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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

A few days ago in the House of Commons, Hon. R. B. Bennett, Leader of the Opposition, read an extract from the Philadelphia Public Ledger which had been reproduced in a number of Canadian newspapers.

The Hon. James Malcolm in reply said:

"I have not had an opportunity to see the article in the Philadelphia Ledger referred to by my friend, but my visit to Washington had nothing to do with any negotiations with regard to tariff matters. My visit was purely social."

While the ingenuity of American newspaper correspondents may carry them into the realms of fiction, it must be admitted that there has been some foundation in fact for articles appearing from time to time in United States newspapers on the question of the St. Lawrence waterways.

Some day Canada may awaken to find that her birthright has been sold for a mess of pottage while she slept.

THE PENSIONS ACT

As stated in the Legislature a few days ago, by Premier Saunders, it is not the intention of the government to adopt the Old Age Pensions Act in Prince Edward Island.

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The Hon. W. H. Price, attorney-general of Ontario recently issued a statement which may be condensed thus. The Dominion Government has power to make a grant to any province to help carry out any policy or work that was being done.

PROHIBITION

A curious instance of the kind of Prohibition this Province is enjoying under the Saunders Government was given by Mr. A. F. Arsenault, Conservative member for 3rd Prince, during his speech on the Budget in the Legislature Tuesday evening.

EDITORIAL NOTE

A subscriber wants to know why the Guardian should use so much space reprinting an article on "A Monument to Baron Munchausen" when we have at present with us a living monument in the shape of the Saunders Government.

If my friend (Hon. J. D. Stewart) had carefully examined the brief presented at Ottawa he would see that never before were claims so carefully filed and presented as in November, 1927," said Premier Saunders in his "magnificent" speech on the Draft Address, as officially reported in the Patriot of March 28.

Notes By The Way

The latest munificent gift of Sir Charles Dalton marks him out as the most generous of our philanthropic sons. The \$20,000 he has just donated for a new school at Tignish brings up his total public donations to over \$100,000.

Sir Charles also donated the spacious Dalton Hall in connection with St. Dunstan's University. This cost him \$33,000. Now he has done further service to education by giving \$20,000 for a new public school in Tignish, the centre of his life work.

While on this subject the writer may be allowed to give some recollections about what happened when the last Liberal Government turned down an offer of \$150,000 from the Federal Government in connection with the restoration of the Dalton Sanatorium—that second blackest page in Liberal maladministration.

The Dalton Sanatorium was, in the first place loaned to the Federal War Hospital Commissioners during the war on the condition that they were not to make any changes in it without first of all consulting the Dalton Sanatorium Commission.

The Federal Government sent an officer to investigate and report, and afterwards invited a conference at Ottawa. The Conference took place the local Liberal Government being represented by Hon. W. M. Lea, Provincial Treasurer, and Hon. Ben. Gallant; the Dalton Sanatorium Commissioners by Mr. W. F. Tidmarsh, chairman, and Mr. J. E. Wyatt, K. C., while the Federal Government was represented by Hon. F. B. McCurdy, Hon. Senator Loughheed and Hon. R. W. Wigmore.

After the two Commissioners had presented their report to these representatives of the Federal Government, a general discussion took place in which was admitted the Government's obligation to restore the Sanatorium to its former condition or to pay compensation. Hon. Mr. McCurdy then asked Hon. Mr. Lea what the Provincial Government would take to settle the matter definitely.

Mr. Lea said that the Government would take a sum sufficient to reimburse Mr. Dalton for the loss of the Sanatorium.

Sir Charles, who was present, though not as a delegate, interjected that he did not wish to be reimbursed for his expenditure, he had built the Sanatorium, he said, for the benefit of the suffering people of Prince Edward Island and he wanted it to be operated in their behalf.

Mr. McCurdy then again asked Mr. Lea what the Government would consider a fair amount to accept in settlement of their claim. To this Mr. Lea made no reply. Mr. McCurdy then asked if the Government would take \$50,000. Mr. Lea did not reply.

The conference was then adjourned to meet again for further consideration when Mr. Lea had received his instructions. The second meeting never took place, although Mr. Lea could have wired for such instructions. The obvious reason was the Bell Government had decided not to operate the Dalton Sanatorium and had already decided to turn it back upon the generous donor's hands.

A corollary to this incident is to be found in what the then Liberal Government did with the land on which the Dalton Sanatorium was built at North Wiltshire. The land



Dr. James W. Barton, M.D. REMOVING TONSILS BY ELECTRICITY

That Body of Hours

You have had repeated attacks of tonsillitis and your family physician and specialist have advised operation. They have pointed out that where the tonsils are not badly affected, even although quite large, the general opinion now is not to disturb them.

