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It Can Be Done

The people of Currieburg are to be commended for their progressive weather in April. Weather is twisted ers of this column who may be in methods along social and agricultural lines. The programme of the meetings around. of their branch of the Women's Institute shows thought and vision on the part of their energetic leaders. We are today publishing an account of the April the good practical advice which has izations but that the Guide Commission of this company's zone meeting which has something of interest to the women, the men and the young been given by expert engineers for people of the district Instructive papers were read all subject touch being the bettering of ice and freshet conof value to those present.

Various activities including the men's study club, the girls' club and a short course in agriculture by government officials and study of home economics are worthy of note. The splendid papers read make for much useful information needed by the rural people as much as the urban population. There is no better way of bringing the people back to the land than by showing government service took unto him-ated from 10:30 A. M. to 6:15 p.m. N. B., Richibucto, N B., and also the farmers what can be done.

The gathering was climaxed with the desired social good time. This. is as it should be.

No Subsidies for Politicians

Among proposed amendments to the Elections Act now before a special committee of the House of Commons was a suggestion that the Government pay a substantial part of the election expenses of Federal candidates That burst of generosity was swiftly set aside. Another suggestion, which is to have "further consideration," asks that a definite limit be placed on the amount any candidate can spend, either of the party's funds or of his own pri- of the Governor General, the King's wate reserves, in getting himself. As one means of forcing a "limit" on the Representative, the Senate, the House spending of the party machines, still another proposal would make it illegal of Commons. The House of Commons, for corporations to contribute to the party treasuries.

Most people in this country, with even a superficial knowledge of the last campaign, will be agreed that something should be done by way of fixing a members of the house or private memmaximum which any candidate can distribute in a constituency, says an ex- res. After discussion they are passchange. It has been conservatively estimated that the parties spent \$2,000. ed and sent to the Senate which may seeking may be eliminated, that the 000 among them in contesting the last election. That figure, of course, does make alternations or amendments, ex good of the country not the party, not account for the small or large sums the candidates invested personally. All in all, it is sufficient evidence of the high cost of politics as it is now being played, and makes more readily understandable a desire to have the Govern- together. When the Senate has passed the form and purpose of government. ment shoulder some of the burden in the future.

It is a strange thing that so many conscientious, public-spirited politicians ernor General and becomes a statute made to be kept, not broken, that the are utterly incapable of thinking of the government and the public as one and the same thing when it comes to allocating the distribution of Government. and the same thing when it comes to allocating the distribution of Governant it is that only men of high prinment revenues. Speaking in Hamilton on Monday, Mr. W. S. Morden, K.C., ciples and integrity be chosen for the personal obligation to uphold he President of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, stated that 30 per cent position. Well for the people who prestige in the world should be inof the national income is now being absorbed in taxes Something over have as their representative men stilled into their youthful minds, then \$4,000,000 of those taxes were spent by the Federal Government last October whom the lust of office does not kill, when they come to cast their ballots Watch for the Blue and in an election. Several millions more will be spent annually in paying the succussful candidatee for their time and efforts on Parliament Hill.

A proposal to have the Government pay a percentage of the candidate's will not lie. election bill boils down to asking the taxpayers to subsidize the political aspirations of anyone who wishes to see his or her name on a ballot paper. And a reasonable question is: Why should they? Beyond that, there is the extent to which such an idea could be carried. If Federal candidates were subsidized, why shouldn't the Provincial and the municipal candidates for public office be similarly assisted?

If the cost of election campaigning is becoming so high that it requires ject in all its bearings, watch the pri-Government subsidies, the Government has the proper solution in the second vate and public life of those who as- And make them strong and free. proposal before the committee-limit the amount candidates can spend. It is true that costs vary with the constituencies, but Great Britain has proved very conclusively that it is not an insurmountable obstacle. If it is made hold the country. A great responsib- May bless her natal hour. Illegal for the party machines to draw on the incomes of the corporations for financial assistance, the task will be so much easier.

