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TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The Annual Convention of the Teachers of Prince Edward Island opens today in Prince Street school as advertised. The day sessions will be devoted largely to official duties, professional papers and discussion thereon and such other matters as may be of special interest to the teachers.

This evening at 8 o'clock there will be a public meeting in Prince Street School, presided over by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor and to be addressed by such noted educationists as Rev. Dr. McLellan, formerly Rector of St. Dunstan's University, Rev. G. A. Christie, M. A., of Alberton, Miss Archibald, M. A., of Wolfville, N. S., who has already made a name for herself in connection with the Better English campaign of which she is the author and inventor, besides other speakers including His Worship Mayor McKenna and others.

All interested in educational matters are cordially invited to attend this meeting. As citizens, as parents whose children's education has been entrusted to these teachers, as men and women interested in the future of the province, it is our duty to attend this public meeting and hear what our educational leaders have to say and to suggest. We trust the meeting will be as largely attended as its importance demands.

An interesting feature will be the address on Better English by Miss Archibald who will announce and explain the proposed contest in this line which is to take place at an early date and in which the children of the province are to participate.

FEDERAL POLITICS

The political situation in Canada today is calculated to lead to very serious thinking. The old Liberal party has been split in two. What the relative strength of the respective sections is has not yet been disclosed but no doubt it shall be before the Budget debate is ended. There has been a definite abandonment of the Fielding Liberalism which until very recently was the boast and the glory of the old party.

Had this change been brought about in the course of smooth and unobstructed political sailing by a party strong enough to carry it, some arguments might be advanced in its favor, for there are two sides to most of our political questions. It did not come in this way, however; it came as an alternative to political death, it came in response to the "Stand and Deliver" of a wing of the party which found itself in such a position that it had the power of life and death over the government. And the government yielded; political life was more to it than the interests of the country, more than its promises of only a year ago.

Tariff instability has been the curse of Canada since the present party came into office; it will continue to be a curse as long as the party remains in office for no one knows what price they may yet be compelled to pay for their much loved offices. Canadian industry and Canadian agriculture are staggering under the blow that has been dealt and the probability is that they shall continue to fall in the present opportunist election.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The adoption of a tax on gasoline in our Legislature touches a matter that has been widely discussed and has been made the subject of regulation throughout the English-speaking world. Only the other day in the British Parliament there was a discussion of it. Complaint was made of the injustice of a motor car tax which compels a car owner who drives but little on the roads to pay as much tax as another owner whose car mileage is far greater, perhaps ten times as great. It was strongly argued that it would be more equitable if at least a part of the tax should be levied in proportion to the amount of petrol (or gasoline) consumed and the Minister of Transport promised a departmental inquiry in regard thereto immediately before deciding upon a definite policy for the coming season.

Quebec and some other Provinces have adopted the gasoline tax. Thirty-five of the United States besides us collect at least a part of the automobile tax in proportion to the measure of gasoline consumed as the fairest way of making those who use the road pay for their upkeep. The consumption of gasoline affords a close index to the number of miles travelled and the amount of injury to the road surface. Heavy motor trucks and other cars driven at excessive speed are the vehicles which do the greatest injury to the highways.

In reply to Mr. Benoit, Hon. Mr. King, Minister of Public Works the other day stated the cost of the new Parliament Buildings to date was \$11,273,785. The contractor is the P. Lyall & Sons Construction Company, Ltd., who have been paid 8 per cent commission on value of work up to \$4,000,000 and 7 per cent commission above that amount, the total commission being \$646,331. The architect, Mr. John A. Pearson of Toronto, was paid to date \$412,345 and the assistant architect, Mr. J. O. Marchand of Montreal, was paid \$71,990. The architect was paid in addition for travelling expenses \$3,170. The completion of the main tower, money for which is included in this year's estimates will make the total cost about \$12,000,000.

Some interesting figures as to the number of persons employed, exclusive of carriers, their total salaries and the revenue of such offices were submitted to Parliament recently.

Montreal, 811 employees; salaries \$1,230,248; income of office \$3,680,396.

Toronto, 950 employees; salaries \$4,186,917; office income \$5,798,015.

Quebec, 171 employees; salaries \$225,230; office income \$522,026.

Hamilton, 112 employees; salaries \$159,579; office income \$588,297. In all cases the salaries of the carriers is omitted and their number runs into hundreds. Over 2,000 men besides hundreds of carriers are now employed in the post office service in the four cities here named.

