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PARLIAMENT WILL SETTLE DOWN TO WORK TODAY AFTER EASTER HOLIDAYS; BUDGET COMING SOON

Ottawa, April 5—Parliament resumes tomorrow after the Easter recess, with members of both the house of commons and the Senate in attendance. Premier Mackenzie King, and members of the cabinet who have been out of town are expected back tomorrow. A meeting of the cabinet will take place at noon or early in the afternoon before the houses meet.

Government business, legislation already on the order paper and possibly estimates, will occupy the attention of the members of the House of Commons. The Senate will be asked to approve the interim supply bill providing for one-twelfth of the total amount of the main estimates. This bill passed the House of Commons several days ago, and will be assented to by the department of the Governor-General on Wednesday. Its passage insures payment of civil service salaries which fall due on the 15th of the month.

Budget Expected Soon.

The government, it is expected, will bring down the budget with as little delay as possible now that the Easter holiday is over. No indication has been given yet as to the exact date that the finance minister will choose on which to

make his annual statement. Preparations, however, are under way for what is generally regarded as the most important item on the sessional program. Reductions in taxation have been forecast on a number of occasions. A cut in the income tax as well as tariff reductions, is said to be under consideration.

Statement Expected.

Tomorrow's sitting of the House of Commons will be featured by a statement from D. M. Kennedy, Progressive member for Peace River in regard to the contention that he should resign his seat because of irregularities during the election in his constituency. Mr. Kennedy who has said that he does not intend to resign will probably make his statement at the opening of the question of privilege.

The parliamentary committee on the customs administration resumes its sittings tomorrow morning. The Easter recess, it is understood, has given counsel and auditors for the committee an opportunity to go into books and papers which have been accumulated since the investigation opened. The result of these examinations will be laid before the committee when ready.

RURAL ENGLAND IS SAID TO BE CHANGING RAPIDLY; OLD WAYS ARE GIVING WAY TO NEW

London, April 5—Rural England is changing; it is rapidly becoming urbanized. That is a conclusion that is irresistibly forced on one who, emulating Cobbett, travels through the country today. The change is, of course, more marked nearer London and the large towns, says a travelling correspondent of the Westminster Gazette.

Town life is being imitated, so far as possible, in all its phases, and the change is bringing in a new mentality.

In a few years time, it seems, the holiday-maker from the big cities may still find green fields, slower thought and motion, and picturesque cottages; but he will miss that feeling of remoteness and the vacancy of mind it often created in the inhabitant which characterized pre-war rural England.

There is no evidence that a fuller life in the villages is keeping the more active and brighter lads and girls at home. Said a small farmer:

"Dances and whist drives won't keep lads away from the towns; nor'll cinemas or theatres. Not even a bathroom in every cottage, with gas and water laid on—and we're coming to that—will do it. They go, the lively and best ones, because they must. They want to be somewhere else than the place they live in."

Linked With City.

Those left behind find their mental occupations multiplied. There is the constantly increasing flow of life. Where before the villager had little to regard but the weather and growing vegetation, his senses are now filled with the sights and sounds that once belonged exclusively to the town.

He is assimilating at least the mechanics of civilization—the telephone, wireless, the motor bus, the newspaper, the county circulating library. All these are linking him up with the rest of the world. In time he may achieve a culture.

Once deserted country roads were found noisier than the Strand. The postmaster of a village of 1,000 inhabitants said to me that three years ago they possessed one telephone; now they have 25, and this figure is expected to be doubled in a year or two.

Everything, in fact, points to the growth of a more diffused but still an urban life, so much so that the term "country cousin" is likely soon to lose much of its meaning.

In nothing is the urban life so obvious as in the fashions. Even in remote villages the girls were wearing for the most part smart frocks and silk stockings. Shingled heads were not unusual, and Russian boots were plentiful.

Before the war it took years for the prevailing fashions to penetrate; now the village belles take their cue from the weekly fashion plate or from the advertisements in the daily newspapers, and by using the mail order facilities given by the big London stores are able to dress with the times.

Desire For Cash.

It is the same with the current popular songs and dances. By means of the wireless the countryman now enjoys these hot and new milled.

In the same category comes time, the strict reckoning of which was formerly an affliction confined to the towns. Dawn and sunset are gradually being superseded as guides by Greenwich time or the chimes of Big Ben. In a chat the correspondent had with a village schoolmaster it seemed that even the weather signs were fading into disuse before the competition of Air Ministry forecasts.

"The majority of the younger men," he said, "if you were to examine them as to the meaning of such portents as a red sky in the morning, cows lying on the ground in the morning or swallows flying low, would stand amazed. 'One of the biggest changes I've noticed in country life of late years,' he added, 'is a growth of the desire for money and the disappearance of a preference for actual goods.'

"People—dealers and motorists from the towns—go round the country and comb it bare to eggs, butter, milk and fruit.

"The villagers would rather have the money they get in this way than the goods they sell, although it means that they've got to buy often inferior articles for themselves from the grocer.

"There are hamlets near here which are unable to get sufficient milk and I know farmers who sell their butter and buy margarine."

Without Foundation.

The report that Dr. Gerrard had passed away after a two days' illness from pneumonia is without the slightest foundation. The doctor as an actual fact is enjoying perfect health and is still attending to business at his old stand as usual.

