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WELCOME JOURNALISTS!

The Charlottetown Guardian has much pleasure in extending a cordial welcome to the members of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association who visit our province today accompanied, some of them at least, by their wives and other members of their families. In this welcome the whole province will heartily join. Apart altogether from the fact that they represent the different provinces and sections of our great Dominion from year to year the Atlantic to the Pacific, they are visitors and this alone will assure them of a warm welcome in Prince Edward Island.

The Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association is a large organization; in its membership every province is represented. Last year its President was a Prince Edward Islander, Mr. A. R. Brennan, editor of the Summerside Journal; this year the honour goes to Quebec, the editor being Mr. J. E. Fortin, of L'Esclaire.

The Weekly Newspapermen's Association represents especially the rural sections of Canada and will therefore be in a position to appreciate those characteristics of our Agricultural province which we frequently emphasize with some justifiable pride. It is to be regretted that the visit will not be sufficiently long to enable them to see more of our province and wish more of our people for poses of comparison as to methods of agriculture and marketing.

The advantage of a conference with men who are in touch with the most agricultural sections of the Dominion, as many of our visitors are, is obvious. There are many problems, many angles from which the agricultural progress of Canada must be viewed in order to make it a connected and mutually beneficial whole. These must eventually be co-ordinated and unified if Canada is to become the great country which its national resources and its rapidly Canadianizing nationalities entitle it to be. Nothing can be more helpful in this co-ordination and unification than such a visit of investigation, comparison and conference as the present tour of Canada by men who are not only in touch with the various phases of our agricultural life but who to a large extent lead and formulate public opinion. That the tour will be an inspiration to the visitors and a source of information to their readers and to the Dominion at large, we have no doubt. We trust their brief stay in the Garden of the Gulf will be both pleasant and profitable, and that they will carry away with them pleasant memories of the Little Sister of the Confederation.

GETTING UNDER WEIGHT

The remaining conventions are now being held or arranged for and before the month closes all the candidates of both parties will be in the field. The province is pretty well advised as to the issues before the people and as to the calibre and character of the candidates. If we take it for granted, as we should be able to do, that the chief concern of the electorate is to serve the interests of the country these should be little necessity for partizan wrangling. The honest aim of all electors should be to elect men whom they can trust, men who will do the best they know how for their province. It is freely admitted that there has been, during the past four years, a put it mildly, a miscarriage of intention with respect to many matters of administration. It will soon be time to arrange for a more equitable aquatic sports.

increased; we have, in addition, borrowed large sums of money and we have increased our indebtedness. We are paying interest today on some \$160,000 more than we paid in 1918. In the face of these incontrovertible facts we are calmly told by our Liberal aspirants to office that they have shown a surplus every year since they came into power. The bald fact is that the Bell Government has never made a surplus since it came into power. On the contrary, it has each year gone deeper and deeper into the red. This is indicated by the fact that the interest payments show a yearly increase. The childish custom of so manipulating the accounts as to show a book-keeping surplus is but a flimsy political trick which no sane man will believe for a moment.

Here are the records of interest payments, as shown yearly in the Public Accounts. They speak for themselves:

Table with 2 columns: Year (1918-1922) and Amount (\$19,679.53 to \$59,070.11)

For 1923 the figures are much higher and should very properly include interest on road debentures which were voted out of the Liberal majority. The above figures tell the story and show how empty the Liberal boast is that they have shown a surplus and a debt reduction every year since they came into power.

The other day we referred to a bill of some \$1600 which the provincial government has owed the City of Charlottetown for the past three years and which they persistently refused to pay until the Guardian drew repeated attention to it. Then at a meeting of the Executive Council they decided to pay it, fearing no doubt that the "pay as you go" reputation which its friends attempted to bestow upon it. Where would the boasted surplus of the past year have been had that bill and no other similar unpaid bills been paid? As it is these bills go over to the current year which, even if elected, the Bell Government would not be obliged to account for until next March and which, as matters are now going will have to be accounted for by another government.

The trail of the Bell government has been marked by deliberate deception from the outset. The people do not want this; some hard-shelled partisans may want it in the hope that it may help them to retain their jobs but some electors regard it as a cause for a halt.

