

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1924

THE SESSION

The legislature got away to a good start yesterday. According to promise and what is more to the point, according to the well known predilections of Premier Stewart for punctuality, the first session opened promptly on time and immediately went to work.

Mr. Saunders is entitled to commendation on his moderation in his initial venture as the Liberal leader. While no doubt doing his best to be moderate he may be pardoned for an occasional reversion to the original type and some notable reversions manifested themselves in his effort of yesterday.

His remarks on the technical and agricultural school, which was the legitimate and acknowledged child were to be expected. Yet the butter and cheese-makers in our co-operative creameries and cheese factories will smile when they read in the report of his speech, of the "progressive methods of butter and cheesemaking" taught there!

COMING OR GOING? In this Canada of ours we have much to boast of. It is well known that in natural resources we stand on a par with any country in the world while we have practically a monopoly of some of the best minerals.

NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA In yesterday's issue we published a report of the Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Branch of the Navy League of Canada. This branch, as our readers know, but too often forget, is part of one of the biggest things in Canada and it is not entirely to our credit that our local institution looms very much larger in the eyes of the people of interior and western Canada than in our own.

and the Western provinces where the influence of the sea and its ships and its place in the commerce of Canada is recognized to the full. Down here we take the sea and its ships for granted; they are here "because they are here" and we assume that they shall always be here without any effort of ours.

It was in order to attain this great goal that the Navy League of Canada was first instituted and it was to help in bringing about this great consummation that the Prince Edward Island Branch of the Navy League of Canada was established. We have in Charlottetown a magnificent plant, an equipment which has since its establishment been a credit to the province and still is.

The local Branch has also been the means of extending to the officers and men of visiting warships the kind of welcome they appreciate and which gives them such an impression of the port that they want to come again.

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What more could a nation want? What more could a nation have? Are we living up to our opportunities? Are we doing for progress and for civilization all that such advantages would lead ourselves or others to expect? Is our country as prosperous as our opportunities should enable it to be? Certainly it is not. This required no proof. The exodus of the past few years affords abundant proof of this. What then is the matter? The federal government at Ottawa is the heart, the source from which our natural prosperity and our progress must be directed.

Notes by the Way

"C. N. R. Pay-Roll now a Problem." That is the head-line over an Ottawa despatch to the Liberal St. John Globe, from which we quote: "Enquiry at Government sources show that the pay-roll is becoming quite a problem. Up to the end of November 1923 the Canadian National paid \$121,136,407 in wages as against \$113,648,361 for the same time in 1922.

The increase was therefore \$7,488,046. Surely this is "quite a problem!" But this is not all. We learn from the same despatch that almost all of this alarming increase took place during the last six months of the twelve months period.

The despatch goes on to state: "It would also appear that the ratio of the pay-roll to general expense went up as the months passed. For the first six months it was 62.4 as against 62.1 for the same months in 1922. An increase in the ratio was reported during each succeeding month until November, when the ratio stood at 64.3 as against 56.7 for the same month last year."

It would therefore appear that the National Railway pay-roll increased by Seven Million Dollars between the first of June and the end of November last year!

Surely the Railway Pay-Roll has taken to itself wings—strong wings, my Master! as of an eagle, and flown away Heavenwards. Or shall we say on joyous wings, as of the lark soaring melodiously upward to the blue sky? Seven Million Dollars in Six Months. What wonder that official Ottawa stood at gaze and murmured, "Quite a problem." Several problems at once presented themselves. With Railway wages increased a million a month, how could the Fifty Million Civil Service cost be cut down as promised? Premier King gave out that it would be done "gradually," and left Ottawa for a vacation!

A bigger Problem awaits his return if not already settled, as it is reported to be. The Western Progressives demand the full restoration of the Crows Nest Pass agreement as to railway freight rates, which means millions taken off National Railway revenues in the West but denied to the East. So to the millions of increased wages would be added the loss of millions in available receipt. Many reports from Ottawa state that a full surrender to the Progressives on this point was made by the King Government before the Premier left Ottawa. The truth must very shortly be made known.

That fine optimist, Sir Henry Thornton, talks pleasantly of a balanced railway budget. We cheerfully admit that he is doing what he can to keep us all cheerful. But such matters as the Crows Nest Pass agreement, or the Hudson Bay Railway completion, or the King Governments program of 1100 miles of new railway construction, or the discrimination of low rates in the West and high rates in the East are entirely beyond his control. They are political and what is worse, they are matters of corrupt bargain and sale between the Government and its purchased allies. Nobody will blame Sir Henry for that, but therein lies the country's danger and the sure defeat of his fine predictions.

Therein lies the evidence, also, that the pretence of keeping the Railways out of politics is a sham and a fraud. The fact that we have a weak Government at Ottawa, at present in a state of paralysis, seriously complicates the situation. How serious that situation is, so far as the Maritime Provinces are concerned is made clear when so staunch a Liberal as Mr. Hance Logan, of Cumberland cries out in Parliament that these Provinces "must get relief from the burdens under which they suffer" and reminds the Government to its face in Parliament of the defeats it has recently met with in Halifax and Kent!

