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### PRUDENT FINANCING.

It is refreshing in these days of frenzied finance to find an old and time-honored institution like the Union Bank of Canada, take its shareholders and the public generally into its confidence, admit that it has made losses and that in its nominal assets some bad and doubtful debts have been included. It further explains that to provide for these it has transferred from its rest account a sufficient amount to cover not only the losses but to make ample provision for its doubtful debts. While the rest account has been considerably decreased, it is still sufficiently large to ensure the permanent stability of the bank. To compensate for the loss the bank has introduced some economies including a reduction of the usual twelve per cent dividend to eight per cent.

In our telegraphic news on Saturday morning this action on the part of the Union Bank was fully explained. The commendation of such a financial authority as Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, President of the Canadian Bankers' Association, is a sufficient endorsement of the wisdom of the bank's action. He says: "The Union Bank is to be commended on adopting a wise and courageous course which should inspire confidence."

### CANADA SECOND PLACE?

The Ottawa Journal comments somewhat gravely upon the statement of Editor J. H. Woods of the Calgary Herald, who has just returned from Great Britain to the effect that Canada has lost her position in the Old Country as the premier overseas dominion. Before and during the war, says Mr. Woods, Canada's position in London was unchallenged. The picturesque personality of Laurier, followed by the important work of Borden, and by the industrial and military effort which Canada put into the great conflict, combined to impress the British people with the future possibilities of this country—with important beneficial results.

Since the war, Mr. Woods holds, Australia has crowded Canada out of her position of leadership. While Canada turned to New York to borrow, and slowed down in her efforts to attract British immigrants, advertising campaign, and quick to take advantage of the Empire Overseas Settlement scheme. As a consequence the tide of British capital followed, and Australia became associated in the British mind with what was best in the overseas Empire.

Next year there is to be held in London an Empire Exhibition. Australia quickly grasped the possibilities of the idea, and for months past has been preparing plans for participation on a vigorous scale. Canada, on the other hand, lagged behind, and if monetary investment in the enterprise means anything, will be represented in an inferior way. The fact that our dairy products are now taking a place secondary to those of Australia and New Zealand, apparently means little to Ottawa.

Mr. P. C. Larkin is an able Canadian High Commissioner; he has done much excellent work. But Mr. Larkin, after all, is but an agent of Ottawa, and cannot exceed his instructions; and it is quite clear that his activities are restricted. He is not doing the work for Canada that he might do were he backed by a Government alive to our opportunities. The Journal does not agree with

the charge made by such newspapers as the Manitoba Free Press and the Montreal Star that the King Ministry does not want British immigrants. But it is quite clear that there is inertia and indifference, that everything is not being done that ought to be done and could be done to attract British settlers and capital. There is incapacity, or carelessness, somewhere.

The matter is a very vital one. It is all very well to seek reciprocity with the United States. Treaties with France and Italy are not contemptible. But as long as we remain within the British Empire our first thought, and our greatest effort, should be toward the Mother Country, whose people have contributed most toward our development, and who are still our greatest customers.—Daily Journal.

### POLITICAL PROMISES

The Patriot admits that no promise has been made by the Bell Government to build a \$45,000 bridge over the Orwell River in the constituency of the Hon. F. J. Nash. Yet, after some consideration it recalls the fact that a Liberal government of old built the Hillsboro Bridge—a fact which many of us had forgotten—and concludes with the significant remark that "history repeats itself." It is possible that this bridge at Orwell may yet be "promised" before the election.

Our good natured contemporary expresses unbounded confidence in the promises of the Hon. John E. Sinclair.

"Whatever the Hon. John E. Sinclair absolutely promises—whether an election be pending or not—the people may rest assured it will be carried out," the Patriot declares.

We are glad to know this. Now if the Patriot when announcing any of Mr. Sinclair's promises hereafter, will kindly distinguish between Mr. Sinclair's "absolute" promises and his pre-election promises, there shall be no misunderstanding. We made a brief reference to the Hon. Mr. Sinclair's promise on the eve of the bye-elections last fall, that the permanent work on Water Street, Summerside, was to begin at once. The work has not been begun yet. Now we understand what the trouble was, this was not an "absolute" promise, it was just a plain pre-election promise to help a fellow Liberal win his election. Now, if the Patriot will let us use to have Mr. Sinclair's promise built "this season" is absolute or pre-election we shall know where we are at. There is a lot of little things like this which, if cleared up at the outset, would make our political sailing much more agreeable than it is. We shall look to the Patriot henceforth for a word of explanation regarding the various kinds of promises.

A highly respected Liberal member, some time ago, referred to the promises made by Liberal candidates to reduce the taxes as "little promises." The word "absolute" is preferable. "Little promises" like little chickens, have a habit of coming home to roost, but there is a finality and a conclusiveness about "absolute" promises which cannot be resisted. The whole thing is now as clear as the mud in Richmond Bay.

### EDITORIAL NOTE

The variable weather of the past three days is probably due to the political disturbances now sweeping over the province. There has been considerable trouble both with the winter and the Bell Government but fortunately the end of both is in sight.

### 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.

### Wine And Beer

Sir.—The people of Manitoba have voted in favor of wine and beer being sold under government control after having prohibition for a number of years. The Labor Protective Union of Charlottetown have been advocating a similar law for this province for the past four years and the Arsenault administration passed an order-in-council for a referendum of the people on the question. Before Liberal Party came into power the referendum could be taken and accordingly the order in council was swept off the back. It is an old saying that "new brooms sweep clean" and so with the Liberal Party. The Conservatives ordered this referendum at the request of a largely signed petition of bona fide electors. The L. P. U. again took up this subject last winter and requested the government to give the electors a chance to vote on this subject at the coming provincial election.

