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AN ALIBI DEFENCE.

The Island Farmer, sister publication to the Pioneer, Premier Bell's personal organ, puts up an alibi defence for Messrs McArthur and Saunders, the part they played and the part they did not play in connection with the Public Accounts Committee's report.

The Patriot, which has never said a word either in defence or extenuation of the question at issue, reproduces the Farmer's article in its yesterday's issue.

The Island Farmer says for these gentlemen that they were not present when the minority report was presented, and therefore were not responsible for the tyrannical act of Premier Bell in refusing to have the report appear in the Journal of the House. The Guardian's reply to this was, and it still holds good, that when Messrs McArthur and Saunders discovered—even through the medium of the Guardian—that their leader had played a scurvy trick in a matter which concerned their honour as members of the Public Accounts Committee, they should have publicly disclaimed any connection with it and told their constituents publicly what they think privately of Mr. Bell.

Mr. McArthur says, according to the Farmer that "the main report of the committee had been prepared in Charlottetown before their (Mr. McArthur's and Mr. Saunders' departure.) and left with the clerk for the other members to sign."

It was signed by all the Liberal members of the committee; the reason it was not signed by the Conservative members was that it was, as stated in the Guardian, prepared behind their backs, and they did not know anything about it until they heard it read in the House, just as Mr. McArthur knew nothing about the minority report and what Mr. Bell did with it till he read of it in the Guardian. The Farmer says further "there was nothing controversial in the report which was only formal in character and very brief." This is true; there was absolutely nothing controversial in it; it was what wasn't in it that raised the trouble; it was because of what wasn't in it that it was not shown to the Conservative members who, if they had seen it would either have put more in it than there was or refused to sign it.

There is no defence for the action of these gentlemen and the more they try to defend it the worse they make it.

### DR. ALEX. MACNEILL HONORED.

Our Ottawa telegrams yesterday announced the election of Dr. Alexander MacNeill of Summerside, to the presidency of the Medical Council of Canada. This is one of the rare distinctions of the Medical profession and when conferred on a man from the smallest province it goes to show that a good record overcomes the disadvantages of limited support from the home council.

Dr. MacNeill has been in active practice for thirty seven years, the first fifteen in Kensington and since then almost entirely in Summerside. His success was remarkable from the first. He acquired a large practice and by skill and prompt attention he gained and held the confidence of the community. His removal to Summerside was but a continuation of the same practice. Soon after removing there he took an active part in establishing a hospital for the county and without doubt much of the success of that splendid institution is due to his leadership. The Prince County Hospital is very popular with the medical men of the whole western portion of the province and chiefly so from the fraternal way in which they are treated by their town brethren. In adopting such a policy Dr. MacNeill led the way; not only has he won success for himself which is more than provincial, but he has held out the helping hand to his confreres wherever required. The distinction that has come to him is a source of genuine satisfaction to his large circle of friends, lay and professional.

### THE CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE.

Evidently the Patriot has been advised to discontinue defending the government, or accounting for their actions. The Patriot has been unfortunate in its zeal for the peculiar style of righteousness which it adopted previous to and since the election. In its desire to have the Liberals returned to power it promised everything in sight, from the reduction of taxation and the dismissal of government officials to a sort of national Eldorado, of which prosperity and political purity would be the outstanding lights. It denounced all that the previous government had done and promised for its party a clean cut course in the opposite direction.

Since the election, in order to pave the way for the taxation scheme which would furnish offices for those who assisted in restoring that particular brand of Liberalism, it so misrepresented the financial affairs of the province as to scare even the friends of the government, and it was obliged to desist.

Since the recent session, the first held by the party, it has steadfastly closed its eyes and its mouth to government actions, for which there is no parallel in civilized countries.

