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**The Saskatchewan Result**

As a result of Wednesday's provincial elections in Saskatchewan, Premier W. J. Patterson will have a substantial over-all majority with which to carry on government. This is satisfactory as it insures stable administration. The result destroyed the hopes of Premier Aberhart, of Alberta, of capturing the neighboring Province for the Social Credit party, or at least of throwing it into a political chaos with no party having a working majority. With thirty-nine candidates in the field, Social Credit succeeded in electing only two. There is no doubt, in view of the critical situation, that many Conservatives as well as Liberals supported the government candidates for the purpose of defeating Mr. Aberhart's ambitious scheme.

The Liberal victory was not a complete one, Hon. C. M. Dunn, Minister of Highways, being defeated in his constituency. The C.C.F. party also increased its representation in the House from five to ten as a result of Wednesday's voting. Nevertheless, the administration will be in a strong position to carry out its policies, and it will be expected to implement the pledges it has given with respect to stable government and co-operation with the other Provinces in the interests of Canada as a whole.

**Editing Patriot Now?**

The Tory organ charges that I was responsible for advocating the remodelling of the old car ferry steamer. Premier Campbell, as reported in Summerside "Farmer", June 8.

"The Government on the application of Premier Campbell has recently reconditioned the old ferry steamer at a cost of about \$50,000."—Patriot editorial, May 28.

Why Premier Campbell should complain of The Guardian "charging" him with something which his own party organ boasted that he had done, is a mystery.

The plot thickens on re-reading the alleged interview given on this subject by the Premier in the Summerside newspaper of June 8. Word for word, it is identical with the editorial published in our local contemporary on June 7, in which it repudiated its previous statement that it was on application of Premier Campbell that the old car ferry was remodelled and placed on the Borden-Tormentine service, in lieu of the new steamer asked for by our Boards of Trade.

This would indicate that the Patriot's editorial of June 7 was not only inspired by Premier Campbell personally, but was dictated by him, word for word. Evidently he was taking no chances on another break, such as our contemporary made on May 28, when it attributed to him a responsibility which he seems anything but desirous of shouldering.

**Many Drownings Preventable**

Timely is the warning issued by "Health", the official magazine of the Health League of Canada, as to the many "definitely preventable" drownings that occur every year in Canada.

The article makes radical corrections in some of the popularly held impressions about drowning. Contrary to the general opinion that it is impossible to be under water for more than three or four minutes and live, it points out that there are many instances where persons under water for periods of fifteen minutes to half an hour have been successfully revived. The article also explodes the theory that, where there are no signs of life after thirty minutes or so of artificial respiration, death has actually occurred. It cites well-authenticated cases of people being restored after as many as eight hours of continuous effort.

"Health" goes on to point out that there should be no let-up in the use of artificial respiration until life is known positively to be extinct. It should be started with as little waste of time as possible, it should be kept up in all drowning cases for four hours or longer, and no case which has been in the water for less than half an hour should be given up as hopeless.

"Health" is informed, it says, "that there may be absolutely no sign of life for several hours, that there may be no pulse and no effort to breathe, that the use of the stethoscope may reveal no evidence of heart beat."

At this season of the year drowning is one of the greatest hazards of life. The need is for education, and there should be a ready response on the part of public officials to inaugurate a campaign on the lines Dr. Gordon Bates, General Director of the Health League, suggests.

The benefits from such a campaign, it is suggested, would not be confined to drowning accidents alone. Artificial respiration follows identical methods in cases of electrical shock and carbon monoxide or other gas poisoning. Obviously the first place to begin is in the schools, and the Provincial Departments of Health and Education might co-operate with the Boards of Education in making an early start on a campaign of this kind. Until some such action is under way the public can obtain all necessary information from the Health League.

**Government Held Responsible**

The June issue of The Canadian Magazine contains some trenchant criticism of inaction at Ottawa. The strongest Liberal government which has held office since Confederation has, says the writer, "greivously disappointed its most Liberal supporters through its failure to implement its platform and policies." Prime

Minister King's "failure to cope with the politicians in his own ranks, and his lack of vigour in leadership, a leadership that was expected to consolidate the forces of democracy, reform and national unity, and has done nothing of the kind, has brought his supporters in the House of Commons to serious dissension," it is claimed.

