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FILM ADVERTISING

We observe by our New Brunswick exchanges that Messrs Back and Finn of the Federal Department of Trade and Commerce are making a motor boat tour of the St. John River from Fredericton to St. John, taking motion pictures of the scenic beauties en route.

It will be remembered that artists of this department accompanied the United States editors on their tour through this province in June last and the films taken, chiefly of the fox industry, have since been shown in different theatres both in Canada and the United States.

The Guardian has frequently suggested the desirability of having this province participate in this publicity service which, we are assured, is available if we go after it. Our province has this summer received more favourable advertising from visitors than ever before, as there are more than the usual number of visitors here.

This publicity, as already stated, is available for the asking and if anything is going to be done this season it should be done now.

THE PIONEER TO THE RESCUE.

The Summerside Pioneer devotes several columns of valuable newsprint, now worth over \$110 a ton, to a defence of Mr. Saunders and an explanation of that gentleman's now famous challenge, a defence and explanation that would be wasteful extravagance if paper were worth only the proverbial thirty cents.

To the Guardian's question why Mr. Saunders, as a member of the Public Accounts Committee, together with his Liberal confreres, prepared the Public Accounts report without the knowledge or consent of the Conservative members of the committee, and what was Mr. Saunders' opinion as a constitutional lawyer on the suppression of the Minority Report of said committee, the Pioneer, presumably on the authority of Mr. Saunders, says:—

"It (the Guardian) refers to the statement of the Public Accounts Committee and persists in associating Mr. Saunders with the alleged suppression of the Tory Minority report. It was adequately shown that neither Mr. Saunders or Mr. McArthur knew anything about a minority report having been premeditated or prepared until they read of the discussion in the Guardian. The Guardian, as a matter of fact knew more about it than they did and what is more, if they so wished could publish it. Surely this is the end of that mare's nest."

The Pioneer carefully evades the question regarding the preparation of the report without the knowledge or consent of the Conservative members of the committee and we presume that Mr. Saunders is not anxious to discuss it as both his name and that of his colleague Mr. McArthur appear on the document. On the matter of the suppression of the minority report Mr. Saunders pleads that he was absent! He however, declines to give his opinion as a constitutional lawyer on what all fair minded people in the province regard as an outrage perpetrated with a view to deceiving the people.

The Pioneer makes the statement that we decline to publish Mr. Saunders' speech. We did not. We did promise, however, to publish any statement that Mr. Saunders cared to make over his own signature with reference to certain questions which we propounded and that offer is still open.

We regret to see the Pioneer drop into the billingsgate style of argument, contracted probably from the Patriot, but we shall waste no time on that.

WHY THEY "ANTICIPATED."

The Patriot's idea of truth and honesty may be interpreted from the following extracts from a lengthy editorial in its Friday's issue in which it commended Mr. Hessian for his exploits at Sturgeon last week:—

"The people fully anticipated that there would be measures taken for increasing the revenues."

"Frequently we hear men from the country as well as from the city stating that they knew the taxes had to be increased and that they have no objection to the increase that has been put into operation."

The only reason why the people could "anticipate" an increase in taxation from the pre-election representations of the Patriot and the Liberal candidates would be through the knowledge that the Liberals would follow the opposite course to what they promised. In this the "anticipations" were certainly verified.

"It is too bad in a beautiful country like ours that we should have a newspaper trying to prejudice the minds of the people against measures passed by the government," says the Patriot. Too bad, isn't it.

CURRENT COMMENT

The question of fuel supply is growing into one of grave national and international importance. While production may be said to be on the increase, in the aggregate, yet the scarcity is nevertheless genuine, and the situation is becoming exceedingly acute. This is due to the enormously increased consumption for power supply.

Being a matter of power, anything which will produce this becomes a relieving factor to the tenacity of the coal situation. Other provinces are alive to this fact, and means for conserving the waste power of air and water are being worked out. The Hydro-electric problem in this connection has taken the greatest prominence. In Ontario the proposed involved expenditure of millions for the harnessing of the waters of the province to the power plants of industry. New Brunswick, our nearest neighbor, is creditably advanced in this project. They have now at least three of their rivers under intent to be utilized for this purpose.

In seriousness would it not be wisdom to undertake some investigation, exploration and exploitation of this kind in our own province? At the last session of the legislature a bill, introduced by Hon. Mr. Johnston, empowered the Government to grant certain franchises and otherwise deal with this question. Has any negotiation taken place from which we can anticipate early action by the parties in whose interest the bill was primarily passed? If not, would it not be to the interest of the province for the government to busy themselves with other parties, and in default of this, to inaugurate some investigations on their own account. We know there are pessimists who will pronounce of hand, and at once, predicting failure, but where would the Albert, N. B., gas wells, and other great discoveries the world over be today if these were always listened to. Our Island is one of the beauty spots of God's beautiful creation, and who can dare say with absolute assurance that beneath the carpeted surface there is not as rich a storehouse of mineral and natural wealth, or even richer in value than that which adorns the surface.

