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A FAMOUS PAINTING.

A great sensation was created in August, 1911, when the "Mona Lisa," called the masterpiece of Leonardo da Vinci, suddenly disappeared from its place in the Louvre in Paris. Two years later it was discovered in Florence, and the thief alleged patriotic motives in taking it back to Italy. Vast crowds view it in Florence, Rome and Milan before its return to its position in the Louvre. Now interest in this unusual painting has been revived by the publication of a yarn that the picture hanging in the museum is only a copy and that the original is in the cellar of a Paris art dealer.

As a matter of fact the art experts are unanimous in their opinion that there is no possible doubt concerning the authenticity of the Louvre painting. From this distance it looks as though the "Mona Lisa" must have a pretty good press agent, because the story has revived interest in this work of art and it is attracting great numbers of visitors. It is a reminder that the French Government possesses a very remarkable painting and calls to mind a work that has been the subject of endless controversy. Vinci was not only a great painter, but he also won fame as a sculptor, architect, engineer and scientist. To many persons his "Annunciation" and "Last Supper" seem far superior to the Lady of the Louvre, but tastes differ and for some reason the "Mona Lisa" seems to have overshadowed his other work.

The average visitor has been attracted by the "dewy shimmer" of the eyes, the fleeting smile around the mouth and the wonderful hands. More than one person browsing about the Louvre has confessed to a feeling of disappointment, but the art connoisseurs agree that it is wonderful and the layman must submit. It has been probably the most-talked-of painting in the world and the mystery caused by its disappearance fifteen years ago has only added to its fame.

Now comes the accoustimeter which measures noises. Noise is the enemy of the nervous system. After experts have it measured what will they do with it? Can they apply the accoustimeter to the fellow in the automobile back of you who keeps honking although he knows you can't move. After his noise is properly tabulated by the new device he ought to be measured for a suit in the home for morons.

Voltaire, great French philosopher, died at 83. His friends said he was cut off in his prime—when life for him was at its brightest and best. That's encouraging for older folks. This is a strange and interesting world, full of all sorts of interesting possibilities. When you are eighty you have a right to feel that your best years are ahead.

New York man in a suit for separation charges his wife with inhuman treatment, one of the counts in his bill of particulars being that she refused to speak to him for a week at a time. He'll probably have a hard time convincing any referee that's inhuman treatment.

We don't agree with the economist who claims that distribution is the greatest problem of the times. It's the idea of the preliminary shopping that makes us turn pale and tremble all over.

The average man thinks he's done his part in the day's work of helping to raise the children if he growls at them after dinner to "get to their homework," so he may read the paper in peace.

Wisconsin University, which has established a four years' course in dancing for students who propose to become instructors in the art, is probably trying to get th lowdown on higher education.

We wonder whether that chap in Paris who killed his wife, her nurse and then committed suicide because the household bills were so large overlooked the high cost of funerals.

It costs New York on an average of \$2,000 every time it receives a distinguished guest, and in probably nine cases out of ten the person honored would much rather be given the cash.

There is a revival of the story that Jack Dempsey was poisoned the night of his last fight. We doubt it. The

only poison Dempsey got was too large a dose of Tunney.

An exchange is discussing the difference between a hobo and a bum. About the only difference we can see is that the latter has to borrow the former's can.

"Psychologists declare that most of us use but one-tenth of our brain power." That's probably why so many chaps are constantly drawing on every bit of their horse-power.

Thomas A. Edison says crime and taxes will decrease. Perhaps Mr. Edison thinks death is also on the wane.

Who remembers the old-fashioned home-made marble cake that had light and dark meat?

Brooklyn man got five years for having six wives. Why the discrimination against th first one?

It's funny how entertaining some women can make the story of their operations to a lot of other women.

A man never knows how far money won't go until he gets a little it.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

New wrinkle in necks. The V has developed into a W.

Perhaps your wife would like a spring hat for Christmas.

People as a rule seem to have great faith in the prophets of evil.

A good time to shop is early in the day, when the salespeople are fresh, but not too fresh.

Detroit is going to have the tallest building in the world, until some city builds one taller.

Radio might keep more people at home in the evening if static were not worse than a poor screen show.

Twenty years hence people may be looking backward to the exciting days when college football was popular.

Defense attorneys seem to have an idea that putting the accused on the stand means unadulterated innocence.

Bob Ryder thinks the scenery around Ontario is going to look fine since prohibition has been abolished in that territory.

That mysterious season, Indian summer, which is more poetic than real, can't come when the ground is covered with snow.

Egg Laying Contest.