Similarly the Ottawa Citizen, formerly a vigorous supporter of Mr. King, has the following comment:

"The possibility of an appeal to the country for a vote of confidence in the government to demonstrate national unity, is being mooted. It would be an astonishing political decision on the part of the government. In the last general election the Canadian people were told they must vote for 'King or Chaos.' They elected Mr. Mackenzie King. According to the statement of Liberal speakers in Ottawa recently, this country is more than ever menaced by national disunity. It would call for some very adroit electioneering to persuade the Canadian people that this government had no responsibility for such wide-spread conditions of disunity."

"When the Liberals are in opposition," continues the Ottawa Citizen, "invariably they attribute conditions of unrest, discord, sectionalism and deprivation to the Conservatives in office. One stock argument of Liberal election platforms has been to point to the growth of radical groups and third parties after a few years of Conservative administration. It is hardly possible that they could successfully blame the Conservatives in opposition for present conditions in Canada."

"This government came into office in 1935 with unlimited possibilities of forward leadership to restore something like economic security. Disunity is very largely due to widespread insecurity in Canada with about one million people barely able to exist in this land of great productive capacity. The government must take steps toward conditions of economic security for willing workers before there can be any likelihood of another vote of confidence. It is doubtful if the Liberals could win as many seats at this time west of the Great Lakes as the Conservatives won in 1935."

**Editorial Notes**

Crystal Palace opened this date, 1854.

"Wigs on the green" is a fitting description of the Senate these days.

Thursday is not the most desirable day in the week for a holiday, but the next one will be one day worse—Friday.

"Taxing the poor man's beer" used to be considered the height of political enormity in London. In Quebec they have just imposed 5% on every glass drank in hotels and restaurants— one way of enforcing temperance.

In Montreal they consider Mr. Dunning's \$30,000,000 self liquidating utility scheme so much window dressing with nothing behind it but make-believe. "The loan," says Mr. Tremblay, Minister of Labour, "will be inoperative so far as the provinces are concerned."

Britain, U.S.A. and France are in agreement regarding the tonnage of naval vessels, confining themselves to a 35,000 ton rising progressively to a 45,000 ton limit, which is the limit previously set by Japan. Russia, however, has decided, it is said, to start immediately to equal Japan's 45,000 ton programme.

Premier Duplessis urges that lotteries be placed on the same footing as the Lord's Day Act under which no action may be taken without the authorization of the Attorney-General. In this way he contends each provincial government will accept its own responsibilities, and their autonomy safeguarded.

The firm of W. and J. Sloane, Fifth Avenue, one of New York's largest carpet dealers, has a three-quarter page advertisement in the New York Times advertising "2,000 odd hooked rugs at the phenomenal price of \$10 each from Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, the Gaspe Coast, most of them over 3 x 5... most of them 20 to 25 years old... most of them rugs that would ordinarily sell for \$25 to \$35."

An amusing illustration of "needs must" comes from Buffalo N.Y. Two young Montreal girls, maid servants, crossed the international boundary by "French leave", were arrested and held for \$1,000 bail. The authorities communicated with the Montreal police who interviewed the runaway's parents who said they could not afford to pay for the girls passage home, far less the \$1,000 bail. "They were consequently released," the report says.

Elimination of Sunday funerals has been proposed by the Madison County Ministerial Association, New York. A spokesman explained that Sunday is regarded as a day of rest and people should not be asked to give it up. In addition, he added, cemeteries are considered a shrine to be visited on Sunday by persons who do not want to be interrupted by funeral services. The cemetery association and undertakers are said to support the movement.

President Roosevelt attended St. James Episcopal Church on Sunday and was so well pleased by a part of the sermon delivered by the rector, the Rev. Frank R. Wilson, that, at his suggestion, a part of it was repeated. This part related a definition of "true greatness" as written by a little girl who attended St. George's Church at Stuyvesant Square, New York, on the edge of the East Side. The child's illustration of greatness, according to the rector, was as follows: "Once there was a woman that had done a big washing and hung it on the line. The line broke and let it fall down in the mud, but she didn't say a word; only did it all over again, and this time spread it on the grass, where it couldn't fall. But that night a dog ran over it with its muddy feet." (President Roosevelt was seen to smile at this point). "When she saw what was done she sat down and didn't cry a bit. All she said was, 'Ain't it queer that he didn't miss nothing.' That was true greatness, but it is only people who have done washing that know it."

**NOTES BY THE WAY**

"The Canadian Government's real troubles will commence when the Dominion girls begin to have beaux." Perhaps a policy of rigid isolation can be worked out—if Mr. King is still the boss.—Detroit Free Press.

