# CURRENT COMMENT

A BUSINESS MOVE

In all the discussion of Prohibition

and the Referendum the big factor

that has operated for a number of years past in favor of prohibition has been apt to be overlooked, and is overlooked as a matter of fact by most of the people concerned. There is nothing more remarkable about prohibition than about electric street cars on agricultural machinery or telephones or anything else that facilitates business. That is to say prohibition is purely a business move. Some have made it a religious question; some a moral question; some a political question; some a personal question. But passing all these phases of it and the consideration it is given from these points of view the matter has resolved itself into one of cold cash. Experience has proved that liquor does not pay. The banker cannot do business with the unreliable drinking man, and an intemperate clerk has no chance at all in modern business .- The grocer and the dry goods man, the shoemaker and the baker, all know that business is better since the saloons were closed. These gentlemen figure it out that if there were less money going to Quebec there would be more coming into their pockets. The amusement man estimates that if there were no queues lined up in the post office waiting to get post office orders for Montreal there would be longer queues at the ticket-windows of the theatres .- The tailor knows that he is selling more clothes and better clothes since the 16th of September that closed the bar. The tobacconist is selling far more, even, than he ever did in the old days. All these men are voting for prohibition because it means money to them. The children are wearing better clothes, better boots, eating more candy, getting more toys. Incredible almost is the record of people who can afford motor cars now and buy gas instead of guzzle. The cessation of the liquor husiness means the turning of untold millions into other and more profitable channels which add to the general prosperity. That is why prohibition is a business move; and business is behind it.

### NOBLES IN PEACE AS BRAVE IN WAR.

the Provincial Government. After of the grants that had been made had remained unexpended. The Veterans resolved to return the balance to \$1,500 was handed back to Premier Drury and \$1,043 to the city. Premier Drury was quite impressed with the action. He might well be, for in a moral way it compares well with the many acts of courage and daring done in France and Flanders. Nothing could serve better to impress citizens in general with the continued public spirit of the men who were willing to give their lives at the front. There has been a fear on the part of some that the soldier lads would develop such class consciousness as to become a menace to the rest of the population. This act is a welcome reassurance that no such alarm need be entertained. The ordinary citizen who by reason of age. or other disability had to stay at home, has nothing to four from his fellow-citizen who went overseas to help him to preserve the liberty that for the nation is dearer than life. The moral triumphs of such constructive citizenship are as great and as fine in their way as anything that was done in those tragical years among the trenches. Ontario soldiers are making a fine record in peace as well as in war.

A BLOT ON SPORT. It now appears that the Brandon team of hockey players that competed with the Varsity champions for the Allan Cup were not true Brandonites at all, only two of them being genuine residents of the Manitoba town. After the final match and a reception at Branden they set out for their re- any undertaking involving a joint respective homes, in Winnipeg, at the head of the Lakes, in Midland, Ont., and elsewhere. The Association intends to deal with the matter, and if diplomacy can circumvent it in such a gross violation of the amateur some way so as to gain the same uncode cannot be ignored. Brandon has no reason to be proud of such an triumph will have been achieved for sttempt to win a triumpheover its neighbor by such unwarranted undertaking of the United States means. Had the Allan Cup been se- would be sufficient in itself without cured by this hired team it would any joint covenant. The League of have been no credit to the club that Nations can continue, it is believed. authorized or tolerated such proceed- on its present basis, and achieve con ings. In nothing does the national elderable success as it grows in moral character come out so clearly as in power, even though the United States its sport. If sport cannot be kept should not join it. All that the clean and straight there is tittle United States appears to be willing to

chance for business to be square. There is need for all the influence available on the part of amateur associations of all kinds, of boy scout camps, of organizations of every kind in which young men participated, to set up high standards in such matters, to purify the practice of sport. to boycott all foul play and sharp practice, and to establish it as a principal that to win unfairly is far more disgraceful that \* honorably e great bulk of Canadian sportsmen subscribe to this creed, and all decent chaps endorse it.

