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Premier Campbell's Attitude

Premier CAMPBELL is but a tyro in office, but inexperience alone does not excuse the ill-tempered and undignified communication which he addresses to the Mayor of Charlottetown on the subject of unemployment relief.

The Premier's attempt to show that there is no decrease in the Government's contribution is equally absurd. Last year the city paid one-third of the relief costs, the Provincial Government contributing one-third and the Federal Government the remaining third.

Premier CAMPBELL refuses even to discuss the matter with the Mayor and City Council, stating he will do so only "with the new Mayor and City Councilors as soon as they come into power."

A Call to Action

From the Sydney Post-Record (Independent) comes strong indorsement of the attitude of the New Brunswick Liberal Government in opposing the transferring of constitutional amending power from the Imperial to the Dominion Parliament.

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Why does he hesitate? Is he afraid of embarrassing the Ottawa administration? The New Brunswick Attorney General—also a loyal party man—had no such scruples. He puts provincial interests before politics.

Recognition of New Brunswick's right to the attitude it has adopted is now coming from all parts of Canada. Even Ontario newspapers are echoing this opinion.

But it is not on New Brunswick's account that we should enter protest against the scamping of the B. N. A. Act; it is on our own. Our status, as the smallest province, is more certainly at stake.

There is still time for Premier CAMPBELL and his colleagues to consider these matters, and fall in line with their New Brunswick colleagues. If they fail to do so, it will be the sorriest failure ever scored against the Province.

How can we expect to be treated with anything but contempt, if we shirk the obligation of fighting our own battles?

Editorial Notes

When is a Government not a government? When is a Treasury Board.

If all the strikes were like the gold strike in British Guiana there would not be much kick coming.

The City Council Contest will be carried on in three wards only for Councillors, but in all of them for Mayor.

Those Parliamentaries Under Secretaries of State are still merely "figures of speech"—nothing tangible.

Better prices for potatoes are encouraging—to those who have not already disposed of their crop to the fertilizer firms.

Now, we are off to a good start in parliament at Ottawa. The Junior member for Queens is likely to be frequently heard in debates.

When women exchange bridge for chess we'll know the millennium has got at least its toe in the open door.

The City members of the Provincial Government were placed in an embarrassing position by the uncalculated action on the part of the Treasury Board in assuming, and seeking to exercise the powers of Government.

Without waiting to find out whether the BENNETT social legislation is constitutional or not, the KING Government has been busy dismissing officials connected with it, and substituting others of their own stripe.

Critics of the P. E. I. Hospital Trustees for collecting on their pledges, must bear in mind that the trustees sold bonds on the guarantee of these pledges. Our whole credit system is at stake, and it is not for our public institutions to countenance a repudiation policy which we condemn in governments.

Here is a tip for our Prohibitionists. Italy will set aside part of the wine produced last year to use its alcohol content for the manufacture of motor fuel. This move is aimed against possible imposition of an oil embargo by members of the League of Nations.

A Fourth District Liberal writes: "I see you report an Independent Liberal is to be nominated against Mr. WRIGHT. I am glad of it, the Convention was all fixed beforehand and nobody else would have had a chance of being nominated. It was like the convention called to nominate Mr. DUNNING—packed in his favour."

We are being ignored again by Ottawa, the result of having no live wires to represent us. Cancellation of fixed values for duty purposes on imports of beets and carrots into all provinces except Ontario and Quebec is announced by the Department of National Revenues.

We are threatened with weather prophecy over two years ahead. A confidential government source discloses that it has obtained at Washington an option on a mathematical formula by which it hopes to be able to plot fleet manoeuvres and even long campaigns in full knowledge of how nature will behave.

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Notes By The Way

Most of us do not react happily at the sign of a detour. Yet how often it turns out that the detour is pleasanter and better than the main road that is shut off. It becomes a habit to win that things turn out the way we plan them.

Cavour may have been right in his statement that "Any fool can govern by martial law." But to maintain oneself in power by force for twenty-five years and finish up by dying in one's bed requires more than ordinary capacity.

Only U.S. reporters are now seeking to maintain an espionage of the movements of the Lindberghs and British newspapers are printing the scantiest details regarding them. The difference is thus accentuated in the two classes of journalism.

More than 5,000,000 German boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18 are being conscripted. They will receive instruction in physical development, pre-military discipline and general tuition in the principles of Nazism.