Think Canadian in Book Making

A distinctly Canadian atmosphere is lacking in the works of Canadian novelists, S. Morgan-Powell, assistant editor-in-chief of the Montreal Daily Star, told members of a women's club at Montreal. At the same time he questioned whether Canadian readers were giving the encouragement they should to Canadian authors.

Granting that, because of the small home market, the author tended to write with an eye on the reading market outside his own country, Mr. Morgan-Powell believed that the Canadian novelist ought to be able to write a book that would possess a recognized Canadian atmosphere and will have a general appeal to readers. In this respect an American author, Willa Cather, had been more successful than any Canadian, having recaptured in her 'Shadows on the Rock" the spirit and atmosphere of old Quebec.

Sound taste in dramatic literature was being developed steadily, thanks to the spread of the little theatre movement, Mr. Morgan-Powell noted. In this all credit was due to the Canadian West for its pioneer work and the enthusiasm it fostered, he said. No great play has yet been written in this country, though there were many good one-act plays, among which Marjorie Pickthall's "The Woodcarver's Wife" was outstanding.

SNAPSHOTS

What about that divorce case which was so much talked about last fall? woman's husband has been all groomed up for the shuffle and has gracethe neighbours something more to talk about?

There is another couple heading for triangle performance. They are both boys who meet each week, with oc- crimination on the part of both exnice, too.

Moncton last week.

The chap from out of town should will wake up the old man.

The railway people have piled on Fredericton.

Many of the girls had to keep their bother about these things. Eh!

We had April weather in March. Now we are having a dose of March

ditions at Maugerville. Ice breakers, such hearty co-operation in this and ton which were not included. suction dredging, dykes, and ice bar- the Toy Shop 'Good Turn'. In addition "This is to advise that, effective gested in turn.

self a wife this morning at Wood- with only half an hour pause for points beyond Bathurst, N. B., to and stock. He has been studying up all lunch, covering 62 miles and was including Dalhousie, Campbellton and winter on how to be happy even driven by Scout Commissioner Good Atholville, N. B. This also includes though you are married. Good luck with assistants Guide Captain Josep- intermediate points. Bob, old boy, to yourself and wife. hine Washington and Scout David "As an ilustration the rate between May the name never grow less.

Spring took a relapse over the

Currieburg W. I. On Legislation,

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eral government. Parliament consists whose leader is the Premier, is the most important factor in the body. Here bills are presented, either by cept in bills providing for the paying may be the great aim. of money or taxation. These must be the bill it is then signed by the Gov- They should be taught that laws are men whom the spoils of office cannot or occupy positions of public trust it buy men who possess opinions and a will be with an intelligent understandwill, men who have honor, men who ing of the connection existing between

ition, become corrupt in their deal- fort to ings and betrayed the confidence of Rear up a nation firm and just, those who elected them. Let all these A shrine of liberty. who have the franchise study the sub-Raise up the earth-trod from the pire to office and then unbiased by Till none in all her wide domain party spirit or influenced by outside Be overwrought with power pressure vote for the one who will up- That they from every clime and strain lity rests upon the voter. To women this privilege has been given and may The millions in the future's hand they use all their powers of heart and Look with all hope to you mind to raise the standard of politics It is your duty to your land to a high level, that graft and self- Canadians, be true.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

On Friday night, District Scout Commissioner Good, with Cub Commissioner Harold Doherty, Rover Scout John Hill and 1st Class Scout

Warning: Think what happened in Egg Day in Fredericton, Devon, and considered at a later date. The preed by the Boy Scouts, Wolf Cubs and local shippers. thee Girl Guides. Special gratitude is The letter to Mr. Phillips is as folnot make so much noise with the car due to the superintendent and staff lows. when he stops on Charlotte street. He of the Experimental Farm for its cus- In reference to the protests of the

casional camps during the week.