### JOHN BURROUGHS. NATURALIST.

There are very few people who

read at all who have not at one time or

another read the poem "Waiting," be-

ginning of "Serene, I fold my hands

and wait . . . For, lo! mine own

shall come to me." The writer.

John Burroughs, died on a railway train near Kingsville, Ohio, while on his way home from California, en Tuesday morning, March 29, and was buried at his birthplace, Roxbury, in the Cateskills, on Sunday, April 3 This day would have been his 84th birthday, and his passing removes one of the outstanding literary figures of the continent. He was as popular in Canada as in his own land, and he spent many vacations in Ontario, the last being a few years ago, when as the guest of G. A. Warburton of the Y. M. C. A., he visited John Firstbrook's trout-pond at Acton and enloyed fishing there. John Burroughs egan his literary career, with a tudy of Walt Whitman and he remained one of the leading exponents of the good gray poet and his robust outdoor philosophy of immertability, berty, and brotherhood. Burroughs was devoted to the study of nature and in the lives of the birds and insects, and of the trees and the flowers he found a ritual of worship in which he served the Highest. The spring should not pass before the unacquainted reader should go through one or all of those dainty and delightsome little volumes with the quaint names, a knowledge of which will lead to a desire to know saill others of his works. There are Wake-Robin, Birds and Poets, Locusts. and Wild Honey, Winter Sunshine, An unusual and very laudable thing Fresh Fleids and Pepacton. His first has occurred in connection with the essay in Emersonian vein appeared in recent assembly of V. C. heroes in the Atlantic Monthly in 1860 and he Toronto for which the Veterans re- has written constantly since. In received a grant from the city and from cent years his intimate friends with whom he had always celebrated his all the accounts had been made up it | birthday were Thomas A. Edison, was found that a considerable sum Henry Ford, Hudson Maxim and Henry F. Firestone. During the lifetime of Theodore Roosevelt Burroughs and heawere on terms of intimacy. the original donors and accordingly The significance of Burroughs life consists in its exposition of the Whitman gospel of a sweet and wholesome love of nature, a clean life, a devotion to democracy in practical and humane ways, an avoidance of the deviaus ways of politics, a re-Rance on hard work and self-support as the cure for all ills. In religion Eurroughs followed Whitman who followed the "Great Companions" and looked forward to the perfecting of character through many successive rebirths on earth with periods of rest in the heaven world between.

# CAN THE UNITED STATES

BE PERSUADED? Sir Auckland Geddes has been deputed by Eritain and Rehe Viviani, a former premier, by France, to enter upon negotiations with the Washington Government with a view to bringing the League of aNtions into harmony with the principles which President Harding has expressed himself as favoring in the pursuant of world peace. To make this statement boldly is perhaps to outrun the surface indication of the facts. But there appears to be strong hopes that President Harding's hostility to the League will be largely overcome by the willingness of Britain to eliminate Article X, from the covenant, and there can be no doubt that the powers would go a long way to obtain solidarity among the nations in determining a policy of peace. The rea! difficulty is the reluctance of the United States to commit herself to sponsibility with other or any other nation or nations. This policy of aloftness is an established one and committed to any other power a the League of a Nations. The pledged





contribute is moral suasion, and that the League already possesses. It is feared, however, that moral suasien is not sufficient for the purpose where nations like Germany or Turkey or Poland ,or the Bolsheviks are concerned. If nothing else is done, owever, the United States might make progress possible in the direction of disarmament.