Fatal automobile accidents in Canada, in place of showing a decrease, are mounting. Statistics show that the increase was chiefly due to cars being driven on the part of the average motorist.

The failure of President Hoover to invite Senator Johnson of California to a dinner had political repercussions unfortunate for the President. Now another social difference between President Roosevelt and Al Smith threatens to have an influence upon the next presidential election.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that during 1935 gasoline sales in the Dominion totaled \$34,783,018 gallons and that Ontario accounted for 48 per cent of the purchasing, with Quebec next 17.4 per cent.

There has been a sudden reversal by the National Socialists-controlled Danzig government, with its acceptance of the reforms urged by the League Council. The suppressed newspaper may appeal to the courts instead of to the Senate, controlled by the "Nazis" and the section of the penal code which was held unconstitutional, permitting imprisonment without a person violating a law, is to be repealed.

It is a matter of considerable interest to the Maritimes that transatlantic flying seems now to be assured. In the summer season at least the route will likely embrace a point in Cape Breton or on the mainland of Nova Scotia.

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Baron Alois is a diplomat of long experience, both in Europe and the Far East. Polished, suave, cultured, imperturbable, he belongs to a type well known in his profession. In the political field he has no particular convictions; like all who serve a dictator the necessity of obedience has brought out in him an amused cynicism.

It has been openly stated in France that the German military strength is now three times that of France here. This proportion is rapidly increasing in favour of Germany. She possesses an air arm

PUBLIC FORUM

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

MULTIPLICITY OF LAWS

Sir,—From the year 1773, when the first legislature was convened, until 1878, when the Canada Temperance Act was passed by the Parliament of Canada and brought into force in part of this Province, is a period of 105 years.

The continual enactment of laws has been the subject of comment ever since parliament began to take a hand in the governance of human affairs. In a rather notable decision, something over three hundred years ago, written by one of the most eminent of British judges, there appears the following passage:

"One who marvelled what should be the reason that Acts and Statutes are continuously made at every Parliament, without intermission, and without end; a wise man made a good and short answer, both which are well composed in verse: 'Quare volumus leges? In promptu causa est, crescit in orbe dolus.'"

"Citizen" can supply a much better translation than I give, but roughly, the verse means that to the question, how is it that there is such an increasingly great volume of law, the answer or cause is promptly given, fraud increases in the world, "crescit in orbe dolus." Instead of being translated as 'fraud,' the word 'dolus' is perhaps more accurately defined as device, artifice; hence, evil intent; wrongdoing with a view to consequences or results.

When one considers the selfish and venal motives and interests of the persons against whom the prohibitions of liquor laws are directed and who stand to gain by their violation or circumvention, it need occasion no surprise that their artifice or 'dolus' may be continually met by amended or new laws if the general good is to be accomplished or if the laws are even to approximate their main purpose.

As Montesquieu declares, "The multiplicity of our laws is the price we pay for our freedom." When, therefore, we come to examine the efforts of the legislature of this Island during the hundred years of its effort to prevent the baneful effects of the sale of liquor for beverage use, we shall see on the one side unceasing artifice and on the other unrelenting perseverance in seeking to frustrate this artifice and fraud.

Eternal vigilance is the price of safety and of freedom, and not less so when opposed by the arts and wiles of liquor law violators. These observations are, however, inapplicable to the present situation, as the Legislature must be deferred until my next.

I am, Sir, etc. W. E. BENTLEY

LIBRARY COMMENDED

Sir,—During the past three years I have followed with much interest and benefit the Carnegie Library Demonstration throughout this province, and deem it to be a necessary duty to our citizens, especially in rural sections, where they have not easy access to the City Library, I feel that it admirably fills a long felt need among the people.

Inasmuch as the free demonstration will terminate at the end of June, and if continued must be done under government auspices and with government support, I, therefore, sincerely trust that those who are in authority will do all in their power to continue this most worthy enterprise in its present high state of efficiency.

I am, Sir, etc. J. L. LUND

"THE SOVEREIGN WILL"

Sir,—The sovereign will of the people. What is it, and what does it imply? Has it reality, or is it a catch-word phrase?

Able jurists, foremost statesmen and those who delight in lofty thought and eloquent expression have voiced the phrase with ostentatious display and pride.

Is there, in this Province such an existing quality as this "sovereign will"? Does the mandate or command of the people count for a babble with politicians, after they get their fingers into the ringlets of office?

