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ANOMALOUS

At this season of the year the curious human mind automatically turns back upon its tracks and begins looking backward. And, in the looking, events and occurrences which appeared normal at the time take on aspects which are strangely abnormal.

The shadow of the Great War still lurks in the valleys of human experience and we are reminded occasionally that we have but partially awakened from the horrible nightmare of those never to be forgotten years. And we are frequently reminded that "Peace hath its victories no less renowned than war."

This being the Christmas holiday season, when politics are tabooed from public discussion, it will be observed, we trust that it is the anomalous, not the political significance of recent occurrences we are dealing with.

The war as will be remembered, closed on November 18, 1918. The boys who survived the war returned home and the country gratefully remembered their great sacrifice and proceeded to make what compensation it could at least partially reward them.

Pensions were adjusted and in the year 1920-21 the sum of \$26,325,000 was paid to disabled soldiers dependent widows and children.

Naturally in the course of nature, some of the pensioners died and in the following year, 1921-22 the pension bill fell to \$33,744,000 and in the next year 1922-23 it had another drop, this time to \$31,912,000. Those decreases were quite natural.

Here we come to one of the anomalies: In the year 1923-24 the pension bill had a sudden rise to \$32,264,000. Another remarkable increase occurred in 1924-25 when the total amount paid in pensions reached the considerable sum of \$36,630,000. And this is not the supreme anomaly for we are officially told that in 1925-26 it will have reached the sum of \$46,000,000.

Now, at any other than the Christmas season some people, perhaps party biased would see in those decreases and increases a certain relation between the figures and the coincident election periods. The King government came into power in 1921. They were secure for the next four or five years. The returned soldiers were getting enough pension, too much in fact, they thought and they reduced the amount from \$36,325,000 to \$31,912,000 in 1922-23. The coming election, which might come at any time, began to loom up in the distance; the returned soldiers must be placated. There was a yearly rise till immediately before the election of 1925 when the gratitude of the Mackenzie King government poured itself out to the tune of \$36,000,000 notwithstanding the fact that many of the pensioners had died in the meantime. This is one of the anomalies incident to war and peace, incident to the Armageddon of Nations and the Armageddon of politics.

Even in our province during the past summer, it is understood that many pensions, formerly disallowed, were revived. In 1925 the total number of disability pensions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, which are combined in the reports, was 2,167 of which 634 were permanent which is 120 more than last year.

It would appear from the above that, for some reason, pensioners and beneficiaries flourish like a green bay tree immediately before elections, which, as this is the Christmas season, may be merely a coincidence. In any case, while we are firmly of the opinion that no man who has done his bit overseas has received any more than he was justly entitled to, we cannot help regarding it as anomalous that pensions increase immediately before elections.

OUR OPPORTUNITY

We commend to the careful perusal of our readers generally and of our farmers particularly the article by Mr. W. R. Shaw of the Department of Agriculture, dealing with the Island's opportunities in connection with our disease free area. Mr. Shaw writes from his knowledge of the Department. Knowledge of the orders and enquiries received. It is no theory as to what may result; it is a statement of facts already known. Orders for carloads of cattle have been received and enquiries covering a large part of Canada and even of the United States have also been received, all foreshadowing future business.

This is extremely gratifying. The fact that Prince Edward Island has been set apart as a disease free area, all its cattle thoroughly tested, its one gate guarded against the introduction of diseased or suspected cattle, has gone abroad throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion. This, with all that it implies, means much for this province. Moreover the quality of our cattle has been proved at some of the largest exhibitions recently held in Canada when our leading breeders brought home prizes secured in competition with the best breeders in Canada and the United States.

As Mr. Shaw says, it is too early yet to predict what the effect shall be on the price of our butter and cheese. Yet it is not too early or too much to predict that there shall be a marked improvement in this respect. The danger of transmitting tuberculosis through the milk supply is world wide. Doctors and other medical authorities have been preaching it for years. It will mean much to the producers of milk in this province for the world's markets to know that we are producing absolutely disease free milk in an absolutely disease free province. Knowledge of this cannot but reflect itself on the price of our butter and cheese.

It is not enough that we should know the advantages of the disease free area. It must be made known and every package of butter and cheese or other milk product that leaves the Island should bear labels attesting the fact. We need more publicity, we need to tell the world what we have and how possible it is for us to have it. The fact has already been shown in the increased demand for our cattle. It will be shown later in an increased demand for our butter and cheese.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The days are already lengthening and we are on the home stretch for summer. Today will be two minutes longer than Christmas Day.

The week between Christmas and New Year's Day will be spent largely in telling what a good time we had on the former and the good resolutions we are going to make for the new year. Let us recall those made last New Year's Day.

