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WORDS, AND MORE WORDS

It has been said that of the making of books there is no end, and it is not surprising, therefore, to learn that the manufacture of words goes on endlessly. To some a dictionary, like the Bible, may seem a finished book; but as a matter of fact revised editions have to be published to accommodate the many new expressions which are constantly clamoring for admission.

Thus we are told that so many new words have been coined in the last four decades that thirty pages of the New Oxford Dictionary are needed to print those beginning with the letter A alone. In the past it has been Americans who were accused of inventing new ways of expressing old thoughts, but it seems that our English cousins are not guiltless. This is not entirely due to whim either, because with multiplication of inventions and the progress of science here are scores of new words which must take their places with the old ones. In the last fifty years, for instance, automobile, airplane and radio have come to describe things which did not exist when the earlier dictionary makers had ended their labors.

It is no easy matter to decide which of the new words should be given the sanction of the learned philologists. The greatest difficulty, of course, is with the common colloquialisms which are clearly understood by the masses, but which have yet to reach the dignity of a dictionary definition. Some which are scoffed at in the beginning finally find their way to the pages of the latest editions. On the other hand certain words become obsolete and have to be mercilessly sidetracked.

After all, the most important use of words is to make yourself understood. That fact helps to explain the coinage of so many new ones. We accept the inevitable, even while we give our meed of sympathy to the tireless professors who are forced to deal with them.

Ex-Governor Al Smith speaking over the radio last night urged the Democrats to keep up their organization. He pointed out that the party had polled fifteen million votes in the recent election which was proof that it was not lacking in stamina. He said that the party was now facing a deficit as a result of the election and made a strong bid for contributions. In order to help out he had decided to turn his campaign speeches over to the national committee free of charge and have the same published in book form and sold at \$2 each for the benefit of the campaign fund. He said the deficit totalled \$1,500,000.

It will be generally conceded that Dr. J. H. Grisdale of Ottawa knows at least as much about agriculture as some of the critics of the provincial agricultural department. In a recent statement he referred to the great progress New Brunswick had made along agricultural lines, and predicted that the progress would be as great during the next ten years as it had been in the last thirty. This may be taken as proof that in the opinion of this expert the agricultural department of the province is in capable hands.

Criticism of the Provincial Department of Agriculture under its very capable management is sure to return in the form of a boomerang. No Premier of New Brunswick ever made a better find than Premier Baxter when he was looking about for a Minister of Agriculture. Hon. Lewis Smith is young, energetic and capable and what is more he is absolutely honest and sincere in his efforts to serve the farmers of New Brunswick.

Dispatches from London showed excitement because a young woman changed her mind almost on the way to the church and decided to marry another man. She is probably not a

foolish or a too changeable young woman at all. She probably showed common sense—deciding that the time to change one's mind about one's husband is before church time and not after.

Sam Hill, in the Cincinnati Enquirer, says an average man's "idea of a miracle is to go to bed on Friday night with \$5 of his last week's salary in his pocket." That isn't a miracle, Sam. It's merely another evidence of your long flight of imagination.

Mr. Ross W. Gray, the Liberal candidate, was elected by acclamation in West Lampton, Ontario, this week to fill the vacancy in parliament caused by the death of Mr. W. T. Goodison. The Liberal majority in the last election was 128.

With His Worship the Mayor unavoidably absent and the thermometer hovering between 20 and 30 degrees below zero the farmers came in for a rather chilly welcome.

A man from Glasgow, the only first-class passenger arriving in New York last week on the Athenia, had 2 stewards at his disposal. So there is some natural speculation as to the size of their tips.

It is said that the best-imported canary birds are trained in voice culture, and that may account for the splendid head and chest tones we have admired so much in some canaries.

The Harvard gentleman who says the earth after all is a rather inferior planet, as things go, talks as if his resignation from the human race had been mailed.

The idea of another Chicago World's Fair is gaining ground, with rumors around that architects have been asked to make sketches of the deficit.

A medical publicist is asked by Anxious Mother, "What causes left-handedness?" This must be because somebody has to pitch to left-handed batters.

Sir Walter Raleigh was a very likeable gentleman, according to history, but introduced tobacco to England and must have borrowed a light pretty frequently.

Announcement that Russian doctors received a "dead man" in Moscow makes us wonder how they know when a man in Moscow is really dead?

It makes us laugh long and uproariously when we read that a prize-winning novel is "The Father." When did a father ever win any prize?

We guess about the only thing that still starts with a crank is a movement.

Judicious advertising is a good thing but not when one has to borrow the money to pay for it.

It is reported some recluses in New York are going to the theater this winter to escape the crowds.

"Money," says Mr. Schwab, "is only a symbol of success," but oh what a Symbol of Success it is!

Heard on the Air.

Dr. J. H. Grisdale of Ottawa, deputy minister of agriculture, gave a brief but very interesting talk on the radio from station CFNB last evening. He discussed agricultural problems and urged the farmers of New Brunswick to give close attention to dairying and the raising of sheep, pigs and poultry. He said that the province had made great progress along agricultural lines during the past thirty years and predicted that the advancement during the next ten years would be equal to that made in the last three decades.

Guests At Barker

Among the guests at the Barker House today are: T. H. Brusie, Toronto, Ont., A. R. Jones, St. John, Arthur E. Curran, Truro, N. S., F. A. McGrand Welsford; T. H. Hasson, Ennskillen; F. C. Darrah, Chipman; W. G. Fraser, Chipman; Ellery Nightingale, Minto; F. L. Newton, Halifax, N. S.; K. Linton, St. John; N. G. Thacher, Bridge town; L. O. Longen, Newcastle, N. B. J. G. Harmon, Montreal, Que.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Hi Slocum says that the Weather man gave a cold reception to the delegates attending the Farmers' and Dairymen's Convention.

Add Dictionary: Giggle n. The vibration point in feminine youth.

A polite answer to January weather: Well, what can you expect?

Smile: As absurd as a cure for warts that really removes the warts.

Some good men who seem to be all right otherwise, are advocating the 13-month year.

Now and then something reminds us that there are too many facts in the world and not enough fancies.

Lima Beane thinks the painted dolls he sees on the street occasionally ought to be at home saying "mam-ma-a-a!"

Dr. Harlow Shapely says the earth is a minor planet. There you have it—the old spirit of knocking the home footstool.

Scientists will succeed in abolishing religion as soon as they get through with the preliminary work of doing away with nature.

Edison would give his entire fortune to see the development of science in the next twenty years. But perhaps a fellow can go away and get back in the next incarnation in time for the big show.

NEW HOSPITAL AT ST. JOHN

St. John, N. B., Jan. 17—Unqualified approval of the project to build a new hospital in Saint John was voiced at the meeting of the Municipal Council here on Wednesday afternoon and authority was given the commissioners of the General Public Hospital to engage architects and draw plans for the new building which will cost in the vicinity of \$1,000,000. Members of the hospital commission and Dr. William H. Walsh, of Chicago hospital consultant, appeared before the council on behalf of the new hospital. Provision also was made for the financing of the hospital, which, it is expected, will be completed in 1930.

HOOVER WILL PROBE THE U. S. DRY LAW

Washington, Jan. 16—A far-reaching investigation of all phases of prohibition is planned by President-elect Hoover early in his administration. His views were outlined today to prominent leaders in the almost continuous wet and dry controversy in the Senate who were told that he proposed to appoint a non-partisan commission to conduct an inquiry and make such recommendations as it might deem advisable.

DIED

McFARLANE—At her home in Nashwaaksis, January 17th, Mrs. Sarah McFarlane, widow of George McFarlane, aged ninety-one years.

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