To mutilate the records of the House by refusing a place in the minutes of proceedings to an official document was an act which we might have expected

## CURRENT COMMENT

It looks as if the whole Liberal phalanx are to embrace Protection. Of course free trade will continue to be preached for vote catching purposes, but the undercurrent is decidedly for tariff retention. Even the redoubtable ex-Finance Minister Fielding, while in the very act of moving a big bluff tariff-reduction resolution declared in emphatic terms that Canada will not have free trade within the lifetime of any member now sitting in parliament. In the midst of his sophistries to catch unwary voters he was thus careful to assure the manufacturing interests that his dreams were in the future tense, and that they were safe from interference for the present generation at least.

Mr. F. F. Pardee, chief Laurier whip, is also floundering in deep water. He finds it a difficult experience to face in two different directions. It appears that he addressed the Liberal Club in Montreal, where free trade is not a popular theme, on which occasion he showed pronounced protective tendencies. He sought in parliament to repudiate this speech but unfortunately the Hon. Mr. Balmucy confronted him with a report of his address published in the Montreal Gazette. His method of squaring out of the difficulty would do credit to our own ingenious Patriot. He said he proposed "a tariff of 25 per cent. and you split it up—17 per cent. as a general tariff and 8 per cent. as an Excise tariff." How cute of Mr. Pardee! Ah! now he says, "make a tariff for revenue, not for protection," but still keep on the tariff.

Mr. J. W. Edwards brought the Grain Growers' Grain Company into rather unpleasant picturesque prominence. He pointed out that the President, Hon. Mr. Creer,

### Daily Selections Guardian Readers

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#### THE MIND GALLERY

Mental pictures act upon the soul in quite the effective manner that actual pictures do upon the mind through the eyes.

Beautiful pictures inspire, for they visualise the real to us. I have often walked through great art galleries and watched the effect that the wonderful pictures had upon different people. I think watched those with every evidence of wealth in jewels and raiment, as well as those who seemed to have but little in a material way. And I have noted that the effect is about the same—inspiring in every case.

But the greatest gallery in the world is the one that each of us carries about in his own mind. There are the pictures of our victories as well as our defeats. There are shown every phase of our desires—some in magnificent colorings, and some in tints of quiet gray. But they all have become a part of us and we would regret to lose a single picture from this mind gallery—this Institute of Experience.

But we should keep adding all the time to this mind gallery of ours—and keep improving it.

What sort of pictures are you hanging there? Do you love to go to them again and again? Do you thrill as you show them, in your life actions, to your best loved friends? What kind of a collector are you anyway? Do you like to walk through your mind gallery? Work then for pleasure, sing or paint or carve.

The thing thou lovest though the body starve  
Who works for glory misses off the goal  
Who works for money coins his very soul  
Work thou for SERVICE then, and it shall be  
Joy and blessing shall be added thee.

Adapted.  
from a rebel-elected president of Mexico, yet the Patriot has no word of condemnation for this, the deliberate act of its political leader. For the violation of all pre-election promises it either offers excuses or remains silent. Is this silence also part of the conspiracy against the province? Does the Patriot or the government imagine that the people whom they duped once will forget or ignore what they have done? The people will not forget and although the government organ is silent the people are not and they will be heard from shortly.

### THE POLITICAL AXE.

There was a small demonstration of political axe swinging at the last session of the legislature. Mr. Patrick Clarkin who has been keeper of the Queens County Jail and previously assistant keeper, was given notice of dismissal the other day, dismissal to take effect June 30th.

His successor is Mr. Edmund B. Byrne of Fort Augustus who is, we understand, a returned man from the recent political campaign. He has not been overseas to any extent which doubtless is one of his qualifications.

It is reported that room is also being made in the Provincial building for another official. Possibly some overseas man may get a look in there—if all the politicians are provided for.

drew a salary of \$15,000; the Secretary \$13,000; the Winnipeg Manager \$11,000; the Calgary Manager \$5,200, and a clerk at \$5,000, or in all \$50,000 in salaries.

By the sworn evidence before the Cost of Living Committee, last June. This Company made \$855,288 or 62.2 per cent. of profit.

