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DR. WIGHTMAN'S LETTER

DR. F. A. WIGHTMAN, who "dislikes turning to the public press" but who writes more letters to the press than almost any other man in town, appears with another letter in regard to the York and Sunbury Historical Society grant.

As in our previous editorial we covered the ground to the satisfaction of all fair-minded people and as our statements were true and were not, and cannot be contradicted by the learned Doctor no matter how much he may try to get around them, we do not propose to go over this matter again. In regard to the matter of an application for a grant from the Provincial Government for the museum, such an application was made before the June meeting of the Provincial Government. Although Dr. Wightman is president of the Society, this application was evidently made without his knowledge.

In regard to the election for president of the Historical Society, the facts which we previously gave in regard to this were also correct. The public is not interested in how Dr. Wightman came to reach the position of president. He seems to glory in the fact that he reached the goal of presiding officer over the society of forty members. Give Dr. Wightman rope enough and he will land the society in the direction in which it is apparently steering.

There is a well-known saying that when a lawyer has no arguments or no case, he resorts to abuse and cries for sympathy. It would appear that this is the position in which the learned Doctor finds himself. We decline to stoop to the personal line taken by Dr. Wightman in this discussion which he himself opened up and inflicted upon the public. We are sincerely disappointed in the dear Doctor and we think that the exhibition which he has put on through the Press is neither in keeping with his profession nor his pretensions. He should confine his correspondence to the Press to giving the public "information" and instructions on the lordly salmon, in which field he shone in the newspaper columns last year.

TUT TUT, DR. WIGHTMAN, TUT TUT.

DOMINION - PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

THE Dominion-Provincial Conference on Municipal Statistics was in session this week. The objective of the discussion is to lay down a plan or method whereby there can be secured annually all over the Dominion a body of municipal statistics that will be adequate; that will hand together; that will enable comparisons to be made between municipalities and between provinces; and that can be added up and fitted into the general picture of Public Finance, which, of course, includes Federal and Provincial as well as Municipal Finance. This is perhaps the most pressing problem not only of Canada but of the world today.

The Conference is being held in response to many official provincial and municipal appeals, and although it is gathered at the moment under Dominion auspices, in that what is immediately required is a Dominion-wide scheme of statistical treatment, it is none the less a provincial and municipal interest, and the method to be discussed is co-operation. The meeting concerns first the municipalities themselves; second, the provincial authorities, as the bodies which create and regulate the 4,300 municipal units; and thirdly, the federal authority as responsible for the supervision of the whole as distinguished from its parts.

As the Dominion has grown, new problems have arisen, not the least being that 53 per cent of the people now live in urban communities. The budget of the City of Montreal is greater than that of the Province of Quebec, and in some other cases, such as Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, there have been years in which the same thing has occurred.

The organization of the Conference was in the hands of Colonel J. R. Munro, Chief of the Finance Statistics Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

DIVIDES PALESTINE IN THREE

ALL Gaul was divided into three parts and if the recommendations of the Palestine Royal Commission go through the same thing is going to happen to that country. After the great war Britain found herself in a very difficult position, because of the Arabs. Palestine was liberated from the Turks, and Jews looked forward to settling up once again after two millenniums their ancient national home; while such wide hopes had been raised among the Arabs, that they looked forward for the setting up of a national state at the same time. Both, of course, could not be done, and Britain found herself with one of the most difficult problems on her hands.

It must be borne in mind that the Arabs have been in Palestine since the days of William the Conqueror. To drive them out would be like trying to drive the English out of England. It was believed the two races could get on peaceably side by side. Under the Zionist movement, Jews flocked to Palestine and it began to flourish again under their hands, and the Arabs, too, were never so prosperous. Towns were built, factories started, orchards set out, trade developed, barren lands were reclaimed, and forests again planted. Of the material development all round there can be no question.

But that was not enough for the Arab. The shrewd clever and forward-looking Jew became the leader in almost every walk of life and the Arabs began to fear they themselves would be submerged. Race and religion played its part, a far greater part than economics, for even the Arabs will agree their economic position has improved since the late rapid development of the country. The fanaticism of the Arab broke into riot, helped by radio and arms from outside, and driven on by fear of the Jewish immigration, which, although limited, continued to come in volume.