This is the view the people generally are taking of the situation. They have decided that it is time for a change. All the conventions held hitherto by both political parties indicate this desire for a change and the change is expected on July 26.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The new fleet of sailing craft has added life and picturesqueness to Charlottetown harbor. The series of Saturday races, although hitherto not very exciting owing to scarcity of wind, draws many interested visitors to the waterfront and already many have their favorites among the white-winged fleet. The sailing craft has by no means thrown the mosquito fleet of motor boats into the shade. It takes all kinds of crafts to make an attractive waterfront and we are fortunate in having them all represented. It will soon be time to arrange for a more equitable aquatic sports.

Notes by the Way

The concluding portion of Premier Bell's budget speech was reproduced in his home organ on Tuesday last. It contained certain promises, certain statements as to what the people are satisfied with and certain predictions. Among the promises is "no additional taxation". That promise was made in 1919 and falsified most incredibly at the first session of the House. Another promise in the budget speech—"giving the farmers access to the mud deposits in Richmond Bay" was made four years ago in Mr. Bell's manifesto to the electors. In all those years he made no effort to make it good. It was the same with our Ottawa claims. Four years ago he blamed the Conservatives for neglect in this matter, although they had recovered \$100,000 a year and promised to do better than they. He has done nothing in the matter since but now repeats his promise. Who will be so credulous as to believe him now?

Very shy is Mr. Bell, also his official organ and his supporters in the House of this matter of broken faith and falsified promises! Will they know that they are not men of their word. And they greatly fear that the country is convinced of the fact. Mr. Bell's promises of no more taxation, recovery of claims and fertilizer from Richmond Bay, repeated now, are even more worthless than they were in 1919, because his record since then has not only proved his promises worthless, but that we must expect him to do the opposite of what he says. His "no taxation" promise of 1919 meant four-fold taxation. The promise is only the bait on the hook!

Lightly and gaily Mr. Bell and his followers made their fair profession and promises before the election. With cheerful and happy hearts they proceeded to double the former taxes and lay on personal property taxes and poll-taxes. Then with glowing and heartfelt enthusiasm they added 150 per cent to their own pay and broke forth into a glad hymn of praise to Bell, and Lea and Crosby and Johnston's. That exultant chorus they have since repeated whenever they met in the House. And Mr. Bell as alythe as shepherds at a wakes repeated the broken promises in his budget speech and has them repeated in his official organ.

"The people are satisfied", said Mr. Bell "will our schools, our roads, our finances, and with the running of things as they are. How can they be otherwise?" And he is "proud" he tells us, "especially proud." "In four years, we have done better than we expected." Well there was a man even wiser than Mr. Bell who wrote that Pride goeth before destruction. Mr. Bell is not only proud but confident, as he tells us that he is "feeling sure that he can return to the Legislature with fully as large a majority as we now hold." Proud and boastful as he is now the time is not far past when the electors of Bedeque indignantly called upon him and Mr. Lea his colleague to resign the trust they had betrayed. And they dare not face the music!

Messrs. Bell and Lea, who dared not face their indignant electors in 1920, are forced to face them now. When the votes are counted they will know just how well "satisfied" the people are, there and throughout the Province. Recent reports from the 4th District tell how reluctant their former political friends are even to nominate them again, admitting that they cannot be elected. Necessity however compels their renomination, for otherwise the Bell Government would be left without a head! It is also well known that if the Attorney General could influence the decision both Messrs. Bell and Lea would be left at home.

And there are others of the coterie who in the party caucuses in session time loudly proclaimed that the Premier was "no good." and that the party would never get anywhere under his leadership who would view his rejection with complacency. This is the man who boasts that he is proud of his work, that he had done better than he expected, and that he is sure of sweeping the Province with a four-fifths majority! We cheerfully join with the Patriot in placing the Premier's blatant boast on record for future reference. Bye and bye we shall see what we shall see in Bedeque and elsewhere.

The Premier's words recall the fact that he and his district colleague stand foremost in the Great Betrayal of 1919-20. Bell and Lea were leaders of the band who deceived and betrayed the people as

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.

