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King's Choice Imperative

In a letter dated Tuesday, June 4, our Ottawa correspondent outlines the position with regard to the representation of Prince Edward Island in the reorganized cabinet of the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. For some time now The Guardian has informed its readers of the desire of the Prime Minister to have Dr. Cyrus Macmillan of McGill University in his Cabinet, and of the choice having fallen upon him for the new portfolio of Fisheries. Although Dr. Macmillan is an Islander and spends his summer vacations here, he is not so well known and popular as several other aspirants for the position of Liberal candidate for Queen's County; and although the local Liberal executive think a good deal of the professional abilities of Dr. Macmillan they had and still have grave doubts about his political ability to win a seat in Queen's. Officially, therefore, the Liberal executive did not at first favorably consider this proposal of Mr. Mackenzie King.

At a meeting of the Dominion Government on Monday, however, the Prime Minister sent forth his fiat that Dr. Cyrus Macmillan must be the Liberal candidate or no portfolio would be given to Prince Edward Island. In regretful but dutiful obedience to the Prime Minister's commands, the Liberal executive met on Thursday and by a majority decided that the Liberal convention to be held next Thursday for the purpose of nominating candidates shall adopt Dr. Cyrus Macmillan of McGill. The Prime Minister on his part has agreed immediately to appoint Dr. Macmillan to the Ministry of Fisheries. It may therefore be taken for granted that the two Liberal candidates for Queen's County to be nominated by the "free and independent" Liberal electors of Queen's at the convention duly called for the purpose shall be the Hon. Dr. Cyrus Macmillan, Minister of Fisheries, and Mr. R. H. Jenkins, late representative of the constituency.

Significant Census Figures

Canadians are vitally interested in new facts that have lately been brought forward regarding the future of the United States. According to a high actuarial authority, the birth rate in that country is steadily declining, with the prospect that within a generation it will no more than equal the death rate. This estimate is based upon the present curtailment of immigration and upon the consequent falling off in the proportion of vigorous young couples with large families. The fact that in the Republic one marriage in every five or six ends in separation is a definite factor in the situation.

At any rate, the increase in population has fallen from 21 per thousand in the first decade of the century to 14.6 per cent. in the third decade. This is the lowest percentage in the history of the nation, and it is expected to continue until the zero point is reached. On this basis it is calculated that the total population of the United States, which is now about one hundred and twenty-one millions, will grow more and more slowly until it stabilizes itself at an ultimate maximum of about one hundred and fifty millions between 1950 and 1970. If this prediction is realized the tremendous productive energy of the country will also die down. A larger proportion of the population will consist of old people. Industries, in the absence of rapidly growing domestic markets, will have to seek foreign markets and the probable consequence will be greater pressure than ever to sell American goods in other countries, and especially in the Republic's nearest available market, which is Canada.

The effects of such slowing down in the United States upon Canada's outlook would be considerable. The Dominion would have a chance to catch up with the Republic in popu-

lation, industries and wealth. In our domination of the world market for nickel and asbestos, in our proposed domination of the world market for aluminum, in our great deposits of copper, lead, zinc, iron and other base metals, in our extensive coal fields, in our gold and silver mines, in our pulp forests, in our unexcelled interior and coast fisheries, in our only partially appropriated acreage of fertile soil, we possess the basis for domestic industries which will support a population at least equal to that of the United States to-day or even forty years hence. With that in view as an ultimate goal we should adopt such an intelligent national policy as will develop the resources of a rich half-continent for the benefit of our own people and in association with the other parts of the Empire.

Liberal Liquor Interests

Political prohibitionists in the local Legislature who contemplate supporting the Liberal candidates in the Federal contest will probably be asked to explain why one of the acts of the King administration should be the appointment to the Senate of one of Montreal's biggest liquor magnates. According to these same members in their own election campaign of 1927, the wholesale liquor dealers and manufacturers constituted a great moral menace to Canada. Such ardent prohibitionists as Hon. B. W. LePage, Hon. Dr. McNeill and Mr. Horace Wright denounced these gentry on that occasion, charging them with having corrupted the voters of other Provinces through their wealth and influence. The cry was taken up by Premier Lea and practically every other Liberal candidate. It is to be presumed, therefore, that the present opportunity of showing the sincerity of their sentiments will be seized upon by these elected representatives of the prohibition element in this Province, and that the appointing of Senator Wilson, former Liberal member for Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Quebec, will be publicly repudiated.

A. Wilson, recently appointed by the Prime Minister to a seat in the Red Chamber, is thus set forth in the official Canadian Parliamentary Guide: "For forty years in the wholesale wine importing business. Was President of the Licensed Victuallers Association of the Province of Quebec, also Chairman of the Wine and Spirit Merchants Association of the Dominion of Canada."