"Here we have these people, the tears running down their faces and falling in splashes upon the floor in their sympathy for farmers, ranting and raving against a twelve and a half per cent. duty on harvesters," "yet themselves taking \$40 out of the farmer on his binder," and even then compelling them to pay cash down, not an hour's credit. Truly the dollars and cents have as ever a controlling influence in all those so-called national and patriotic movements. The prime operators never fail to come out top foremost, no matter who suffers.

In the midst of his long detailment of Western tariff ideas, when speaking on the Fielding amendment, Dr. Michael Clarke paused for a few moments to pay a well deserved tribute to his wartime leader, Sir Robert Borden. After congratulating him upon his improved health, and return to parliamentary work, he spoke of the Premier's untiring services and devotion, thinking not of himself, but of his country, until his arduous task had undermined an otherwise strong constitution, compelling him to seek rest. The Doctor closed his eloquent eulogy thus,—"When passions and prejudices are swept away, the name of Borden will occupy no lowly place on the list of those who during the Great War had kept the standard flying."

A country should take pride in her public institutions. Our hospitals, our churches, our colleges, and educational establishments, yes, even our jails, are worthy of greater attention than they receive. Not that we are more backward in our duties than others but that in those things which tend to increase the public good, our best efforts will always be better for improvement. Don't forget that in this connection our province has been most generous, and that pro rata to our wealth and population, in these respects no province in Canada can put us to shame. In several instances this Island's effort has been quoted as an example to other places. It is our duty, and we feel sure this duty will be a pleasure, to see to it that we maintain first place amongst the cities and rural centres of Canada.

For a province of less than 100 thousand population witness our three excellently equipped Hospitals, added to our splendid Infirmary and Hospital for the Insane; our two well regulated Orphanages, growing both in size and usefulness, such first class educational institutions as Prince of Wales College and St. Dunstan's University, and many schools distinctly excellent in all the leading centres of the province. We have only to look at these, then view our beautiful churches, parochial houses, and society structures, to exalt ourselves to that honest pride that we are citizens of no mean country.

Falconwood Hospital is not second class to any, of our population and wealth, in Canada. The politician has been almost its only enemy. A number of years ago a scandal arose, unfortunately with some foundation, which resulted in several drastic yet highly beneficial changes in its management. In this emergency the beneficial influence of politics was

## JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

(BY DELLA A. STEWART)

Sometimes we wonder why we do not exert more influence. But it may be that the reason is not far off. It may be self-flattering to find it, but then self-flattery has nothing whatever to do with success in life.

It has much to do with our failures. Once we thoroughly learn this we are ready to begin to really live—not before.

One of the very first requisites for influence is perfect sincerity. The actor or speaker or writer knows well that although what he does has the stamp of genius about it, unless he can "get it across" to audience or reader, all will avail but little. And the very first necessity in getting an idea "across" is belief in it.

If our lives are, lies, if we are conscious that we are not living just as we profess to, if we do not deep in our hearts own the ideas we declare govern our actions, we are not strong, and there are flaws in

recognized, and to cut it from this danger zone it was ruled to put it under control of a commission of five with only one of its members to represent the Government. That wholesome principle has gradually died out, and it is now practically all composed of Government members. It is drawing it too tightly again into the political web. We raise no objection that it cannot be conducted just as efficiently by these as by private citizens, but it engenders the tendency to too much political exploitation, a creation of spasms of public alarm by party necromancers and to some extent at least an impairment of the people's confidence in this usually well conducted institution.

Is it delirium, or inability to read plain English or its irresistible disposition to adopt the opposite of truth, that influences every move of the Patriot? We used the word "courageous" so simply spelled and clearly printed that a child could read it, yet the Patriot says, "The word referred to is 'coward'." And it further reads as a lecture upon the niceties of language and "rules of decent debate." The sweet part of its dissertation comes in such expressions as, "Bash! Bazouk!" and "Bash! Bashouk!"—not very expressive, perhaps, but surely not handsome as names to apply to another "in debate." Then some other refined (?) phrases such as, "coarse language," "unbridled rage," "bellow" &c. lend tone and elegance to its aesthetic and ethical effusion. Surely when seeking to criticise what it calls coarseness in others, it should do so in clean language of its own, and when chiding others for calling names," should avoid the same error on its own part, in the same article.

