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THE ELDEST SON.

An American surgeon, attacked to a British hospital early in the World War, observed that an Englishman never did anything until he turned back the pages of history to find out how it had been done in the days of William the Conqueror. The Boston Globe says: "The English are so conservative that changes are seldom accomplished among them until long overdue."

The news comes that there is to be no more primogeniture in England for elder sons in the case of estates nor disposed of by will. The United States rejected at the outset the custom of giving the first-born special property privileges. Most of the European countries have followed suit long since. But why have the British been so slow about it?

The answer is to be found, not only in proverbial reluctance to change, but in the tradition of landed aristocracy which still colors British life. The beginning of primogeniture is rooted in the fact that a large estate cannot be divided and subdivided indefinitely without its partition in a few generations into insignificant holdings. In the British mind being a gentleman and a landholder are intimately connected, so that those who have amassed fortunes in "trade" hasten to acquire estates.

When eugenics first became a science its pioneers discovered by an examination of family trees that the first-born seldom amounted to much, and that the second born was not any great improvement. In English history the third and fourth children are far more likely to be distinguished than the first and second.

Perhaps the difference was produced by a mental factor, the consciousness of the eldest that he had excellent prospects of being able to live without work. To a lesser degree this might operate in the case of the second, only one life removed from endowment. The eldest, knowing they would have to juggle to live.

SOME PLAIN TALK.

Replying to an attack on the League of Nations in the Washington Post the New York Herald-Tribune replies vigorously, concluding as follows:

"Thus, in every essential that makes for independent impartial justice the existing world court is a free of outside political influence as any such body can well be. It is an experiment, a beginning. Its success depends upon its own ability and vision and the support it receives from the nations of the world. It is, of course theoretically possible to scrap this world court and create a new one, ignoring completely the existence of the league, but, even if this course were practicable, it would be necessary to create new machinery to replace the council and assembly as electoral bodies. There would be no substantial gain and there would be time lost and the scrapping of an excellent body of jurists. Why not go into the present court and bring American wisdom and the American point of view to its aid and development?"

"The case against the Court seems to be composed of prejudice, general assertion and misunderstanding in equal parts."

News of the death of Mr. Frank Leslie Potts, Mayor of St. John and M. L. A. elect for St. John County will be received with deep regret by many friends throughout the province. Mr. Potts was first elected to the Legislature in 1917 and sat in the House for four years. While he was elected as a Conservative and threw in his lot with the then opposition he did not fail to assert his independence when occasion offered. He frequently participated in the debates of the House and was never in the least backward about calling a spade a spade. A plain man of the people, fearless and outspoken and genial at all times, he won and retained the respect of his colleagues on both sides of the House. St. John has lost a faithful public servant and a good citizen in the death of Mayor Potts.

The first session of the fifteenth Parliament of Canada, which was opened at Ottawa this afternoon promises to be one of the most important since confederation. The Liberal government was hard hit in the late election no less than eight cabinet ministers including the Premier, having gone down to defeat. On the other hand the Conservative leader, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen increased his following from 51 members to 117. The Liberals have 101 members and are hopeful with the aid of the Progressives and Independents to be able to carry on for a time. Should the address be adopted and adjournment of four or five weeks will be necessary in order to reconstruct the cabinet.

Newspaper headline says that "man dies with life's goal attained." There can be no such thing as attaining life's goal. There is no such thing as reaching perfection in life that we know about. There is no positive end to anything in the here and now. Life is progress. Life is struggle. To live it to be ever reaching out. To live in the fullest way is to be ever striving to do something better than it has been done before. There is no end to anything we know about. There can be no such thing as "attaining life's goal."

Charles Elliot, former president of Harvard, and a very wise old man, says that a Heaven where men did nothing but rest would be intolerable. Men think they like to rest but they don't. The human spirit isn't made that way. The thing that we really prize the most we seldom take thought to be grateful for. A regular job is one of man's and deepest sources of happiness.

Two of the members of the Legislature returned on August 11th last have since passed away to the great beyond. Strange to say in the House returned in 1917 and that returned in 1920 not a single break in the ranks was caused by death.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Add total losses: The bad egg.
Until the radio came the saxophone was a modest instrument.

Revised version of "Man wants but little here below": Man wants all he can get.

Man is not old until he loses all desire to play with the children's toys.

Sir Oliver Lodge says the end of the world is several thousand million years away. For an old world it is doing pretty well.

"Even family tastes differ," remarked the Man on the Car, "one or two members liking radio jazz and others preferring music."

