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SESSION OR ELECTION?

The last session of the legislature was an unusually long one and held unusually late. There was no excuse for the lateness of opening; there was an excuse for the length of the session, an excuse which the people of the province fully appreciated when they saw through it. The sessional indemnities were to be increased; the government must show that the work of the representatives was no sinecure, no two hundred dollar--and find yourself job. And so they stayed on the job for seven long weeks; the ten o'clock morning sessions opening at 12 o'clock and closing at one sharp; the 3 p. m. sessions opening at 5 p. m. or later with a few, very few night sessions opening an hour or two after the time appointed and closing when the members could find nothing more to say. And thus, they justified to the electors and taxpayers their right to 150 per cent increase in their salaries.

The excuse was a transparent one; everybody saw through it-- when they discovered the game, which was not till the closing days of the session. The work they did in seven weeks could easily have been done in three at the most.

This year there will be no such excuse and the session, if there is going to be a session under the present administration, should open sufficiently early to enable the members, particularly the farmers, and those interested in the fisheries, to get home in time to attend to their private business without the necessity of evading important decisions during the dying days of the session.

There are doubts as to whether there shall be a session under the present administration, in which case there must be an election. If the latter is the intention sufficient time should be given to enable the new administration to hold its session before the Spring is too far advanced.

There are many grave reasons why there should be an election before another session, reasons which have been referred to in previous issues of the Guardian and at many meetings throughout the province, reasons which are incontrovertible and to which further reference here is unnecessary. A number of the supporters of the Bell aggregation have already in fact if not by actual resignation, abandoned the party. Mr. A. E. McLean has built a barrier between himself and his former colleagues which even his political agility will not enable him to climb over; Mr. John A. Dewar has "cut the painter"; Mr. Peter Brodie, has also, it is currently reported, broken his shackles and is henceforth to be a free lance; Messrs Higgs and Duffy were served by their constituents with an ultimatum which should leave no alternative for them but to resign. This ultimatum was ordered by a unanimous resolution adopted at a mass meeting in Charlottetown on May 12th, and presented by a committee consisting of Messrs J. S. Wedlock, W. K. Rogers and C. H. Chandler and demanded that if they could not persuade the government to have "this clause eliminated from the Act or submitted to the people for approval by referendum before the Act is passed. Failing to accomplish this, as a protest, to place their resignation with the government." They failed to eliminate the obnoxious clause, "proposing to levy a personal property tax and poll tax in the city". They not only failed to have the obnoxious clause eliminated but Mr. Higgs made the statement that he had secured a promise from the government that the city poll tax would be reduced from the three dollars proposed by the bill, to two dollars. The government's promise to Mr. Higgs was not fulfilled and Mr. Higgs has since borne the goat's burden--the doubt whether the promise had been made or not.

Under these and other circumstances that might be mentioned, the doubt whether the legislature, as elected, shall meet again is a natural one and time is passing. If it is to be elected first, as it ought to be, there is no time to lose.

A VALUABLE REVIEW

The Montreal Gazette's annual review of the year 1920 is a much more than ordinarily interesting and informative one. Special articles are contributed on the various phases of industrial and commercial activity by recognized authorities on the subjects they deal with. An excellent editorial on "the year's trade retrospect" prepares the way for contributions by such men as Sir Henry Drayton who deals with "Canada's financial situation"; "Britain's industrial problems," by Sir Edward McKay Edgar; "Review of 1920 stock market" by Walter Merrill Hall, and many other subjects by distinguished authorities.

In his review of Canada's financial situation, Sir Henry Drayton says "The new year ought to be one of good business and improved conditions. Buying is always slow in a dropping market but, at least in some commodities, of importance, the drop which has already taken place is such that only the bare cost of production is covered. It will soon be realized that the prices of these commodities will go no lower and the buying demand which was so suddenly stopped owing to the realization that the prices were abnormally high and must drop, will re-establish itself in view of prevailing lower-price conditions. The country's financial situation is good. It has nat-

CURRENT COMMENT

In fishing for what it thought was a fool the Patriot has caught a further. The stinging rebuke given to it by Mr. Frizzell, in reply to its debased and insulting personal attacks, will linger in its soul as a lasting and well deserved lesson on the penalties for prying into other peoples private concerns, and "THE FOLLY OF IT". Of course under such a severe lash the Patriot had a desire to die game, but its "FOLLY" out-reached its discretion and instead of playing, or at least trying to play, the gentleman and offering ample apology for its rash and ill-mannered insults, it has put its foot deeper in the slime-pit of insolence by asking further impudent and irrelevant questions.

