe one to the normal industrial life of the town. As the lumber trade is very dull at the present time it was not known tonight whether the plant will be rebuilt this season.

Son and Heir.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crotty are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son and heir at the Maternity Hospital Tuesday afternoon.

G. H. Tapley of St. John is a guest at the Barker House.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shaw, Mrs. H. R. Davis, Mrs. E. M. Whitehouse, and H. R. Dolon, of Presque Isle arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and are registered at the Windsor Hall. They made the trip by car.

A. A. White of Woodstock is at the Windsor Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Mooers and son of Campbellton arrived at Windsor Hall this morning.

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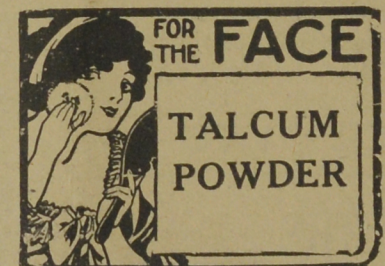
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