tion that we have had such whole R. express department: hearted assistance in this work from "R. L. Phillips, chairman, transportaour sister organization. To any readany doubt in this matter, it may be Dear Sir: riers on the shore have all been suged which is noted above, it might be cussed have been included. These noted that the car used in distributing points briefly are: Amherst, N. S. One of the nicest young men in the to the outer portion of the area, oper- Sackville, N. B. Cape Tormentine,

ward to a decrease in the receiving Campbellton will be \$1., first class and and of this distribution along with an 90 cents, second class. increase in the egg collections so that "Our agent at Fredericton, Mr. G it seems to us to have been a very A. Bustin, will give you particulars satisfactory occasion for good-will de- of any individual rates you may re Home Economics monstration by both Scouts, Cubs and quire to points in New Brunswick cov.

> G. ALVAH GOOD, District Scout Commissioner HAROLD F. DOHERTY, Assist. District Commissioner for Wolf Cubs

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BAD RAILWAY SERVICE

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from the Union Station at Fredericton to the Devon Stations. Mayor Kitchen moved, seconded by Mr. Hodge that the transportation Committee of the Board of Trade take up the matter of picking up and transferring freight from Fredericton to both North and South Devon stations for reshipment, Mr. Kitchen suggested that a truck service be used.

It is hoped that this action of the transportation committee of the Board of Trade especially as it relates to the unsatisfactory train service on the Canadian Pacific Railway will be taken up and endorsed by the Commercial Travellers Association, the hotel keepers and by every person who is interested in the community

The railways are depending upon the public for business and it should not be necessary for a city and a community centre like Fredericton to have to go hat in hand to these railway people asking for things which it should be our right to have. It is to be hoped that these transportation matters will be adjusted without it being necessary to appeal to the railway commission.

Discrimination in Express Rates is Adjusted by C.N.R.

(Continued from page One) Ralph Lawrence, paid a visit to the re Fredericton to Nova Scotia and the There is nothing to prevent the man vived 1st Douglas Troop who are mak. Island are practically prohibitive. from marrying, and they say that the ing excellent progress under Scout What the transportation committee of master Earle Hawkins, with Assistant the Board of Trade desire is the im-Scoutmaster Spencer Carlyle. A mediate extension of the zone rates fully retired to a corner. Why not give strong committee backing them is not from Fredericton to all maritime ably responsible for the success of points, thus placing Fredericton milethe revival of this troop, a memory age, considered, on a competitive basonly four months ago. The Douglas is with all other Maritime shipping Community Hall furnishes excellent points. The merchants of Fredericton a hurdle. Not a couple. It will be a accommodation for the thirty or so feel strongly in regard to this dispress companies. The matter of the Saturday, the 11th, was Boy Scout Nova Scotia rates will probably be Nashwaaksis over 3,200 being collect- sent adjustment will be welcomed by

tomary large contribution to the suc Fredericton Board of Trade registered cess of this outsanding 'Good Turn'. at a recent meeting with the Canadian Of those collecting eggs the Honour National Railway for extension of the the last straw. It looks as though they Flag is awarded to 1st Douglas Troop zone tariff to include rates between are not after any more business from among the Scouts, the 3rd Fredericton certain points in New Brunswick, (St. Anne's) Wolf Cub Pack, and it which would especially affect this city, is recommended that the Girl Guide R. L. Phillips, | chairman of the honour shall be awarded to the St. transportation committee of the Frednew Easter things in the trunk yes- Dunstan's Company for the largest ericton Board of Trade has received terday. The men of course, do not collection among the Guide co-operathe following message from F. M. tors. It is a great source of satisfac- Smith, superintendent, of the C. N

> tion committee, Fredericton Board of Trade.

of interest to state definitely that the In reference to our discussion of Something should come out of all Guides and Scouts are distinct organ- February 27th, in connection with the sioners are both members of the Distariff to include rates between certain trict Scout Association, facilitating points in New Brunswick and Frederic

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