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## BLUE EYES AND BLACK.

The eye experts are renewing the old debate about eye colors and characters. Does the black eye indicate more ability than the blue or the blue more amiability than the black? Is the hazel eye the eye of honesty, upright, boldness? The black eye, again, has a tolerably ancient reputation for villainy of various sorts. It is the eye of suspicion, of envy and jealousy. Black looks are always hateful looks, of course. And black, too, is credited with a good deal of plot and conspiracy. The eyes of "lean and hungry Casius" were no doubt coal black.

The blue eye has generally fared the best in the world's judgment. It has been the eye of laughter and pity and gentility and charm. But also it has lost something by being rather weak. No blue eye could look a villain in the face and talk turkey to him. It runs to cover under attack, companions with blushes, loses all balance and self-control.

As for the brown eye and the several other varieties not so definitely determined in color scheme, there are merits of many kinds, but now come the experts to throw doubts upon the whole subject. Color is quite accidental, they say, and has very little bearing upon character. It seems strange, by the way, that so little attempt has been made to assemble the eye facts in a thorough scientific fashion and try to fit them to some rational biological chart. The attempt, for example, to recover these facts about great men would involve enormous labor and research, because such facts are rarely ever set down with any precision, but are tossed into the record as if by accident. And yet what other biographic or biologic fact in the daily run receives such intimate attention as that of the eye and its color and habit?

The Province of New Brunswick still has the sum of \$529,299.39 on deposit with the government at Ottawa bearing interest at the rate of five per cent. At the time of Confederation the amount at our credit was about six million dollars, but the greater part of it was withdrawn and given away in the form of subsidies to ramshackle railways. It seems a great pity that a portion of it was not turned over to the New Brunswick Railway Company which built the line from Gibson to Edmundston. Had this been done the province would today be in possession of sixteen hundred thousand acres of the splendid timber lands which the company received as a subsidy in lieu of cash. The fact that the province is still carrying loans negotiated in the old days at three per cent interest indicates that the withdrawal of the money on deposit at Ottawa and bearing five per cent interest was a blunder.

According to the financial statement published in the Royal Gazette the province has the sum of \$277,124.68 available for future capital expenditure. At first sight the thought suggests itself that the government might cut out the future capital expenditure and use the amount towards wiping out the huge deficit of last year. As the amount of ready cash available is only \$38,087.63, the task would perhaps not be as easy as it looks. Other items in the list available for future capital expenditure includes \$61,389.31 in the hands of the Prudential Trust Company, \$166,000 in New Brunswick bonds held by the trustees of the bondholders of the St. John and Quebec Railway, and a balance of \$11,477.74 of permanent bridge bonds.

Notwithstanding the fact that the city School Board was authorized to expend the sum of \$150,000 on the new High School building they were able to get away with \$180,000. They are now seeking ways and means of financing the remaining \$30,000. With this end in view a round table conference is to be held with the city council. The round table conference is not a bad idea. The city council has to provide the money for school purposes and should have some little say as to how it should be expended.

There is much talk about bad motion pictures. Producers are condemned. Even Will Hays, head of the Pro-

ducers' Association, is criticized. We are prone to lay blame in faraway places for conditions for which we are entirely responsible. All the public has to do to abolish bad motion pictures is to stop patronizing them and patronize only good, clean pictures.

The public has the same power in dealing with books, pictures, newspapers and magazines.

Rev. John H. Hopkins, Chicago preacher, gives the reason for disregard of law and other disappointing conditions of the day. The reason is both simple and comprehensive. He says: "Everybody is to blame." That's the first time most of us have heard the blame properly fixed.

Every citizen who isn't doing the best he knows to be a good citizen is to blame. Are you doing the best you know?

It is strange that Henry Ford should come out against modern dances. He ought to be for them. His cars take more modern young folks to more modern places to do more modern dancing than any other means of transportation on earth.

If the province could only dispose of the Valley Railway to the Federal Government it would put us on easy street. The road represents a capital expenditure of \$6,846,000.46, and an annual deficit of \$268,000.

"If women have their way," says a dressmaker, "they will wear spring skirts still shorter." Evidently they must expect some backing from alliteration's artful aid.

Says a playwright of dramatic criticism. "Most of it is bunk." And dramatic critics might with equal elegance reply: "So's your old manuscripts."