Notes By The Way

When Parliament meets an early duty of the Conservative members of the Senate will be to select a leader to succeed the late Sir James Lougheed. There are many able members of the Conservative party in the Red Chamber although their numbers are being steadily reduced by death from year to year. And not every able man possesses the tact, diplomacy and high standing in the estimation of his fellow members of both parties that so notably distinguished the deceased leader. Sir James Lougheed was called to the leadership in 1906 when his party were in opposition to the Laurier Government. From 1911 till 1921 his own party was in power during which period he led the Government forces in the Senate and later he again led them in opposition until his demise.

Party lines are not so strictly drawn in the Senate as in the House of Commons and upon many public questions it is found to be both desirable and practicable for senators to preserve a judicial attitude. Sir James Lougheed, whether his party was in power or in opposition may be said to be a new and very high standard in that regard which it is to be hoped will be followed in the future. But with the present peculiar situation in political affairs and the hostile attitude which Premier King has assumed toward the Senate it seems probable that a number of vital questions will come before that body on which the voting will conform pretty closely to party lines.

An Ottawa despatch states that when an existing vacancy in the Senate is filled by a Liberal appointment the Conservative majority in that Chamber will be reduced to eight. That is a fairly close margin and there is a possibility of it being further narrowed down should the present Government retain its hold on power for even a few months.

It is expected that the choice of a Conservative leader in the Senate will be made as heretofore in a party caucus and by ballot. Already there is considerable speculation as to the prospective choice and several names are mentioned among whom are Hon. Sir George E. Foster, Senator Ross of Middleton, N. S., Senator Gideon Robertson, Senator Sir Edward Kemp and others.

William Hohenzollern's Christmas festivities at Doorn Holland, were quite unique among the celebrations of the season of peace and good will. A cable despatch tells that he cut a Christmas tree with his own axe, had it set up in the hall of the chateau in which he resides and loaded with gifts for the members of his family and other intimates, and personally assisted in the distribution. Afterwards he preached a sermon on the Nativity and a just peace which he declaimed as a trained actor. Apparently he still affects his war-time relationship of "Me and Gott" along with a semblance of imperial state, he and his wife seated upon "throne" behind which stands a statue of Frederic the Great.

As one reads such things and recalls the world tragedy which this man precipitated, the question arises. Is he sane? Was he sane when he recklessly plunged Europe into four years of bloody butchery? If he is sane and half as guilty as many believe him to be, his Christmas celebration and sermon would suggest a measure of hypocrisy that is simply colossal. It is more charitable to think of him as at least abnormal and not wholly accountable.

Astronomers tell that for weeks past there have been spots on the sun of continental size, such as rarely appear except at certain recurring periods of eleven years and are not due to appear for some years to come. The closing year has also been very fruitful of comets, no fewer than eight of which have been seen through powerful telescopes within the past twelve months. But neither the spots nor the little comets have been visible to the naked eye and they seem to have had no very disturbing effect either upon the weather or upon the minds of the world's people. This is so far satisfactory.

A month or two ago the astronomers told the world that our earth had passed right through the broad trail of a comet, and nobody knew it till afterwards. Of course we must make some allowance for these star gazers. They see things through glasses that magnify greatly and are not unwilling to enlarge their own fame in like fashion. It pays to advertise.



That Body of Yours

By James W. Burton, M.D. TEETH, FACE AND HEALTH

It doesn't seem very long ago since any youngster with "crooked" teeth was doomed to carry them, with their disfigurement to the face, all his life. Of course children of wealthy parents had some corrective work done. The process of correction requires skill, patience, and many months, even years of treatment.

Now this work of correcting teeth has developed into a speciality with the dental profession, and goes past the mere straightening of the teeth. It is found that where teeth are crooked, where certain ones are crowding others from their rightful places, where other teeth are late in developing, that all these things not only alter the shape of the mouth and the expression on the child's face, but have an important bearing on the child's general health and physical development.

As you know each tooth has its own particular place in the jaw, and should meet its fellow opposite in such a way that any particle of food getting between them thus in front of the mouth, or ground like the wheat in a flour mill if at the back of the mouth. If teeth do not grow in straight, then this dental specialist has to try and pull the teeth in different directions by wires or other means, so that he can get the surfaces of the upper and lower teeth meeting or grinding one upon the other.

This is important because your teeth can frequently be traced to this cause. Further, the jaw itself must gradually enlarge both from side to side and from front to back. The upper arch as it widens or develops should sort of "flatten" down, thus giving more space for the nose passages through which the air passes into the lungs.