Is it possible that, after all, our persistent labors are to be rewarded with a scarcely hoped for success, or is it only the hull, in a

Daily Selections Guardian Readers

- ALPHABET OF HEALTH
Abstain from intoxicating liquors. Breathe good air. Consume no more food than the body requires. Drink pure water. Exercise daily. Find congenial occupation. Give the body frequent baths. Have regular habits. Insure good digestion by proper mastication. Justify right living by living right. Keep your head cool and your feet warm. Late hours are a destroyer of beauty. Make definite hours of sleep. Never boil your food. Over-exercise is as bad as under-exercise. Preserve an even temperament. Question the benefit of too much medicine. Remember, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Sacrifice money, not health. Temperance in all things. Under no condition allow the teeth to decay. Vanish superstition. Worry not at all. Yield not to discouragement. Zealously labor in the cause of health and gain everlasting reward.—American Home Monthly.

THE PUBLIC FORUM

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

IONA YOUNG MEN

Sir—An article appeared in your issue of the 27th under the heading "Reply to Newton Cross," and signed "Iona," in which he says he has proofs of charges made against certain young men and is prepared to stand by them. Before replying to any of his remarks I will ask him to re-read the article he is replying to. In it he will see that it calls for violent "retreat and Apologize."

He mentions some remarks made in the pulpit as proof of his charges, that "Iona Hall" is the scene of "scandalous conduct." The remarks referred to were made in April last in the nature of a warning before a dance about to take place and referred to the previous dance in January, at which some cheering occurred, which, while I admit, called for censure by the Parish Priest (as head of the Parish.) I deny it was of such nature as to call for law by violence or even comment in the press as all who were there, and care for the truth can testify. In justice to those rebuked, I must say that he had no occasion to repeat his remarks. The writer before has proven nothing by his reference to the incident, but the manners of his own position who when finding him self cornered, does not hesitate to go back six months and dig up what he is pleased to call "proof," and in support of it make use of (without apology) the name of the Parish Priest.

As "Iona Notes" appeared in July and some of which contained "July items," and the above incident occurred in January and April, respectively, I leave it to the readers to judge for themselves whether they were inspired by "spite," for the young men referred to, or any good motive. He objects to the term "slandering," and by his sarcastic reference to same, would like to convey the impression that he is "educated." Perhaps "lying remarks" would have been more correctly expressed, as "remarks" that are false, and others placed in such a way as to mislead (as above incidents) are lies and lies are the property only of liars. He also by his swagging manner and threats to produce, what was already demanded, proclaims himself a bully, who is afraid to come out in the open. But his name does not signify as he has proved himself a number of names. In conclusion I will say, any further articles of his, on this subject, I will ignore, as coming from one unworthy of notice, and because this is not a subject for controversy in the press. He can therefore carry the names his actions earned for him, or clear himself before the proper authorities (Magistrate's Court,) by accepting the challenge as it stands and proving his charges. There also he can have his revenge on writer, by proving what he insinuates, and there, too, he can impart any "further information" he may possess.

I am sir, etc., DANIEL MORRISEY, Newtown Cross.

Co-Operation and Publicity for The Fox Industry.

Sir—For over three years I have been "preaching" publicity and co-operation for the fox ranchers of P. E. I. and now I see it beginning to crystallize into concrete form. I beg to suggest that the new organization weigh carefully the publicity proposition for publicity is the means of increasing demand, and means the expenditure of large sums of money and the accumulation of this money is the problem. I think if the necessary sum can be raised by voluntary subscription and stock subscriptions will not appeal to the average rancher, and to many would prove disappointing, unless ways and means were provided so the stock could be made to pay dividends, and further, the many who would benefit by this publicity would not contribute a penny or subscribe for \$100 stock for its prosecution.

As I have stated before, in the Guardian, it seems to me the most practical and equitable method to raise funds is to enact a Bill authorizing the taxation of all foxes on the Island, for the raising of funds to properly place the Island foxes and foxes (and before the purchase of public. This plan might then not be a burden on the fox rancher, but a tax on fox ranchers only and would fall equally on the "just and unjust." This plan might not be applicable to a country the size of the United States, but it could be easily handled by the Province of Prince Edward Island, and has many of the hard earned reputation P. E. I. has obtained as producing the best silver black foxes in the world and, incidentally, add dollars to her treasury. I have realized for some time that Prince Edward Island was losing her prestige in the silver black fox world, and sounded the alarm, but it went unheeded, and

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