Is there a "Sovereign will of the people" in this Province on the question of prohibition of the liquor traffic? Some seem to think and act as if there was not.

For sixty years back, the people have been appealed to on this issue, and almost invariably, on very many occasions, they have expressed their will with pluralities of votes so pronounced as to leave no doubt on any mind as to what was their "sovereign will."

The Poets' Corner

For the following and other hitherto unpublished Eskimo poems which will appear later in this column, The Guardian is indebted to Miss Emmy Langberg, of Copenhagen, who recently visited Charlottetown. Miss Langberg accompanied the late Knud Rasmussen, Danish explorer, on several expeditions to Greenland and has in her possession, in manuscript, the translations by Mr. Rasmussen of a large collection of native Eskimo verse. Having no written language, the Eskimo tribes memorize the compositions of their poets and set them to a primitive form of music.

GREETING TO THE WOMEN OF THE FEAST HOUSE

Women, women, youthful women! Ah! They come gaily clad in new pelisses, women, women, youthful women!

Ah! With finest whitest mittens bear they festive seagull-feathers. Look! They flutter, look! They flutter, blushing red with tingling gladness.

Women, women, youthful women! Ah—aj—aj, aj—aj, aj! And their long loose-flapping garments flutter with their swinging motion, lovely are they, when they step forth toward the men, there gaily wait victor's prize.

Women, women, youthful women! (woman from the Igdlulik Eskimos) by Knud Rasmussen.

ment, and profuse in promises—in some cases—of 100% enforcement. But when they get there how changed the atmosphere! It reminds us of those poetic lines: "Wherever God's people erect a house of prayer The Devil builds himself a chapel there."

He has by far the largest congregation." The people returned a government pledge uncomprovisingly to law and prohibition enforcement. Their "sovereign will" was again expressed in that vote. They (the government) have been in power now over five months. And there is trepidation amongst the best of our people as to which force has "the largest congregation?"

I am, Sir, etc. VOX POPULI

NORTH TRYON ELECTRIC

Sir,—I am again using your columns to state a few facts regarding The North Tryon Electric Co., its rates and service.

First, let me say its service leaves much to be desired, and is not at all on a par with that of Charlottetown or Summerside. The rates are 11c. and 8c. per KWH. The 8c. rate being for any energy consumed in excess of 30 KWH each month.

A short time ago part of this line had a 15c. rate with a flat charge of \$1.00 and no service charge. This was raised to 11c. and 8c. so as to make an equal rate to all, the Company manager explained.

Later, after protests from Borden the rate there was lowered to 10c. As to the 8c. I do not know.

Now the facts are: This plant is situated at North Tryon, Borden being at the extreme end of their lines, and to get there they pass through Augustine Cove, Cape Pass and Carleton. The first two mentioned having been connected quite a long time before Borden. Yet these feeders on an otherwise dead line are penalized while Borden gets the plum.

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Jail doors are left open by a negligent jailor, and prisoners escape. Is this the fault of the jail or its builders. Is it blameable upon the locksmith who made the strong locks? None of these easier run advocates would say it was. They would one and all blame the careless jailor.

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That Body of Yours By James W. Barton, M.D. HEALTH DEPENDS ON THE LIVER

There used to be a saying "His depends on the liver" but it didn't say what kind of a life. A man or woman with a sluggish liver may be living but he or she is not having much of a life.

There is nothing that can put us down, make us feel so depressed and cowardly, as to have a sluggish liver and a slow emptying gall bladder. The liver is rightly called the "king of the organs" but it is also rightly called "the organ that makes you a quitter."

When it is remembered that it has about one-fourth of all the blood of the body in it all the time—work, exercise, keep breathing, it is not hard to realize that if these various jobs are not being done properly all sorts of things may happen to that body of yours.

As the blood passes through the liver, it is filtered, and even the most poisonous substances that would cause death if injected directly into the blood stream.

The liver also takes materials from the blood from which it manufactures sugar or glycogen and stores it away in the liver cells. It is used for the starch foods have not been eaten in sufficient quantities.

The liver also manufactures other materials used by the body in fact in the former years have been used in sufficient quantities.

You can keep your liver active and at its best for work by all kinds of healthy exercises, keeping the knees straight whilst doing them.

OPPOSE "FLAY STREETS"

LONDON.—(C.P.)—The proposal to have "flay streets" for children in Southwark was abandoned by the borough council because residents were opposed to certain streets being closed to traffic.

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