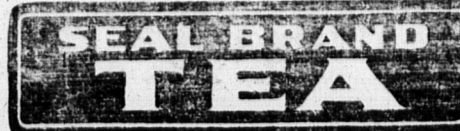


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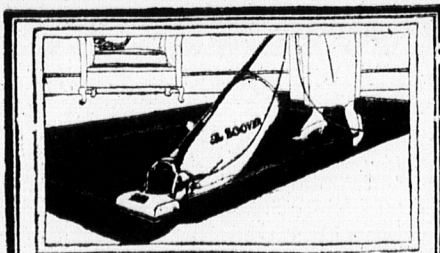
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HOLDING OUR OWN

Through the good offices of the Soldiers' Settlement Board 351 returned soldiers have settled in this province since the war came to an end. Without the assistance received through the Board these men would undoubtedly have settled elsewhere.

There are very many young men in the province whose fathers cannot provide with farms; these must go elsewhere. Some such assistance as was given through the Soldiers' Settlement Board, an opportunity to borrow money at a reasonable rate of interest, a fatherly supervision of their work and a word of counsel and encouragement when needed, would hold these young men for the province.

In view of the inducements held out by the West not only to immigrants from abroad but to the people of Eastern Canada, we also must hold out inducements for settling here and the best inducement we can hold out is to help our young people to help themselves.

MR. LEA'S BLUFF

The Honourable W. M. Lea, has taken to denial and challenge, the last resort of the bluffer and the bully. He is featured in this role in Saturday's Patriot; also in the role of a much maligned and persecuted martyr.

The Honourable Mr. Lea is now facing a not distant election. He has a past and that past must be obliterated and the only way in which this can be done is to flatly deny it, to assume the role of political innocence and righteousness.

as "malicious slander," a pack of wolves (meaning The Guardian) and other choice words and phrases calculated to emphasize the sorrow of a righteous man. Following his denial, Mr. Lea "challenges" the editor of The Guardian and its wolves to name the time and place in which "he had said anything of the kind."

So? Well the time was March, 1921; the place, the provincial legislature. On March 15, 1921, speaking of the address, Hon. W. M. Lea is reported in The Guardian as saying "to ask a man if he would submit to taxation was about as reasonable as to ask a child if he would take a dose of physic."

That was the way Mr. Lea compelled the child-farmer, to take his physic, taxation. On the 6th of April, 1921, Hon. A. E. Arsenault, then leader of the Opposition, said in his address on the budget:—

"I do not wish to take away whatever honour the Commissioner of Agriculture wishes to take to himself for being the father of taxation. He, the apostle of taxation, claims to have always advocated it saying "taxation is good for the people. It is a dose of physic that the people who are like children in this respect must be made to take—if not willingly, then by taking hold of their noses, and pouring it down their throats."

This was the doctrine preached by the Commissioner of Agriculture. This was a little over a year ago. Mr. Lea never denied until the present session, under any one of the defenses so often resorted to by the aggregation, namely "privilege," "point of order," "vote of censure" or otherwise, although the remark has been quoted and requested. Why? Are the chickens coming home too thick? Are the farmer children resenting the manner in which they were compelled to take their physic?

Now, on Mr. Lea's own authority we demand from him the apology and retraction which he declared was due from The Guardian in the event of its not being able to prove his assertion. Mr. Lea made and knows he made the assertion charged to him; the farmers whom he compelled to take their physic as children are compelled, namely by holding their noses, know it also.

Mr. Lea had many other things to say in that memorable speech of his, things worthy of a man who would make an assertion and deny it. Of these we may have something more to say; in the meantime we await his apology and retraction.

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OUR BURDENS

"He travels the fastest who travels alone." Well, maybe, but speed is by no means the only thing. And life when it's nobody's care but your own, is likely to prove, but a dreary and lonely thing. I'm sorry for those who're unhampered and free. Who fare by themselves to the goal they are driving for. For half the fun of the struggle to me.

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Dr. Ross and Pr. Cliff

Sir—It is unfortunate that in the address of the public welfare no one can take up any matter without some one more ignorant than that of Balaam rushes into print to advertise himself. My object in replying to Dr. Cliff's first letter, attacking the committee that was recently appointed with this present world wide movement in the search for a cure for cancer and to correct certain erroneous beliefs that exist in the minds of the people on this disease, especially that a contagious growth is a painful growth, whereas the opposite is the rule and the growth is in its last stages, when it is too late to remove it.

If people would recognize this one fact alone many of them, even with the limited means at our disposal, would be cured, and their lives saved for many years. It is of prime importance for people to consult their family physician early about any lump (I use the good English word) and not the Latin tumor which they may find in or on their bodies. If it is innocent no harm is done, but if it should happen to be malignant, then to see to it early becomes paramount. There are many other matters that the committee purpose to deal with in the coming summer, in reference to cancer. The importance of trying to do something to lessen the ravages of cancer must be apparent to anyone of common sense. The death rate from cancer is rapidly on the increase. It has a higher mortality today than consumption. Surely these things ought to move any doctor with any humanitarian principles, even one who has none but is moved by professional pride only, to try and stem the tide and to save the people's lives if he can. To set these things before the public was my object in my former letter, but it appears that I have stirred up a literary gentleman possessing an astounding literary style. I will take my leave of him by commenting that if his treatment of his patients is on a par with his style I pity them.

Government Bad Management

Sir, Flattering eulogies are being written and printed in the papers about our members of the legislature, but if these same members could hear the unmentioned things some of their constituents are saying about them they might not have the same kindly attitude toward themselves. The only thing that a member of the legislature should be concerned with is the welfare of his constituents, and not the praise of the past, and there is a demand now that results from the showing of these servants whom we send to the Legislature. Just think of men taking credit for obtaining a reduction of 20c per hundred on freight coming into the province in direct competition with

Sketchy Knowledge of English Grammar

WINNIPEG, April 24.—University professors figured in a spectacular debate at the convention of the Manitoba Educational Association this afternoon when they made vigorous efforts to get more attention paid to the teaching of English grammar in the schools. Just where it should be taught, in the elementary or secondary school, they did not undertake to say, but Professor A. W. Crawford made the emphatic declaration that the subject should be covered before students reached the University. A committee will be appointed to consider the curriculum in English. Prof. W. P. Osborne declared that there was a lamentable ignorance of English grammar on the part of many students who entered the university, and claimed that as a result, the teaching of language other than English was made unnecessarily difficult.

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