The L. P. U. are not alone when asking the government for a referendum. They are supported by a very large number of electors all over the province. Very many good Liberals are in favor of this and will insist on the government to take this matter up. Premier Bell promised the L. P. U. wine and Beer Committee to consider their request but so far he has not even given them an answer. If this government thinks that the working men and also many of the electors can be side tracked that easy they are making a big mistake. We want legislation for the masses not for the classes and if the Bell Government does not give us a referendum then it is about time to turn them down on election day. Now is the time for the working men to do their bit and elect men that will stand for justice and equal rights. We need men to represent us that will promote something for the welfare of the working class.

We heard one of our representatives knocking and hacking a bill in the legislature two years ago. This was a bill concerning a "light and power plant" that would have employed a great number of men. Our working men will surely not forget this on election day. Last summer when the Government was repairing a road across the Hillsboro Bridge working men from Charlottetown walked over in the morning and back in the evening and received only \$2.00 for a day's work. When the Government will use their men like this they surely do not expect those men to support them on election day. I could name many promises that they made and did not even try to fulfill.

Let us by all means have referendum for wine and beer and let us also have a little more pay for our work. The working men should get busy now and choose the right man to represent them. I am, Sir, etc.

LABORER.

### Notes by the Way

The visiting newspaper men and women who were in this city on Friday last were mainly from Ontario and apparently represented all shades of political opinion in that province. Few of them offered any decided opinion as to the chances of the respective parties in the provincial election now pending, the voting in which takes place today, although a goodly number expressed their urgent desire to reach their homes in time there with their votes as they confided freely expressed and that was that in no part of the Maritime Provinces had they a more gratifying reception or enjoyed a more pleasing visit than in Prince Edward Island.

Some visiting pressmen from Manitoba and Saskatchewan expressed much interest in the pelibite which was being taken in Manitoba on prohibition, Friday last being the day of polling. The result would decide whether the existing prohibitory law shall be sustained or the legalized sale of liquor shall be restored and placed under government control. The result was considered to be of the greater importance from the apparent probability that Saskatchewan and Alberta would follow Manitoba's lead whether in remaining "dry," or passing into the "wet" column. A very large vote was expected to be polled on this exciting question.

Although polling day in our province is yet a month away the past week marked a strong advance in Opposition sentiment and confidence. Stronger and stronger grows the conviction in city and country that the Bell Government is doomed to defeat. This feeling is by no means confined to Conservative circles. It finds free expression among old-time Liberals, not a few of whom have been active

and prominent in previous elections. A number of nominating conventions were held by both political parties during the week. These were characterized by harmony, hopefulness and enthusiasm, at the Opposition meetings, and doubt, despondency and in several cases by angry blatherings and criminations in the Liberal gatherings.

The Premier in his budget speech boasted that the country is "ass-fied." His own convention in Quebec revealed how satisfied the electors there are with him, his Commissioner colleague and his Government! Every Liberal convention so far held, where it has not shown open revolt has given evidence of "that tired feeling" which tells of faltering allegiance and growing distrust. It is plainly apparent that the Bell Government has failed to make good any of its promises, has shown such ineptness in administration, such selfishness and self-seeking aims that no

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#### THE PILOT PSALM

(A Paraphrase of the Twenty-third Psalm)

The Lord is my Pilot; I shall not drift.  
He lighteth me as I cross the dark waters;  
He steereth me where lie the deep channels.  
And He keepeth my log;  
He guideth me by the Star of Bethlehem for my own sake.  
Yes, though I sail amid the tempests and the thunders of life,  
I will dread no danger; for Thou art near me:  
Thy love and Thy care, they shelter me.  
Thou preparest a harbor before me in the Homeland of Eternity;  
Thou anointest the waves with oil;



By James H. Barlow, M.D.

### That Body of Dour's

gums and the sockets that hold your teeth waste away. The gurgling tached to these sockets and draw away from the tooth, until the tooth seems to be half as long again as normal.

Now apparently in nearly every person the teeth gradually decay as one gets older, but perhaps only this recession or drawing away of the gums form the teeth.

Now what causes it?  
Most dentists believe it is due to the accumulation of tartar around the roots of the teeth.

Now is it a serious matter?

Yes, because untreated it leads to loosening and permanent loss of the teeth. Besides this poisons not only go into the blood stream, but are carried into the stomach every time you eat. There have been a great many different forms of treatment since this condition was first spoken of nearly fifty years ago. These consisted for the most part of injections into the gums.

ing the roots of the teeth and then the brushing of the gums daily just as the teeth are brushed.

It would appear that this daily brushing or massaging prevents the formation of tartar, and also stimulates the flow of blood around the tooth, which means the carrying away of the waste, and the proper nourishment of the gums.

If the teeth are slightly loose, some of the mouth washes containing zinc seem to tighten them in their sockets.

However if they are real loose the best treatment is to get rid of them before they start others on the down journey. Of course if you have bleeding gums and pus formation you have likely seen your dentist about it. I have just written the above for the individual whose only symptom is the lengthening of his teeth, and who might overlook the necessity of consulting his dentist.

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