Here is something for the temperance people of this Province to think about. It indicates, more clearly than any melodramatic gesture on the smuggling question, the attitude of the King Government towards the liquor interests. And if it was morally right to denounce the liquor interests in a provincial campaign, it must surely be morally wrong to support a federal campaign in the interests of a Government which upholds these same interests by elevating to the Senate of Canada an outstanding liquor importer and trafficker.

Editorial Notes

While the prospects for the coming general election are bright for the Conservatives in every County in the Province, none, says the Summerside Journal, is more confident than Prince County, where a wonderful change in opinion seems to have come over the people. The Conservative candidate, Mr. J. Frank Arnett, has been accorded a warm and in many places a most enthusiastic welcome. He has already addressed quite a number of meetings, some of them in communities which formerly were dyed-in-the-wool Liberal districts, and the change in sentiment in these places was strikingly apparent. The fact is that the electors of Prince County, like the people of other parts of Canada, are desirous of change and will have it.

Notes By The Way

A number of the publishers of first class fiction and other literary works have decided to cut the price in half.

The price of a good book cut in half should mean a considerable increase in the number of readers, though it has to be admitted that many people are not as particular about their choice as they might be. Something to pass away the time, as they express it, is the only essential.

According to statistics published by an American organization, last year in the United States street and highway traffic accidents were responsible for 33,060 deaths, of which 31,000 were due to automobiles, and 1,200,000 injuries of which 1,000,000 were caused by automobiles. Both had increased at a more rapid rate than motor vehicle registration.

Traffic fatalities increased by 2,513 or 8.2 per cent. over 1928. The increase in fatalities due directly to motor vehicles was 10.8 per cent over 1928, and 147 per cent over 1920.

The economic loss resulting from motor vehicle accidents is estimated at \$850,000,000 last year, and the billion-dollar mark is in sight.

The traffic fatality rate per 100,000 of population rose steadily from 16 in 1920 to 27.2 in 1929. For three years the number of fatalities has been mounting faster than the registration of motor vehicles. Fatalities from railway grade crossing accidents increased from 1,791 in 1929 to 2,468 in 1929.

Street car fatalities were reduced from 2,124 in 1920 to 1,600 last year.

Accidental deaths from all causes were 87,000 last year, an increase of 27.2 per cent. over 1920. Motor vehicle fatalities accounted for 16.5 per cent. of the total in 1929 and 22 per cent. in 1929.

Approximately 55 per cent. of motor fatalities were due to collisions with pedestrians and collisions between motor vehicles accounted for another 19 per cent.

Speculation is rife in political circles in London as to the probability of Rt. Hon. J. Thomas Lord, Privy Seal and Minister of Employment following in the footsteps of Sir Oswald Mosley and retiring from the MacDonald Cabinet.

Mahatma Gandhi's civil disobedience campaign which at its inception was not taken seriously by British authorities in India, has grown and developed to such proportions that on Wednesday eighty-two persons were killed and eight hundred injured in riots in four principal cities of the Eastern Empire.

The totalisator now in use on English race courses is more rapid in its calculations than many others and the main parts of the machine are interchangeable so that they can be quickly transported from one meeting to another. The first report of the Race course Betting Control Board, covering the period from its inception August 25th, 1928 to the end of December, 1929 was recently issued and shows that the receipts from percentages of pools retained at the twenty two courses when the machines had been in use amounted to £40,681. Though there have been no surpluses on the working of the totalisator so far to devote to the ends for which they are earmarked by law such as the improvement of race courses, lower prices and the aid of breeding societies it is believed that when the machine is working at all courses the volume of business may be larger than can now be estimated.

Among the Conservative speakers who will tour the Maritimes in the Federal campaign is Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, Dr. Manion has a creditable overseas record, and it is notable that he is an Irish Catholic born in Ontario, married a Quebec French Canadian lady and their children are being educated in both languages.

That the United States has eighty-six cities with more than one hundred thousand population is one of the interesting facts revealed by the census now about completed. Of these New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, St. Louis and Los Angeles are in the million class, while Cleveland has just over 900,000 and Baltimore, Pittsburg, Boston, San Francisco, Buffalo and Milwaukee have over half a million.

It is just thirty years since the Wright brothers invented a machine capable of actual flight in the air. They began with a glider, and added a petrol engine to the glider, and on December 17, 1903 made four flights, the longest of which was 882 feet. These flights were the first in which a man had been carried from the ground in flight by a power driven air-plane. On October 5, 1905 near Dayton, Ohio, they accomplished their first successful long flight, more than 24 miles at the speed of 38 miles an hour. In 1908 they went over to France to demonstrate their invention. As late as 1910 there was much speculation as to who would be the first to fly across the Atlantic.