"By the courtesy of" is now becoming a popular phrase. But it deals with two important phases in the economy of public affairs. We have on our statute books certain well defined laws, which the common people are required to obey, however unjust or drastic they may be. The servant should not surely be above his master, and the heads of Department and officials, who in fiction at least are the servants of the people, should by virtue of their very positions be held to the strictest observance of these laws. Our Taxation Act, for natural business reasons, apparent to any one of common sense, required and compelled absolute secrecy as to the income, earnings, assessments or business concerns of those on the lists for taxation purposes. Yet, notwithstanding the strict interdiction of the statute without its prescribed penalties, we find the Patriot boldly declaring that through "the courtesy of Hon. W. M. Lea, Provincial Treasurer" it had access to the assessment rolls for Stanchel School District. This matter published in a widely circulated newspaper, cannot have escaped the notice of the Attorney General who has his duty to perform, and to enforce the law.

The second feature of this "courtesy of" business is as to how far the private business concerns of home life is to be invaded by irresponsible political mountebanks in their search for party capital. There has been altogether too much of this on the go for toleration in a civilized community. That the people in the country have chosen to revolt at the treachery and deception practised upon them by the Bell Government, and to voice their resentment from the public platform, is not a ground upon which every sense of decency and good breeding should be abandoned, and every one participating in these public functions branded, as they have been by the Patriot, as disgruntled office seekers, tax evaders or any other uncouth name that a disordered and angry mind can conjure up, and in addition to this have his private concerns dragged publicly into the discussion. The public have the right to discuss public affairs without molestation in their private life, and the time

Daily Selections Guardian Readers Furnished by W. S. Louison. GOD NEVER FAILS

We grow accustomed to failure. There is never a success but it is built upon a dozen failures. There is no man so wise, so strong, so good, but his path is marked by many a failure. Wise men are not strong enough, strong men are not good enough, to avoid failure, and many a story of failure is sad and tragic enough, and sometimes the failure is a failure of love and friendship and truth, and this is the worst of all. When those we trust betray us, when those we love forsake us, when those we have helped revile us, the failure bites deep into the soul. But one thing stands out boldly against this record of human failure. God never fails. His strength knows no weakness. His wisdom never blunders. His goodness holds no flaw. Father and mother may forsake, human love may prove untrue, but there is no possibility of the Eternal Father ever ceasing to love His own. No sinful man ever trusted God in vain. No weak and helpless one ever found Him to fail. Have faith in God.

THANKSGIVING "If any joy has blessed your home, If any gift has made life sweet, For answered prayer, for light in gloom, Come lay a gift at His dear feet, For friends on earth who share your love, For friends safe in the home above, Thank God to-day." (Continued on Page Eight.)

urally improved. Concluding an excellent, timely, and optimistic article, Sir Henry says, "Canada's New Year will be happy and prosperous if Canadian's will only have it so. We cannot fail to have full confidence in, and love for Canada. May the New Year bring us a greater confidence in and consideration for, each other."

THE PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

Mr. FRIZZELL REPLIES TO THE PATRIOT

The Guardian has received the following letter a copy of which was sent to the Patriot: To the Editor of the Patriot: Sir--In two or three issues of your paper you started poking your nose into my private business, asking questions which were insulting and indecent. I sent you my reply, and a copy of it to the Guardian, and you were too cowardly to publish it. You think you have it easy and can send out your slime and filth for the people to read, and then refuse to let them hear the other side. It is just like your election sander and the people are getting used to it. You have a good deal to say in your reply to my letter, which you were afraid to publish in Saturday's Patriot. You refer to Mr. Frizzell, who advocated the use of rifle to drive the present government from power. In that statement you implied what you knew to be a deliberate lie. You have accused me of falsehood to those who read your paper, and that is very far from likely as my wife will again let the world and keep my answer to your readers.

You talk very freely of "Lenine and Trotsky, Bo-Shevists" and "reds". Most people in the country think you would shun even the mention of such characters, as the decent world would shun them, considering how closely in act and conduct they are similar to the gang you try to defend. You say that by asking a question at a public meeting I became a public man. Then according to your moral code an elector dare not give a question upon public matters without having some ill-bred scribbler rake into his family affairs. You state what is not true which you say I attempt to evade the issue. On the contrary I in a straight proposal to publish the same information concerning your self, and the crowd in the same way with you, and that I would not war. If you will do this the public will soon learn who the questioner is the hardest. You try to squint out of this hole also by asking another of your insolent questions. You want to know what amount of money I have received as an official under the Conservative Government. You have the information available by your ordinary prying methods, and if in that way then by the courtesy of some commissioner or some unfortunate understrapper whose position is at your back and nod. In any case I got nothing more than I earned and gave value for, and that much as you get as a seasonal indemnity for doing the big end of nothing, or even worse than nothing.

