

Snee Coughed Night and Day Could Not Sleep

Mr. Leonard Haywood, Victoria, N.B., writes: "Last fall I caught an awful cold which I caught while driving in an open car on a cold day."

"I coughed night and day, could not sleep at night and my eyes ran so that I could hardly see a thing."

"My husband got me a bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup."

"Before I had taken the whole of it my cold had disappeared."

"Dr. Wood's" has been on the market for the past 39 years; price a bottle, large family size 60c.; up only by The T. Milburn Co., Toronto, Ont.

ASSOCIATED GAS AND ELECTRIC SYSTEM. Redemption Notice Maritime Electric Company, Limited

Six Per Cent. Consolidated Mortgage Bonds Due November 1, 1926.

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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 of correspondents.

A FALSE ALARM

Sir—I have read with interest your report of the address recently given by Judge Stewart before the Caledonian Club, on the history of Government House.

His main object evidently is to show that the Lieutenant Governor for the time being has no right or title to the property during his term of office, but that the Crown in the right of the Province is the sole owner and can dispose of it in any way it thinks fit regardless of the Governor's wish. This theory is not new. It has during the past ninety years been advanced from time to time, but always abandoned in the light of a proper understanding of the legal and equitable principles which apply to the case.

Judge Stewart finds the flaw to the Governor's title in the Deed, dated 15th May, 1789, from Lieutenant Governor Fanning to Rt. Hon. Guy Carleton, Governor General of British North America and Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Island, wherein by virtue of the power vested in him by His Majesty King George III he gave and granted to the said Governor General and in his absence from the Island to the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, 100 acres of land formerly part of the Common; to have and to hold the same unto the said Governor General for the time being and in his absence from the Island unto the Lieutenant Governor of the Island for the time being and for their use and accommodation respectively forever.

Judge Stewart decided that the Deed is invalid. The law, he says, does not permit anyone to grant land to himself in the manner attempted here. "Neither Guy Carleton," he says, "nor Col. Fanning was a corporation with perpetual succession, and only a corporation with perpetual succession can receive a grant of land to itself and its successors."

He accordingly holds that "the Deed has no effect whatever in passing the fee simple or whole estate in the land to anyone."

If this had been a Deed from a private person, the Judge's objection would be no good, but as it was by the representative of the Crown acting in that behalf the objection fails.

The law respecting Crown grants is clear and long established. In the case of Willingvale v. Maitland, reported L. R. 3 Eq. Cas. p. 103, Lord Romilly thus expresses it: "I apprehend it to be indisputable that a grant by the Crown to a class of persons is good. The distinction between a grant by a private individual and a grant by the Crown is this, that as the Crown has the power to create Corporations, so it is necessary for the purpose of establishing the validity of the grant the grantees will be treated as a Corporation quoad the grant, which is not the case with a grant by a private individual."

This case, decided in 1866, was only a declaration by that eminent Judge of what had long been recognized as the law of the land. It was doubtless because of their knowledge of this principle of the Common Law by the conveyance of the land to the grantees by the distinguished lawyers in our Legislature who from time to time recognized in their legislation the Lieutenant Governor's right to the possession of the property during his term of office that the question of the validity of the Deed in this regard was never raised.

If Judge Stewart, before proclaiming the want of title to this property in the Lieut. Governor, has consulted some of the legal men who took part in the legislation respecting this property in the years he has mentioned they could easily have set him right. I am, Sir, etc., K. C.

Mr. W. D. Bruce, Red Point, asks the Guardian to reprint the following letter sent by him in the Spring of 1923, as it shows the agricultural conditions then compared with the present.

1923 — 1928
Sir—I have been asked by a good number of farmers to see if matters could not be arranged at the Banks so that they could draw money by giving joint notes till fall to assist them to get seed of all kinds needed; also provender for their stock. Last fall some of them had a fine crop of potatoes, others a poor one with dry rot—so did not house so many.

Where the starch factories are working it is pretty much the custom to sell all as they come from the field—only what is wanted for seed and stock. Last fall, just as they had about their complements, starch being scarce the factories advanced the price and a great number sold more potatoes than they ought to have sold—so that this makes them scarce with seed. True, we had a bumper crop of hay, but a very poor crop of straw, poorer than the farmers expected till they had threshed—and they say that it went into a very small place when threshed.