The Federal Liberal Progressive Party have thrown Messrs Fielding and Gouin, as advocates of tariff stability, into the discard. Our local Liberals by their amendment moved in the Legislature at the late session stood by the Fielding policy which was antagonistic to what for brevity we may call the Lib-Prog. policy. Now if a general election should materialise this year, our local Liberals will have need to make a quick decision as to whether they will support the Fielding policy of tariff stability or the Robb policy of instability, loss and disturbance to industry and trade. It is a sharp curve, but to a party as unstable as water that will not greatly matter.

A general election has usually followed a redistribution of seats in Parliament. In the present instance where it is found that the Provinces beyond the Lakes are entitled to 12 more representatives than they now have, while Nova Scotia stands to be deprived of two. The call for an early election has become urgent. It is therefore not improbable that the people may be called to the polls throughout Canada before the close of the present year. The call will be welcomed by the Conservative Opposition as heartily as provincial elections were welcomed in Ontario and Prince Edward Island last year.



That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D. NEVER REALLY OUT OF CONDITION

You have perhaps wondered how Dumpey, Carpenter, and other boxers are able to get into shape so quickly. They will be off hunting, fishing, swimming at the seaside or otherwise enjoying themselves, and yet in a month or six weeks they are in shape for a real battle.

These men are naturally healthy, with a good foundation in sound heart and lungs. With good ordinary health their blood, and the blood making machinery, which is located in the bone marrow, work along together. The blood needs the little red cells manufactured by the bone marrow, and the supply is always sufficient, and the quality up to normal.

When the time comes for a little more intensive training, and real exercise begins, the bone marrow throws out into the circulation an extra supply of red blood cells, because the exercise destroys a good many blood cells.

You see the blood making machinery always has a reserve supply at hand for just such emergency. After throwing this reserve supply into the blood stream, it immediately starts to manufacture some more so as to be ready to throw this new supply into the stream, if exercise is taken the next day. Now the reason the bone marrow can do this so well for Dumpey, Carpenter and other athletes, is because the blood that comes to it to maintain, it is pure in quality.

If you get something into your body that is of a poisonous nature, and you are unable to throw it off completely, then when this blood gets to the bone marrow, these latter cannot get materials to make new blood cells of good quality. It may be due to overwork on your part, that asks for more blood cells than can be manufactured. Or because the waste from your overwork—fatigue products—do not get out of the system fast enough, and these poisons interfere with your bone marrow. You are stale.

Thus you may not have enough blood cells, or the cells are not rich enough in food elements, are poor in quality. This is what is called anaemia. So an anaemic person is one with a poor quality, or a lessened quantity of red blood cells. Good food, light outdoor exercise, and rest will enrich the blood.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

I KNOW A PATH (Rev. George Scott.)

I know a path that idly winds By breezy hill and hollow, Where all my transient fancy binds My vagrant feet to follow.

I may not con its winsome spell, The lure of its appealing, Nor can my grateful spirit tell The wonder of its healing.

It lingers by deserted camps Mid bittersweet and vetches, And then again by lonely swamps Runs into hundreds. Over 2,000 men besides hundreds of carriers are now employed in the post office service in the four cities here named.

Sometimes the bushes overhead Meet in their tangled masses, Till scarcely can the cautious tread Be certain where it passes.

Ah me, how cool its chequered shade Lies on the reeds and rushes, Where scarce the noontide can invade The haunts of water thrushes.

Then sharply from the swamp it turns Among the craggy boulders, With yellow birch and drooping ferns, And moss upon their shoulders.

Right joyously it winds along, In shade and sunshine smiling, The burden of its happy song All sorrow cares beguiling.

With winter green in sheltered spots, And lilies of the valleys, With saxifrage and touch-me-nots, And catpaws in the alleys.

I know a path that idly winds By breezy hill and hollow, Where evermore sweet fancy finds Some loveliness to follow.

Your Birthday

APRIL 22.—You are musically inclined, and should develop your talent. You are positive, and argue well, but will yield a point with good grace when thoroughly convinced. You have a high degree of intelligence, and keen foresight. Your love will be satisfying, and your home life most happy. Cultivate contentment. Beware of idleness and listening to gossip. Your birth-stone is a diamond, which means innocence. Your flower is a daisy. Your lucky colors are red and yellow.

The Public Forum

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

THE GOVERNOR'S VETO

Sir.—It is evident that the Lieutenant Governor did the right thing when he reserved the Church Union Bill. The matter of the bill has not yet been disposed of by the Dominion Parliament. Practically nothing can be done in respect to it until after the Dominion Parliament has passed the bill that has been submitted to it. Moreover, the Great Province of Ontario has not agreed upon the Provincial bill. Why then should the little Province of Prince Edward Island (or its government) worry about the veto of a bill passed by the Legislature before it could, by any possibility, be effective?

