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NOTES BY THE WAY

That many of the Progressive legislators are not native born Canadians is pointed out by the Ottawa Journal. Only 13 of the 23 who sit in the House of Commons had their birth in Canada.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The editor reserves the right to accept or reject any correspondence.

C. N. R. Outlook

Very Promising Says Pres. Thornton (Special to the Guardian)

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LET CANADA BLUSH

Canada may well blush over the unveiling now in progress at Ottawa, the revelation of millions of dollars diverted from the treasury in which the poor taxpayers are depositing their hard earned money to pockets of political heeled, friendly grafters and hangers on of the government—and all with the knowledge and consent of Ministers of the Crown, "honourable" Ministers.

on proportional representation had been published over and over again. He had nothing more to promise, nothing to take back or to modify. The Progressives might take it or leave it. If they accepted his policy they could come over to his side of the House and work with him and parliament could go on from session to session" so long as he had a working majority in the House.

These were the terms upon which Mr. Meighen would accept Progressive support and this was what Mr. Hugh Guthrie had in mind when he told the House "in the presence of my leader and with his authority," that if the Progressives came over to the Conservative side of the House, they would still be in the same position as they were in on the Liberal side; they could defeat the government at any time, if they chose to do so but, while they were willing to support the known policy of the Conservative party, parliament would function.

What did Mackenzie King do in the circumstances. No reply of his to Mr. Forke has been published but his speech from the Throne answered every question. He swallowed bait, hook and sinker: he would build the Hudson Bay railway—cost what it would; he would give rural credits, he would do anything the Progressives would ask him to; the Progressives accepted the bait and gave him the hand, some majority of three in a House of 245. They could have given him more but three was enough for his purpose.

The accumulation of all this in these constitutes the aggregation now asking for a six weeks' recess to go out into the highways and hwy ways for means to function as a government.

This has a bearing upon the way the Progressives voted in recent divisions at Ottawa. The five who sometimes voted with the Conservatives, while of the eighteen who steadily supported the Government were born outside of the Dominion. The native Canadian no doubt understands Canadian economic conditions and tariff requirements better than those who were born and reared abroad and may be supposed to be more free from prejudice.

The greatest public scandal in years is the smuggling operations that have recently developed into gigantic proportions between the United States and Canada. As yet the lid has been only slightly lifted in the charges made by Hon. Mr. Stephens in the House of Commons. As the Financial Post says, "the fearful, seething mass of corruption, filth, blackmail, wholesale bribery, lewd women and murder, involving men in public life in both parties has not been revealed." It is expected that full details will be brought out by the committee that has been appointed in the House of Commons to investigate it.

The Financial Post tells that a committee of private citizens, made up of Liberals and Conservatives had before started an investigation which is still going on, and they roughly estimate that the Government has been robbed of \$200,000,000, which is to some extent reflected in the unemployment, the migration of Canadians, looking for work in the States and in other ways. As for the relations of the King government to the matter it appears that the Premier, the Minister of Customs and several other colleagues had been from time to time informed of what was going on and that customs officials were aiding and abetting the smuggling operations. This and other charges are of such gravity that they must be either disproved or substantiated.

MIND CURE FOR SKIN AILMENTS

A Philadelphia physician, a specialist on the skin, gave an interesting account of some of his cases to members of the American Medical Association a few months ago.

After treating, in the regular way, certain patients who complained of severe itching, of hives, eczema and other conditions, and failing to find the cause or give relief, he discovered that the trouble was due to the "mind", and not the body.

The desire to scratch is as contagious as the desire to yawn, and shows that if the mind gets fixed upon the skin the itchiness continues.

He relates a case of a teacher who, every afternoon at the end of the school session, began to have a terrible itching of the chest and upper back. It became so severe that he had to apply local remedies, and even used them before the attack came on in an attempt to prevent it.

This doesn't mean that skin conditions are due to nerves, because most of them are due to articles of diet that have a peculiar effect upon certain skins, whilst others are due to organic disturbance in the body. However, when a skin specialist is treating some cases through the mind, instead of by ointments, there must be a reason for it.

LENNOX ISLAND DISPUTE

Sir,—There is a big dispute among our men. Chief cannot settle it. Some say Premier King is member of Royal Family and is King of Dominion as long as he lives with out election, and when he dies, when he dies one of his sons will be king and if they are too young the queen will take the reins like Queen Victoria did.

THE OTTAWA SCANDAL

Sir,—Criminal negligence of Customs Authorities is at all times proof of pecculation and therefore most regrettable as it shows a flagrant disregard of the people's interest by those who have sworn to serve the public weal and this was evidently aggravated beyond the endurance and patience of the taxpayer when a Minister of the Crown the other night exhibited official ignorance of the matter and this as a salvo for his wounded companions in the Commons.

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Speaking of the government of the hour, resigning what they should have done ere the last bell had rung on the night of the 29th of October, 1925 and thus left to a sportsman's chance in the near future they might have renewed their youth in public opinion and again been in opposition to fly the flag of victory. How long did it take Sir John Macdonald with his handsome majority in 1873 to throw up the reins of power after what they called a scandal came to light and only over a paltry sum for election expenses; something for Hon. Israel I. Tarte used to declare could never be won by prayers. It was only a few years until he was waving the flag of victory at the head of one of the finest combinations of parliamentarians ever sat in the Canadian House of Commons and they put two measures through the House, the National Policy and the building of the Canadian Pacific, the former provided the foundation of Canada's prosperity and wealth and the latter distributed as it advertised to the world's citizens the potentialities and wealth of a virgin field of enterprise.

