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THE END OF THE WEEK

The week has been a strenuous one. Three constituencies in this province have gone through the throes of a bye-election and the whole of Canada has been perturbed over the situation at Ottawa. The result in this province is finished and, except for the disappointment, is satisfactory and will meet with little criticism even from those who for mere party reasons might have wished for a different ending.

KING GOVERNMENT SUSTAINED

The King government, after being signally defeated at the polls, has been sustained by the pardoning grace of a few of one of the groups elected to oppose it. The majority was slim, only three, and there are those who believe that something stronger than pardoning grace actuated the vote. Be that as it may the King government is sustained in office, is authorized to function as a full fledged government, authorized to bestow offices upon the faithful of the party, and to go on making laws, adjusting policies, reducing or raising taxes, building railways and elevators wherever they may be most needed to ensure the loyalty, the support and the confidence of the people—unless something happens.

That anything shall happen to prevent the King government handing out favours to "deserving democrats" is unlikely; the government is sustained justified, white washed and empowered to function as an honest-to-goodness government. It is not what the scriptures would call "an abundant entrance," but it is an entrance right into the heart, not of the people, but of the treasury and of the source whence all things come to those who wait. The next few days will doubtless see many waiting seats made glad, many official vacancies filled, and the waiting list materially reduced.

What comes next? Nine Ministers are to be provided, among them the important portfolios. To obtain seats for most of these, seats now occupied must be vacated. This can be done—at a price to be named by the present occupants. And it may take some time to vacate, also some time to re-fill.

As there is not enough of the King government left to go on with it is quite probable that there shall be an adjournment almost immediately. Premier King will no doubt hunt up a safe constituency and his fellow cabinet members—to be well do likewise and the bye-elections will be called on at once—that is, if the government is content to go on functioning in its crippled and dilapidated condition.

LOOKING BACKWARD

The lecture by Mr. W. L. Cotton, a report of which is given in this issue, will be read with interest and, we trust with profit. One feature alone in connection with the history given we desire to emphasize. It is this: At intervals during the past eighty years or so this city had organizations of various kinds, all organized for intellectual improvement. Each of these institutions flourished for a time, and died. On the death of each another of somewhat

similar character was organized only to show similar vigorous youth, mature adult stage, old age and death.

Inferences may be drawn. Throughout the life time of the City there have been leaders, men and women anxious to help their fellow men and fellow-women. Their efforts succeeded for a time, sowed seeds which bore fruit long after the sowers had been gathered in the harvest which awaits all, but the institutions died or merged into others. Why did they die? Why do the majority of such institutions die. They begin with youthful enthusiasm, work with youthful strength and purpose, the youthful vigor and enthusiasm, begin to wane. The actors become staid and gradually the effort perishes.

There is a remedy, a preventative for the early death of intellectual organizations, that is, the continuous infusion of young blood. This preventative was suggested by the Honourable Chief Justice Matheson in his short address during the post-lecture discussion. It should be borne in mind by those who, out of the goodness of their hearts, stretch out their hands for the betterment of their fellows. Enthusiasm is a characteristic of the young and one of the vital forces which sustain the life of an organization, be it for church, community, provincial or national welfare. No institution, however good its purpose may be, can thrive without young, fresh, virile life. If it could its very object would be defeated. These institutions are designed to prepare our young men and women for the duties of citizenship which they must take up in the near future. Keep the young blood flowing into all our organizations, and they shall live from generation to generation and make the stream of intellectual development continuous.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There may be some winter this year after all.

"Three Happy Returns" was the way they congratulated Premier Stewart yesterday on his birthday. Might we suggest that future provincial elections be held on the auspicious anniversary, in which case "Many Happy Returns" would be in order.

The Street Committee should see to it that the snow plow be run over the sidewalks leading to the different city schools. Yesterday morning the little folks found it very difficult to make school on time as the yhad to plow their weary way over paths that had not been broken.

