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BLAMED ON PROHIBITION.

Prohibition changed Canada's government, is the interesting view of the New Republic, New York, which traces the connection in this manner:

"The sudden, enforced resignation of the Liberal Mackenzie King government in Canada is another example of the widespread political consequences of prohibition. The government fell because of scandals in the customs service, and these were largely if not wholly the result of the vast business enterprise which has been built up about the smuggling of liquor into the United States. While the corruption in the Canadian customs was of the gravest character, there is no pretence that it involved more than a comparatively few men. The Mackenzie King government, however, commanding only a minority in parliament and existing by sufferance of the Progressives was unable to withstand the blow to its prestige. Arthur Meighen has again been asked to take the reins. If he does so, and survives the nearly inevitable general election with sufficient strength to make his continuance in office feasible, Canada will move markedly toward the right."

Prohibition was not responsible for the change of government but it was undoubtedly responsible for a lot of the smuggling and other crooked work revealed by the customs investigation. Since the great Republic to the south went dry rum running over the border has become a trade and those engaged in it have found it rather profitable to pick up return cargoes. This nefarious business as shown by evidence taken at the customs enquiry has assumed colossal proportions. Rascals out of office worked in collusion with rascals in office with the result that the public treasury was robbed of millions of dollars. Prohibition is all right in principle but it does not work out just right in practice.

AIDS TO CULTURE.

G. K. Chesterton, a thorough-going medievalist who says the thirteenth century would have suited him best to live in, and who some years ago objected to railroads and telephones, now attacks motion pictures and the radio as anticultural contrivances. Patrons of these popular new inventions, he says, imagine that through their help they are acquiring knowledge and culture and have no need of books, or scientific lectures, or systematic study.

Mr. Chesterton, as usual, dispenses with facts and ignores the testimony of librarians and book-sellers and of conductors of university extension courses and special classes. All available evidence points to the fact that motion pictures and the radio have increased the demand for books and instructive magazines. Any one who has enjoyed a screen version of "Oliver Twist," for example wants more of Dickens and so gets that author's novels to read. Any one who enjoys radio musical programs or lectures develops a desire for more elaborate entertainments.

Sighing for the fancied delights of past centuries is as fatuous as it is futile. Denunciations of new mechanisms and inventions are quite as foolish. Culture is not imperilled by mechanisms; it can be promoted and widely diffused by means of them. Intellectual effort and discipline are still as necessary as ever, despite all the labor-saving and time saving improvements. But to maintain that such improvements tend to make human beings indolent superficial and indifferent to knowledge is to indulge a perverse love of paradox.

THE FARMER WANTS HUMOR.

Sam Pickard, says the Detroit News, who has been up and down the length and breadth of the land 10,000 miles trying to find out what the farmers like to listen to over the radio, reports that there is a demand for the stuff that makes people laugh. Mr. Pickard is director of the radio service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

"Farmers all along the way said to me, 'Get some humor into your program.' " Mr. Pickard told the American Association of Agricultural College Editors at the recent session in Lansing. And he concluded that henceforth the material furnished for rural consumption would have to be "jazzed up."

There is nothing very surprising about that. It has been found that radio listeners everywhere enjoy entertainment features rather than those that are highly didactic and supposedly "practical." Farmers are not so different from other people.

When a man has put in eight or ten hours fighting potato bugs he can't be expected to spend his evening listening to the loud speaker discourse on the habits of the Colorado beetle.

But it seems the Government can't get rid of the notion that it should administer a pill of knowledge to the farmer even if it sugar-coats it. "Humor" says Mr. Pickard "makes a good peg to hang some information on."

So no doubt some of the agricultural appropriation will be used to hire humorists who can make the farm folks snicker over haltering the horse radish and extracting the square root of a turnip.

Premier Meighen will open his Maritime campaign this evening when he will address a mass meeting at Moncton on the political issues of the day. He is expected to make an important announcement involving the future of the Intercolonial Railway. Tomorrow evening the Premier will address a meeting in the Imperial Theatre at Saint John.

It is announced that the Royal Commission which is dealing with Maritime problems will hold sittings at Halifax, St. John, Charlottetown and Sydney. Just why Fredericton, the capital of New Brunswick has not been included in the Commission's itinerary has not been explained.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Lima Beane thinks the proof of the pudding is a matter of assimilation.

Freckles are spots where the coat of tan was put on too thick.

When it was proclaimed that beauty is only skin-deep there were no silk stockings.

At this season so many people are busy with their vacations they haven't time to enjoy themselves.

It's foolish to buy something one doesn't want just to be polite to a salesman.

We are told that travel is broadening. When we are told to follow the straight and narrow path. How bewildering.