That Body of Ours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

WHY BLOOD TRANSFUSION IS VALUABLE.

You are thrilled from time to time as you read of an accident in which some unfortunate individual has lost so much blood that his very life is at stake, and immediately a dozen relatives, friends, and even strangers are willing to give some of their blood in an effort to save his life. The blood of these volunteers is tested, and if suitable, one or more of them give a pint or a quart of blood.

Blood is transfused from one person to another before or after a severe operation.

However one of the uses of this transfusion of blood is no spoken of very often, and yet many lives have been saved thereby. This is in a case where poison has got into the system, such as inflammation of the intestine, meningitis, an appendix that has burst, and allowed pus to get into abdomen.

What is the effect of this pure fresh blood in these cases?

The extra fluid gives the heart more blood to pump and thus a better blood pressure is maintained throughout all the blood vessels of the body, thus ensuring a good blood supply to all parts.

And most important is that this new and most interesting blood actually stimulates the bone marrow to pour out more blood corpuscles.

Further this new blood is rich in proteins (food such as meat and eggs) and it is this kind of food that is Nature's body builder, resisting wear and tear better than any other food.

Thus the power of the blood to overcome poisons in the system really depends upon its richness and upon its ability to get more blood corpuscles from the bone marrow.

However the point I want to make is that if your blood is thin, from loss of blood, un nourishments, or from use of a "reducing diet" it may not be strong or rich enough to overcome an infection that comes your way; an infection that would not have "taken hold" had your blood been in good condition.

And the way to get rich blood is by the use of good foods—meats, eggs, milk, cream, and vegetables, and spending as much time as possible outdoors.

A daily walk means more oxygen needed for the system and not only is the blood thus purified, but the exercise rids the blood of wastes which are really poisonous to the system.

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.

CALLED OFF (?)

Sir.—The Prohibition authorities in King's County are surely going crazy these days when liquor is being landed. Can it be possible activities have ceased, or eased up until after the election?

I am Sir, etc.

LOOKER-ON

LIBERALS AND COUNTRY WOMEN

Sir.—The Liberal organizer paid a visit to French River recently, and went through the procedure of "re-organizing" the poll. A number of gentlemen, who were suspected of having Liberal leanings, were added to the committee, but strange to relate not a single lady voter was accorded that honor, not even the hostess at whose home the meeting was held. Now that women have the right to vote they naturally feel that they should be represented by some of their own sex on the different committees. Why should French River take the lead in denying them this right? I am Sir, etc.

INTERESTED.

Hampton Court Palace, in London, has been thrown open to the public every day, and the admission prices will be: State apartments and great hall, 25 cents; great kitchen and cellars, 12 cents; Mantegna pictures in the orangery, four cents.

Three thousand Roman Catholics recently knelt in the roadway while Benediction was pronounced at Tyburn, England, opposite the Marble Arch, in memory of members of their faith who were hanged at Tyburn during the days of religious persecution.

LAST DAYS OF PARLIAMENT

(By The Guardian's Special Ottawa Correspondent)

Parliament prorogued and was dissolved just in time, so to speak, to take the fast political express for its new destination on July 28. Many of the members, who stayed until the last day, were already speeding on their way or were packing their bags when prorogation took place. It was scarcely a quorum of commoners who responded to the summons of Black Rod to attend upon His Excellency in the Senate Chamber. A rather amusing incident occurred during the final ceremony. As the Prime Minister and the Hon. Mr. Dandurand, leader of the Senate were waiting to receive the Governor-General a bat flew in from where nobody knows and began to circle around the Senate room, after the fashion of bats, in a state of great excitement, caused by the brilliant glare of lights and no doubt the "brilliance of the assemblage." Its circling movements took within their orbits the heads of the two statesmen in question, and among other things almost caused hysteria in the ranks of the lady spectators, several of whom screamed with fright. The bat, however, went out of the chamber as quickly as it came in, to where nobody knows.

An Ill Omen

The bat, like the raven, in olden times was regarded as a bird of ill omen. The Hon. Mackenzie King, who knows his classics, "the portent knew" and turned pale so a page stated—and the Liberal leader, of the Senate who knows his Shakespeare as well as the Prime Minister does his classics, whispered so as to soothe the feelings of the latter: "All the charms of Sycorax, toads, beetles, bats light on you." It has since been reported that subsequently a vengeful Liberal member discovered the bat in a dark corner somewhere trying to make its exit and killed it, which is also regarded as bringing bad luck. The Laureate post of Parliament has inscribed an ode, to commemorate the incident, entitled "On a Bat" and dedicated it to Mackenzie King.