Nothing can be more tolerant, theoretically, than the neighbor women's attitude toward the delinquent girl but our confidential advice to the delinquent girl is not to come around in person where they are.—Ohio State Journal.

"Oh-ho-o! Keep the hussy away from me!"

LITTLE STORIES OF THE TOWN

U. N. B. Another Winner.
An Observant Citizen says that there is another thing in which U. N. B. excels other Maritime Colleges, and that is the way they produce their plays. That the plays given by Mount Allison and Acadia in this city were not in the same class with those given by U. N. B.

TOWN MAY GO TAX-FREE IN 1926

Springfield, Jan. 6.—Longmeadow may go tax free for one year if a project now under consideration by representative citizens of that town is carried into effect.

The proposition, which is known to have the support of the town officials, is to sell 50 acres of land owned by Longmeadow. This land originally was taken over by the town for a water supply, and now it is proposed to cut it into building lots and sell them to the public.

The land skirts the old Cooley Brook, and the rapid growth of the town in that district renders the water supply project no longer advisable, as the town water now is supplied by the city of Springfield.

ARTHUR ELLIS TO HANG ELEVEN IN SHORT TIME

Montreal, Jan. 6.—Executions throughout the Dominion are keeping hangman Arthur Ellis on the jump these days. He has seven engagements from Halifax to Vancouver from January to February 5, and four more sheriffs have asked him to keep open four dates in the month of February.

On February 19, Ellis will be at Bordeaux jail, where Joseph Mauro awaits execution for the murder of Donald Carragher at the Dreamland Cafe last July. Mauro, according to Governor Seguin, is a model death cell inmate. The Italian prisoner never worries about his meals, although he can have what he likes for dinner or any other meal. "I'll take whatever you have ready," is his rejoinder to the guard who asks the condemned man his choice daily.

His time is divided between pacing his narrow cell and looking at magazine pictures. He awaits the coming of Ellis with composure.

Mauro finds consolation in the player book and talks with the jail chaplain, who has prepared many men for the end.

(Ellis officiated here at the hanging of Harry D. Williams last spring.)

New Councillors Hosts.

The new members of the Municipal Council of York were hosts to the old members and other guests at Lindsay's Restaurant Wednesday night when an oyster supper was served. Coun. J. T. McMullin of Canterbury acted as chairman for the new members and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Coun. McMullin was toastmaster and speeches were made by both new and old councillors, Recorder N. W. Brown, County Solicitor C. D. Richards, Ex-Coun. Thomas Wetmore and others.

Warden's Dinner Tonight.

The York Hotel is to be a scene of jollification tonight the occasion being the annual Warden's Dinner. Warden Cowperthwaite is to be the host to members of the Municipal Council, County Officials and invited guests to a large number.

Civic Campaign.

The latest development in the civic campaign is the announcement by the opposition ticket that a public meeting will be held in the Capitol Theatre Saturday night. The opposition claims that the council, by having the assessment committee hold a meeting in the Opera House prevented them from holding a meeting in that place. Issues of the campaign will be discussed.

H. M. Morris of St. John is in the city today.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the Branch Bible Society will be held this evening, (Jan. 7th) in the Brunswick Street Baptist Church. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock. An attractive program has been prepared. The Rev. J. S. Bonnell of St. John will deliver an address.

C. A. SAMPSON,
Sec. Treas.

Public Meeting

The Citizens' candidates have been refused by the Mayor the privilege of discussing jointly the present civic business at the meeting called by His Worship for Friday evening.

In the published card of the retiring Mayor and Aldermen it is stated that at this meeting they will present their platform and naturally the opposition candidates would like opportunity to reply and having been also refused the City Hall for Saturday evening have arranged for the Capitol Theatre for Saturday evening at 9 o'clock.

All taxpayers are cordially invited to this meeting, Capitol Theatre, Corner King and Carleton Streets.

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MOSES MITCHELL
FRANK H. RICHARDS
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TO THE CITIZENS OF FREDERICTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

Notice is hereby given that the members of the Assessment Commission will discuss and explain the provisions of the proposed new Assessment Act at a PUBLIC MEETING to be held in the CITY HALL, SATURDAY next, JANUARY 9TH, at eight o'clock.

C. FRED CHESTNUT,
City Clerk.
City Hall, January 6th, 1926.

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Our platform is ECONOMY and Exercise of care in civic affairs, in order that taxation may be kept down and the several departments conducted most efficiently.

For this purpose and for co-operation in all that makes for our City's progress, we ask the enthusiastic support of the tax-payers.

For Mayor—
W. G. CLARK

For Aldermen—
MOSES MITCHELL
FRANK H. RICHARDS
J. A. THOMPSON
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