SNAPSHOTS

Some girls wear bandages instead of hats. Other girls wear hats which look like something that has been chewed off by mice.

The reception committee wondered what happened to Sir Edward. He only slid away to have a smoke with his old friend Jack Wetmore.

Demagogue: One who prods sleeping lions and then says: "If you don't pacify these lions, you are responsible for what they do."

We may be guided by principle, but you'll notice an ism doesn't last long unless it includes hating somebody.

Must peeve that baby operated on at the age of 45 minutes that she won't be able to talk about it for a year or two.

A brigadier-general attributes his ninety-year span of life to wearing suspenders. It is wonderful how they hold a man together.

In the sweet, old sentimental days when men made effective gestures like saving the flower a girl had worn and pressing it in a volume of Keats, and keeping locks of hair or photographs in the backs of their watch-cases, everything was glamorous and different. At least, men had a different technique.

Nothing so outrages a woman as to sit up half the night, with visions of her husband mangled in a smash-up—and then have him walk in, hours and hours late, hale and hearty and cheerful—instead of on a stretcher! That's the moment when even the most patient of waiting wives years to throw things!

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MARCONI

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foundland, he could succeed in Nova Scotia. In that province there were no such hindrances as cable company monopolies.

He interviewed the inventor, and put forward the case that had been taking shape within him. He prevailed on Marconi to stay over in North Sydney, where, fortunately, the late Hon. George H. Murray, then premier of Nova Scotia, was also residing. This was the premier's home town.

Premier Interested

A conference with Mr. Murray was arranged, and the premier became enthusiastic. Charts of the Cape Breton coast were produced, likely spots for establishment of a wireless station were indicated and Marconi began to recover from his disappointment. He became interested. Swift arrangements were made with the Dominion Coal Company to conduct Marconi and his party over the Sydney and Louisbourg Railway line, to give the inventor a chance to see the country for himself. The journey was made and at Table Head, between Bridgeport and Glace Bay, what looked like an ideal site was visited.

Marconi examined it carefully on the ground and by chart, laying out lines to Europe and giving thought to many factors. He pronounced Table Head site satisfactory. That night a banquet was given in his honor, much oratory was spilled. But after the function, the cold, practical difficulties of cash arose. Marconi figured \$75,000 would be needed to build a station. But what were they going to use for money?

Premier Murray said he thought the Nova Scotia government might help. The figure was high for 1901, however.

Elated at the prospect, Mr. Johnston induced Marconi to take a train for Ottawa, where they would interview the late Rt. Hon. W. S. Fielding, then finance minister, and even Sir Wilfred Laurier himself, if necessary.

Mission Successful

The interview was arranged. Mr. Fielding was dubious, although quite infected with Mr. Johnston's enthusiasm. He suggested that if the newspaper editor could get his idea across to Sir Wilfred, he might find the amount.

When Mr. Johnston reached Sir Wilfred he found the great statesman thoroughly familiar with all Marconi had achieved and found him also quite sympathetic. If Mr. Fielding could find the money, he would not oppose the grant, Sir Wilfred said.

This was conveyed to the finance minister—and the battle was won. The station at Table Head was built and opened for commercial service in 1907.

Mr. Johnston later represented Cape Breton North in the Dominion House and eventually was appointed deputy minister of marine, which department had supervision over wireless matters. He retired some years ago. At present he is on a health cruise somewhere in the Baltic Sea.

SILVER LINING

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width about thirty-five miles, in which crops are by no means a ruin. In this ten thousand square miles are thousands of acres of very good crops, and hundreds of thousands of acres of fair crops and a lot of mediocre and poor grain.

Last Big Crop in 1932

The last big crop the West raised was in 1932, when the production was 443 million bushels. Since then, drought has been experienced, principally in Southwestern Saskatchewan and Southeastern Alberta. In most of these years the northern areas got sufficient moisture to produce a fair crop, but the big trouble this year is that the late June and early July drought extended to the northward.