Should the upper arch not be developed or flattened down, then the youngster must get the air into the lungs in some way, and naturally breathes through the mouth. This will often cause enlargement of the tonsils, even as enlargement of tonsils on either side troubles causes mouth breathing. Mouth breathing is often a forerunner of other nose, throat, and chest conditions.

This crooked teeth can cause both intestinal and chest trouble, and therefore the entire system be endangered. It is gratifying to know that the dental clinics in our cities now give treatment for crooked teeth, thus helping the facial expression and the general health of the children.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

December 30, 1925. BEGIN RIGHT IN YOUTH:—Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Ecclesiastes 12, 1, 13. PRAYER:—Dear Lord, Thou hast said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Make us all Thine own little children, and then it shall be our joy to do Thy will daily.

MY IDEAL In my heart there is a lass Who purposely was made for me. I'm almost sure 'twill come to pass That we shall meet eventually.

How I know I cannot tell, But this I'm sure that's surely true. Imagination tells me well; Of course it can't be trickery!

Of graceful men and brow serene, Her presence will create deep peace; She will be held in an esteem cease. That even Time can never cease. But noble thoughts will pass her mind; Beautiful as their owner's self. To many things she will be blind, Including the greedy god of Pelf.

Tis She who is my Great Ideal, What? You say I want the sky? That such a girl could not be real? Hold your peace? Cease that cry! I am sure of what I say, And that is all that counts with me. If we meet not in our Today We shall in Great Eternity.

So my Dream is bound to be Either now or later on; And I am grateful, fittingly, At this being looked upon. By Him, who in His boundless might, Leader of our Destiny, Has caused to regulate our flight, Thus through dark Infinity. J. W. M.

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The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The Editor will necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

BUY AT HOME.

Sir,—In my first letter on this subject I stressed the wisdom of confining letters to fact and truth and avoiding exaggeration. Mr. Edward Hughes, a gentleman of considerable versatility, should give this phase of the question a little more appreciation. It will not help his arguments to enlarge in the facts even by implication, and if he wishes to retain the esteem in which he is held it will be safer to steer in the straight line.

He commences with what he incidentally admits as a fallacy—at 50 cents per peck potato story—and then attempts to declare that "Free Lance" makes the statement that "We never get a dollar back from Halifax or Montreal or other cities where catalogue houses are." Now why this stretching of facts? He found nothing of the kind in any of my letters, he neither he nor any other can contradict, that we never get a dollar in the form of provincial or municipal taxes from those houses. And he will likely find it further stated that not a dollar of the overhead costs of handling—that 50 cents on the dollar that he dwells upon—comes to help out the distributor, in the form of tax on the laborers and machinery of government where the mail order house is located.

His next argument is too childish altogether for a man of his caliber. Take a look at it yourself. Mr. Hughes, you surely could not have meant to say that "Free Lance" gives us a long list of people the other 50 cents goes to support. I will ask the farmers if they are willing to get only 50 cents worth and let the other 50 cents go to the support of every Tom, Dick and Harry who is producing nothing. Does our incognito friend really imagine that the catalogue houses give him their goods at the primal cost, and draws upon some fairly air fund to meet these overhead costs? Who pays for those expensive catalogues and their cost of mailing (involving an outlay of very many thousands of dollars) for the cost of parcels by mail and express at the high prevailing rates? Who contributed to the millions of dollars dividends distributed by these mail order concerns amongst themselves? Is Mr. Hughes really serious in the belief that these are not imaginary fund and met by some other means?

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Early Session Of Ontario Legislature

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 29.—The Ontario Legislature will meet on Feb. 10th whether it will be the last session of the Sixteenth Legislature or not. The Legislature will not go to the people when a Federal election campaign is in the offing. The Legislature will meet with seven members short of its full membership. Six of the vacancies in the Ontario chamber are by resignation and one, that of London, by death of the member, Sir Adam Beck. Five of the members of the Legislature resigned to run for the House of Commons in the last general election. Two of them Peter Heenan, Kenora, and Earl Rowe, South Simcoe, were successful and are now members of the House of Commons, Malcolm Lang, Cochrane; Geo. Sewell, North Norfolk and D. Carmichael, Centre Grey, were defeated and are not now members of any parliament. The party losses because of these vacant seats are as follows: Conservatives two; Liberal, one; U. F. O. three; Labor one. The latest vacant seat is East Kent, from which Manning Doherty, Minister of Agriculture in the Drury government and second in Command of the farmer group since the defeat of that administration, resigned. The leadership of the various groups remain unchanged.