But that when the tonsils, or even one of them, is in bad shape, that rheumatism was very likely to follow and after that, heart disease. Then some one tells you that you will not need to undergo the operation, that the tonsils can be destroyed by electricity which coagulates the tissues and by "drying them up" destroys any harmful organisms.

Of course it means going a number of times to the office of the specialist who does this kind of work. The treatments may extend over a number of weeks, even months.

There has been a lot of arguments both ways about this method, for the past ten years, but those in favor of it and those opposed are still widely apart in their opinions.

That this method is helpful in some cases cannot be denied. There is the very nervous individual who will not undergo a general anaesthetic and yet hesitates about having such an operation performed by a local anaesthetic.

He feels that he might "faint" during the operation and something serious would happen.

He is quite willing, however, to go a number of times and have the tonsil tissue "coagulated" by electricity.

There are others who have some organic condition which prevents operation by the knife. Here also the electro-decussation treatment is of service. And cases also where the condition of the tonsils is bad, but the specialist is able to get at every part of the tonsil and destroy it, not leaving any portions to give trouble.

However, there is no question but that where the tonsils are in a very bad condition and the patient can stand an operation, the use of the knife to clear away every bit of tonsil is the best treatment.

Therefore, if you have to have your tonsils removed, think over the above facts and remember that if the electric drying process is not completely successful, and you have to have the tonsils removed later by a surgeon, he is going to have a more difficult task to make a nice clean job, because of the scar tissue that was caused by the electric process.



CHAUCER An old man in a lodge within a park; The chamber walls depleted all around With portraits of huntsman, hawk and hound. And the hurt deer. He listeneth to the lark, Whose song comes with the sunshine through the dark. Of painted glass in leaden lattice bound; He listeneth and he laugheth at the sound. Then writeth in a book like any clerk. He is the poet of the dawn, who wrote The Canterbury Tales, and his old age Made beautiful with song; and as I read I hear the crowing cock, I hear the note Of lark and linnet, and from every page Rise odors of plowed field or flowery mead. —Longfellow.

Minard's Linctament prevents Flu.

was originally purchased by the Federal Government and decided to the Provincial Government. The Bell Government, in which Mr. Lea was the Provincial Treasurer, sold the land for \$1,500 and used the money in current account! Imagine Trustees being guilty of such misfeasance! That field was as much provincial property as Government House, and even if it was disposed of the money ought to have been invested in some marked for the particular purpose for which it was decided.

And we have the same crowd in office today playing ducks and drakes with the affairs of the Province at North Wiltshire. The land

The Flaming Youth Of The Ages

Condensed From The Mentor

Napoleon Bonaparte, general of the army of Italy at 26, first consul of France at 30, self-crowned emperor at 35, is a figure to stir the imagination. But think of Alexander the Great of Macedonia, Greece, Persia, India and Egypt, who began at 12 by conquering the fiery steed Bucephalus, after the most adroit horsemen of the Macedonian court had failed; who, at 20, started to conquer the world, symbolizing his ambition by cutting the Gordian knot; and who died at 33, having realized his dreams, having committed every conceivable crime and having exhausted every possible human emotion. In his greatness and in his infamy Alexander, or Iskander Beg, as he was known to the East, was the flaming youth of all the ages.

Alexander flamed from the cradle and before. His mother, Olympias, saw in her prospective son her revenge upon her husband, Philip. "Last night I dreamed I gave birth to a young lion. He swallowed you at one gulp. Then, taking one end of Macedonia in his teeth as if it were a mere rag, he ran with it over mountains and valleys, across rivers and seas, into Asia." Such was the ominous prologue to the stupendous drama of Alexander. Philip at first dreaded the coming of his heir and essayed to drown his thoughts in orgies of wine and carnage. But when the baby was presented to him fear turned to pride. To educate Alexander in statecraft, and to help mould him for the duties of kingship, Aristotle was brought to the Macedonian court.

Philip died; the epic of Alexander began. Persia crumbled before his victorious march. There was a critical moment when his army was weighted down by spoils of gold and silver and precious stones. Alexander gathered all the plunder in one huge pile and set fire to it. The soldiers, at first furious, soon realized the wisdom of their leader. They walked lightly again. Their feet had suddenly become winged. The conquest of Persia served only to whet

Alexander's ambition. Beyond was India, an unknown land, reputedly of enormous wealth. It was in India that he attained the supreme heights of human grandeur. Behold his triumphal procession! Hundreds of white elephants with gilded tusks; Bactrian cavaliers riding their mounts backward; enormous bulls with jeweled horns; troops of black elephants; red camels; henna-dyed horses; finally Iskander in his chariot, as broad as the road, drawn by four roads of black stallions, ten to a row. Iskander, sitting on an ivory throne, was surrounded by 400 free male lions.

