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ANOTHER TEST

It is now definitely settled that an adjournment of parliament till March 15th will be asked for. As every one knows, the adjournment is for the purpose of giving the Liberal party an opportunity to scour the country for the double purpose of getting a number of the present Liberal members to resign and to elect men in their place who can fill cabinet positions.

The whole month of February and half of March will thus be wasted and, to this waste may also be added the month of January as absolutely nothing of any value to Canada has been done since the opening of parliament on the 7th. There has been no government, no premier; nothing has even been attempted nor could be attempted.

When sheep-stealing was a capital offence there was a saying that it was as well to be hanged for a lamb as for a sheep. They have already committed themselves to one capital offence; a second one will not materially affect the penalty.

It is a sad commentary on the conduct of public men that they should fend themselves to such a questionable method of holding on to office, solely for the sake of the office and what it will bring them.

A WORLD AT PLAY

Looking back as far as history will carry us we find that human nature has changed but little during the centuries. Were we able to peer into the twilight and the dark of prehistoric time we would probably find the cave men and cave women chasing each other in merry sport through the forests or amusing themselves around the cheery fire in the centre of their cave—after they had learned to make a fire—telling each other funny stories or playing with bits of stone or wood as we of today

play bridge or auction 45 But nearer to our own day the philosopher Epicurus, who lived about 340 B.C. founded the Epicurean system of philosophy which included in its tenets that of luxurious living and eating. The Epicurean philosophy of that far off day has slowly modernized itself into the modern cult, hedonism, or the doctrine that pleasure is the sole or chief good in life and that moral duty is fulfilled in the gratification of pleasure-seeking instincts and dispositions.

As all things grow by cultivation hedonism has grown much since the days of the cave man and even since the days of Epicurus. Never, perhaps, in the history of the world has the pleasure-loving instinct been as highly developed as it is today. Hedonism has become a disease rather than a philosophy. The world is at play. Comparatively, only the few devote themselves solely to the serious concerns of life and the majority even these devote more time to pleasure than to the things which concern their own and the world's welfare.

At that time the Provincial Legislature had been called to meet, but not a quorum of the House could reach Charlottetown and the Lieutenant Governor was compelled to order it prorogued. The people were during the same period treated to an insulting message from the Liberal Minister of Railways at Ottawa ordering them to "Get out and shovel snow." The narrow gauge locomotive, snappers and cars are older, weaker, more dilapidated and helpless than they were in the days of Laurier, but still quite good enough for Prince Edward Island in the judgment of what is called the King Government and their Railway Board.

But what is called the King Government is just as dilapidated and helpless as a narrow gauge train when caught in a snow storm. For the Government had its head, arms and legs shot off in the October battle. Its Premier, its Minister of Railways, Minister of Labor, Minister of Trade, Secretary of State and four other colleagues were laid low in the dust by an indignant electorate. The remaining fragment are not giving thought to standardizing the Island Railway and making it workable. Their attention is engrossed by the struggle to get a six weeks' adjournment of Parliament to attempt their own rehabilitation.

Think of it—a six weeks' adjournment when Parliament has not done a stroke of the work for which it had called and the shattered government faction in charge of its movements as helpless as a narrow gauge locomotive off the track, buried in the snow and without coal, or fire or water. To adjourn until the middle of March as Mr. Lapointe proposes, without first voting supply would mean that votes of tens and even hundreds of millions must be railroaded through the House in a mad race against time before the financial year closes on March 31 without the possibility of due consideration, as has so often happened in the closing hours of a session.

Our railway has been uncovered by hand labor, for want of steam power and appliances such as do the work on the railway lines of the mainland, but other drifting storms are due to come in February and March. And meanwhile who shall deliver Parliament and a narrow gauge, derailed and helpless Government from their present, snowbound condition? Parliament is "marking time" with half its benches empty. The Government has half its body and members still buried under the October snow-storm of ballots, beneath which only one of their number has yet attempted to raise his head. And this is the condition existing three months after the last election and three weeks after Parliament assembled!

NOTES BY THE WAY

Two of our city churches are extending the hearing of their Sunday services beyond the walls of their sanctuaries to the homes of many citizens by radio broadcasting. This service is valued by not a few among the many who by reason of age, sickness or infirmity are debarred from attendance upon public worship, or from an intelligent hearing of the preaching and singing. It seems to be a fact that many persons whose hearing is defective can hear and follow a sermon thus transmitted better in their homes than they can when present in church.

But radio has some defects which we hope will soon be remedied, and it is the few rather than the many of the partially deaf who hear better by radio than in the presence of the speaker. There are some voices that come but indistinctly over the wires whether in broadcasting, or in telephone conversation. Broad-casting has the great defect that at frequent intervals something like a loud shriek breaks harshly upon the ear of the listener and for the time entirely drowns the voice of the speaker to whom he is giving his attention.

The narrow gauge of the eastern lines of the Canadian National in this Province, is still with us to our sorrow, thanks to the King Government and its Solid Four derailed supporters whom the Island sent to Ottawa in 1921. The first real drifting snowstorm of the season put them all out of business for days. It is a reminder of the time not so many years ago when the entire Prince Edward Island Railway, then all of the narrow pattern was snowed under for six weeks.

