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CHILD INTELLIGENCE.

The military intelligence tests during the World War produced something of a panic when it was found that they indicated what Dr. Collins, in a recent magazine article, calls a state of "adult-infantilism" among the people. In other words, it was found that the average adult mind has no better than a 14-year-old rating—meaning that we grown-ups after all are only children.

Some figures put forth by Prof. L. L. Thurstone, psychologist of the University of Chicago, are rather upsetting to the earlier conclusions. A survey of 3000 children in London and 10,000 in America has convinced this authority that the adolescent mind is not backward at all. On the contrary, the child at about 14 or 15 achieves mental maturity, and the trouble with the older folks is that they are frequently lazy and backslidden intellectually.

It seems, therefore, as if it is nothing to the discredit of the adults to say they have the mind of 14-year-olds. That means that they are pretty bright and well developed and about as smart as they ever will be.

In commenting on conditions at Ottawa the Toronto Globe well says: "While it is desirable that a decision be reached as to which party shall administer the Government, it is not desirable that time and effort be wasted in factious party strife. There are many important matters which may be advanced without political warfare. Conditions in Canada are distinctly on the up-grade, and the country looks to Parliament to help, and not hinder, that movement. Country, and not party, should be the first plank in the platforms of the men now assembling at Parliament Hill."

While the audience which turned out at the Opera House last night to hear a discussion of civic affairs was not large, the keenest interest was taken in the various speeches. A strange feature in connection with the meeting was that the audience remained until almost midnight. The members of the City Council must feel that a great compliment was paid them. It cannot be recalled where a Fredericton audience held together until midnight to hear a discussion of provincial or national political questions.

The windows of a church in York, England, are being cleaned for the first time in 600 years. Few of us live 500 years. Many of us, though do not clean our windows—the windows of our minds—for years and years. How strange, how inaccurate, how distorted, how untrue things look through these unwashed windows! The windows of the mind become encrusted with prejudice with tradition, with misinformation and with lazy thinking. Let's take stock of our ideas once in awhile—take an inventory. And let's wash the windows.

Dr. F. B. Snyder, professor of English at Northwestern University, answers the question: "What is a good novel?" He says that a novel should be put to three simple tests: Is the story interesting, is it true to life, is it well written? Fair enough. A novel is not meant to point a moral, to preach a gospel or to set up a philosophy. A good novel is a good, true, realistic picture of life. In a novel we should not be preached to about life, but we should learn of life by having it painted as it is.

It must be admitted that the civic rulers who spoke at the Opera House last evening gave a good account of their stewardship and incidentally cleared up some matters which have been the cause of more or less adverse criticism on the part of many of the electors. There seems a disposition on the part of some people to expect too much from public servants who work for nothing and find themselves.

While the civic campaign now pending is a spirited one, there was little or no bitterness displayed by those who participated in last night's public meeting. We believe that all the candidates now standing for civic honors are actuated by a desire to give service to their fellow citizens. This is precisely as it should be.

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The rate of taxation in the City of San Francisco, Cal., is \$3.47 per \$100 assessed value, but the rate of assessment to the market value of property is only fifty per cent. Perhaps there is a pointer here for the local tax commission.

It would undoubtedly make for better civic government if the Mayor just before a civic election would call a public meeting and have the members of the council give an account of their stewardship.

Although most of the members of the present City Council have been at the board for a number of years strange to say Ald. Farrell is the only one who has had the experience of contesting an election.

Bootleggers now are said to be putting glycerine into their product to offset the potash that is used for ageing it. Little by little, drinking circles seem to be bearing down on the chloride of lime cocktail.

Hon. W. B. Ross, Senator for Cape Breton, has been chosen leader of the Conservative party in the Upper House in succession to Sir James Loughheed, deceased.

A news item telling us that the saxophone was invented in 1846 does not give the name of the inventor, which perhaps, is all right. There faults we write in the sands.

Bud Fisher, creator of Mutt and Jeff, has been sued for \$250,000. If he loses the suit, Bud will be recognizable in the future as the shortest one of the three in that strip.

Woman's intuition is that extraordinary attribute which enables her, when looking over the gifts, to say at once whether that silk contraption is a boudoir cap or a handkerchief case.

An optimist is a consumer who believes that peace between the operators and miners will be the end of the hard coal strike.

The latest from Florida is the announcement of a New Year's bull fight in Tampa. And there's a lot of it down there.

The modern poet, it is said, does not look like a poet. Also, the modern poetry doesn't resemble it very much, either.

Sir Oliver Lodge says the world will not come to an end for thousands of millions of years. If that is what's worrying you.

France is broke, and so, in this post-Christmas season, is your old man.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Don't forget to go to the polls on Monday.

Perhaps the most futile use of language is that of swearing at static.

What most people ask of Fortune: "Smile a little bit, smile a little bit, smile."

One nice thing about human nature as it starts on a new year—it is not cramped for room to improve.

Our language is rather extravagant at times. "I was frightened to death," says a woman, as she tells the story of the tragedy.

Even the astrologers are optimistic over this year's prospects. When they are like that it is easy to agree with them.

It would be mighty hard to convince a drinker who doesn't know where his next drink is coming from that there's nothing to worry about.

We know a girl who seems to devote more careful thought to what kind of wedding to have than which man.—Ohio State Journal.—Have they proposed yet?

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.

SESSION AT OTTAWA STARTED OUT WITH A LIVELY DEBATE

(Continued from page one.)

Lapointe's Stand

Mr. Lapointe, replying to Mr. Meighen, said that parliament had been called together to consider the very matter contained in the motion he had just submitted. It was to ascertain who was to carry on the administration.

"We are taking the earliest opportunity to submit the question to judges. We are all equal here, and it is for the members of parliament to decide who will be in control. This is the issue for which parliament has been summoned."

Mr. Lapointe could not see who could possibly object to the motion. It had been physically impossible legally to give notice to the motion before parliament met.

Right of Commons

Constitutionally, said the Minister of Justice, the Commons had the right to consider matters of public importance before the Speech from the Throne was taken up. For this reason the famous Dummy Bill number one was put through the House before the Speech from the Throne was considered each session. The gravest matter of public importance at the present time was to decide who must be the executive and carry on the administration.

Robert Forke, Progressive Leader, got to his feet in the middle of Mr. Mr. Lapointe's words, to suggest that in view of the importance of the resolution and the significance of the decision to be reached, it might be well to accept the resolution merely as notice and give it further consideration on Monday.

Other members who took part in the debate were Hon. H. H. Stevens, Hon. E. M. MacDonald, Henri Bourassa, J. S. Woodworth and Mr. Carmichael.

The speaker promised a ruling on Hon. Mr. Lapointe's motion on Monday and the House adjourned.

CHURCH SERVICES

St. Paul's United (Presbyterian) Rev. J. S. Sutherland, D. D., Minister. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m.

Wilmot United (Methodist) 11.00 a. m. Subject "Noah and his Carpenters." 7.00 p. m. Rev. Dr. J. S. Sutherland will preach. Mrs. Inch will sing. Sunday School 2.30 p. m. Rev. F. H. Holmes, M. A., Pastor. A welcome to all.

Brunswick Street Baptist Church Rev. Gordon C. Warren, B. D., pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Major Hiscock will be the preacher at the evening service. Sunday School and Men's class at 2.30 p. m.

George Street Baptist Church Rev. I. A. Corbett, B. D., pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. School with Bible classes at 2.30 p. m. Prayer meeting at 10 a.m. Rev. F. H. Holmes, M. A., will conduct the evening service.

Youth has its perplexities. If children could have had their parents when the parents were younger the task of bringing them up would not be so hard.

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