There is one comforting feature about your abuse, and that is that your reputation for under the belt attacks are so well known in the country that very few take any stock in what you say. I am Sir, etc. JOHN J. FRIZZELL

is at hand for the decent loving people of the land to put a stop to this kind of political brigandage.

In ordinary cases such a disease will work its own cure, but, in the case of a badly cornered party newspaper, any refuge is a haven when the storm is at its highest. If every person it attacks was as expert at trimming assassinations as Mr. John T. Frizzell has shown himself to be, it would bring about a rather hasty ending to this personality campaign. If the Patriot, or the Government are without defense, as they certainly appear to be, without resorting to private affairs and personal abuse, then they could best resort to their old time refuge and remain silent. It will be a sad and dangerous period in the politics of the province when our citizens will only be permitted to participate at public meetings or other public functions "BY COURTESY OF" the Patriot, and that failing to get that dignitary's consent an enquiry will be started in its columns as to what you have in your pantry, or as to whether your coal or tax bills are paid. There was a time, away back in the dark ages when such things were tolerated, but not now.

One of those rifts in the dark clouds was visible last Friday when our evening friends' editorial page gave place to sublimer thought and nobler inspiration from the pen of that unceasingly energetic social monitor Mr. W. S. Louison, in a stout plea for more of the spirit of religious toleration. The days when

War Veterans Column

ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO WAR VETERANS COLUMN, P.O. BOX 365, CHARLOTTETOWN

TELEGRAPHIC ERROR.—A young officer who wrote to his wife daily from France was suddenly given a few days leave. There was no time to write from Canada, so he hurried on the transport and determined to telegraph his home-coming to his wife immediately he reached Dover. He had a dreadful passage, and to make matters worse was compelled by decency to give up his berth to an elderly lady who had just returned from a base hospital, where she had, by special permission, been to visit her badly wounded son. Four hours later his wife received the following telegram from Dover:—"Expect home immediately. Dreadful passage, awfully sick. Gave birth to old lady on leaving Calais."

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MILITARY FUNERALS.—We understand from the Ordnance Officer, Charlottetown that a gun carriage suitable for military funerals is now on the way from Halifax to this City, and will in future be available for funeral purposes. We thank Captain Hesseher for his promptness in this matter.

105TH OFFICER.—Captain William Allan, M. C. of West Covehead formerly of the 105th Battalion and afterwards of the 16th Machine Gun Company left last Friday morning for Toronto to resume his studies at the Royal College of Dental Surgeons at that place. Lieutenant Stanley Donalds of Malpeque and formerly of the 105th also left to resume his studies at the same institution. Good luck to you "old pals."

EXECUTIVE MEETING.—There will be an Executive meeting of the P. W. V. A. in the new Home Friday night the 14th inst at 7.15 o'clock sharp. Owing to the absence of the Secretary there will be no General meeting of the Association.

MERCANTILE MARINE.—We hear a good deal about our new Canadian Mercantile Marine these days, and we have in our midst a branch of the Navy League and a school in connection with the League for training our young men for duty in our ships of the future. We welcome both the League and the school and feel sure they are and will continue to do good work in our midst. We have lately heard of the case of two of our Charlottetown Marine Engineer boys—one John Saunders who was obliged to go to the United States for employment, and the other Charles Bull who last shipped on a French liner as an Engineer. He is now home, and will leave in a few days for Halifax to look up a new berth. Both these men were Overseas and both are unable to get employment in their profession on Canadian ships, while others who were not overseas are holding down positions on our steamers and dredges which should belong to them. We only mention this in passing, but we believe that if we are to expect our Island boys to take up seafaring, we must first see to it that our boys who are already trained in their given positions, and we suggest that some organization should get together the names of all our seamen of every rating, and see to it that if efficient, they are always employed in our Mercantile Marine or Navy. Our branch of the Navy League or school of navigation, should be, we believe, well equipped to fulfill these duties. We offer the above as a suggestion and hope that something can be done in the matter.

CANADA'S NAVY.—It is altogether fitting that Canada should be given the nucleus of a national navy; now that peace has been finally won at the point of the sword. A Canadian navy, manned and officered by Canadians, will foster among all Canadians a commenda-

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