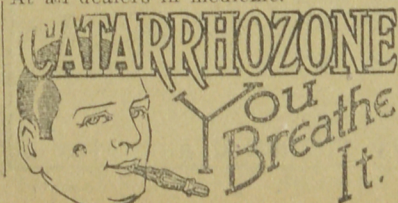
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THE IDEER OF SUMTHIN' FER NOTHIN' IS JUST BUNK, OLD TIMER CONTENTS

By TOM WILLIAMS in Toledo Blade.

"We have to pay the price for everything we get that's worth having. Yet I suppose folks will continue to look for something for nothing, not realizing that they'll have nothing if they should happen to get it."

The Old Timer continued his sorting of packages of home packed flower seeds in the railroad crossing sharply straining his eyes to read the pencil scrawls on each before he undertook to untie the "store string" that bound them.

"A fellow who can read his own handwriting six months afterward is a master," he grunted as he thumbed a package of nasturtiums. "Going to plant extensively this spring."

Sharp Sense.

To the question the Old Timer kept on feeling between forefinger and thumb of the large assortment of tiny bundles, apparently identifying the contents of each with greater ease in that way than by attempting to decipher the penciled words.

"Sweet peas ought to be put in on Good Friday and sunflowers and morning glories to follow," he muttered to himself "but with the world and the weather all upset there's no knowing what to do."

"Yes, I'm going to plant as extensively as the liberality of this railroad company with its land given to crossing shanties will permit which isn't so much. And if cinders and soot and horn honks and exhaust pipe residue were fertilizer I'd show you some crop."

And the long boney fingers settled upon a pack wrapped in brown paper that seemingly had the right feel, and the opening of it disclosed large striped Russian sunflower seeds.

Dickered With Him.

"A fellow come by the other day and offered to give me five articles if I'd buy one. He was one of those 'high-powered' salesmen and figured on slipping a fast one over on me, I suspect."

"Let's dicker," says I. "Sit down an' take it easy. A man who's givin' things away needn't be in a hurry. He can always get plenty of takers. There's one born every minute—or used to be—probably more now 'cause the population is greater."

"I'll trade you the railroad for a set, says I and I'll throw in the rolling stock and switching privileges," but the fellow shook his head. "And the water," I added seein' he was a little slow."

"When we get light wines and beer, Dad," he assured as he got up to go, "things will be better."

"Why make 'em light?" says I. "That's what I can't understand. Who is it that wants 'em light?" but he was gone and I didn't get a chance to dip from his well of modern reasoning which I don't understand nohow.

In Olden Times.

"Business is built on increasing the needs of mankind. At one time I suppose a man needed only a hole in a cliff, a club and a sharp flint to gain social standing in the best society and a livelihood. He made his own club found his own cave, or stole one from a weaker brother and kidnapped a wife. Some of him is here yet. But they don't live in caves. They have castles.

"Manufacture and commerce was

at a low ebb then, but a man was free. We have taken a few steps forward since. As a whole we are not so free but a darn sight more comfortable. Uninhabited caves are a drug on the market and clubs and jackknives are cheap. Take your choice.

"Some men want to make a lot of money so they can make bigger fools of themselves it would seem. It used to be that a fool and his money were soon parted but now it is the wife that gets parted—especially if she has taken in boarders or washing while on her honeymoon and otherwise proved a good helpmeet in stocking the family larder."

"In the old days here in Ohio when some disgrace fell on a man he didn't try to live it down in his own township. He usually moved away on west to Missouri or Iowa. Now he moves to good society. That's one of the minor differences between now and when I was a lad."

First Scandal.

"I knew a man in our neighborhood who got into a terrible disgrace. He was a good man too, only a little opinionated, maybe. He got into a row with the preacher over the meaning of a verse and left the church and went over to the Campbellites across the ridge in another neighborhood."

"It was the first neighborhood scandal I remember and the next one was when old Sam Barrow didn't come forward to the mourners' bench one winter as usual in a revival meeting. Sam explained he felt the habit growing on him and he didn't care to acquire any more'n he had."

"And was Polly Sanders who married there a stranger who'd been in neighborhood but three months. Of course, everyone but Polly knew she had made a terrible mistake and it was the topic of sewing bees and quiltings all winter. But when Polly's man bought the Hughes place in the spring and there was no mortgage filed, Polly became respectable again. No, folks didn't talk that way in the old days."

And the Old Timer crossed his legs with a wide swing and tapped the ashes out of his pipe on the point of his shoe, giving a vicious last swing to get the "heel" out of it.

"You know history is all wrong," he went on. "The pioneer women of this here country never got credit for what they did toward making the world easier for the lappers that come after them."

"A woman who couldn't choy wood bind wheat by hand grind an ax, help butcher a hog, make a spare hand at the plow and load hay when I was a youngster wasn't considered much of a wife."

Women of Old.

"And there's many an acre of land that's been cleared by them not to mention their influence in keeping hunting husbands to their work when crops were to be gathered."

"Many of their descendants of the second generation have a hard time of it keeping husbands at work too. When some fellows ain't 'shootin' snipes' or borrowing tobacco you know their wife is working again."

"We hear a great deal these days about women being 'pals.' Maybe they are. I don't know, but I do know that the women of yesterday were partners."

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