The Hydrographic Service of Canada reports that the level of Lake Superior at the Lakehead last month was six and a half inches higher than the average level of April for the last 78 years. This should indicate that there will be deep water in the St. Lawrence channel throughout the season of navigation, which promises to be one of the greatest on record.—Montreal Star.

"Dictating or typing goes faster than I think well, so I've gone back to writing in longhand," says Irvin Cobb, the veteran U.S. humorist. Mr. Cobb had a parallel in the late Joseph P. Clarke, of the Toronto Star. Writing with the stub of a lead pencil, "Joe" composed some of the best editorials ever to grace a newspaper.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

There was a time not long ago when American businessmen, visiting London, complained bitterly about the London week-end habit. They wanted to do business with a merchant or a broker or a banker or someone, and found that he had gone off to the country on Friday and was not expected back till Tuesday morning. The habit of those eager to be up and doing in the few days they had to spare was, as against the town custom, habit is to strangers.—Toronto Telegram.

The wise motorist needs no law nor police action, such as the law of forgotten keys; he leaves his keys with him whenever he leaves his vehicle unattended, and if he is to be gone for any length of time, he closes the windows and locks the doors. Then, either of the car itself, or of any of its contents, is impossible without the thief drawing attention to his act. These are the precautions which the police frequently have urged on owners and drivers, not only for their own benefit, but as means of assisting in the enforcement of law and order. The time now consumed by the police in hunting stolen cars can well be used in other more important phases of law prevention and detection.—Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

Another thing that might well be standardized throughout the Dominion is the population required before a community may be incorporated as a city. For many years ago, but the town could become a city if it possessed a population in excess of 10,000, and it has been repeatedly suggested that Brockville should take advantage of that stipulation and raise the ranks of the towns in which she has been situated since 1832. The provincial government, however, raised the standard, and 15,000 is the population now required of a community before it may legally attain cityhood. That rate, it appears that Brockville will have to wait for some years before it joins the other cities of the province. But in Manitoba, a place may still become a city when it has 10,000 or over. In Alberta, a city means a community of 5,000 or more and in British Columbia it is actually the law that any place with 100 male inhabitants may become incorporated as a city.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

In Vancouver the other day I observed a local phenomenon which we should imitate here. Over there they are building up a fine tradition of freedom and democracy by promoting oratory during the election campaign. In Victoria Victory Square is like a minor Hyde Park or like the corner down by the Tower, where people like to stand out of a paper bag while listening to professional orators talk on the Irish question, Communism, religion and birth control. You can say what you like in his case, but it will provide a great deal of harmless amusement and enable a lot of worthy souls to express their ego without damage. Here in Victoria, however, a man's only chance to express his ego, his only chance to keep from bursting with a great idea, is to write to a newspaper, and that must be rather cold comfort. How much more satisfactory to appeal direct to your fellow men, to let his emotions, to see your idea carried in his case, to see it spread as they do down by the Tower in the middle of a month of luncheon cake, to listen, though for a long, not for mere than one mouthful.—B.H. in Victoria Times.

It goes without saying that every normal human being who does not live on a South Sea Island wants to do so. It should have been equally obvious that every South Sea Islander wants to live somewhere else. Yet one learns with something of a shock that Pitcairn Island, romantic home of the descendants of the Bounty's mutineers, can seem tedious. Mr. Granville P. Lindley and Mr. Lewis S. Bellin Jr. went there last March to install the new radio equipment which now enables the Pitcairn Islanders to pick up the latest swing tunes, and also to transmit any ideas or news of the world over a radius of 1,500 miles. "We were on the island nine weeks," said Mr. Lindley, "which we agreed was seven weeks too many. The island has no entertainment or diversion, and the deadly monotonous life. The two engineers also suggested that the radio was making the island's young people restless. Why are they restless? Do they want to get run over, stepped on, gassed, drafted for the next war? Do they want to get jobs on W.P.A. or be elected to Congress? Do they want to commute? Do they want to ride in the subway? Do they want to go to night clubs or raise a little pig in Iowa or wheat in Western Kansas? Maybe not. They're just restless.—New York Times.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

This column is open for the discussion of issues of interest to the Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