At present the Government has not announced the bringing down of the Ontario Budget. The revision of the Ontario Temperance Act has been much talked of but Premier Ferguson declines to admit that his government has any such design. There is always the possibility, however, that the question may be thrown into serious discussion in the legislature by the action of private members or opposition groups. There may be some changes in provincial taxation but on the whole they can be reduced as increased revenue is necessary. Hon. Geo. Henry, Minister of Highways and Public Works, announced recently that there would be no change in the license fee for motorcars nor would there be any decrease in the gasoline tax which has proved a fruitful source of revenue. There might be some change in the beverage tax from which the revenue has been disappointing. The collection of the latter is also costly. However, neither the gasoline tax nor the beverage tax had been in effect a year and it is thought that operation for a full year will be needed to show how their effectiveness.

The government will introduce further legislation regarding the care of people mentally and mentally defective. The proposed work with the municipalities with which rural co-operatives and assistance is expected. It would also leave opportunity for individual assistance from those interested. The government, it is understood proposes to assist by subsidy or grant. The success of the home for boys at Bowmanville has prompted the government to further work along the same lines.

Revision and consolidation of the statutes, especially the municipal and assessments acts will be continued. This is uninteresting work for the House but very necessary as the municipal act has been so amended that it has almost beyond interpretation in spots. The highway acts are also being consolidated. As they were very confusing and led to differences with countries and small municipalities because of the varied interpretation possible even by the courts, it is hoped to make positively definite the duties and responsibilities of every township, county and the province itself regarding the highways. As in previous sessions the government will discourage amendments to the municipal act, many of which are of local significance only and clutter up the main legislation and leave loopholes for evasion.

Even if the government introduced no further legislation that mentioned the legislature would have plenty to do. Year by year the amount of private legislation increases. Committees are usually behind the House and for some years private members have had their greatest success in the committee rooms. The agricultural committee which has been sitting all year with Dr. Jamieson, M. L. A. as chairman, will have to make some concrete proposals for assistance to the farming industry. It is quite possible that the securing of better rates for Canadian cattle to Britain will be dealt with although it is more of a Federal matter.

Now that the right of extension of the Temiskaming and Ontario Railway or rather the Algoma Central railway into Rouyn, Quebec, has been decided by the courts, it is quite possible that the matter will be brought up in the House. There may also be other branch line extensions of the railway to meet the needs of new mineral fields which are being continuously opened up in Northern Ontario. Hydro matters will also take some time especially to offset the feared shortage of power. The session gets going late in January or early in February it should be concluded by Easter.

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The Three Bye-Elections

Historicus.

Judging from the fine fighting spirit which actuates the supporters of the Stewart Government and the admitted popularity of the Stewart Administration, the three bye-elections in Summerside, Cardigan and Murray Harbor on the 14th January, prox., when the people of those districts record their judgment on the Provincial political situation. In well-informed circles it is quite well understood that the Liberals in those districts have no hope of winning the vacant local seats; their hopes have fled long ago, but a showing must be made to put the party stock in some sort of shape for the expected Dominion elections. The Conservatives, on the other hand, are asking the electors to choose men for the vacancies in the local Parliament according to law and on the merits of the Stewart Government. This is the straight constitutional course to take; it is certainly better sound and trying to steal a march on those districts merely to keep up appearances. No one has as yet attempted to know that the candidates of the Stewart Government should be rejected. The Government have measured up fully with the best traditions of our historic local Parliament. Then why force contests at the dictation of the Dominion candidates and members? It is not the past forty years has there been a more economical, prudent and progressive administration in power in this Province than the one led by Premier Stewart? He has not deviated a hair's breadth from the right attitude even in the most difficult problems. Mr. Stewart has the courage to follow sound and established principles. He does not wobble like Mr. Bell did when he was threatened by his own colleagues with being deposed from the Premiership. He has not been scared by the Patriots' attempts to force his hand. The people of all classes have been looking on and taking stock of the Liberal gains in the past few years. The decisions of Premier Stewart, which are as sound and well tried as representative government itself. Mr. Stewart has adhered to this safe principle of equal rights and will be not only endorsed on the 14th January but given a second term when the time comes around. He has shown that he is trustworthy in dealing with the smallest as well as the largest questions at issue. The at least to make this Province one of \$17,000 through the incompetence of the Bell Government in the Mitchell case has been bravely and justly challenged by the Stewart Government and they will be sustained in resisting the Liberal attempt to fleece this Province and let all the other Provinces go scot free in a purely federal dispute. Let the Dominion pay is the right slogan for this fight. It means about five dollars from every family in this Province if the local Government has to pay it, while it would amount to about 1 cent per head if paid by the Dominion. This is a fine opportunity to see this Maritime Province has a back-bone and a clear head. Let the electors of those three vacant local districts refuse to be bluffed out of \$17,000, and wake up the Ottawa Government.

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