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WAS THE VICTORIAN AGE SO FORMAL?

In the opinion of Dr. William Allan Neilson, the president of Smith College, "we are now moving with our backs to the jazz age" and are "reverting to Victorian formalism." The principal fact which he cites in support of this theory is the recrudescence of the derby hat. It seems a slender premiss on which to base so sweeping a conclusion. And what is Victorian formalism anyway?

People of fifty and over find it hard to realize that they were ever so submerged by rigid rules as the younger generation believes. There were wild spirits in those days, and youth had its fling. In fact we can go a good deal further back than the days of Victoria and find characters alike in history and in fiction that are surprisingly modern. Jane Austen's Emma was quite as up and coming as any flapper of today, except that she knew not synthetic gin and did not smoke cigarettes.

CHARGE IT.

The question of charge accounts seems to have settled itself" says a dispatch from New York where the National Retail Dry Goods association is holding its annual convention.

Reports are that most recent reliable figures assembled by organizations of credit men show department store losses on bad debts is only a little more than one quarter of a cent on each dollar of gross business. Clothing merchants lost a little more but less than three quaters of one cent on each dollar.

Of course the credit departments of large stores are well organized. They must refuse credit wholly to some persons and limit the amounts for which others may be trusted, but they must depend more upon the personal integrity of most customers than upon their legal financial responsibility.

The report of the credit men is encouraging. It speaks eloquently and convincingly of the prevalence of common honesty.

IT CAN'T BE DONE.

A noise like a bumble bee's hum comes in irregular cadence. Sound waves, started in motion thousands of miles away, hop across the Atlantic ocean and are transformed mysteriously into something which can be seen.

A ventriloquist's dummy head and a man and a woman were placed before the "electric eye" in London and their likenesses—moving pictures of the man and woman—were recognized by a group assembled in a darkened cellar in Hartsdale, New York.

It is all very weird and uncanny, more marvelous than the performances of magicians ever were.

Who ventures now to say anything is impossible?

"It can't be done" becomes obsolete, meaningless.

A LITTLE BRAIN WORK.

Dr. Spurgeon Bell who directs the Bureau of Business Research at Ohio State university, gives us the idea bad business methods are partly accountable for the ups and downs of business. He thinks depressions might be avoided if we gave more attention to spreading our buying and selling and building over a longer period.

There is something to think about in all this. Already the building season has been lengthened more than a month. Under new and better methods, building operations soon will be continued all winter.

The lack of brain activity has made us all too much the creatures of circumstances and chance.

SOUL SAVING SLOGANS.

A church organization asks for a "soul saving slogan." A contest for such a slogan with a big prize attached, is announced. This moves a pastor in another city to say we ought to have capital punishment for ministers who put clap-trap methods into religion. His suggestion for punishment is a little drastic, but perhaps he has the right idea. There are some things that are too fine for billboards. Culture, fineness and all things taht are sacred call for taste and restraint.

Hon. C. D. Richards, Minister of Lands and Mines, was the only speaker in the debate on the budget in the House yesterday and when he had concluded his remarks the address was adopted without a division. Leader Dysart in the course of a speech a few days ago, discussed pulp wood, long lumber and kindred subjects in a manner which cast some reflections on the administration of the Department of Lands and Mines. This made it necessary for Hon. Mr. Richards to say a word in defence of his department and he certainly made a good job of it. Although it was rather a dry subject the minister dealt with it in an interesting way and showed that Leader Dysart's criticism was really baseless and nothing more than a gallery play.

The Conservative government of Ontario last year had a surplus of \$359,00, the first in a number of years.

The total net profit of the Quebec Liquor Comission last year totalled the sum of \$6,778,000.

MANY PAY LAST TRIBUTETOLATE MR. N. W. BROWN

The mortal remains of the late Mr. N. W. Brown were taken to his former home at Middle Southampton by the Valley train this morning and interred in the family lot in the cemetery at that place. His son R. Waldo Brown, Aid. L. R. Bull, Gordon A. Grant and other friends accompanied the body to its last resting place. The floral tributes were very numerous and included wreaths from the York-Sunbury Liberal Association, the Loyal Orange Association, the faculty of the U. N. B., the graduating class of the U. N. B., and another from the school at Saint John, where Miss Mavis Brown is engaged as teacher. Dr. W. C. Kierstead, who conducted the funeral service spoke feelingly of the deceased and paid tribute to his life and character. A quartette composed of Messrs. F. L. Cooper, Fred B. Smith, Moses Mitchell and C. D. Holder rendered the hymns "Abide With Me" and "Nearer My God to Thee."

U.S. ENVOY VIEWS FUTURE OF DOMINION

Quebec, March 1—"The old era of fear and uncertainty has long been passed. Canada has come into her own and has a brilliant future in store for her, a future that will give her an increasingly important part to play in world affairs. If you have not found it out already, you will soon discover my friends, that the most important thing in the world today, the greatest force for peace and happiness throughout the world is the sympathy understanding and co-operation between the peoples of the British Empire and the United States" declared Hon. William Phillips, Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Canada in an address before the Canadian Club of Quebec.

Mr. Phillips was introduced to the members assembled at the Chateau Frontenac by Col. Frank Stanton, president of the Canadian Club who eulogised the important role that the United States official representative to Canada was called on to play.

The Wife—They made me furious at the club meeting. But I told them outspoken too.

Her Hubby—By whom?

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Common sense never acts crazy.

Spring will soon be here on account of the income tax.

Static is a sign that the weather bureau's forecast was correct.

We wouldn't go as far as to say leap year justifies a girl jumping at a chance.

An alienist is a professor who uses two or three dozen oing words to say a man is a nut.

People should not be criticized for trying to keep up with the procession. It's a noble ambition.

A few peevish people seem to think the weather bureau ought to make the weather lie down and play dead.

Then there is the man who thinks the cigar lighter he got Christmas will last until next Christmas. He's just another optimist.

Crossword puzzles have almost disappeared. Solving them was fine amusement for a time, but about all anybody got-out of them were letter designations for radio stations.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. R. Stevens of Minto is registered at the Barker House this afternoon.

Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works left this morning for his home at Campbellton, where he will spend the week end. He will return on Tuesday.

Peekskill, N. Y., March 2—Fire, strating in a three story factory, swept through the heart of the business section here early today and caused damage estimated at \$700,000 No one was injured.

Guests at the Windsor.

The following are registered at the Windsor: H. W. Smith, R. Matthews, Toronto; R. G. Dooe, Dorchester; G. Walker, A. Philucky, B. Charters, A. Andrews, P. Campbell, J. Ralston, G. Purcell, D. Corbett, J. MacIntee, A. Mills, P. E. McLaughlin, St. Stephen; Mrs. A. Holmes, Doaktown; T. M. Murphy, St. John; T. P. Ritson, St. John; A. J. Burke, Amherst; R. Brewster, St. John; J. J. Gray, Amherst; D. Deiser, Montreal; A. M. Patterson, Southampton; A. J. Hello, Campbellton; C. R. Forbes, St. Stephen; R. Freeman, St. John; G. P. Stewart, Chatham; A. V. Armstrong, St. John; E. R. McDonald, Shediac; V. W. Wogner, R. Lane, Oshawa.

The Registrarship.

It is likely that an appointment to the registrarship of York vacated by the death of Mr. N. W. Brown will be made next week, the name most prominently mentioned in connection with the vacancy is that of Mr. John A. Young ex M. L. A. Mr. Young undoubtedly has strong slaims for the position and his appointment will give satisfaction. It will be twenty years tomorrow since Mr. Young was first elected to the Legislature and he represented the county with a break for seventeen years.

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