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THE DRAMA AT OTTAWA SEEN THROUGH ISLAND EYES

Ottawa, Thursday, 23. It was interesting to listen yesterday to a man who has sat countless times in the House of Commons for thirty-four years. And also to hear him say that never in all that time had he seen so many bright young men appear at one time in a new Parliament as have come in this year. Mr. W. F. McLean, a veteran newspaper man of Toronto, familiarly referred to as "Billy McLean" has always looked upon independent in his speech for great advancement in his party. But his Parliamentary record is notable for its great length and while successive Governments have come and gone and outstanding characters have risen to distinction and passed on to oblivion he has continued to pursue the uncertain yet continuous tenor of his way. For an expert in the realm of finance in and elections in Prince Edward Island it would be almost impossible to conjure in ones imagination a heavenly endowed super-man who could continue to command the confidence, the esteem and a majority of the votes in any of our counties in ten successive general elections.

Yet Mr. McLean is a quite ordinary looking individual with whitening hair, and a clear bright eye, and while he speaks freely, has in no sense the gift of oratory. Public ownership is not only Mr. McLean's hobby, but public ownership is his creed. Yesterday he developed that theme principally along the line of transportation, and to a lesser extent in the realm of finance. In half and such fine writing which may be quoted in its support, that I have been much entertained by these few idealists in the House who are evidently so sincere and so genuine in their efforts, yet apparently so incapable of realizing the present hopelessness and impracticability of their cause—not only in a House of Commons, in which as far as I can judge, at least five sixths of the members are solidly for the application of the protective principle in the particular interest of their own constituencies; not only in the presence of a great neighbor nation whose factories are so thoroughly developed and whose clamor for our raw products and our enterprises and so abounding, but also in the face of a world which is almost entirely engaged in the construction and operation of tariffs, not designed in the interests of or intended for the benefit of the world in general but entirely and solely in the interest of the particular nation concerned.

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DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

February 2, 1926 DANGER BRINGS HUMILITY—And Jacob said: O God of my father, I am not worthy of the cast of all the mercies, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant: Deliver me, I pray Thee, from the hand of Esau." Gen. 32:9-11.

PRAYER—Our Father God, for the assurance that when the poor man cries unto Thee Thou dost deliver him from all his fears, we thank Thee.

HOSTAGES TO HONOR

Well, what would mother think or say? How could I tell her or explain? So bleak a tragedy away if on their name I'd put a stain? Suppose when I reached home to-night The news had flown ahead of me That I had failed to do what's right And had disgraced them thoughtlessly.

How could I meet her at the door? Or face the children waiting there? Would any words I mumbled o'er Lighten the darkness of despair?

Three hostages I've left behind To keep me straight and keep me true, I've guaranteed their peace of mind In all that I shall ever do.

I may go home at night to tell That failure has been mine to claim, But none shall ever ring my bell And bring the warrant of my shame.

I'll never face them in despair Or for forgiveness plead or whine, Disgrace they shall not have to bear Through any foolish deed of mine.

We must keep up with these advancements, says Mr. McLean, and must develop public ownership along all of these lines. Otherwise we are likely to lose out on the big investment we already have in our Canadian National Railway system. In this connection he asked with emphasis for a "show down" from the Montreal interests, the Montreal newspapers, the Royal Bank and the Bank of Montreal and called upon them to say whether it is their policy to wreck the C. N. Railway and hand over the property to the Canadian National Railway system. In this connection he asked with emphasis for a "show down" from the Montreal interests, the Montreal newspapers, the Royal Bank and the Bank of Montreal and called upon them to say whether it is their policy to wreck the C. N. Railway and hand over the property to the Canadian National Railway system. In this connection he asked with emphasis for a "show down" from the Montreal interests, the Montreal newspapers, the Royal Bank and the Bank of Montreal and called upon them to say whether it is their policy to wreck the C. N. Railway and hand over the property to the Canadian National Railway system.

The other speaker yesterday was Mr. Evans, a Welshman, representing Saskatoon, who ably propounded, to the extreme limit, the Free Trade theories of the extremist wing of the Progressive party, much as the Free Trade theory used to be expounded by Sir Richard Cartwright and notable Liberals in the House of Commons long ago. The theory, as a theory, has so much argument on its behalf and such fine writing which may be quoted in its support, that I have been much entertained by these few idealists in the House who are evidently so sincere and so genuine in their efforts, yet apparently so incapable of realizing the present hopelessness and impracticability of their cause—not only in a House of Commons, in which as far as I can judge, at least five sixths of the members are solidly for the application of the protective principle in the particular interest of their own constituencies; not only in the presence of a great neighbor nation whose factories are so thoroughly developed and whose clamor for our raw products and our enterprises and so abounding, but also in the face of a world which is almost entirely engaged in the construction and operation of tariffs, not designed in the interests of or intended for the benefit of the world in general but entirely and solely in the interest of the particular nation concerned.