Senator Dandurand's suggestion to the House of Commons, to "reduce wordage and do some work" is both terse and timely. "Wordage" has been the bane and blight of parliaments and legislatures in Canada for years. It has been rampant in Ottawa; it was a nightmare in Prince Edward Island from 1919 to 1923. And it is definitely in this way? If so Canada's coming into her own is indefinitely postponed. This is worth thinking over, it requires no proof, and more work. And it will be realized!

The Public Forum

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

SCHOOL FAIRS

Sir,—I have before me a letter from a resident of my Inspectorate censuring me very severely because the list of prize winners at the last School Fair held in Montserrat did not appear in the Press. For the benefit of those interested in School Fairs, and yet ignorant as to their organization and management I would ask you to kindly publish this letter.

The entire management of a School Fair is in the hands of a Committee consisting of the teacher and two pupils from each school taking part. This Committee has its officers, President, Secretary, etc. It is the duty of the Committee through its Secretary to carry on all correspondence relative to the Fair just as it is the duty of the Secretary of a county or Provincial Fair to look after such matters. The Inspector could not have the prize list published because their is only one copy made and that is always in the hands of the Secretary of the Fair centre who is instructed to have the list published as soon after the Fair as possible.

Trusting that this may have the twofold effect of setting the public right in regard to this matter, and also of spurring up secretaries who have been neglecting their duty. I am, Sir etc., L. W. SHAW, Inspector of Schools, Georgetown, March 12, 1924.

Lest We Forget

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 THOMAS H. BENTON

American statesman, who was Senator from Missouri for thirty years, was born at Hillsborough, N. C., March 14, 1782.

ELI WHITNEY

American inventor and manufacturer, obtained a patent for the cotton-gin, March 14, 1794. Prior to this, his workshop was broken into and his machine stolen.

JOHANN STRAUSS (The elder) Austrian composer and conductor, was born at Vienna, March 14, 1804. He was famous for his dance-music, raising this class of music to a high level.

VICTOR EMMAUOLI King of Italy, first King of Sardinia only, was born at Turin, March 14, 1820. During his reign the complete union of Italy was effected.

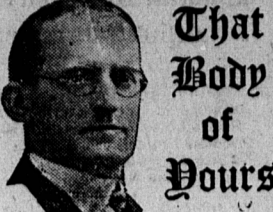
THE CONSTITUTIONAL ACT For almost fifty years, from 1791, the French and English in Canada pursued their separate ways in the provinces of Upper Canada and Lower Canada. Until 1791 Ontario had been a part of Quebec, with a population of 20,000 people, mostly United Empire Loyalists who had left the United States when their cause had met defeat. The Constitutional Act which became law on this day in 1791 and which divided the country into two provinces, was designed to give each element, the French in Lower Canada, and the English in Upper Canada, more control over their local affairs. Thus each had a Legislative Council, appointed by the Crown, and a Legislative Assembly, elected by the people. Until the Act of Union in 1840, the provinces were governed under this plan.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

RESOLVE

I will not think of that which might have been But every hope shall rest in the To Be. I will be glad for all life granted me Of sweet, and fold the bitter I have seen Away, nor let it touch those per- feet days The future holds in store; I will look up And take more happily life's proffered cup; I will plant flowers along my barren ways. So I will banish any slightest thought Of what you might have done; I will recall Only your goodness; my lips shall be dumb Nor voice reproach, since all that I have sought, Each expectation to which I am thrall Will be fulfilled in what you may become. ELISABETH SCOLLARD

ways this was to be noted: Big indemnities always meant big wordage and little work. The more pay the more talk and the less work. That was why our unpaid City Council did more work in an evening than the Legislature often did in a month. Now the hope of the Province is for less wordage and more work. And it will be realized!



By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE BLOW ON THE HEAD

You have attended a football game or a boxing bout and one of the participants gets a bump on the head and cannot get up.

As a matter of fact, he is unconscious, and does not know just what is going on around him.

In a few seconds or perhaps minutes he is on his feet again, apparently as well as ever.

The wise coach in a football or hockey game, will usually take him out of the game for a few minutes at this time.

What has happened? He has had a concussion. A concussion is simply a jar that is given to the brain.

It is as if you took the head into your hands and gave it a shake.

This jarring actually interferes with the action of the brain without really injuring it.

It is just as if you got a blow on your arm or leg muscles and could not use them. They are practically powerless.

In a few seconds or minutes the power comes back and you have the full use of the arm or leg again. Really no damage done.

But in the case of concussion or a blow on the skull this same jar means the disuse of the brain substance for awhile.

In the case of the boxer it is a serious matter if it lasts more than ten seconds, because that gives the bout to the opponent.

That is the reason that in amateur boxing, if such an accident occurs, one minute is given to the fallen boxer, instead of just ten seconds. This permits a clever boxer to "come back", and in amateur boxing it is cleverness that is the goal always.

It very frequently happens in amateur boxing that the boxer suffering the concussion comes back to his senses and wins the bout.

In concussion there is relaxed muscles, pale skin, weak and rapid pulse, and complete loss of consciousness. Sometimes they can be partially aroused by pinching them, yelling into the ear, or sticking pins into them.

