



WARNING TO PURCHASERS

EVERY assignment of the right of a South African Volunteer to a land grant must be by way of appointment of a substitute and must be in the form provided by the Act. Special attention is called to Sub-section 3 of Section 5 of the Volunteer Bounty Act, 1908, which provides that no assignment of the right of a substitute shall be accepted or recognized by the Department of the Interior which is not executed and dated after the date of the warrant for the land grant issued by the Minister of Militia and Defence in favor of the Volunteer.

J. W. GREENWAY,
Commissioner of Dominion
Lands, Ottawa.

28th September, 1908.

A Motor-Boat Adventure.

More than once Mr. S. F. Edge, the famous motorist, has had narrow escapes from death, but he confesses that one of his most exciting experiences occurred when he was steering a motor-boat, Napier II., in a race at Trouville. "In the course of some alterations in the boat," says Mr. Edge, "we had thrown too much weight on the head, and the result was that when we made for a huge wave, over which a boat light at the head would have shot, our bows were buried beneath the billows, and we disappeared from sight like a submarine. Very memorable were those few seconds beneath the sea. I had to hold my breath close and strain every muscle to the utmost to keep hold of the steering wheel. I hardly think I could have held on three seconds longer, when to my great joy I felt the welcome breath of the open air on my cheeks and knew that we had cut through the wall of water."

LEGAL WORD SPECIALISTS.

Have to Know Exact Shade of Meaning in Words and Phrases.

"Some people seem to think that an important legal document can be drawn up by a lawyer in the time it takes his client to smoke a cigar," remarked a gray haired law clerk the other day. "It takes time and the most scrupulous care to get things just right. If lawyers were not careful the Lord only knows where the clients would land."

"Why, I know a man in one of the great law offices who is a specialist in the exact shade of meaning of each word or phrase used in a legal document. Nothing goes out of that office without being submitted first to him to pass upon. Sometimes he will give a week to the study of but one short but very important paper, theorizing as to the possibilities of its meaning being construed this way and that. When he gets through with a document, however, and has submitted every word of it to the acid test there is practically no chance of its not being exactly right, as to its verbiage at least. In some cases, too, it is deemed desirable by clients to becloud the meaning of a contract so that there is a loophole for its being construed in another way in the event of certain contingencies occurring. That is where the services of an expert word juggler are indispensable."

"The biggest case that I ever heard of in this line was when one of the great corporations wished to issue some mortgage bonds against its property. A long contract had to be drawn, and the wording on the back of the bond had to be decided upon. The matter was so important that, after the attorneys themselves had decided on the forms to be used, it was turned over to two of these experts in verbiage."

"They looked up the dictionary meaning of practically every word used in the two documents and made innumerable changes and suggestions. Before the papers were finished thirty different drafts of each of the two documents had been made, and there was not a word used in the final form of the papers that had not been considered carefully, not only as to its individual meaning, but also as to its individual relation to the other words of the phrase or sentence containing it. It is safe to say that these two documents are never likely to be assailed successfully in a court of law and that they mean exactly what the corporation and its counsel wished them to mean."

ABOVE THE LAW.

Courts Have No Jurisdiction Over Foreign Ambassadors.

The chief of an embassy is an august being and one who boasts some remarkable privileges. It may be mentioned to begin with that in the land in which he is officiating an ambassador ranks immediately after the princes of the blood royal.

The ground on which an embassy stands is in theory as well as in practice the territory of the nation to which its principal occupant belongs. Even if a criminal were harbored in an embassy the police could not enter the premises without permission.

An ambassador is above the law of the country to which he is accredited. The courts have no jurisdiction over him, and, strangely enough, his subordinates and even his domestic servants are also inviolate. The humblest employee in the embassy if he committed a punishable offense could not be arrested without the consent of his master, nor can an embassy official be imprisoned for debt.

Ambassadors are to be envied most of all perhaps for their freedom from the burden of taxation. They disburse not one penny in taxes, either directly or indirectly, and, as for the custom house, it is nonexistent so far as they are concerned. No duty whatever is charged in respect of wines, cigars, cigarettes, etc., that are consigned to them.

Again, their excellencies need not bother about taxes unless they please. That they do so is purely an act of grace on their part. They are not legally exempt from these tantalizing demands on the purse, but if they declined to meet them there would be no means of enforcing payment.—Cassell's Journal.