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SPANISH CIVIL

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as a link in the chain of events that includes Premier Mussolini's conquest of Ethiopia and Reichsführer Adolf Hitler's military occupation of the Rhineland. One is the child of the other, as the French Revolution was of the American War of Independence. When Mussolini sent his legions into Ethiopia, he gambled on Great Britain's not being prepared to go to the length of fighting to prevent him. When Hitler ordered the Reichswehr into the demilitarized Rhineland, he gambled on the French not being ready to go to war to stop him.

It is a risky game of bluffing that the dictators are playing against the democracies, but their very successes in the past have encouraged them in the dangerous belief that there is no affront that "degenerate" democracies will not put up with rather than go to war.

Non-Intervention Myth

When the Spanish civil war broke out, Great Britain and France devised the non-intervention scheme in the hope of preventing it from developing into a general European conflict. Their system was adopted in principle by Italy and Germany. But both these powers have violated the non-intervention scheme as cynically as Mussolini ignored his

DISCOVERY

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Van Steek said that when he returned to the mine and quieted the workers, Hill fled into the mountains. On July 15, he said, Hill fired at him from ambush, and when he tried to pursue his assailant he became lost and did not return to the mine for two days.

During that time, he said, Hill allegedly stole some of the gold. As a result of Van Steek's account Police Chief Col. Manuel Pino and several aides chartered three planes and flew to the mine.

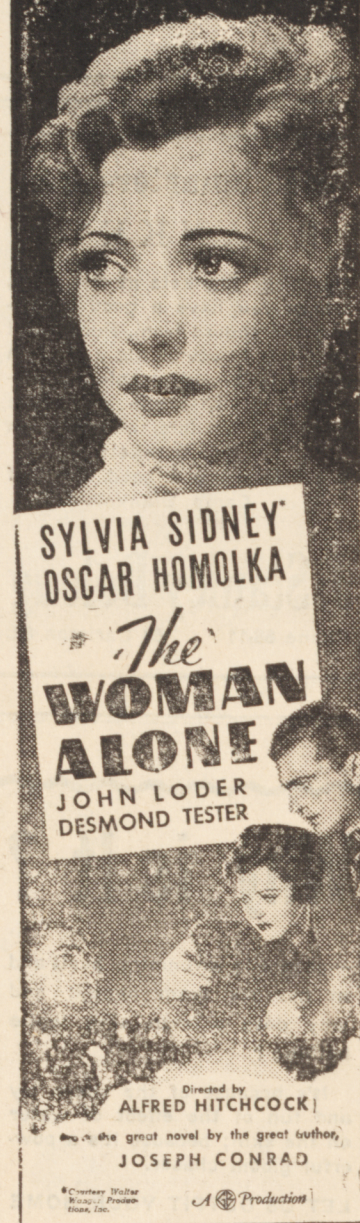
The "buried treasure" was found in a tunnel located near the settlement of Piedra Candela at the foot of the Santa Maria Mountains on the Costa Rica-Panamanian frontier. Authorities believed it belonged to the almost legendary La Estrella Gold Mine worked by the conquistadors. The mine became "lost" in the passing of centuries and had been sought for more than 200 years.

Thorpe, Van Steek and Hill found the tunnel when the ground caved in while a claim stake was being driven.

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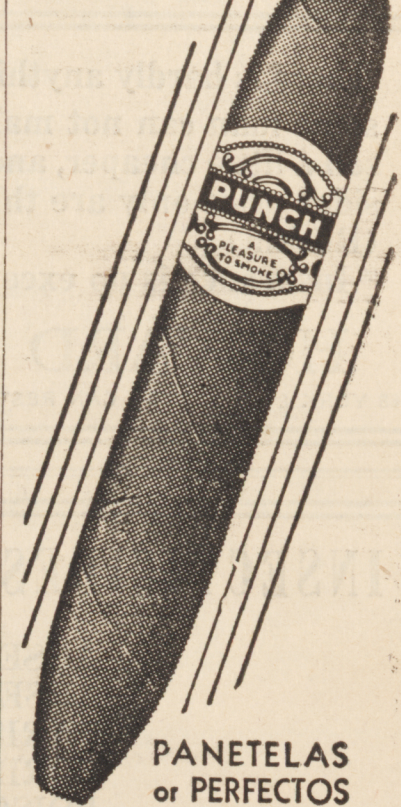
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