"Don't swim after eating," says a swimming instructor. We fancy it would be equally dangerous to eat before swimming.

A dance has been introduced to take the place of the Charleston. It is said to be easier on the kneecaps and the plastering.

If the bridegroom is making as much as \$18 a week the society editor says he holds an important executive position with the company.—Ohio State Journal.

Maybe he does.

TWO DROWNED NEAR CODY'S QUEEN COUNTY

Cody's, N. B., July 21—Miss Anna Proctor, aged 19, a sister of Mrs Roy Morrell, of Saint John, and daughter of Mrs. Ada Proctor, of Cody, and Hudson Goggin, aged 24, son of Mrs. Valinda Goggin, also of this place, were drowned off Perry's wharf, three miles below here, at 8 o'clock tonight. Goggin was swimming about in deep water when he suddenly disappeared below the surface of the water. Miss Proctor, who was also bathing, swam to his assistance. When she reached the young man, he seized her with vise-like grip of the drowning men, and they both sank to the bottom. The bodies were recovered one hour later by grapplers.

Frank Kennedy, a third swimmer on the scene, was on his way to Miss Proctor's aid when he was suddenly seized with cramps. Kennedy went down twice but managed to reach shore after a hard struggle.

T. J. DEVLIN WINNER AT ST. STEPHEN

St. Stephen, July 21—The first day of the midsummer race meet here got away to a good start today. The dope was upset in both the 2.17 mixed and the 2.14 trot.

T. J. Devlin, owned and driven by E. O. McDonald of Fredericton, came through with three straight heats in the 2.17.

The junior free-for-all, with Lambert Todd as the favorite and Peter Kennedy second choice, had the fans guessing, when Floyd Direct, driven by John Willard, came through and won the first two heats, but Lambert came through and won the third and fourth heats and the race. In the fourth heat Floyd Direct broke a hobble and was distanced. Peter Kennedy not having a heat and with Vera Grattan drawn, the race finished at the fourth heat.

Once more the dope was upset when Little Bondsman, a local trotter, and driven by Vic Dowse, won the 2.14 trot.

Summary:

2.17 Trot and Pace; Purse \$400.

T. J. Devlin, MacDonald 1 1 1
Jack Volo, Conroy 2 2 2
Dorothy Todd, John 5 3 4
Anxiety, Keyes 6 4 3
Money Man, Peter Tanlac, Mandy Forbes and Justina, also started.

Time—2.16½, 2.15½, 2.14½.

Junior Free-For-All; Purse \$500

Lambert Todd, Utton .. 4 2 1 1
Peter Kennedy, Johnson .. 2 3 3 2
Floyd Direct, Willard .. 1 1 2 ds
Vera Grattan, Cummings.. 3 4 4 dr

Time—2.11½, 2.12½, 2.09½, 2.15½.

2.14 Trot; Purse \$400.

Little Bondsman, Dowse 1 1 1
Bonnie Girl, Nevers 3 2 3
Gleaming Silk, Hanfin 4 3 2
Ella Watts, Keyes 2 ds

Time—2.13½, 2.12½, 2.14.

LAKES FOR GAME FISH, KANSAS NEW PROJECT

(Toledo Blade.)

The lake system is the salvation of the Kansas sportsmen, as it also is of Oklahoma, Texas and other sections where the running stream has been polluted from oil fields, killing the fish in these waters."

That is the belief of J. B. Doze, State game and fish warden for Kansas. He estimates that half of the running streams of Kansas and Oklahoma, especially in the oil belt, have become so polluted that millions of fish have died, and that the only way to overcome this loss and to maintain this fine sport is for the State, the communities and individual land owners to build artificial lakes and stock them with fish from the big State hatchery at Pratt.

Kansas will this year begin the building of two lakes to be paid for with hunting and fishing licenses, and without the cost of a dollar in taxes. There is \$40,000 in this fund now and next year there will be \$125,000 more. Nearly 200 sites have been offered to the State and are under consideration by the State Game and Fish Commission.

In dozens of communities, he says farmers are advocating the building of "community lakes" and the planting about them of trees and shrubbery for their own pleasure grounds and for the accommodation of tourists.

Asst. Dairy Supt. Here.

J. R. Sutherland of Sussex, Provincial Assistant Dairy Supt. is in the city today. He was in conference with Harvey Mitchell, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, this morning.

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Improvement Reported.

Arthur Sewell of Devon and Wallace McAdam of this city both in Victoria Hospital today are reported improving.

Little Change in Condition.

Little change is reported in the condition of Donald Slipp and Miss Adeline Mooers victims of last Saturday night's motoring accident at Burden Bridge.

Information that musical gowns will be worn next winter is rightly carried under the heading "Fashion Notes."

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