They usually regain consciousness in a few seconds.

The usual treatment is the old fashioned smelling salts—ammonia, and the application of heat to the body.

Where the unconsciousness lasts for some minutes, the after treatment is very important.

Absolute rest is the big essential Rest in the real sense—away from telephone and business of all kinds. Away also from the kindly enquiries and efforts of friends.

Light tasty food, and effective regulation of the bowels is always indicated.

Your Birthday

MARCH 14.—You are energetic, a quick thinker, and ambitious, and should achieve more than a moderate degree of success in any thing you undertake. You are fond of society, a good conversationalist, and quick at repartee. You care a great deal for your home, but derive a great deal of enjoyment from the evenings spent in pursuit of pleasure outside. Cultivate a love of home and learn to appreciate the love given to you. Your birthstone is a bloodstone, which means presence of mind. Your flower is a violet. Your lucky color is white.

COST OF LIVING CHARTS

What were YOU paying for eggs during the past month. The latest figures from Ottawa give these as the average prices.

Table with columns: FRESH EGGS, Per Doz, 50¢, 60¢. Lists prices for various locations like Halifax, Charlottetown, St. John's, etc.

How do prices in your locality compare with other cities? Are you paying more or less than average? These prices are for average quality "delivered" goods. Watch for the changes in this chart next month. Tomorrow's Milk.

MAGIC BAKING POWDER advertisement featuring a product image and text: READ THE LABEL, PRODUCT OF CANADA, MAGIC BAKING POWDER, CONTAINS NO ALUMINUM.



ROBERT MILLER The first farmer president of the Canadian National Exhibition, who has been re-elected to that post. The exhibition at Toronto is the largest annual exhibition in the world.

W. G. Y. FRIDAY, MARCH 14 790 Kilocycles (350 Meters) WGY (Schenectady, N. Y.) General Electric Company. Eastern Standard Time 11:55 a. m.—Time signals. 12:30 p. m.—Stock market report.

12:40 p. m.—Produce market report. 12:45 p. m.—Weather forecast. 2:00 p. m.—Music and fashion talk "Spring Outer Apparel," Robert L. Smith. 6:00 p. m.—Produce and stock market quotations; new bulletins. 6:30 p. m.—Children's program. 7:35 p. m.—Health talk, N. Y. State Department of Health. 7:45 p. m.—General Electric program consisting of addresses by John G. Barry, vice-president of the General Electric Company, and C. E. Evelyth, manager of the Schenectady Works; musical numbers by the General Electric ladies sextet, made quartet, and string quintet made up of General Electric talent.

Instrumental selection, "Tannhauser March" Wagner General Electric Band George F. Abbott, director Selection, "The Alphabet" Mozart General Electric Ladies Sextet Belle Page, Belle Franklin, Elizabeth Archibald, Mae MacCarty, Gladys Robinson, Theresa Berberich. Address, "The Electrical Consciousness," John G. Barry, vice-president General Electric Company. Instrumental selection "Iris" Friml General Electric Instrumental Quintet Selection "Annie Laurie" Scott General Electric Male Quartet Instrumental selection, Excerpts from "Robin Hood" DeKoven Band Selection "Love's Old Sweet Song" Molloy General Electric Ladies Sextet Instrumental selection "Waltz" Repper Instrumental Quintet Selection "Venus hath lit her Lamp" Parker Male Quartet Instrumental selection "Angelus" Massenet Band Address by C. E. Evelyth, Manager or Schenectady Works. Selection, "Morning" Speaks Ladies Sextet Selection, "Starlight" Hueter Instrumental Quintet Selection, "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginia" Bland Male Quartet Instrumental selection "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine" Sousa Band

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS advertisement with a circular logo and text: DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS, 1087 THE PR...

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 (Late Program) Eastern Standard Time 10:30 p. m.—Program by WGY orchestra.

STOCK QUOTATIONS

Table of stock quotations for Halifax, Montreal, and other locations, listing various stocks and their prices.

Abolish Council Bill Opposed in N. S. House

HALIFAX, March 12.—H. W. Corning's (Yarmouth Conservative) bill to abolish the Legislative Council was hotly contested when it came up in the provincial legislature for second reading this afternoon. A Liberal, a Conservative and two Labor members supported it while Donald McLeannan, Liberal for Inverness opposed it. The debate was adjourned.

Table of Montreal Exchange stock prices including International Paper, Kelly Springfield, etc.

Table of Banks and other financial institutions including Bank Commerce, Bank Royal, etc.

High Tide in Rubber Trade Is Now advertisement for Goff Bros., Ltd. featuring an image of a rubber shoe and text: Buy only the best. You can always get them at Goff's. Every kind of rubbers for every kind of shoes.

MESSRS. C. M. Lampson & Co's Spring Sale Will Commence ON MARCH 27, 1924 advertisement listing various goods and prices.

E. R. Brow advertisement for insurance services: 146 Richmond Street Charlottetown. Fire, Life, Accident, Sickness and Plate Glass Insurance at Lowest rate. Agent at Summerside, Lloyd Lewis, Good Strong Stock Companies.