Hogs and Grits

Sir.—Your recent editorial dealing with the "Pork question" clearly shows that the Patriot's fictitious correspondent "Farmer" was endeavoring to deceive the public wherein making a comparison of Canadian and American hog prices he quoted prices paid for thick smooth hogs in Toronto knowing well that best hogs on that market brought a premium of ten percent higher. In addition he used Chicago prices under the heading "Toronto" to gin the impression that these were the prices paid for Canadian hogs.

This effort on the part of "Farmers" in line with the deception practised by the Liberal members in their many sing song speeches delivered during the last session of the Legislature. In an issue of the Legislature. In an issue other letter by one who signs himself "Soldier Farmer" evidently of the same Grit origin in an effort to secure some support from the returned soldiers whom they have betrayed in the past and totally ignored at their convention held in the city only a few days ago.

I am, Sir, etc.

LIVE STOCK BREEDER.

North Rustico Roads Dangerous

Sir.—A general warning to the public should be given relative to the roads through Rustico.

The road from the creek to Mr. Rollings' Cove, known as the pond road, is so narrow that in many places it is absolutely impassable for vehicles to meet or pass. "The lick and promise" it received this Spring did not in the least satisfy the voters who are determined that their rights shall be further ignored.

The Cape Road is in a still worse condition. In four different places the distance between the wheel-track and edge of a bank, from 20 to 50 feet in height, is less than one foot.

The many tourists who frequent these roads in autos during the summer run a great risk and even the lives of the Rustico people should be of enough value for protection.

Every voter, man or woman bear this in mind July 26th.

I am, Sir, etc.

VOTER

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

From the W. S. Louison collection.

AFTER

After the darkness, dawning, And stir of the rising wing, Fresh fragrance from the meadow, Fresh hope in everything.

After the winter, springtime, And dreams that flower-like throng, After the tempest, silence, After the silence, song.

After despair and doubting A faith without alloy, God here and over yonder,— The end of all things—joy.

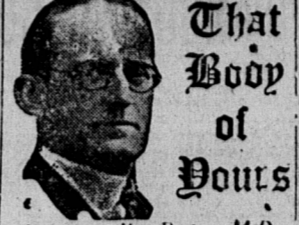
—F. E. Coates

they were never deceived and betrayed before. They want to evade such subjects now to talk about something else—to hide behind a smoke screen and tell how much better they have done than they late government. And this with the Car Ferry plying daily across the strait of Borden in their own district! Which is the greater boon this free gift of the Conservatives or the Bell and Lea taxes? Which is the more desirable the honest faith kept by the late government or the deception and broken promises of Messrs. Bell and Lea?—Let the boasters refrain from boasting until after the battle!

SWEDEN TO HELP AMERICA CELEBRATE JULY FOURTH

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, June 21.—Commemoration of the fact that Sweden was the first country to sign a commercial treaty with the United States after their independence had been won, will take place in Gothenburg this year at the first Swedish celebration of the Fourth of July, the festivities marking the culmination of "Sweden-America week," which is a feature of the Tercentennial Jubilee Exposition now being given here.

About 5,000 visitors from America are expected to participate in the festivities. This festival will be honored by the presence of the King and the Crown Prince of Sweden. A historical fact of significance to Americans will be recalled at the unveiling of a statue of Gustaf III, one of Sweden's most famous kings. He showed great sympathy for the cause of the American colonies during the Revolutionary War, and, after the war was over, it was he who authorized the signing of the new republic's first treaty of commerce and amity with any nation, even antedating England in recognition. The new statue is a gift from American citizens to Sweden.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Ours

INFLAMMATION OF THE HEART I trust that my readers will not grow facetious and say that everybody gets this condition sometime in their lives.

But as a matter of fact, the inner lining of your heart can get inflamed just like other parts of the body. You see the blood bathes this lining and if the blood is carrying around in it the poisons of gonorrhoea, rheumatism, or scarlet fever they will naturally be carried to the heart.

So that it can easily happen that the lining of the heart gets inflamed from these substances, and you have what is called endocarditis. ("It" simply means inflammation of—as appendicitis—inflammation of appendix.)

Thus the products of diseased tonsils can find a lodgement upon the valves of the heart, or on the little strings that hold the valves in place. So the leaves of a valve that should close an opening in the heart perfectly, have these little growths or vegetations on them which prevent a complete closure. This allows blood to leak back—a leaky valve as you've often heard it spoken of.