### THE MADE-IN-CANADA MOVEMENT.

The Made-in-Canada movement. aided by the exchange situation, consideration of the great National problem, of finance and taxation, and the efforts of most Canadian manufacturers to produce the best possible goods so sell at the lowest prices consistent with good quality, is steadily gaining the support of the Canadian people. A large retail establishment which formerly boasted that it speclalized in exclusive lines of imported ootwear, is now making an increasing proportion of its purchases in Canada. When an explanation of this development was requested the folewing reply was given: "Many of our cutomers are now asking for Made-in-Canada shoes and we are buying the Cahadian product to meet such demand," Unquestionably this answer was only a partial explanation. Canadian footwear represents much better value than the American product offered for sale in Canada. On the overage, boots and shoes made in the United States may have a little more polish and somewhat more attention may have been paid to finish, but Canadian shoes excel in wearing qualities. Indeed Canadian shoe manufacturers are now making footwear which is unsurpassed anywhere on the continent in wearing quality, style and finish. It time the Canadian people realized hat their Canadian dollars will buy etter quality in Canadian boots than n imported footwear and the lesson s being learned.

The part of Canada that drains into he Atlantic Ocean has an area of 554,00 square miles.

# **GOOD JOKES**

A CLEVER HUSBAND.

Wife-Mrs. Jones has another new Hubby-Well if she were as attrac-

tive as you are, my dear, she wouldn't have to depend so much upon the milliner

### NOT THE SAME.

"Why did you go back and give that beggar a quarter?"

"Because," said Mr. Dubwaite, "he looked like a man I used to know." "Maybe he's the same man."

"No. If he had been he would have asked me to lend him \$10.

# THE UNION MEETING.

"Say, pa?"

"What's on your mind now?" "I see that there is to be a union church service tomorrow. Is that intended especially for labor organizations?" -

### WHEN THE COW MODED

"That's a cow, my son." "And what are those things on her

sently the cow moved, Tommy was surprised. "Which horn did she blow, father?"

Mother—You must stay in, dear; in the average weight of the Americ it's raining. Elsie-But, mamma I'm not paint-

FIXED COLOR.

# ANSWERED, HOWEVER.

The witness for the defense was being cross-examined. In answer to wear clothing which interferes less question put by counsel, instead of with hygiene, and the increased physpeaking he nodded his head.

Whereupon the court stenographer, who was not looking at the witness, demanded: "Answer that question."

Investure at Buckingham Palace, London. The King con-

ferred the honor of Knighthood on Knights Bachelor designate

at Buckingham Palace. Sir Harry and Lady Lauder leaving

the value after the investure.

### "Yes," was the retort, "I heard it rattle, but could not tell whether it was up and down or from side to

swer it. I nodded my head."

The witness replied: "I did an-

WASTE OF MONEY.

Insurance Agent-I dropped in to remind you that your policy expires tomorrow and to ask you to renew it. Economist-Very sorry, sir, but this is the tenth year that I've been insured in your company and nothing has happened, so I've made up my mind to try another company.

## MORE THE WELCOME

Hobo (on beard train)—Has anybody lost a roll of bills?

"Yes, I have," cried several voices. Hobo-Take them! They are from the butcher.

## FINDS WOMEN GROW LARGER AND YOUNGER

Hygienic Clothes and Increased Physical Activity is Cause.

Dr. Cella Duel Mosher, medical adviser of women at Stanford university, says the woman of America is getting larger, after a study of 4,023 women who have entered the univer-"And the two then moved on, sity during the last 30 years. The Mosher draws the conclusion that

The height of the average woman has increased between an inch, and an inch and one-tenth during that period. She also concludes from the same statistics that it is safe to say that there has been a noticeable increase

can woman. Boost For Sports

The physical improvement in the average American girl Dr. Mosher ascribes mainly to two factors the change in fashion, causing women to sical activity among women, which has been brought about by this change in dress and by the development of physical training and sports in schools and colleges, and the change in the conventional attitude

toward these activities by women. Since these measurements were all taken of girls at the time they entered college, the increases are indicative of the general improvement among women, and are not due to the oenefits received from physical education in the university.