**THE SENATE AND THE F. C. A. ACT**

Sir—How surprising and unfortunate was the discussion in the Ottawa Senate regarding the incidence and the administration of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act in Prince Edward Island. There no doubt have been errors of judgment on the part of the members of the Board of Review. There have also been hints that Official Receivers have solicited amongst the farmers for applications for relief under the Act. The latter, if true, would be of course reprehensible. So far, however, a good can be said to have resulted from the leading thought from the Ottawa Senators on the land and, particularly in cases of threatened foreclosure of mortgages, there has been no choice but to make compromise settlements of some nature. Perhaps the chief weakness has been that the statements made by the farmers have, as a rule, if not in good faith accepted by the Board of Review without verification as a result of personal inspection of the farms. The Government appoints official inspectors for the Dominion Farm Loan Board to check up every detail of the questionnaires supplied in advance by farmers applying for mortgage loans. Had a similar course been pursued in the administration of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, Judge Saunders and his assistants would probably have given at least some decisions less unfavorable to the creditors. All these things, however, are but minor considerations, for it is unbelievable that 1154 out of 12,865 farmers in Prince Edward Island—more than 90% of the farmers in Nova Scotia out of 39,444—would have placed themselves in the ignominious and unfortunate position of being declared bankrupt, deprived of all their property, and in most cases of all future credit from storekeepers, implement dealers and money lenders, if their financial positions had not justified their action.

We in Prince Edward Island may as well make up our minds that no possible good can come from evading an admission of the fact that a large majority of the Island's farmers are handicapped to a degree unequalled in any other part of Canada (except in the arid sections of the prairies) simply and only because ever since Confederation they have been deprived of their natural market overseas and have been compelled to ship their products into Canada where there are no other markets, and a large exportable surplus of similar goods, and in addition have been subjected to heavy rail freight charges, or into the United States against heavy customs duties as well as freight levies.

Not only have the above conditions prevailed, but the still more important handicap has been imposed upon our farmers (as also upon our fishermen) of being forced to sell their products in their raw, bulky form instead of as finished products, the conversion of which would have supplied employment to the thousands of younger people who have had to leave the Island in search of a livelihood, and who have also brought back to the Island far larger money returns.

Considering the urgent requests that are at present being made by our Provincial Government, Boards of Trade, City Council and Labour Unions to the Ottawa Government to start this year upon the work of placing the Charlottetown Harbour in a position to accommodate ocean liners, does it not seem strange that the Senators representing this Province did not, on Tuesday, avail themselves of the opportunity to stress the importance of their own case into a discussion over personalities? The dredging of the Charlottetown harbour and the building of a pier was recommended in 1926 by the Duncan Commission and was promised by the Bennett Government and each year since 1935 that the present Government has been urged to implement that promise, and particularly has been urged during the last few months, largely because of the many unemployed requiring work in this City, but as yet the money has not been voted. The harbours of Canada are the property of the Dominion Government. The provinces, therefore, have not the right to undertake improvements of any kind. It is certainly strange that year after year so great an injustice should be done to this Province, particularly this year when huge sums of money are being expended in all other parts of Canada.

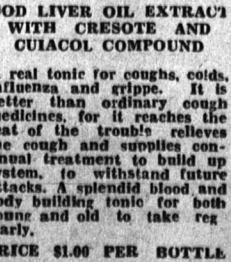
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 When I consider how my light is spent  
 Ere half my days in this dark world and wide,  
 And that one talent, which is death to hide,  
 Lodged with me useless, though my soul  
 To serve therewith my Maker and present  
 My true account, lest he returning  
 "Doth God exact day-labor, light denied?"  
 I fondly ask. But Patience, to prevent  
 That murmur, soon replies, "God doth not need  
 Either man's work or his own gifts; who best  
 Bear his mild yoke, they serve him best. He is  
 Is kingly, thousands at his bidding speed,  
 And post o'er land and ocean without rest.  
 They also serve who only stand and wait."  
 —Milton.

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roentgenologist has, and if lost, he is greatly handicapped. They not only materially effect financial matters, but reputations, professional ability, false accusations, and numerous other things may in time rest wholly on the findings depicted on the film or plate.

However most physicians are quite willing to have another physician see the films or plates because it is a saving to the patient. The fact remains then, and it is upheld by the courts, that the patient paid the fee for the "picture", but for the "opinion" based on the plate.

READY FOR RAID ON OLD WINDSOR  
 WINDSOR, England, June 8.—(CP)—The 500 persons who work

and live in Windsor Castle have organized their own Air Raid Precaution squad. A survey has been made of all the places in basements and attics which can be converted into shelters and plans have been completed to make these places splinter proof.

There are two decontamination squads and two squads for rescue work. One room in the big castle has been allocated for a First Aid Clearing Station and this is being used also for a lecture room. The castle's fire brigade has been re-equipped and a fire inspector engaged. He has decided on providing an extra supply of water from the nearby Thames.

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