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AS TO CLIMATIC CHANGES.

Whether there is a steady progression towards a colder or a warmer climate north or south of the equator has long been a favorite problem for discussion. Unfortunately our records go back such a comparatively little distance. Compared with the aeons involved in the evolution of the world to its present condition, that they are of practically little value. If there be a progression in either direction it is so slow that thousands, perhaps millions, of years, would be required in making a perceptible change of climate.

The Meteorological Department at Ottawa has a record of the rain and snow fall for thirty years past and, although an interesting one, it gives no definite clew as to a variation in either direction. The rain fall has varied irregularly from 16.77 inches to 31.79, the minimum being in 1914 and the maximum in 1893. The snowfall varied from 70.25 inches to 134.75, the former in 1913 and the latter in 1907. The total yearly precipitation of rain and snow averaged, during these years, 34.69 inches the variation being irregularly interspersed throughout the thirty years.

The present year has made records in frost, in wind velocity and, probably, in rainfall—in this province—and in both rain and snowfall throughout the northern hemisphere, but there is nothing to indicate that our earth is drifting towards a colder belt in the universe or that it will not maintain the average of the past thirty or the past thousand years. Time's changes are exceedingly slow.

BELL GOVERNMENT LIQUOR PROFITS

In its yesterday's issue our evening contemporary, the Patriot, says when the "true financial statement of the province is placed before the people, then the Guardian will have something to exercise itself over—something worth while."

Can this by any possibility refer to the magnificent windfall of between \$30,000 and \$40,000 the Prohibition Commission have just handed to the government as its share in the profits of the liquor business of the past year. Forty thousand dollars additional revenue for the Bell Government to wallow in to their hearts' content! What are they going to do with it? Are they going to reduce taxation as promised or are they going to make this an excuse for increasing the salaries of the Premier and Attorney General? No wonder the Patriot promises us a revelation worth while when the public accounts come down! Just imagine! \$40,000 unanticipated revenue to inaugurate the regime of the Bell Government!

Reduction in taxation must follow as a matter of course.

ALIKE IN ONE PARTICULAR

Having now had an opportunity to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the Jellicoe report and recommendations, says an exchange, members of the Federal Opposition and the press which voices their sentiments have come to the conclusion that these recommendations are practically the Laurier policy amplified to meet the situation which now exists. In one respect this is of course true; each of them provides that the navy should be composed of ships. Outside of this coincidence there does not appear to be any very substantial ground upon which to base the aforesaid conclusion.

THE AMBITIOUS CITIZEN.

Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King was sure in 1911 that Canada wanted reciprocity with the United States. He was wrong. When that question was put before the people their answer was an emphatic Nay, accompanied by the expulsion of the Laurier Government from office.

In 1917 Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King was sure that the country was opposed to compulsory Military Service. He was wrong. By an overwhelming majority the people declared for Union Government, and Military Service Act, and its War Time Election Act.

In both these elections Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King was himself defeated at the polls.

At the opening of the present session of Parliament Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King submitted a resolution by way of amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the Throne, which amendment called for the dissolution of Parliament. He was wrong again. The House rejected his resolution by a majority of 34.

Mr. King's judgment is always against the judgment of the country, but that does not prevent him continuing to believe that he is right. He is still for reciprocity with the United States, still opposed to the Military Service Act, and still rages against the War Time Election Act. He is slow to learn that in this country it is the people who rule, and not the ambitious Citizen.—Mail and Empire.

CURRENT COMMENT

The revolution in Germany finds its only counterpart in the interests of the Liberal party. An ear to the keyholes of the caucus of private councils will hear above all other notes the discordant sounds of inside conflict over its variety of policies. Some of the noise gets out to the open. Like unto the Bell organ, the trimming Patriot, the good grit Eastern Chronicle of N. S. is after ex-leader D. D. McKenzie with its belaboring club, Poor McKenzie. He would not "crade with any country that did not take the Canadian dollar at face value." He is denounced as a political heretic, a faithless trimmer of lights in the cabin window, a "foolish person" who "baita the United States," and whose indiscreet utterances might provoke them to war with Canada.