With but one legislative House, there is a very short time in the Province to prevent hasty legislation—except the Lieutenant Governor, is it not well therefore, that he should, upon occasion, use his Veto power to give the Legislature and the people concerned time for further consideration and discussion?

Is not this the more advisable when, as in this case, the established rights of individuals, congregations and of large religious bodies of men and women living in all parts of Canada are incidentally interfered with. Granted that the majority rules, it is equally true that the rights of the minority might not, in any case, be over ridden or if, necessarily over ridden, that recompense should be made. Granted that Christian Church unity is "a good and joyful thing" to be promoted, it is equally certain that this desirable thing is not likely to be gained by the force of a majority in a general Assembly, or Provincial Legislature, or Dominion Parliament. A year is a very short time in the life of a church or a nation; and if, in the meantime a better understanding and grater unanimity should be reached, the delay caused by the Veto of the Lieutenant Governor will be well worth while and might be so regarded—even by the strongest promoters of the proposed Union.

I am, Sir etc., A BYSTANDER.

BAND CONCERTS

Sir.—Now that the days are growing longer I presume we are all looking forward to the pleasure that summer is supposed to bring. How are we going to enjoy our beautiful evenings the coming summer?

Some there are who are so fortunately situated they can take their car and get the benefit of the pastoral scenery as well as the invigorating country air, but what are the great majority of our people who are of the nonwealthy class to do? Surely they are entitled to some consideration and a chance to get some enjoyment out of life and the City Council is in a position to make this possible. We have three Brass Bands, one Pipe Band and a very fine orchestra in the city at present. What keeps them together giving their time to practices and their money for music is somewhat of a mystery. They certainly have had very little encouragement for some years. It seems to me that we should do something for these organizations, especially as we could at the same time give pleasurable and educational entertainment not only to thousands of our own people, but also to the strangers we are hoping will visit our city during the coming summer.

Most, if not all, of the above organizations would, I believe, be glad to take part in a series of concerts during the most appropriate months which are July and August. From past experience I believe two concerts each week covering those two months could be arranged.

Lest We Forget

TUESDAY, APRIL 22 HENRY FIELDING

Noted English novelist and playwright, was born at Glastonbury on April 22, 1707. His best known novels are "Tom Jones," "Joseph Andrews," and "Amelia."

IMMANUEL KANT

German philosopher, one of the most influential thinkers of modern times, was born at Konigsberg on April 22, 1724. He is acknowledged as the founder of the "critical philosophy." His "Critique of Pure Reason" is considered one of the most important works in modern philosophy.

MADAME DE STAEL

(Anne Louise Germaine Necker) Conspicuous French writer, known chiefly as a novelist and essayist, was born at Paris on April 22, 1766. In middle age she incurred the enmity of Napoleon I, who caused her to be exiled from Paris and later from France. Among her best known works are "Corinne" and "Delphine."

ADA REHAN

Eminent actress, particularly successful in Shakespearean comedy on the American stage, was born at Limerick, Ireland on April 22, 1860. Her best impersonations are Rosalind in "As You Like It," Katharine in "The Taming of the Shrew," and Viola in "Twelfth Night."

ed for at the trifling cost of four cents per head of our population. Is it asking too much of the Council to spend four cents per capita for a summer's entertainment of our citizens who are compelled to stay in town.

A former Mayor told me there was no public sentiment in favor of band concerts. If there was the Council would furnish them. I differ from him in that I am positive there is a decided public opinion favorable to such entertainment.

If you were to open a poll at your office and ask people favorable to band concerts to poll their vote I think you would soon find out that my judgement of public opinion so far as this matter is concerned is more correct than the former Mayor.

Considering the amount of good to our own people, that would result this should be done for the credit of the city. Considering the trifling cost, it should be done now and not when the summer is almost gone as is often the case.

What do others think about it? I am, Sir, etc. THOS. F. WHITE.

CHURCH UNION

Sir.—We will consider some points in the Church Union Bill now before the Dominion Parliament. With regard to Church Union there were but two in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The first union was between the Free Church and the N. P. Church in 1861. It was an unanimous and peaceful union. Both parties were in favor of it. Legislation was neither required nor asked for.