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Your Birthday

FEBRUARY 12—Speculation is dangerous for you, for although a very good reasoner, you are at critical times too rash. You are fond of art and music, and prefer to be in the company of the opposite sex with whom you are quite popular. Be careful in your choice of friends and learn to be thankful for your blessings.

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Miss Robinson stated there was still a great need for further equipment for the building and she hoped the public would be disposed to assist still further. Among the greatest needs she mentioned were linen, bedding, clocks, gramophone records, cooking utensils, etc. She would be grateful if those who may be able to assist her in this manner would telephone her at the Home.

Further financial assistance is also needed to permit the work of the Home to be carried on satisfactorily. The financial report submitted at the annual meeting of the Board of Management yesterday morning showed total assets of \$69,000 but a debt of \$31,000. The furnishings of the building as at present installed cost about \$2500 and against this there

Man Tears Up \$2,000 Bill in Park; Arrested (Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Laughing cheerily, John J. Juka, 36, tore up a \$2,000 bill and "blowed" the pieces over Battery Park, New York. He was arrested by police officers up the park. Juka said he had more in the bank, but he would destroy that also.

FORTUNE BRIDGE SCHOOL The following is the standing of the pupils of Fortune Bridge School for the month of January. Grade X.—1, James MacKinnan; Grade IX.—1, Donald Bryanton; 2, Leslie Coffin; 3, William Conahan.

Perfect Attendance—Minnie MacKenzie, Lester Johnston, Jocelyn Coffin, Edward Francis, Elizabeth Francis, Maud Ching, Wallace Francis—Maud Ching, Principal; Sadie MacKenzie, Assistant.

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THE "YOU'RE ANOTHER" CRY

Liberal newspapers are continually harping, for want of a better argument, that Mr. Meighen purposed, if he had secured a majority on that want of confidence amendment at the beginning of the session, to do just as the Liberal party is now doing, namely, running the government with the help of the Progressives and, regardless of the size of his majority

Nothing could be further from the truth. Mr. Meighen had no such intention, nor did he either by himself or through Mr. Hugh Guthrie, who is so frequently quoted, ever express any intention of doing so.

Before parliament met, when Progressives, Liberals and Conservatives were laying their plans for the session, Mr. Forke, leader of the Progressives asked both Mr. King and Mr. Meighen respectively what their attitude was going to be on certain questions affecting the West generally and the Progressives particularly. It was clearly a request for a bid.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Liberalism has been pretty well scotched in Canada in the past few years but it didn't get it soon enough.

Canada is only bad in spots and these are very largely confined to places in which Liberalism has lingered too long. And all Liberals are not bad, many of them have been cured and have left the party.

Quite beyond question a rotten condition of affairs prevails in the customs and excise services that it is worse now than ever before, and is the cause of a vast annual loss to the national treasury and of far greater loss otherwise to the industry and trade of the country. It is no defence to say or to prove that smuggling has long been prevalent under different governments. The country is not greatly concerned about the mutual recriminations of parties over the scandal. What is important is that the huge leak shall be stopped, the guilty criminals brought to trial and punished and an effective and vigorous enforcement of the customs and excise laws restored.

What hope is there of an early cleaning up of the Augean stable.

The King Government, that was never efficient or capable, had been during four years devoting its strength and ingenuity to keep itself in power, intriguing and bartering with Progressives, flinging sops east and west to conciliate an individual or a group here or there—a railway or an elevator, or a harbor grant or loan, regardless of the public cost—wholly neglected its proper administration duties. Now, with half its ministers defeated its entire remaining strength is devoted to reconstruction of the wreck.

To effect this and prevent further damaging disclosures, the unheeded expedient of a six weeks adjournment of Parliament is re-

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

February 12, 1926

GOD HIS OWN INTERPRETER "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream * * * and I have heard that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it. And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me; God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace." Gen. 41: 15-16.

AFTERWARDS IN FLANDERS

Out of their mingled earth tall trees are sprouting, With their laurels now, their names unguessed; Here, where they died to save us, nothing doubting, Sheltered from our forgetfulness Falls once again the twilight of November; These gave their lives when life was at the May, Have I the right to whisper, "I remember?" I was not with them when they marched away.

All that they never had was mine, full measure, Dying, they passed to me their heritage— Love, friendship, toil, achievement, learning, leisure, Voices of children, golden middle age. And with it all, the knowledge never sleeping, Though none reproached, that I was not as they, That Life is won by losing, lost by keeping, I was not with them when they marched away. "Unknown Civilian" in the London Observer.

Minister begs and pleads for reelection. The situation is many fold worse and more hopeless for the country than it was before the election.—Hercules turned a river through the accumulative filth of the stable he set out to cleanse. What but a general election can give any hope of purifying the polluted camp at Ottawa and restoring decent, orderly and efficient government to our distracted coun-