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CONCERNING WORDS.

It used to be said that the average man uses only about 500 words, the average professional man from 2000 to 5000, while Shakespeare was placed upon the awesome heights of a 15,000-word vocabulary. But everything is changing under the Argus eyes of the modern investigator.

Here is a dictionary authority saying that Shakespeare was no great shakes at language after all. He got long with about 23,000 words where the trained professional man of the day has to have 25,000 or more in his business. The average or common man also has become a far more voracious consumer of words than his likes were credited with only a little while ago. According to the authority quoted it is a very poor sort of person indeed in these days who can do with less than 3000 good verbal coins in his language pouch while the business man has to have about 10,000 at his tongue's end.

President Wilson in his speeches is said to have used only 7000 different words, but in his books he called into service upward of 60,000. From all of which we learn that more and more words, all the time are coming into the service of men as the tools with which they conduct diplomatic intercourse between themselves which is of the very essence of civilization.

And on the whole, word increase is one of the great signs of the growth of intelligence. If we had a census that was really thorough we would probably lay more stress upon the count of our words than the count of our sheep and hogs and cattle.

## THE LATE J. F. McMURRAY.

The news of the death at his home here yesterday of Mr. James P. McMurray, will be deeply regretted by a host of friends throughout the city and province. For years he had been one of the city's outstanding business men and his death has left a blank which is going to be pretty hard to fill. The late Mr. McMurray was a self-made man in every sense of the term. With no other asset except a sturdy constitution he set out from his farm home when a mere youth to seek his fortune in the world. After spending several years in Nova Scotia he removed to this city where he established on a small scale a stationery and music store. A genial personality combined with a wonderful capacity for hard work, remarkable ingenuity, and a rare skill in the art of salesmanship he succeeded in building up one of the most successful business establishments of its kind in the Province. The bereaved widow and family will have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in the bereavement which has overtaken them.

Scotchmen, here and abroad on January 25, will pay their willing tribute to Robert Burns, born 167 years ago on that date. Lives are not measured by years. Lives are not measured in the long run by money, by books or by monuments. There are mostly measured by the depth of their impression on the lives of others. They are measured by the performance of minds and hearts in contact with others. Burns lived but 37 years. A young man when he died, he is yet, in memory, the greatest Scotchman in the world.

Among the things in Chicago that your wife can tell you to buy at a department store and which you can forget is a house and lot. One of the large stores of that city has added a real estate section. You can buy a lot along with your pins and needles. The store will do anything but wrap it up for you. Industrialism and merchandising become more complex. Are all these things better or just different.

Any poor little rich boy who was dragged off to California or Florida for the winter is missing some glorious bobbed weather.

A man who three times "broke the bank at Monte Carlo" was bur-

ied last week in London, at public expense.

A Cincinnati stenographer has just closed a business deal in which she made \$1,000,000. Let somebody try to dictate to her now!

Each of us has his weakness, and the promoter of the hypothetical oil well is on somebody else's sucker list.

Battling one's way up from poverty is commonly a matter of mistaking the wolf at the door for Opportunity.

A young woman in Monroe, Wis., had her bare knees frozen. Low temperatures are no respecters of height of fashion.

What a howl would ensue if poverty made women wear so few clothes.

There's one thing you can say against Florida; the skiing is rotten there.

About the most peaceable man anyone knows of is the champion heavyweight pugilist of the world.

It is a wise investor who buys real estate in the sunny South and remains sunny.

Pork packers have discovered ways to utilize everything in the pig but the stastic.

In the old days what is now called the Charleston would have been diagnosed as hives.

When reading subtitles aloud nothing is so annoying as having someone in the vicinity cough.

When heat is broadcast as is now predicted a coal suspension will be static.

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\* THROUGH OUR SIEVE \*  
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Lima Beane says the truth is mighty but scarce.

To get the rising generation up on Monday morning, begin early.

There is money in slot machines for the fellow who carries the key.

A swell wedding does a whole lot to stimulate various lines of business.

When strawberries are two or three dollars a quart prunes are healthful.

There are men who have no talent for business, except other people's.

Polite people say a man is "queer" when they don't want to call him a "nut."

"Mutton chop whiskers are coming back in London." Men simply have to do something to identify their sex.

Writes a poet: "It's so easy to say 'no' when there is snow. Shame on such love as that. Now's the time to snuggle up."

"He's the kind of 'psalm-singer,'" remarked the Man on the Car, "who carries Temptation's phone number in the back of his prayer book."