# There're Younger, Too.

Another element which still further emphasizes the improvement shown is the fact that the age at which girls enter Stanford has decreased during the 30 years, so that the women who have shown gains in height and weight during the latter portion of this period are, in addition, younger then these who were measured during the earlier years. In order to, test still further the

relation of age and height and weigh Dr. Mosher divided the statistics int four age groups, and the statistica

A etill further indication that Dr. Mosher's conclusions with regard to years of the university physical examination was required only of women who chose to take physical training, while in more recent years the university has required physical training of all women students.

It is estimated that the world's America produced 1,641,900,660 compared with 1,194,247,000 bushels in 1939. Although North America shows a decrease for 1920, yet Canada had a noticeable increase 263,

# The History of Your Name

COX

SOURCE-An occupation.

VARIATIONS Coxon, Cook, Cooks, Cookson. RACIAL ORIGIN-English.

It might appear, at first glance. that some of the family names in this group had their origin in some reference to the cock, or rooster. There is a rare possibility that in some instances the name Cox may have had such en origin.

In such cases it would come as a shortened form of "Crocker-son" that is, "the son of the cock-fighter," for cock fighting is a very ancient sport. and was well established in popular favor in medieval England. Or it might be derived from the form "Atte Cock," or as we would put it today, "at the Sign of the Cock," for in their lack of ability to read, the English of olden times called upon the full range of the animal and vegetable kingdoms with which to ilfustrate the signs by which they identified their shops and their inns.

But in the vast majority of cases. the forms of the foregoing family names indicate that they come from "cook." There was no uniform method of spelling this word in the middle ages, and it was often necessary to judge whether the writer meant "cook" or "cock" by the sense of his writing. But euch a form as "Roger le Koc" or "le Coc' 'or "le Cok" occurring in the ancient lists of names kept for taxation or other purposes, has only one reasonable translation. "Roger the Cook." And that form of name occurrs with such frequency as to insure its perpetuation as a family name. At that period "Roger le Cok" could never have been used with the meaning "Roger Atte Cok."

# POEMS You Should Know

## . FAITH

O God, whose thunder shakes the sky, Whose eyes this atom globe sur-

To Thee, my only rock, I fly Thy mercy in Thy justice practice.

The mystic mazes of Thy will The shadows of celestial light, Are past the power of human skill; But what the Eternal acts is right.

Oh, teach me in the trying hour. When anguish swells the dewy

To still my sorrows, own Thy power, Thy goodness love, Thy justice

If in this bosom aught but Thee Encroaching sought a boundless

Omniscience could the danger see. And Mercy look the cause away,

Then why, my soul, dost thou com-

Why dropping seek the dark recess? Shake off the melancholy chain,

But ah! my breast is human still; The rising sigh, the falling tear, My languid vital's feeble rill.

The sickness of my soul declare.

For God created all to bless.

But yet with fortitude resigned, I'll thank the inflictor of the blow; Forbid the sigh, compose my mind, Not let the gush of misery flow

The gleemy mentle of the night, Which on my sinking spirit steaks, Will vanish at the morning light, Which God, my cast, my sun, re-

-Thomas Chatterton.

# Scientific Naming.

New species of plants and animals are usually given a form of the name of the discoverer, and the fuchsia, curves still showed the same general for instance, hides quite prettily in its Anglicised pronunciation the fact that it was christened after a gentleman of the name of Fuchs. The natthe increase of height and weight of uralist who named the family of Crusthe average woman are conservative taces followed an original plan, havis found in the fact that in the earier ing many names to bestow. His wifes' name was Caroline. He took the letters of that name, put them in a hat. and drew them out again in every combination that would yield a pronouncable name for the shrimps and their cousins. Another naturalist reversed the process. He had a boundless admiration for the seawheat crop for 1920 will show 2,074, worms, on which Greek names had 769,000 bushels compared with 2,073,- been bestowed, and he had also seven 555,000 bushels for 1919. North daughters. So each daughter as she arrived, was named after one of the Worms.

The highest average number of hours of sunshine in a year occurs in 789.000 for 1920 as alpainst 193,189, Manitoba. In 1917, the record in

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