British Medical Association has appointed a committee to establish a "standard, scientific test for drunkenness." What's the matter with the good old "truly rural," anyway?

Henry Ford has been presented with a plow that is 225 years old. Before the advent of the tractor, the plow was associated with some of the old-time steps.

"It is wonderful how well dressed some persons are in spite of what they owe," observes a paragrapher.

In some cases, however, isn't that why they are?

The boys who are rewriting history have yet to suggest that when Raleigh threw his cloak over the puddle to help the Queen into the carriage he was on an expense account.

Taking it all in all, the counterfeiting of francs on a huge scale in Hungary is quite a compliment to the franc.

One wonders what we would be doing for magazine covers today if there never had been a one-piece bathing suit.

The wandering boy for whom the old folks put a lamp in the window now leaves the porch light on for the old folks.

It is odd no dry worker has pointed out there are fewer signs nowadays on office doors, reading, "Will return in five minutes."

The Detroit piano player who was shot at four times didn't wait, with pretty good judgment, for the shooter to finish out the octave.

According to a news item, a diamond was found in a baked potato in Louisiana. At the price per bushel, there ought to be one in every potato.

The newest color for women's lips is raspberry and how some women's lips can master that.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., arrived last night to attend the Government meeting.

Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture is at the Barker House.

Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, K. C., of Saint John President of the Executive Council is a guest at the Barker House.

Hon. A. J. Leger, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, is stopping at the Queen.

Hon. Dr. Taylor, of St. George, Minister of Health, is a guest at the Queen.

Hon. E. A. Reilly, K. C., of Moncton arrived this morning for the Government meeting and is at the Queen.

Messrs. J. Frank Owens and John Owens of Saint John are here to attend the funeral of their uncle the late Mr. John Owens.

## THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Bedtime story: Mother, I want to get up early tomorrow.

Crime pays in publicity only. There is no other reward.

While every hard worker stands on his merits the loafer sits.

A cold in the head is a great comfort in that it takes the mind off an inflamed bunion.

Nobody has ever satisfactorily explained the tendency of the human race to herd.

"Posterity will laugh at us some day," remarked the Man on the Car, "but we won't be within ear-shot."

Science is taking such rapid strides that within another century the human race may find out what ails it.

Some slight changes and probable improvements have been made on all of this year's automobiles. But the grade crossings are practically the same.

It's rather convenient to have in existence an organization of questioned usefulness. Everything unpleasant that happens can be laid on its doorstep.

There's an education in advertisements, even though the reader must take the risk of acquiring a desire for something he doesn't need any more than a dog needs two tails.

## PUBLIC OPINION

### THE MODERN GIRL.

Editor Daily Mail,

Sir—The girl who drinks and smokes is a detestable creature and is tolerated by the boys, not because of her "assets" but for want of something better. Every fellow has his ideal, who certainly does not drink, smoke or have any other vice. No girl need be afraid of being unpopular if she does not smoke or drink and is clean and decent. If girls of this kind knew what fellows thought of them they would speedily reform.

FRED P.

Fredericton, Feb. 2nd, 1926.

## DEATH ENDS TROUBLES OF A FORMER M. P.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 2—J. A. M. Armstrong, former M. P., for North York, who was awaiting trial on several charges of theft, forgery, uttering and false pretences, died at his home in Lloydtown, Ontario, this morning. He was on remand till tomorrow on bail of \$50,000. He was in his 49th year.

Mr. Armstrong was stricken with acute pneumonia yesterday afternoon. His family today said that he had been under heavy mental strain and had been ailing for some days. He is said to have been conscious to the end. Armstrong was arrested some weeks ago on 30 charges, arising out of or in connection with the case against H. H. Coffey, former bank manager at Schomberg, Ontario. Armstrong and Coffey appeared before County Magistrate Brunton last week, and were formally remanded till Thursday next.

### Have Dissolved Partnership.

James A. Nicholson and Peter E. Poulos, both of Fredericton, doing business in confectionery under the name of Nicholson & Poulos at the Goody Shop have dissolved partnership. Mr. Poulos retiring from the business.

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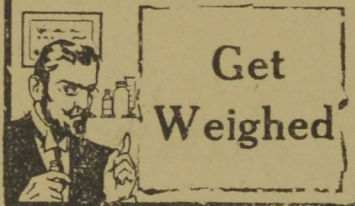
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