In 1875 the union between the Established Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church in Canada took place. A few Kirk churches remained out of this union; one in Ontario and one in the Province of Quebec, and about twelve in Nova Scotia. These churches retained all their property, churches, names, glebes church members and the name of their church, as previously. However, one man in the Anti-Union church was not satisfied. He claimed that Queen's University belonged to the Kirk Churches that remained in connection with the Church of Scotland. The case was put into law and finally went before the Dominion Parliament. The decision of Parliament was that the University belonged to the large body which had gone into the union as they were the parties who had built up the university and endowed it; and the matter ended.

In 1843 a large party left the Established Church of Scotland and organized the Free Church; but they did not try to take any property from the mother church; nor rob it of its name.

Now the Anti-Unionists in Canada do not hinder the other churches from uniting and forming a new church. Neither do they try to prevent them from taking their property with them, when the majority decides to go. They can decamp and take all their baggage with them. Should not the Unionists manifest the same charitable spirit towards those opposed to union? The like of that won't do, say the Unionists. What we want is all the property and all the membership of the whole Presbyterian Church in Canada. We are the majority. The Bill asserts that majorities should rule. Ought not this apply to individual churches as well as to an aggregate of churches? Surely it ought to apply to congregations in which the majority voted against union. If it does not, logic is of no account, and reason and argument may as well be laid aside. The Bill says that the private Bills Committee expressly states that the three negotiating churches shall not unite. This is not so, if we can read the private bills resolution correctly. It states clearly that these churches may unite. But it justly and righteously protests the rights of the mother church.

The Unionists say that they are united already. Then what more do they want? What they want is obvious. They want to get possession of their neighbors' property. And yet they will proclaim from their pulpits, "Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbors." Truly the gold is become dim.

The Bill speaks of the freedom of the church as follows: "The claim of the church from its commencement, and through the centuries has been that it must be free to realize what it deems to be the will of God. For the State to interfere in this raises the whole question of spiritual freedom in its most acute form."

In the face of all this the Union Church refuse the Anti-Unionists the freedom to remain in their own churches and worship God as they deem to be the will of God. Friends, remember the golden rule. Then for the State to interfere in this raises the whole question of spiritual freedom. Then why do they go to the State to seek legislation? Why not grant the Anti-Unionists the freedom they speak of? That won't suit us say the Unionists. What we want is entire possession of all Presbyterian property whether Unionist or Anti-Unionist. In the bill they charge the Anti-

Unionist Church to claim to be the Church. No, but simply that it may be a church as it is not. The Unionists want to crush the Presbyterian Church out of existence in Canada. They want its very name abolished, so that it shall be remembered no more. Another thing clear in the Bill they want passed is that, when they get all the legislation they want, none will be allowed to leave their church to organize another church. A cast iron rule indeed! They will away the Dominion and would like to see the Government that would refuse what they ask. They evidently think to intimidate Governments. They have already seen a government that dared to refuse to pass their bill, because they deemed it unjust. Their Bill, whether it will pass or not will not affect governments in the least. The intelligent electors of the Dominion will not be ruled by clericals. The time for that has long gone by. The time for that is Conservative, and Vote Liberal.

Progressive, etc., as the case may be, without regard to Church Union or Anti-Union. They are as much as say to the Dominion Parliament that they must not make any change in the Bill to protect the interests of the Anti-Unionist Church. However, the Dominion Parliament may be trusted to deal justly with both parties.

The amendment passed by the Ontario Legislature, they say, deprived them of their spiritual freedom. It is a strange spiritual freedom that people can be deprived of by an amendment passed in parliament. Did it deprive them of their spiritual worship? Did it prevent them from going to the throne of grace as often and as earnestly as they wished. Surely not.

According to the Unionist theory people must be of the same opinion or not be Christians at all. Then Paul and Barnabus could not have been Christians. They could not agree upon the same plan of work, and they parted asunder and each went his own way. When people cannot agree they had better separate. To remain together and quarrel would be unprofitable, if not injurious. They say that the Bill passed by the Ontario Legislature decrees that denominationalism will continue in Ontario, whether the churches concerned wish it or not. Denominationalism will certainly continue in Canada, as it does in every other country where freedom of worship exists. The Anti-Unionist will not be forced into union, even if Parliament should pass the bill now before it. They are in sufficient numbers to organize a new denomination and call it Presbyterian or any name they like. The name of the new Union Church will not be Presbyterian, so they cannot complain that the name Presbyterian Church will be crowding them in anyway. The Bill the Unionists have now before parliament is far reaching, if it is not overreaching. What they want use all just means in their power is to take away the property, the membership and the name of the venerable Presbyterian Church in Canada, and leave their brethren homeless and nameless. But the Antis are determined to

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