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LEONARD H. MASON, A CLEVER AMERICAN WRITER IS OF STURDY CANADIAN STOCK

(By Alan Johnson.)

Doubtless, comparatively few of the thousands of Canadian readers who have been perusing the unique war stories of this brilliant young American writer, whose work, featured in several leading American magazines during the last four or five years, has met with such almost phenomenal success, and whose first novel, "Chevrons" was rated with the "best sellers" of 1926; the second, "Three Lights from a Match" (1927), also a success, are aware of the fact that, although on his father's side, this young Bostonian comes from early Colonial New England lineage, through his mother he is descended from several distinguished Canadian families, who have their branches in the United States. Of these families, the Rands and Tupper stand out especially, as regards their vital intellectual stamina; some of them having been makers of religious, educational and literary, as well as political history. Mr. Mason being the great grandson of the late Rev. S. T. Rand, D. D., D. C. L., LL. D., noted linguist, poet and divine, pioneer Protestant missionary to the Indians of "The Maritimes," and who won from a few ancient "story tellers" of the Micmac race, that wondrous treasure of Indian folk lore and legends, called, I think, "Rand and The Micmacs," now the property of Wellesly College. Dr. Rand also was the original discoverer of "Glooscap," Indian demi-god and hero.

Old Puritan Stock.

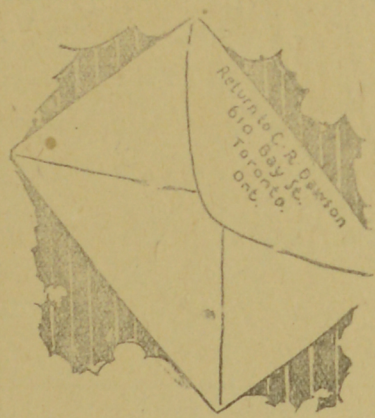
Also, this great grandfather has passed along to his descendants in a direct line many characteristics of his doughty old English Puritan forebear, Thomas Tupper, one of the founders of Old Sandwich, Mass. (1635), Sir Charles Tupper, the eminent Canadian statesman, was also a member of that family. To one acquainted with the characteristics of some of these vital old Loyalist Nova Scotia families, the work of this young writer presents a fascinating study in heredity. His stories, which strip the glamor from war, breathe sympathetic insight and satire, as well as having an irrepressible fund of humor, and keen powers of observation, are a heritage in part, at least, of those old Allens who sailed for generations "The Seven Seas."

A War Veteran.

To one who has read some of the dialogue of Mr. Mason's characters, his boyish and guileless appearance is somewhat of a surprise, although he is a little over thirty and blessed with a wife and three lively youngsters. He lends to one the impression of a newly-fledged young college professor, more than a soldier who enlisted during the war, as a buck-private, in the American army, was gassed, shell-shocked, twice wounded, and cited for extreme bravery, under fire. He seems to be a young man who will go far. His short stories, appearing for the most part in "The Saturday Evening Post," and "Adventure," are eagerly sought after, both by American and Canadian readers. For over twenty years, pre-war and war Loyalists streamed into "Old Acadia," enriching her with seemingly inexhaustible and vital, although intangible, wealth. During the last fifty years, much of that wealth has flowed back to the neighboring republic, and many streams mingling with the original source, enriched besides by dashes of Irish and Scottish blood, have produced, in many cases, exceptional and original types of genius.

(Mr. Mason is a nephew of R. P. Allen of the staff of The Daily Mail.)

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Of Interest to the Women

WHAT SHE WEARS.

A melon colored shantung frock has a brown flannel jacket and sports hat embroidered in melon colored silk.

Hip fullness swings backward to firm miniature bustles on some new crisp frock. A yellow taffeta has a long train extending from a bustle.

A most intriguing new hat is of gray felt with a scarf attached that forms a becoming triangular neckerchief when twisted around the neck.

A black satin frock develops a new fringe. Narrow strips of itself plicated hang in three tiers for the skirt, each strip weighed with a crystal drop.

DATE AND NUT SALAD.