If All Candidates Were White. The word "candidate" is from the Latin "candidatus." Literally it means white robed, and it was thus called because in Rome those who sought office wore a glittering white toga. Fancy, if you can, all our modern Americans dressed in accordance with their political ambitions. In some sections there would be no such thing as a dark suit of clothes. Washington would simply be one shining center of universal whiteness.

Costs Sometimes. "Politeness costs nothing," said the man of ready made wisdom. "I guess," answered Mr. Cumrox, "that you never had any experiences with these cafe waiters who regulate their politeness by the size of the tip."

Not at a Loss. Miss Azure Hose (from Boston)—Is your doctor's strong point diagnosis? Mrs. Jones (from Plainville)—No, I guess it 'tain't. Leastwise, he don't never prescribe it much.

Diplomacy. Maud—Do you mean to say that you actually proposed to him? Belle—Yes; but, my dear, he was so dreadfully rattled I made him believe he did it himself.—Boston Transcript.

DELIGHTS OF STUPIDITY.

Knowledge Has "Downed" Us Since the Day of Eve.

Knowledge is no help to courage. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread, and how useful these fools are sometimes every general knows.

It is said that the British army was beaten three times during the day of Waterloo, only it did not know it. Napoleon raged at its stupidity. Education cultivates the imagination, which is the greatest foe of courage. When in the dead of night you hear a noise in the front parlor you remember all the stories you have read of worthy householders being shot by fierce burglars. You wonder how it feels to be hit on the head with a jimmy, and you take a long time finding your slippers. Ignorance would have saved you from these fancies, and you would have gone downstairs without a tremor and found it was only the cat.

It was the acquisition of knowledge that lost our first parents the garden of Eden. If they had only been content with their ignorance we might all be living there now instead of only getting an occasional week's end.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Saucepans should be as flat and broad as possible, so that no heat may be wasted.

Place tea grounds around the roots of ferns and be rewarded with a rich growth of leaves. Frequently change the leaves.

If canned pears have a flat taste, and most pears have, they will be improved by adding stick cinnamon to them while cooking.

If your cellar is dark and you are afraid of accidents when going down the steps, have the last step whitened so that you will easily know when you are at the bottom. You can see this step plainly even in a dim light.

To dry clean cloth moisten fuller's earth to a soft paste and spread in thin layers over soiled places. Mix with the earth a little turpentine and use this over grease spots. Let the garment dry for a couple of days and brush off the earth which has become dry, then press.

If satin is very much soiled, pour into about three quarts of soap suds nearly two tablespoonfuls of kerosene and soak the satin in this for about one or two hours. Work the fabric up and down in warm water and soap and rinse thoroughly. When the satin is almost dry, press carefully.

How George Eliot Wrote Novels.

The famous authoress George Eliot was very particular about her surroundings when she was engaged on a novel. She exercised the greatest care over her dress and insisted that everything in her beautiful study was in perfect order. She displayed none of the modern writers' feverish energy and seldom wrote more than sixty lines a day. Directly she finished a novel she was a victim to terrible nervous exhaustion in such an acute form that only a trip to Italy or France effected a cure to her normal condition.

Arab Music.

Arab music has been described as the singing of a prima donna who has ruptured her voice in trying to sing a duet with herself. Each note starts from somewhere between a sharp and a flat, but does not stop even there and splits up into four or more portions, of which no person can be expected to catch more than one at a time.

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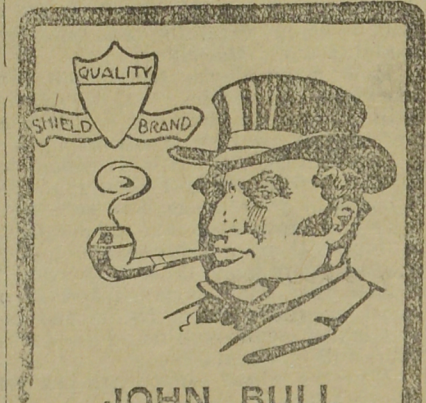
SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster-General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 25th December, 1908, for the conveyance of his Majesty's mail on a proposed contract for four years three times per week each way, between LAKE GEORGE and PRINCE WILLIAM STATION from the 1st of February next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of LAK. GEORGE, PRINCE WILLIAM STATION and INTERMEDIATE OFFICES and at the office of the Post Office Inspector at St. John.

G. C. ANDERSON, Supt.
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Mail Contract Branch,
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