Another thing, there was no demand for second class cattle, as in former years, so that hundreds of cattle had to be kept that would have been sold if the people had gotten former years prices for them. Hence these were on their hands and had to be wintered, so that today there is not a hundred of hay to be had in the country, and winter weather on yet. Consequently people had to feed more oats and potatoes to bring their stock through. I suppose there were ever so many people short of feed. People that never had to buy have had to do so.

Then a great number of people, when flour advanced, ground more wheat than they would, intending to buy imported seed, it would be a change. Now wheat is not to be gotten at any price, and potatoes are one-fifth a bushel—so that the general run of potatoes will take four bushels to fill a barrel—that is six dollars a barrel for sets. How many farmers can afford to buy and sell any quantity—and the weather still so backward?

I see that the President of the National League has done well in getting laborers for the farmers. But I tell you it is far more important to get seed for them. So I would ask him to lend his influence with some organization or the Government to see if an arrangement cannot be made in the banks to draw money till next fall.

I believe that one fourth of the people are short of one kind of seed or the other. Some one will say "I thought the farmers were prosperous? So they are. You may see a business man prosperous. But let him ship a cargo of produce, have no insurance on it and lose it by storm. It may bankrupt him, or make him creep along for years. So it is with the farmers who had no insurance on a long backward spring, and such high prices. If not assisted it will be creeping with many of them. I was at Souris and there was all of a score of farmers there looking for hay, and none to be had. One business man phoned to certain places that used to ship hay, but could not get a car load—only a few tons at \$24 a c. o. b., and yesterday, there was a man from west of Charlottetown at a store next to me who bought forty bushels of oats and shipped them home, saying it was almost impossible to buy around where he lives.

Now, I appeal to you in this matter. It can be done, if it will be looked after by those who get the bankers.

Yours,
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Sir—It requires very little sagacity to know that your correspondent "Borden" does not get out of that long word port that harbors the steamer Car Ferry, nor is the guess difficult as to his identity.

He appears to be quite disturbed that any one should question the propriety of applying the designation "Baby" to this Island. I can hardly imagine anyone justifying such an inappropriate appellation and one as inappropiate at variance with good taste unless he be of those who is given to unwisely apply it. The term "Baby" is suggestive of infancy and nothing else, to use it of a Province that has maintained a strong position for over one hundred and fifty years is most improper as well as absurd. Because our area is small is no excuse. So was that of Athens and Sparta and Rome. What would be thought of or done to a citizen of Athens that defeated Xerxes' millions who would speak of his city as being a "baby"? The word might with propriety be applied to an old person in his dotage, unable to look after himself, but any self respecting Islander might as well resent its application to such a virile and up-to-date Province as ours as most insulting.

"Borden's" want of knowledge of both Law and Legal terms is quite evident. He assumes that there can be no lawful dedication by the owner or except by deed. In this he is mistaken, a dedication can be had by deed but it can be made equally well and binding without it. Dedication of a right to the public is a question of intention, which can be inferred from long use, if it be unequivocal it may take place immediately.

By the Treaty of Paris the whole Island became vested in the King, while the Island was annexed to Nova Scotia, its Governor, the Kings Representative sent his Chief Surveyor to lay out Charlottetown

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Golden Wedding Anniversary

On February 27th a most enjoyable event was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil B. Johnston, Peters Road, the occasion being the golden anniversary of their married life.

A large number of guests, principally relatives of the family, assembled to celebrate and commemorate the joyous and unique event. The evening was spent in pleasant social intercourse and song while sprightly and exhilarating strains of music from violin and organ enlivened the occasion, and drew forth some classic measures of the "terpsichorean art."

A sumptuous repast was served by the daughters of the hostess—Mrs. Garfield Johnstone, Mrs. M. A. Beaton, Mrs. George Munn, Mrs. Florence Finlayson and Miss Evelyn Johnston.