2 cups dates
2 cups celery
1-2 cup English walnut meats
Lettuce leaves
Salad dressing
Stone and cut each date in four pieces. Cut celery in small pieces and each walnut meat in four pieces. Serve on lettuce with cream salad dressing.

MOLASSES PIE.

1-2 cups molasses
2 tablespoons vinegar
1-4 teaspoon soda
3 eggs
Pinch nutmeg
Boil molasses, vinegar and soda for 10 minutes. Add butter, let cool; add eggs, beaten slightly. Pour into pastry shell and bake until knife comes out clean.

CAKES MADE WITH YEAST.

1-2 cup scalded milk
1-2 yeast cake
1-2 cups flour
1 egg, beaten
2 tablespoons sugar
1-4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons melted shortening
Speck powdered cardamom
Cool milk to lukewarm. Dissolve yeast in milk and add one half cup flour. Let rise until full of bubbles. Add egg and remaining ingredients knead, let rise again. Toss on oiled board. Roll into long strips. Wind strips round and round. Lay on oiled tin. Let rise and bake in a hot oven. Raisins or currants may be added. This recipe will serve four people. The cake can be made into a loaf.

CHOCOLATE SAUCE.

2 tablespoons cornstarch
1-4 cup cocoa
1-4 teaspoon salt
1-2 teaspoon vanilla
1-2 cups water
1-2 cup corn syrup
3-4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon butter
Cook sugar, cornstarch, salt, cocoa, butter, corn syrup and water in double boiler 20 minutes. Remove from fire and add flavoring.

CRANBERRY FRAPPE.

1 quart cranberries
2 cups water
1-2 cups sugar
Juice of one lemon
Cook cranberries in water 10 minutes, force through a sieve. Add sugar and strained lemon juice. Freeze to a mush.

BRAISED CELERY.

2 stalks of celery
1 cup of stock
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Salt
Pepper
Wash the celery and cut in pieces. Arrange in a baking dish with stock and seasoning and bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees Fahrenheit) until tender, about twenty minutes.

OTTAWA SAVES TAXES CHANGES FOR BUDGET

(Ottawa Post)

Ottawa, Feb. 26—Press gallery correspondents in the past week have learned to their sorrow that prophecy is indeed, the most gratuitous form of error. Two hours before the budget was "opened" a correspondent met Hon. Ernest Lapointe, hale and cheery, in the corridors near the commons and was greeted with a mischievous remark: "You know I cannot recall a budget upon which the press gallery was so far astray in their predictions."

The news spread like wildfire and the opening of the session witnessed a crowded gallery with the correspondents leaning over the rail, hands cupped to ears, listening to the minister of finance. Since then a certain gloominess has descended upon the newspaper quarters on parliament hill.

The Financial Post's forecast was the most nearly accurate of all and except for the failure of the government to cut the excise taxes on cigarettes and alcoholic liquors, would have come off with flying colors. It remains a mystery why the government did not give relief to consumers on both counts but apparently budgets are still counted by governments as handy clubs in a political golf bag. There is but one explanation of the absence of tax reductions on these two items and it is that an election is at least 20 months distant and

the cabinet believes that a popular budget on the eve of an appeal to the country is the best passport to continued power. It is quite true of course, that several of the ministers are afflicted with what a great editor once attributed to Woodrow Wilson—the Messiah complex and are opposed to any cheapening either of opposed to any cheapening either of the minority.

Such reductions if they had been given would not have cost the treasury one nickel but, on the contrary would have brought greater returns. There was no valid reason whatever for the government to withhold relief on both items. Nor can there be any doubt but that the general public will receive both although apparently they must be patient.



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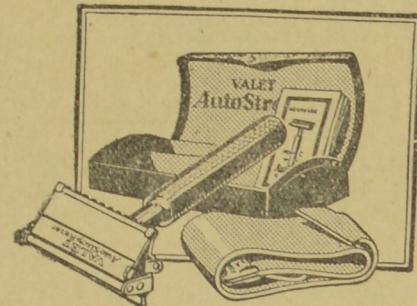
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