The theory that the land areas of the earth are afloat on a semi-liquid foundation and are slowly changing their position in obedience to the attraction of the sun and moon may or may not be well founded. The great continents are about where they were since recorded history began. If they are moving at all and the movement is imperceptible in two or three thousand years there is no reason to fear that we shall bump up against China during the life time of the present or immediately future generations. There are many theories, some of which work out with mathematical correctness while others exist only in the imagination of the theorist.

If the Gulf Stream has shifted its course, as certain weatherologists assert, how is it that sea captains have not reported it? The boundaries of the Gulf Stream are so well defined that they can be seen by the naked eye when approached on shipboard. The changes in the weather are evidently dependent upon geographical

Notes By The Way

Mr. Cotton's lecture on Thursday evening was unique in regard to the number of names of old timers mentioned, but this was only one of its many excellences. It was full of human interest to every one of the large audience present on a rather inclement evening, and was also of high historic value. That it was highly appreciated was attested by those who attended upon and frequently applauded its delivery and by the complimentary references made thereto by the mover, second and supporters of the hearty vote of thanks.

Premier Stewart, his colleagues in the Provincial Government and the successful candidates in the three provincial bye-elections of Thursday last are all to be congratulated on the popular verdict of the day. It is true that the result was not unexpected, for it is generally concluded that the Stewart Administration has well deserved the support of the electors not only of the three districts that were called to the polls but of all throughout the Province.

The Province is to be congratulated upon the accession of new and valuable intellectual strength to its Government and to its Legislature already venerable with age and memorable in long and distinguished records. The three visitors in the brief campaign will be further heard from in due time and we have no doubt that they will abundantly justify the choice which their fellow-electors have made. In one special particular the result was unique, for it is quite unusual for a Government that had already four-fifths of the House at its back to gain an additional supporter at a bye-election. It is the Opposition already weak in numbers that suffered the losses of the day and is now reduced to four in a House of thirty members.

At Ottawa the King Government has been sustained, but by a vote so narrow that carried with it the promise of a defeat soon to follow. At this writing we have no further details than that the division showed only one absentee, almost every member of the House being present and voting when the division on Mr. Meighen's non-confidence amendment was taken. This is of itself an almost unprecedented occurrence. Without the Speaker there are only 244 members who can vote and 245 appear to have recorded their decision, 120 for and 123 against the amendment.

The Conservative strength in the House is 116 and therefore must have been supported by four from outside the party ranks. The Liberals number 100 without the Speaker and therefore must have had the support of 23 from outside their own party. Evidently these were all, or nearly all, from the Progressive Camp. With much hesitation as to voting for or against the King Government they decided at the last moment to extend the life of the dying Administration a little longer.

It will be seen at a glance that the coat of political whitewash thus administered is very thin! It is parti-colored and streaky rather than white and will not adhere to the party wall but will bleach and fade out in the winter storms that are at hand. If a trace of it remains until the spring rains descend upon it the last remains of it will have disappeared.

A majority of three in Parliament against an adverse majority of hundreds of thousands in the country—what is it worth? It will weigh but as the dust in the balance, and as chaff in the gale that is coming. It will arouse resentment throughout the country. An adjournment, some attempt at reconstruction of the shattered Government, some by-elections held in fear and trembling, some appointments to the Senate—these are among the possibilities of the near future but none of these can be relied upon to save the life of the Government.

MOUNT TRYON SCHOOL Following is the Honor Roll of Mount Tryon School for the month of December: Grade VIII.—1, Olive Wood; 2, Rena Quigley; 3, Nellie Hannam. Grade VII.—1, Walter Wood; 2, Neva Quigley; 3, Johnny Waddell. Grade VI.—1, Helen Campbell. Grade V.—1, Evelyn Quigley; 2, Edward Quigley; 3, Eva Warren. Grade III.—1, Jimmie Quigley; 2, Wetmore Quigley; 3, Bessie Warren.

That Body of Hours

EXTRA WORK OF A WEAK HEART

Perhaps you have wondered why a person with a leaky valve in the heart, or other heart condition, seemed to get out of breath so easily. Just as long as they walk slowly there did not seem to be any difficulty with the breathing, but a walk at just a little faster pace, and immediately breathlessness ensued, and they had to stop or slacken their pace. This brings us back to the point that the heart is only muscle after all, and pumps or pushes the blood out of itself into the blood vessels, simply by the action of its muscular walls.