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That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D. YOUR WONDERFUL STOMACH As students we gained the impression that the stomach was really not very important from the digestion standpoint, because people had been kept alive with most of the stomach removed. However it would seem that every individual organ in the body now is getting a great deal of attention from research men and the stomach is receiving its share. These men first spend a great deal of time experimenting on real healthy individuals, and thus finding exactly what the stomach can do in health, and how it can vary in its work from day to day and still be normal.

From this point they then examine the abnormal, unhealthy, or sick stomach, and find just how they differ from the normal ones. And the first thing they advise us to remember is that the stomach is an important organ of digestion, and the manner in which it does its work determines to a great extent the completeness, or thoroughness of digestion and absorption in the small intestine.

If the stomach is working right it will adapt itself to any and every kind of food. Just think of all the different kinds of food you put into your stomach, turnips, carrots, potatoes, bread, cake, bran, cats, corn apples, all kinds of fruits, meats of all kinds. Yet that organ takes them all in, refusing none, and actually works and works upon them until it has everything looking alike, and ready to be admitted to the small intestine for further digestion and absorption.

When you remember that some foods like lettuce take an hour to be made ready, eggs and cereals two hours, steak and roast beef two and a half hours, roast pork three hours, and roast pork three and a half hours, you can get some idea of the work it has to do. Some stomachs take a little longer than this, and nervous, worried

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Fifty Years Hence

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Fifty years hence, men will live in a way more astonishingly different from our life today than is our own world from that of 1875. In our own aerial limousines we shall be touring the heavens as commonly as we do the State roads today. We shall fly beneath the Northern Lights across the Arctic wastes as a short cut to a business conference in Europe. In the time the business man today spends commuting a ridiculously little distance from suburban home to office, he will travel 200 miles from some glorious sylvan summer home to a monstrous, towering citadel of commerce.

Penetrating further into the future, we see our present traffic-clogged roads, where the speed of transportation that the automobile should give us is impossible, replaced by wide speedways connecting city with city and crossing over and under each other at their intersection. Railroad trains, with their puffing, inefficient trains, will be a curiosity found only in the less populous regions.

The great cities will have grown to enormous proportions. They will seem to have solidified into one amazing, unified structure, reaching upward with massive towers to mountainous heights. Their interiors will be honeycombed with streets artificially illuminated and ventilated. The main motor speedways will bore straight through them; and the business man at night will be shot straight upward half a mile in express elevators to his home in the fresh upper air among the towers. Perched high amid the crags of these future cave dwellings will be parks and playgrounds and artificial lakes; while great ledges, supported by huge columns will serve as landing platforms for airplanes. These rapid transit lines will penetrate diagonally down to business centres in the depths of the man-made hive.

At night the terrific mass of masonry and steel, teeming with busy humans, will look from the approaching aircraft like a myriad-jeweled mountain in fairyland, blazoned with countless lights of many colors. And the airplanes themselves, luminous for protection against collision in the night skies, will flutter about the towers of the city and along the transcendent aerial canyons as busily as in the day. But human beings will not live only in cities of this kind. Swift transportation, annihilating distance, will dot the mountainsides and forests and farming regions with little cities, where the farmers will live and enjoy all the metropolitan recreations.

With speaking, stereoscopic motion pictures, in natural color, transmitted by radio, each community will be a world centre where all events of importance will be visible as they occur at distant points on the globe. folks likewise are apt to have stomachs that are a little "slow" in action. Now what is the advice? That while the stomach seems to be able to take care of everything, no matter when you take it, you can give it the best chance to do its least five hours apart.

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The farmer will not be a drudge in the fields; for electrically and automatic machinery will do his work for him. His land will be fertilized, when power is cheap enough from the air, and electrical methods of stimulating growth will make all crops develop with tropical lushness.

The time is close at hand when our city homes will be heated with electricity, which will also perform most of the household tasks, and in winter, will keep the streets and sidewalks warm so that snow will melt and run off as fast as it falls. One great problem that must be solved before these visions of the future come true is that of a cheap, inexhaustible source of power. The energy the earth receives from the sun is of almost inconceivable magnitude. A Niagara Falls 75,000 miles wide would not produce its equivalent in electrical energy. So, if we invent some motor to utilize efficiently the energy of the solar rays, this problem of cheap power for the future will be partially solved.

And then there remains yet to be opened up the realm of atomic energy. Every molecule of matter is made up of a vast number of particles vibrating with a velocity of 100,000 miles a second. In burning 3,500,000 tons of coal we could not get the power that lies locked up in the atomic activity of a single gram of lead. So that, in those days of the future, with universal intercommunication by wireless telephony and television and with inexhaustible new sources of power releasing us from all physical labors.

Your Birthday FEBRUARY 2—You have a powerful character, capable of great good or evil, but you are inclined to be a dreamer. Do not let your powers for good be wasted by idle habits. Constant and active employment should be your method of life. You are an excellent conversationalist, and love to entertain. Curb your desire for revenge. Your birthstone is an amethyst, which means sincerity. Your flower is a primrose. Your lucky colors are light blue and yellow.

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