There has been talk, and unfortunately talk only, of securing statistical information, reliable in character, of imports and exports from this province, and also similar facts covering our railway traffic. The need of these is frequently emphasised, and in many ways. A car of produce shipped from almost any point on our railway to Montreal, Toronto or other distant points in apportioning the through freight rate allots a very small portion to P. E. I. The same is true of merchandise and passengers coming this way. Yet the expense of handling, loading and unloading at Borden and transshipping, apart from the longer hauling, is as great here as on the main land. This charges up to us unjust deficits in our railway which both officials and politicians take advantage of to withhold transport conveniences to which we are entitled. If our railway were eliminated as a big feeder to the mainland systems how seriously would it affect their deficits or profits?

The same difficulty comes when seeking outside co-operation in commercial development. We have no reliable data to give to capitalists from outside sources whose assistance we need in industrial investment. If we are not misinformed, other provinces have statistical officers, in connection with Customs, whose duty is to compile these facts from actual shipping records. Such an official was contemplated seven or eight years ago for this province. Why not now?

Where are all the Air Castles promised with such profusion by the Liberal spouters and scribes before they ascended the thrones of indolence? That splendid S. S. Northumberland, owned by the government, lying idle at the wharf, while the Charlottetown—Pictou and Summerside—Pt. Du Chene service was in most crying need. This would not be so if Messrs Higgs and Duffy were elected, says the Patriot. Of course she can't sail now. The ice holds her. But Messrs Higgs and Duffy are elected, and soon as the ice looses its hold we must expect to see her with flying colors and proudly throbbing engines on her daily trips. "Aint we glad Messrs Higgs and Duffy are

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MY DAILY DESIRE

To awaken in the morning with a smile brightening my face; to greet the day with reverence for the opportunities it contains; to approach my work with a clear mind; to hold ever before me, even in the doing of little things, the Ultimate Purpose toward which I am working; to meet men and women with laughter on my lips and love in my heart to be gentle and kind and courteous through all the hours, to approach the night with the weariness that ever woos sleep and the joy that comes from work well done,—this is how I desire to waste wisely my days.

THOMAS DREER.

DO YOUR BEST

O face to face with trouble, Friend, I have often stood, To learn that pain hath sweetness, To know that God is good, Arise and meet the daylight, Be strong and do your best, With an honest heart and a child like trust.

That God will do the rest.

—SANGSTER.

"HELPING LAME DOGS" (BY CHARLES KINGSLEY)

Do the work that's nearest, Though 'tis dull awhile, Helping, when we meet them, Lame dogs over stiles.

See in every hedgegrow Marks of angels' feet Epics in every pebble, Underneath our feet.

THE PUBLIC FORUM

This Column is Open For the Discussion by Correspondents of Questions of Interest. The Charlottetown Guardian Does Not Necessarily Endorse the Opinion Expressed by its Correspondents.

Soldiers Employment

Personally I think the soldiers were well treated when they came home. They were met at the trains and learned any trade by an ed or look out for a job and their pay went on. The great majority took advantage of these opportunities, but, of course, there were some who would not work while their pay went on and preferred to have a good time. This may be the cause of some being idle. The unfortunate thing is that the soldiers were promised too much by the Liberal politicians at the last election, although they knew well enough that they could not get it for them.

Thus briefly, and explicitly is the question of the employment of returned soldiers disposed of by an anonymous party signing himself "Farmer." Verily a Daniel is come to judgment. Who, Sir, can know more of the needs of the returned men than he?

Personally I think the soldiers were well treated when they came home. Of course it is his privilege to think under any condition, and thanks to those men, who were not content to think, or write anonymously to the papers about the evils of German militarism, it is NOW his privilege to express these thoughts, and surely a band to welcome them home is ample reward for four years of fighting, and in many cases months or even years of suffering from wounds, gas or even the unusual exposure.

Further our unknown Solomon declares emphatically, "Any soldiers returning in health and strength have no right to look to the government or people to help them, except those who left positions to go to the war."

How thank you, Sir, about the boys, and there were many, who went straight from school to defend "France" and his like, who spent four years in France, risking their all, three hundred and sixty-five days a year for or a dollar and ten cents each day; where those four years put in at some trade, or in continuing their education would have placed them firmly on the ladder of success. Surely they are entitled to some recompense.

As to the suggestion that the G. W. V. A. open and operate a carriage factory, I consider it excellent, if practicable, but while manufacturing carriages may not be so complicated an undertaking as farming, I've been given to understand that it takes some technical training. Perhaps the idea that prompted the suggestion is set forth more clearly in the concluding sentence of that paragraph than Farmer intends I refer to. "Then we could have our carriages twep-y-five to thirty-five present cheap."