A Montreal physician who does considerable research work in his capacity of professor of medicine has investigated the muscular power of the normal heart, as compared with the heart that is gradually failing. He examined a number of normal hearts so as to get a real average, and found that whereas the normal heart pumped from two or three ounces of blood with each beat, the failing or abnormal heart pumped only one to one and a half ounces.

Now, a person at rest, or doing the lightest kind of work, the failing heart pumping about half that of a normal heart, was still pumping enough under such circumstances. But when some brisk walking, running, or any real effort was put forth, then the defective heart would have to beat much faster in order to supply the blood to the parts of the body using it. And further, of course, the amount that the lungs would have to breathe about twice as fast.

Therefore the "lack of breath" of heart patients. Now the whole point is that after any acute condition of the heart subsides, then under your doctor's supervision you should gradually increase the amount of exercise taken, until you get the heart muscle so strong that even with a leaky valve your heart will be able to pump the blood in amounts equal to, or nearly equal to, a normal heart. And even if you haven't had any heart condition your heart muscle, speaking generally, will only be as strong as exercise has made it. No other means can build up your heart muscle.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

January 16, 1926 A MAN OF GOD REBUKED BY A HEATHEN "Abimelech called Urhaham, and said unto him \* \* \*

GIVE HIM A LIFT. Give him a lift! Don't kneel in prayer. No; moralize with his despair; The man is down, and his great need is ready help, not prayer and creed. 'Tis time when wounds are washed and healed. That the inward native be revealed. But now, whatever the spirit be, Mere words are shallow mockery. One grain of aid just now is more to him than tons of saintly lore; Pray, if you must, within your heart. But give him a lift, give him a start.

The world is full of good advice, Of prayer and praise and preaching nice. But generous souls who aid mankind Are like to diamonds—hard to find. Give like a Christian; speak in deeds; A noble life's the best of creeds; And we shall wear a royal crown Who gives a lift when men are down.

Your Birthday JANUARY 15.—You have original ideas, a keen mind and shrewd perception, and if engaged on business it should be your own. If a housewife, you are an excellent manager, careful buyer, and very shrewd. Curb a tendency to speak sharply and sarcastically to those under you, and encourage those who wish to be your friends. Your birthstone is a garnet, which means faithfulness. Your flower is a snowdrop. Your lucky colors are navy blue and black.

JANUARY 16.—You have courage and ambition, which should carry you far. You are not impulsive, are sincere and just, and your head rules your heart. Merry young, and do not mar your love by jealousy. You are sure of great happiness if you are ready to forgive and forget. Your birthstone is a garnet, which means faithfulness. Your flower is a snowdrop. Your lucky colors are navy blue and black. Good opportunities are lost to the lover who does not know how to embrace them.

THE DRAMA AT OTTAWA SEEN THROUGH ISLAND EYES

(By R. L. COTTON)

(Special to The Guardian)

Another day's debate of the want of confidence motion found the greatest crowd yet, seeking entrance to the galleries. Mr. Henri Bourassa who had the floor and Miss Agnes MacPhail who was expected to speak were the stellar attractions. But Mr. Hugh Guthrie's address proved to be the most interesting contribution for he made the definite pronouncement with as he said, the authority of his leader that if this want of confidence carried and Mr. Meighen were called upon to form a government he would accept the task and would carry on from session to session without a general election so long as he received Parliamentary support. But the general opinion increases that this particular want of confidence amendment will not carry, that the Government will be allowed or forced to carry on until it still further weakens its position in the country, and until a portion of the representation of Quebec is compelled by the business interests for the promotion of the prosperity of that Province as of Canada as a whole, to disassociate itself from the visionary, impractical and radical schemes of the Independents and Progressives and align themselves with the Conservatives in providing practical legislation to promote a greater development of Canada's resources by Canadian business men in the interests of the whole Canadian people.