Perhaps the best way to understand it is to remember that an inflammation such as a burn for instance causes scar or fibrous tissue which contracts the flesh. Thus instead of a nice smooth valve of flesh you have a valve whose edges are puckered by the fibrous tissue. Just like the scalloped edges on a pie. You see the blood flows back through the little openings caused by the puckers. This causes what is known as heart murmur.

You ask what good does it do to know all this? Just this much. If when you or yours have an attack of rheumatism, tonsillitis, scarlet fever or other acute condition, that you lie perfectly still in bed until the acute condition is past.

Should your heart share in the infection it might prove very serious. So don't be impatient if the doctor says you have to stay in bed a few days longer than you think necessary. It is the safe thing to do.

Ulster Buys A City

LONDON, June 22.—London is on the point of selling Londonderry.

This transaction, sounding almost like a punster's jest, finishes the weaving of a richly colored tapestry of history, king making, and king breaking, and of ancient financial counsels under the high-bowed eaves of counting-houses in London City before the great fire swept them away.

Within a few days the Government of Northern Ireland—that is of Ulster—will make a final payment of £2,500,000 for London's share of the State, and the threads of many centuries' weaving will become the stuff of history. All Londonderry is part of the large holding thus dealt with.

Whether the "London" part will be deleted out of the city's name remains to be seen, but the transaction will mean, no doubt, the end of a grave and reverend corporation called in English which Defoo might have written "The Society of the Governor and Assistants of London of the new plantation in Ulster, within the realm of Ireland, known as the Honorable Irish Society."

The Honorable Irish Society, founded by Royal Charter in 1613, has its offices at this day in Irish Chambers, Gaidhball Yard, London. A vast sum of money has been expended by the Ulster Government in this purchase, how vast is not known, but it is known that the parliament of Northern Ireland recently sanctioned a sinking fund of millions to pay off debts to England.

Finance and history come together in this selling out of Londonderry. In terms of finance an investment has been realized. The sum invested was \$200,000, but the investment is 200 years old, and the \$200,000 is now a matter of large looming importance.

One-third share of the investment is held by the Corporation of the City of London and two-thirds by the Livery Companies, divided into twelve groups. In 1613 each group of companies held a share worth about \$15,000. This share today is worth at least eight times as much.

The transaction, considered in terms of romance, brings down the drop curtain on an old historical drama which had its beginning in the rebellion of the O'Neill and the O'Doherty, wild riding men of



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quick words and quick swords who would have no rule of the English Queen Elizabeth. O'Neils and O'Doherty's, for all their quick swords, went the way of other wild riders against Elizabeth, and their Ulster was declared forfeit to the English crown.

PREDICTS LOWER DEATH RATE FROM TUBERCULOSIS

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., June 21.—"The decline in the tuberculosis death rate of the last two decades from over 200 per 100,000 population to less than 100 in the registration area of the United States, is in large measure to be credited to the organized campaign against tuberculosis which has been carried on by the official and non-official agencies during this period," said Dr. Louis I. Dublin of New York before the National Tuberculosis Association here at today's meeting. Dr. Dublin is statistician on the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

A careful study of the statistics gathered from all over the world by Dr. Dublin gave a direct answer to those who from time to time have questioned the value of the anti-tuberculosis campaign, and have looked upon the working of natural selection and other influences, not under human control, as probably the most significant factors in the fall of the death rate. Dr. Dublin maintained that the larger part in the decline of the tuberculosis death rate was due directly to factors under man's control, and that with the development of these factors through the anti-tuberculosis and other social agencies, the amount of control over tuberculosis will be greatly increased and the death rate will be subsequently very much lower.

"Nor all, but a large part, of the credit for the declining tuber-

culosis death rate can be assigned to the anti-tuberculosis movement," said Dr. Dublin. "No one knows all the facts on the causes of the reduced prevalence of the disease. It would be unreasonable to deny that there are persons so constituted that even under favorable living and hygienic conditions they may become seriously sick with tuberculosis and would not respond to any treatment now known to medical profession, but such a group composes probably a very small part of the whole population. What the anti-tuberculosis movement is attempting to do is to modify the living and work habits of the great mass of persons of average endowment or otherwise, or intelligence and the social conscience which characterizes their advanced civilization."

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