The Beauharnois Deal

On Thursday morning, the House did not meet, it being Ascension Day, to admit of the members and the House staff attending to their duties of this day of obligation, but re-assembled in the afternoon. At that moment it did not seem possible to finish up in time. The previous days of the week had been taken up in discussion of a more or less of academic nature. On a question of privilege, Mr. Gardiner read a long statement in further reference to the Beauharnois deal. Mr. Sweezy, the chief promoter, in a statement in the Toronto Star, in which he referred to "the attack on Beauharnois as a crude electioneering play that would deceive no honest or intelligent Canadian," said:

"I am afraid, that Mr. Gardiner has been utterly deceived by a group who have confused him with a jumble of distorted facts and deliberate falsehoods. He has shown such utter disregard for the truth that I should scarcely know where to begin in an attempt to convince him that he has been led into a silly lot of misstatements."

Mr. Gardiner read long statements from official sources, that is, so far as the Beauharnois company is concerned—the order in council passed by the Government, the company prospectus, and other documents to prove his case, which he stated was based on just that kind of infatuation and no other. On a question of privilege Mr. Gardiner took up a lot of time, but he had to do it, he reminded the House, in defence of his own honour, and he intimated that



THE PIPER

Last night in the wood an old piper went by, And he twittered a tune on his reeds; And the planets, to hear him, stood still in the sky, And the wood-flowers woke on the meads.

The moon floated up like a bubble of gold, And the wood was all silver and jade; She'd heard of the piper, by field and by fold, Since she was a slip of a maid:

With his thin little piping he went as he came, With a thin little echo behind; But the tune of the piper had never a name; 'Twas the Earth and the Stars and the Wind.

—P. R. Chalmers.

If the time of the House before prorogation were not so limited he should have Mr. Sweezy before the Bar of the House, and made to answer for his attack on himself and other members of Parliament.

Eight Hour Day
Then Mr. Woodworth brought up the question of the eight hour day in connection with the discussion of the duties on iron and steel. He moved an amendment making the increase of duties conditional upon the eight hour a day clause of the Versailles Treaty being enforced by the operators. This amendment was supported by Conservative members but defeated by 75 to 59. A lot more important work was left for the last week, and some of the members were inclined to be contentious.

Limitation of Armaments

On Monday one of the first things taken up was the resolution approving of the treaty for limitation and reduction of naval armaments. The Hon. Mr. Ralston, Minister of Defence, who has been in London for the long conference held there, spoke at considerable length explaining the somewhat tortuous proceedings, and the attitude taken by the various nation delegates. It was rather an informal statement, but clearly presented, and the resolution passed with little discussion. Mr. Woodworth had a fling at certain portions of the Minister's statement, and there was some good-natured banter about the extent to which he had agreed to reduce the "Canadian Navy," which excited laughter.

On the same day, one of the most important of the debates of the session took place on the Dominion and Merchant Shipping legislation, which took the form of a resolution introduced by the Prime Minister. The Minister of Justice, the Hon. Mr. LaPointe, who had been Canada's representative at the London Conference which drew up the recommendations, was practically in charge of the resolution. The Prime Minister's statement was brief, but the Minister of Justice went very fully into the constitutional and other aspects of the recommendations, which are intended to place all the Dominions of the Empire on a par with the United Kingdom. In addition to the Minister the leader of the Opposition, Mr. Cahlan (St. Lawrence-St. George), Mr. Thorston (Winnipeg), Mr. Woodworth and Messrs. Hiley and Garland spoke, and at times the discussion seemed to be above the heads of many of the lay members. Mr. Cahlan, who is at home in academic discussion of this nature, was, as usual, a bit ponderous, but his arguments bear the stamp of the learned legal mind and are weighty in effect. He made a strong plea for Empire unity and derogated anything which tended to wear away the Dominions from closer co-operation. The Hon. Mr. Egan was particularly lucid and forceful in his speech. He was not particularly interested in abstract terms as to "status," but he wanted to maintain the relations of Great Britain and Canada on the closest possible basis of unity. He wanted the substance of things rather than the empty shell of forms and words. The honorable gentleman was content to be a Britisher, although he was a Canadian and was very proud of his country. Mr. Thorston, who gave the resolution whole-hearted support, also made a very scholarly and well-thought out speech. The resolution was carried the following day without division.

Sockeye Salmon Treaty

The Sockeye salmon treaty, which was a matter of much dispute last session, was next taken up. It failed to pass last year, or rather it was withdrawn by the Prime Minister on account of the opposition of British Columbia members. The result was that it was considerably amended.

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