Mr. Guthrie in addition emphasized very effectively the considered and apparently sincere declaration of Mr. McKenzie King made at Richmond Hill last September after consultation with his Ministers and others that his government could not even with a slight majority over all parties do more than mark time at a period when in the interests of our country the government should be strong enough to march forward. Mr. King knows that his position is now infinitely worse but he clings to office in the hope of gain for self and party, knowing and having declared that in the circumstances the best interests of the country cannot thus be served.

Miss Agnes MacPhail's hair is neither bobbed nor shingled, her stockings do not show between the top of her overalls and the bottom of her skirt and on each day since the House opened she has appeared in exactly the same attire. So from appearance at least she cannot be described as a very modern young lady, as she sits or stands in the House surrounded by two hundred and forty-four representatives, not to mention a host of officials all attired in pants. Last night she read her speech and read it very effectively. She emphasized as all the Independents and Progressives who have spoken thus far have done—Independence of thought and action and desire for some different form of government. She declared her absolute lack of confidence in Mr. King and his Government and set forth how greatly he had weakened himself and his party by clinging to office since the election. But she could not support Conservative politics and she stated her intention of judging each piece of legislation when proposed on its own merits.

The other Progressive who spoke, (Mr. Campbell of MacKenzie) was even more emphatic than Miss MacPhail in his reference to the lack of principle displayed by McKenzie King in the past, particularly in regard to his dealings with the proposals for the alternative vote and, as a former Liberal, expressed his belief that the Liberal party could not hope to regain its old strength until in the calm, cool shades of Opposition it got back to the basic principles of Liberalism and rid itself of that element which has lately dominated its actions.

Representatives who speak like this are probably going to allow Mr. McKenzie King to remain in office yet a while. Their votes may comfort him just now, but as he trades their words in Hansard they must surely give him food for thought. Mr. Henri Bourassa attracted many to the galleries yesterday and when he rose to resume the debate nearly every member of the House was in his seat. He is most interesting to watch as the stream of words flows from his lips. Many staid and stolid citizens would liken the motions of his feet, his arms, his body and his face to the gyrations of a jumping jack. But after listening yesterday to the long rambling and reminiscent eloquence of the kindly, scholarly elderly gentleman, one can readily understand how in his palmy days he swayed thousands of his compatriots of similar temperament from the bustings, how he led for a time a powerful group in the Parliament of his country and why he now stands alone. He stated his intention of voting for the government on the present motion and of giving to all legislation proposed support only on its merits according to his lights.

The other speakers yesterday were Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior and Mr. Bird, one of the Conservative representatives of Hamilton while Mr. Power of Quebec has the floor for the opening today.

Happenings of The Week

If only the Good were clever, And only the Clever were good, This world would be very much better. Than ever we thought that it could. But alas! It is seldom, if ever, That the two lit it off as they should. For the Good are so harsh with the Clever, And the Clever so rude to the Good.

All the pomp and ceremony associated in the past with the opening of a Canadian Parliament was displayed when the first session of the Fifteenth Parliament was called into being by His Excellency the Governor-General, Long before the appointed hour of entrance lines formed at the entrance to the dress gallery, which was opened shortly after half past one. The gallery was a glittering mass of colors, exquisite materials of fine texture and lovely hue attracting the eye at every turn. A predominance of metal cloths in gold and silver was noticeable, while the prevailing fashion of the slim silhouette relied for beauty on the materials rather than the abundance of trimming. The stage was all set in beauty and fashion for the anticipated entrance of Her Excellency the Lady Byng of Vimy, and the Premier followed shortly after by the Governor General and the Guard of Honor. Never did Her Excellency look more regal and a fitting prototype to her distinguished husband. Her gown of topaz georgette was most becoming with its graceful tuffs and simple lines. Diamante embroidery was used on the dress and a targa of Canadian maple leaves banded Her Excellency's collar. The orders of St. John of Jerusalem and of Queen Elizabeth of Belgium were worn. Her Excellency was accompanied by Miss Sanford, whose lovely frock of coral colored georgette was enhanced by a scarf of Canadian ermine. Other ladies present