In conclusion let me beg the writer, if he chance to read this, to discard the camouflage of "Farmer" and let us know who he is. Possibly his very next neighbor has been living in ignorance of the province of one so well-informed as to be able to dispose, in a few minutes, of a question that has puzzled the greatest (or those we reckoned the greatest) brains in appearance of his letter brains in Canada. Surely his light is too great to be hidden under a bushel. Thanking you, Sir, for your space.

I am Sir, etc. R. C. CHANDLER Charlottetown, March 16th, 1920.

Why Not Bush Ice

Sir—The farmers of North River would like to know why the ice from North River Bridge to Younkers Point has not been bushed this winter. There is a lot of hauling to be done by the farmers of Hampshire, Milton, and North River. To go the road is just a loss of two miles each trip to Charlottetown. The ice has been good since Christmas but as there are some spring holes people are afraid to travel this way without the ice being bushed. WHERE are our members who were around so much last fall and made so many promises; Where are they now? The people of North River now know they made a mistake at the last election and they will not forget it in a hurry.

I am Sir, etc. FARMER.

New and Old Industries

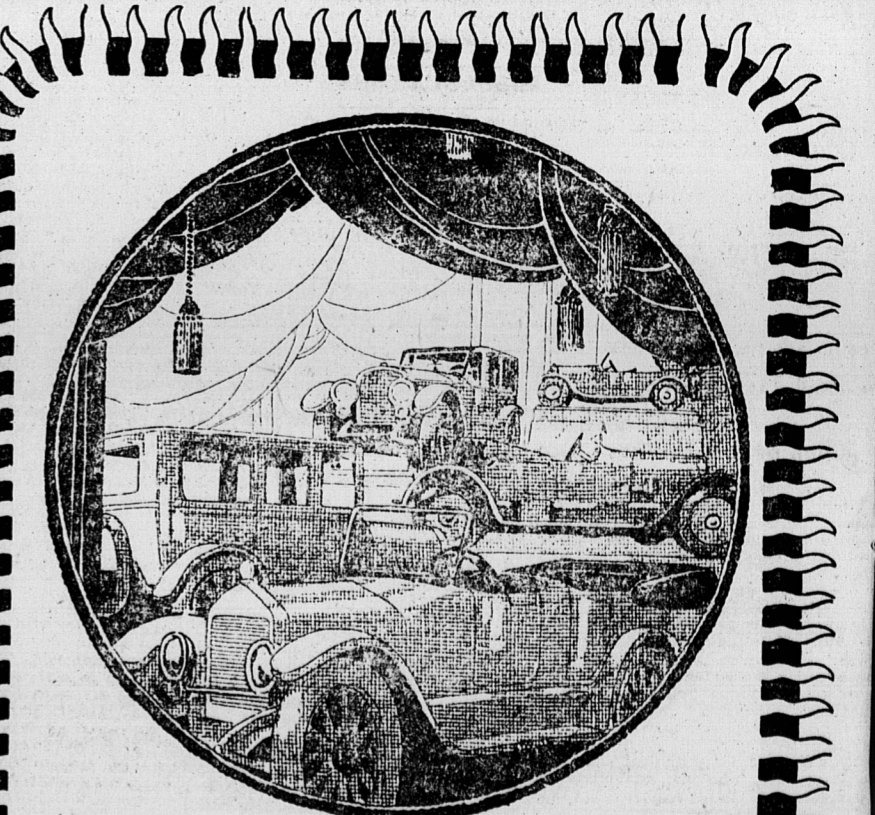
Sir—Re the letter in this a. m. paper, signed J. A. Simon, manager of the Falk American Potato Flour Company. We did not enter into any controversy with this company. Our letters and also the letter from the Canadian Denatured Alcohol Company, Limited, were written to protest against the action of the Board of Trade, in not consulting the Island starch interests, before trying to induce this American Company to locate here. When Mr. Simon admits that his Company has been in existence only one year and then makes the statement that potato starch is made from rotten and frozen potatoes, we feel it would be a waste of time to reply in detail to his letter of this morning.

We are Sir, etc. ST. PETERS STARCH CO., LTD. March 17th.

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