While this interesting part of the program was being carried out, an address by the guests to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston was read by Mrs. George Munn, to which Mr. Johnston replied in fitting terms. It is pleasing to note that "Our host and hostess" were made the recipients of a generous donation in gold—by their guests and from those unable to be present, thus testifying to the popularity and esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are held. Two guests from the United States, Mr. A. F. McMillan, of Somerville, Mass., and Mr. Forrest Beaton of Roxbury, Mass., (the oldest grandson—were present on the occasion.

Thus happily concluded an evening of rare enjoyment which will be fondly remembered by all who were present. The following is the address: 1878—1928 To Mr. and Mrs. Neil B. Johnston:

We, your relatives and friends, assembled at your home this evening desirous to extend to you both our heartiest congratulations on the joyous occasion which marks the attainment in your lives of fifty years of married life, known as your "Golden Wedding Anniversary." It is truly a most happy and auspicious circumstance which we are called upon to commemorate, especially when we find you both enjoying comparatively good health and spirits, at the consummation of this long span of wedded life.

It is a pleasure for us to take a retrospective view of the many pleasing associations of the past and to realize that a friendly and helpful spirit always characterized your lives. As citizens of our community we always found you ready and willing to co-operate for the best interests of social life, secular, religious and educational. And now dear host and hostess, we all join in wishing you both many added years of joy, peace and prosperity in your home and native land, where you have so long and peacefully resided with your family.

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Maritimes May Unite On Suitable London Offices

HALIFAX, N. S., March 23.—Collaboration by the three Maritime Provinces in the establishment in London of a suitable office building for the representatives of these provinces in that city may materialize in the near future, according to a statement made in the Legislative Assembly today when Premier Rhodes, discussing before the committee of supply the item of \$17,434.00 for the office of the agent general in London, declared that there was no intention of abolishing the office of the agent general. He had been questioned by Hon. William Chis-

THE GABBS

HERE COMES... I CERTAINLY AM GLAD TO SEE YOU MARY MY STARS, HOW I HATE HER! YOU'RE LOOKING SIMPLY WONDERFUL!

GERTIE, HAVE YOU HEARD THE LATEST ABOUT SUSAN SWOGG'S WEDDING?

YOU MEAN THAT CHORUS GIRL BUSINESS? OH MY DEAR, ISN'T THAT PERFECTLY TERRIBLE?—MEN ARE SO DECEITFUL!

YES SIR—I LOVE MY WIFE—I'M GLAD I MARRIED HER—SHE'S A WONDERFUL WOMAN—BUT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN—

Senate Defeats Church's Bills

OTTAWA, March 24.—By a vote of 41 to 18 the Senate this afternoon defeated the bill of Thos. L. Church, M. P., for North West Toronto, requiring Canadian newspapers to reveal the names of their owners and editors and to mark all paid reading matter "advertisement."

Since the measure passed the Commons, considerable lobbying has been in evidence around the Red Chamber, it is claimed, and several publishers have been anxious that the Bill should be killed.

There are at least, three cases where Conservative and Liberal newspapers are owned by independent and these were among the people who were not cheering for the Bill. Party lines in the Senate were broken, neither Conservative nor Liberals presenting a solid front. Of the four newspapers in the Chamber, three voted against the Bill, these being Senators Smeaton White, George P. Graham and John Lewis. While Senator William A. Buchanan voted for the Bill.

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The debate on Friday evening, March 16th, was attended with as much interest as usual. The subject was "Resolved that Heredity has more influence on character than environment."

On the affirmative side were Mr. Bruce Stewart and Miss Hazel Ramsay. On the negative were Mr. Hartwell Abbott and Miss Alena Woodside. The judges Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Donald and Mr. Percy Stewart decided in favor of negative. It was a very interesting debate and the case was well presented by the different speakers.

It is pleasant to note that Miss Constance MacNutt is gradually recovering from her recent illness.

By Barrie Payne

GABBYGRAMS
"FORMAL DRESS" MEANS DIFFERENT THINGS IN DIFFERENT PLACES—IN MY NATIVE VILLAGE OF SOBELTOWN A "FORMAL" PARTY MEANT THE MEN HAD TO SHAVE.
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