known to many here were: Mrs. Arthur Meighen, wife of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, M. P., for Portage la Prairie, and Leader of the Conservative Party—Gown of black velvet banded at the skirt with Chinchilla fur; Mrs. J. G. Macphail chose a most becoming gown of shell pink georgette embroidered in gold and with shoulder bouquet of French flowers. Mrs. George W. McPhee, of Yorkton, wife of the member of Parliament for Yorkton, wore a handsomely modeled French gold lace gown over shell pink crepe, the bottom of the skirt embroidered in blue and rose ribbons. Flowers and designed with a gold lace train. Mrs. Creelman MacArthur, wife of Senator MacArthur of Summerside, wore a handsome gown of apricot satin with an over-dress of silver beads and iridescent sequins on net. She wore pearl ornaments. Miss Dorothy MacArthur was in georgette in pastel shades embroidered in pearls. She wore pearls. Miss Adele MacArthur was in flame crepe romaine with lace over dress with rhinestone ornament. She wore a shoulder bouquet.

From the highest ranks of distinguished public service to those in more humble spheres of life, tribute was paid to the British Crown in the person of Canada's Governor-General and his charming consort. This event, eagerly anticipated by maid and matron alike, is the most democratic of the state functions at which Lord and Lady Byng appear. With the lifting of the ban of court mourning, the society of the Capital blossomed forth in a veritable splash of color, transforming the staid interior of the Chamber into a lovely profusion of gay colors. A score of charming young girls made their first bow to society at the function on Saturday night, and in all probability were present again at the fancy dress ball, given by their Excellencies at Rideau Hall. A larger number of first presentations were made than in former years. With the addition of many new members of Parliament and their wives and daughters, 250 first presentations were recorded.

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Quebec Notary Gets Five Years In Penitentiary QUEBEC, Jan. 15.—Notary A. D'Amour, local notary, who was brought back to Quebec to face charges of misappropriating funds entrusted to him, was sentenced today to five years in the penitentiary on each six counts against him. The sentences will run concurrently.

THE CONDUCT OF OUR STAFF HAS WON THE PUBLIC'S ESTEEM G.D. WRIGHT MORTICIAN CHARLOTTETOWN AUTO-AMBULANCE

POINTE DE ROCHE SCHOOL The semi-annual examination of Pointe-de-Roches School was held in the school house on the afternoon of December 23rd, in the presence of a large number of parents, ratpayers and visitors despite the unfavourable weather. The school room was tastefully decorated for the occasion by the teacher, assisted by her pupils and other residents of the district. In one corner of the room stood a large Christmas tree, prettily ornamented, and heavily laden with many useful gifts for both teacher and children. The pupils were carefully examined in the various subjects studied. Fully and showed by their prompt and accurate answers, that the painstaking work of both teacher and pupils was not in vain. After the examination, a pleasant program, consisting of recitations, readings, dialogues, etc., was rendered, at the end of which Santa Claus, with all his mirth and jollity appeared on the scene. After treating both pupils and visitors to peanuts and candy, he was invited to unload the Christmas tree, being assisted by Mrs. John P. McCormack. Then in the midst of cheers and music, Santa gave a few lively "steps," and departed. The singing of the National Anthem brought the examination to a successful close. OPPOSED TO BARGAINING Miss Agnes MacPhail, M. P. elect, is in Toronto today en route for Ottawa. She had just been over for a conference with J. J. Morrison, secretary of the U. F. O., when The Telegram reporter met her. One thing interests Miss MacPhail, but not to the point of worrying about it. That is, where is she to sit when the House meets. Not that she cares so much alongside of which party she will be placed, but she is very much concerned that she shall be somewhere where she can hear what is going on. Miss MacPhail says that she is very much averse to the Progressives bargaining with either of the other political parties. She says she is very much opposed to bargaining of any kind. One thing she is sure about, and that is that the U. F. O. in any negotiations with the Progressives, must insist that if the Progressives want to return to the U. F. O. fold it must be on strictly U. F. O. terms.

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