The pen of George Wood of Carter's Point and that of Harry Patterson of Hoyt led in the N. B. egg laying contest last week with 33 eggs each with the Experimental Station pen coming next with 32. Other leading pens and their scores were those of W. E. B. Taft, Dorchester 29; George Danby, North Devon, 25; John Woods, Bloomfield, 28; R. A. Snowball, Chatham, 21; Mrs. Leo Hayes, North Devon, 20. The total production for the week was 354.

Left For Anticosti.

The second party from this vicinity to work on Anticosti Island for the Anticosti Corporation, left by C. N. R. last night. Between eighty and ninety were in the party which will remain on Anticosti all winter working on pulpwood operations. Labor from New Brunswick is said to be highly esteemed in Quebec.

Seriously Ill

Mrs. Wardlow Kilburn has been called to Port Elgin, N. B., by news of the serious illness of her father, Mr. R. S. Pridham. Mr. Pridham was taken ill several weeks ago with an attack of diabetes and his condition is reported to be very grave.

Let go With Caution.

The three boys arrested for the theft of bicycles appeared before Police Magistrate Limerick Monday afternoon on remand. They were let go with a caution that the offence is not to be repeated.

Condition Improved.

The condition of Mr. Daniel O'Brien engineer of the Parliament Building who has been confined to his home by serious illness is reported to be improved today.

Colors to be Reversed.

The colors for the motor vehicle plates for 1927 are the reverse of the 1926 plates. Black numerals and letters are to be on white ground.

H. J. LOGAN

GIVES VIEWS ON DUNCAN REPORT

Says Rate on N. S. Coal to Montreal Will Still be Prohibitive.

Halifax, Dec. 14.—Mr. H. J. Logan, ex-M. P., asked by the Chronicle to give his views on the Duncan report, said:

"As one who has consistently advocated, in and out of Parliament, the claims of the Maritime Provinces, I hail with delight the report of the Duncan Commission."

"I know there will be disappointment, that no reference is made to tariff conditions which bear so heavily upon us, but we must not allow this omission to prejudice us against the report as a whole."

"The part of the report which deals with transportation and freight rates is extremely able and convincing. I cannot help but regret however, that they did not go further and recommend that coal and fish, the two natural products peculiar to these provinces, and upon which our prosperity so much depends, should be carried to Central Canada at cost. A reduction in the freight rate, of twenty per cent on Cumberland coal, for instance, to Montreal does, not mean anything to us, as the rate will still be \$2.88, which is prohibitive. Ten years ago it was only \$1.60."

The establishment of coking plants at Montreal and other cities to the west, and a subvention to the railway companies on waterborne coal from Montreal into interior points, will be of advantage to Cape Breton Collieries, but we will not be able, in Cumberland County, to ship coal for coaling or any other purpose, as long as the rail freight rates is \$2.88 per ton.

"I regret that the Commission did not make a specific recommendation to put a tariff duty on anthracite coal, particularly anthracite slack, which comes into Canada, today, free of duty and displaces large quantities of bituminous coal."

"The equipment of Halifax and Saint John harbor, as really national ports, was advocated by me in Parliament, in 1921, and on many occasions, and I am more than pleased to see the recommendations in reference to these ports."

"I am heartily in accord with the suggestion that a bonus should be given on steel, when Canadian coal is used in its manufacture, the bonus to be calculated on the basis of the present draw-back."

"Space will not allow me to refer to other recommendations contained in the lengthy report. I can quickly see, however, difficulties with other provinces in reference to the increased subsidies to the three Maritime Provinces. The probable result will be the equitable increase to all the provinces, to assist in carrying on the greatly increased cost of provincial administrations."

DEVON TOWN SCALES.

To Install Ten-ton Scale—To Call For Tenders For Gravel.

At the regular meeting of the Devon Town Council held last night in the absence of Mayor Neill Alderman Whitman Brewer was in the chair, those present were—Aldermen, W. A. Saunders, A. E. Williams, A. W. Rockwell, J. R. Montleth, Chas. Dumphy and H. D. Dobie. On motion it was decided to purchase public scales of ten-ton capacity. It was also decided to purchase two thousand yards of gravel for the roads. Tenders will be called to close on January 10th, 1927. The Council is to employ Robt. Carter chartered accountant of Halifax to audit accounts.

Ministers Here on Business

Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, arrived here last night for the meeting of the Provincial Government which will open tonight. Hon. Mr. Smith is improved after his recent indisposition. Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Lands and Mines, also is here.

The funeral of the late William D. Campbell whose death occurred at Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax, took place here today. The service was conducted by Rev. A. F. Bate and interment was made in the Rural Cemetery Annex.

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