## Ice Falling From Roofs.

The mild weather which set in Sunday and continued today resulted in many falls of ice from roofs. There have been narrow escapes from injury on the part of people and buildings have sustained damage by broken windows, broken lighting and telephone wires and in other ways.

## Many Roofs Leaking.

The weather has caused many roofs about the city to leak as the result of ice forming on the eaves. Men to remove snow and ice have been in demand. The problem of ice causing leaking roofs is one difficult of solution.

## Painfully Injured.

Charles (Nucker) Irvine while playing in a scratch game of hockey Saturday night at the Arctic Rink, Rink Rats vs Rink Band, met with a painful injury which necessitated the attendance of two physicians and his removal to his home where he was confined to his bed Sunday. His condition is reported to be improving.

W. D. Brown of Saint John is at the Barker House.

A. M. Gosling of Boston is in the city today.

# LONDON BRIDE CARRIES DOG TO ALTAR WITH HER

London, Jan. 15.—A bride who carried her pet terrier to the altar on her wedding day attracted much attention here. She was Miss Barbara Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hill of Arlington Lodge, Eastbourne, who became the wife of Lieutenant Alexander Leslie, of the Royal Navy in St. James Church, Piccadilly.

Just before the ceremony Miss Hill handed the dog Ben to one of her friends to hold during the service. Afterward Mrs. Leslie took the pet in her arms again, and carried it down the aisle and out to the waiting automobile, which was surrounded by a curious crowd.

## BEAR ISLAND.

Bear Island, Jan. 13.—The weather of the past few days has been beautiful for the time of year.

The farmers are now busy hauling their fire wood, pulpwood and potatoes with the latter bringing more than half a ten dollar bill per barrel.

The school has reopened under the skillful management of Mrs. Donald Corey.

Those on the sick list who are slowly recovering are Gerald Brown, Harold Gunter and the two little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Levert Gunter, who were on the Victoria Hospital.

Harry Brown who has been in Halifax learning to be a barber is spending a few weeks with his parents of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nicholas are spending the winter at Chesley Halletts.

A flock of robins hatched late in September at the home of B. L. Brown are wintering near there where plenty of thorn-plums are still on the trees, the fruit forming the most of their food.

B. L. Brown of Bear Island who has been in the employ of the N. B. Forest Service Staff for the past nine years, wishes to thank his friends in the different sections of the country for their courtesy and hospitality toward him on many occasions and to his successor every success.

# ADAM BROWN PASSES AWAY AT AGE OF 99

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 16.—Adam Brown, known as Hamilton's "Grand Old Man," died during the night in his 100th year. At his bedside were his daughters, Mrs. Wm. Hendrie of this city and Mrs. E. B. Smith of London and his grandsons, William and George Hendrie. Mr. Brown was for many years postmaster of Hamilton.

He suffered a fainting spell on Thursday morning, but rallied quickly and seemed to be in his usual health later in the day, and during Friday. About three o'clock this morning he called for his nurse and asked her to "take a letter," he wished to dictate to a friend in England who asked him to try and secure him a position. His nurse saw a change come over his face and at once notified his daughters, who went to his room and remained till death came. Shortly after he had asked his nurse to "take a letter" he fell into the sleep that knows no awakening.

Had Mr. Brown lived till April 3rd next, he would have celebrated his 100th birthday.

# MAY OPPOSE THE PREMIER IN PRINCE ALBERT

Prince Albert, Sask., Jan. 17.—Conservative officials here Saturday maintained silence in regard to what transpired at an emergency meeting of the party executive here, at which the approaching by-election brought about by the resignation of the sitting member, Charles Macdonald to make way for Premier W. L. Mackenzie King, was considered. Unofficial reports going the rounds, however, were to the effect that a Conservative candidate will be placed in the field.

It is further stated in some quarters that Hon. Robert Rogers will come here next week to organize for the campaign. The possibility that R. B. Bennett, M. P., will come is being discussed in political circles.

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## DIED.

SHIELDS—At Dyer Brook, Maine, January 16th, Georgiana widow of Amos Shields, Funeral, Tuesday at 2.30 p. m. from Brunswick street Baptist Church. Service by Rev. G. C. Warren Interment in Sunny Bank Cemetery.

M'MURRAY—At his home, 71 Saint John street, on the 18th inst., James F. McMurray in his 77th year. Funeral Wednesday afternoon with service by Rev. Dr. Sutherland. Interment in the Rural Cemetery.

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