That he should pass as a god he had the roads strewn with blossoms and hung with festoons. He proclaimed himself ready to conquer the stars. "I am my own law. I am wind and light embodied; born from the breath of God upon fire."

Alas for the futility of human ambition! If he conquered the East, the East also conquered him, by instilling its poison in his veins. Winning the world he could never win what he wanted most. He knew that those that were prostrating themselves before him were whispering the word "barbarian" behind his back. Above all, he might conquer but he could not win the love of the woman he most desired, Statira, the daughter of the Persian king Darius. Terrible is the picture of Iskander's last days. The prostrate East was avenged; its insidious poison was working, transforming the generous into a madman. Reason fled with the death of his boyhood friend, Hephestion. Glaucias the physician was crucified on the lid of the bier that held the corpse. Iskander slaughtered his best horses. He strangled his slaves with his own hands. He burned down villages and towns. The bodies of men and women did not yield enough blood to quench his thirst. He ran amuck among his elephants, stabbing and hacking. Then, happily, the poison that had been carried across seas and over mountains from his native Pella reached him at last.

The Public Forum

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

MARKET FOR SCHOOL

Sir—As the city contemplates building a high school, I would suggest that instead of the new building the present Market house be converted into a High School.

It is the general opinion that our market has to a great extent outlived its usefulness; and now that a beautiful new library is to be erected on the north side of the square, the close proximity of a market is not desirable.

The High School and the library, on the contrary, would be each the complement of the other, the library being so necessary to the students for reference. Then, too, the spare ground around both could be beautifully kept, as are the other parts of the square, which would be impossible in the case of a market.

As the building is large, it is possible that there might be sufficient space for the various classrooms, without interfering with the large hall, which could remain intact, and serve as an assembly hall for the school, and also fill a need, long felt in Charlottetown, a city owned hall for public gatherings.

A much smaller, and less pretentious building would be sufficient for our dwindling market, which could be rented if a convenient place could be found, or even a new building erected, at a much less cost than would be required to build a High School.

I am, Sir, etc., FOR IMPROVEMENT.

GAME LWS

Sir—I see by the Guardian that the members of the "Fish and Game Association" endorse the "closed" season for wild geese in the spring. Now, as a farmer, I do not agree with them. I do not see any decrease in the number of those birds in the last forty years.

The present law deprives the farmer or his sons from enjoying a day's sport because in the open season the farmer has no leisure time for shooting, and as far as the farmer is concerned the government may as well prohibit the shooting of geese altogether.

If the parties responsible for the "closed" season desired to protect the geese, why did they have a daily "bag limit" of twenty-five? Would not five be sufficient to satisfy the most

greedy? The law seems to me to be made for the ordinary labourer in order to deprive him of any privileges and to save the "game" for the "white-bellied" fellow, and for the "sports" in the United States where the number of "sports" is equal to the whole population of Canada.

I am, Sir, etc., FARMER

THE LAND WE LOVE BY FRANK YEIGH

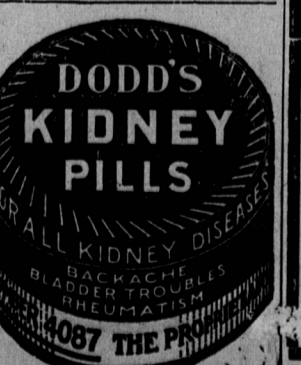
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Q. What is the Canadian McAll Association?

A. The Canadian McAll Association is an organization interested in the McAll Mission in France, started in 1871 in Paris, following the communist uprising an English clergyman and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. McAll, held their first services interdenominational in an empty shop in the workmen's district. From this small beginning, the work has spread all over France. There are 12 mission halls in Paris and 21 in other parts of France. Two mission boats ply the river and canal and motor cars are also used.

LONDON, April 9.—General Bramwell Booth's health continues to cause his family considerable anxiety, his son and secretary, Capt. Wyllie Booth declared today. "The doctors warned us that my father's progress was conditional upon perfect rest, quiet and freedom from worry," said Capt. Booth. "But at the time that the high council of the army met, he was subjected to the very opposite state of mind."

"He has been worried constantly ever since, with the result that he has failed to make progress during the past four or five weeks. Following a series of ups and downs his condition is now stationary. We are extremely anxious, but doctors assure us that there is no immediate cause to expect a fatality."



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