### Many Lives Lost in Mines

PITTSBURG, June 3.—Seven men were today reported to Bureau of Mines as having been killed by an explosion in a mine of the Ontario Gas Coal Company at Cokeburg, Pennsylvania. Other reports from neighboring villages say thirty to forty men had lost their lives.

#### POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Quickly made friendships are quickly ended.

Skin deep beauty is all right if the girl has money.

How mushy a tender love letter sounds when read in court.

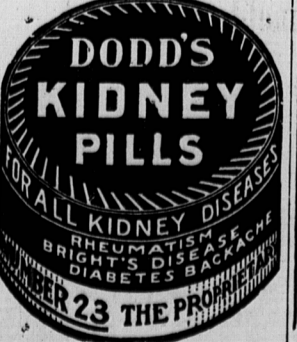
The world is full of tainted money, though few people mind the odor.

No, Hazel, a civil engineer is never monarch of all he surveys.

Be a dreamer if you will, but get up and hustle when the alarm clock goes.

A fool and his money are soon parted, but it's different with a lazy boy and his warm bed.

The one proof of man's superiority over women is the fact that he never wears clothes buttoned down the back.



our armor that are in constant danger of being discovered. There are a cloudiness and a haze about our characters that make themselves felt more than our words.

But if our lives stand squarely behind our words, if we are unafraid of what this one or that one will think of us, if at home and abroad our smallest acts ring true to our professions, then we can become of real influence. Character is strength, genuineness gives power.

If we have gone into life thinking that position or money or birth truthfully living and thinking. Sincerity of purpose, daily truthfulness in every emergency—these are surely not too high ideals for womanhood, are they?

### To Guard Against Tax

MONTREAL, June 3.—The Chamber de Commerce today accepted recommendation made by the special committee that to ensure economic and uniform collection of one per cent sales tax this should only be imposed at the source viz. at Customs for imported articles and at factory for manufactured articles. This resolution is to be sent the Minister of Finance and also to all the members of parliament.

### Two Children Are Murdered

EDMONTON, June 3.—Two children, boy and girl, aged ten respectively were according to telephone reports to the Provincial Police at Edmonton, enticed into woods near Manola, Alberta, some fifteen miles from West Lock, Tuesday afternoon and brutally murdered. It is alleged by a man known as Thomas Munn, a homesteader and returned soldier.

### New Tax Requirements

OTTAWA, June 3.—An important ruling, dealing with the collection of the Luxury Tax was issued tonight by the Department of Customs and Inland Revenue. The ruling provides as follows: Retail

## COLLEGE-MEN "ATTENTION"

### Boys!

Now that your studies are over, what are you going to do for the summer?

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Caps and Hats at all prices

Shirts from \$1.50 to \$5

Neckwear All the newest coloring in silk and knitted from 75c to \$3.

Hose from 30c to \$3



We do not pretend to sell the cheapest goods in town, but we do claim that our goods are sold as cheap as quality will permit. Give us a call for anything you may need for the holidays.

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### The Old Gardener Says

Every year the question comes up, "How shall I save my cherries from the birds?" It is a hard question to answer, too. It helps to hang pieces of looking glass or strips of bright tin from the branches, and any noise creating devices will keep the birds away for a time. After all, though, nothing has been found more effective than throwing clods of earth into the trees every time the birds collect there. It is a simple plan and won't save all the cherries, but it helps the owner to get a few for his own use.

## "THE HABERDASHERY"

ALL HIGH PRICED  
MEN'S SUITS

Reduced to \$45.

\$45.00 marks the limit you can pay for a man's suit in our store after today.

We have reduced all high-priced men's suits to \$45.00 no difference what they cost us. It is our loss.

This enables you to escape the luxury tax. We have now not one dollar's worth of clothing in stock that a customer has to pay taxes on.

Come and get first choice. You know the quality of our suits.

Other suits at \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40, \$45.



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