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THAT ROAD MACHINERY.

THROUGHOUT the Province there is steadily growing, among people of both political parties, a feeling of pronounced alarm regarding the reckless spending and borrowing policy of the Saunders Government.

Two Government measures have been already introduced in the Legislature, the one to enable the Government to borrow \$300,000.00—at first \$500,000.00—and the other to authorize the borrowing of \$100,000. We are wondering if there will be any more of these borrowing bills during the present session.

It is a very easy matter to borrow. Our credit is good—the resources of our province and the industry and frugality of our people furnish to investors the best of guarantees; but how long will our credit remain good if the management of our provincial affairs remains in the present hands?

The item of \$100,000.00 is being borrowed to provide funds to pay for certain road machinery purchased by the Minister of Public Works some little time ago. It is not the reckless borrowing alone which in this case excites popular disapproval everywhere, but also the circumstances attendant upon this whole transaction. Hon. Mr. McIntyre will have to make out a much better and a much more convincing case than he has so far made, before the public mind will be set at rest in regard to this irregular and extraordinary transaction.

ACCEPTING THE INEVITABLE.

THERE are two ways in which an approaching undesirable possibility may be met. The wise and practical man will adopt every possible legitimate means to prevent it. When the possibility has become inevitable and is upon us, the prudent, common sense way is to accept it, and endure whatever it brings to us. The other way, after all means of prevention have failed, and the inevitable is upon us, is to kick like a mule because it has come. The latter is the fool way, and leads to the burkhouse and the grave.

We have heard and read much recently about the "acceptance" by the people at the last provincial election. Mr. Stewart, like every sane man and woman in the province, did all he possibly could to prevent the further continuance of a law that had not only continuously failed, but which had multiplied the evils which it purported to heal and added other and worse evils than were enumerated in the original list.

The people, wisely or otherwise guided, gave their verdict. Mr. Stewart, like all other law-abiding citizens, accepted the people's verdict. They could, it is true, have kicked like mules, could have incited the dissatisfied into rebellion against what they rightly considered a wrong to the province. But they did not, and they honestly and manfully accepted the inevitable. The childish victors in the contest seized upon Mr. Stewart's "acceptance" as evidence of his having changed his opinions on the question at issue. Even Premier Saunders and the party organ, seized upon the word as a peg to hang an illusion upon and now, in and out of season, they are carrying on a propaganda in an endeavor to delude the ignorant among our people that the policy of Government Control has been abandoned! Could anything be more ridiculous? Perhaps in some lucid interval—if such should occur—Premier Saunders or his organ will tell the people what course Mr. Stewart and the Conservative party could have taken after the people had given their verdict?

The people will be called upon next Summer to give a straight verdict on a direct question as to

tween Prohibition and Government Control. After the verdict has been given, what attitude should the people adopt, acceptance or rebellion?

Perhaps the Solons of the Liberal Party will let us know in advance.

JUST WAITING!

THERE is an ominous silence, broken by occasional growlings; among the people generally regarding the present provincial situation. The shouting "All's well" among the members of the Legislature is so vociferous as in itself to arouse suspicion, while the party organ is trying to tear up the Auditor's Report on the finances and to lay the blame upon the Attorney, on the other side, clearly indicates that there is something to hide and no way to hide it.

All is not well with the Government, and it is generally admitted by unbiased Liberals. The four or five hundred thousand dollar dive into the future at a time when the debt of the province is increasing, has startled many of our cautious people. There is a storm brewing and there is a fearful looking forward to it in Government ranks. Several incidents have already occurred which go to show that there is serious disagreement in the Government ranks, and anything may happen at any time. The alliance between the Government and the Temperance Alliance, conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity, as it was, started the process of disintegration in both. The Temperance Alliance died of a broken heart because of its having been betrayed and the Saunders Government is already in the throes of dissolution.

The people of this Province, like the people of other provinces, are good natured, many of them ready to believe their party leaders without too much inquiry, but when evidences of crookedness or extravagance become apparent they are not to be trifled with. This is the political situation at present. No one is satisfied that matters are all right, and there are very many who are convinced that things are not as they ought to be. We want honest men at the head of our affairs, honest men to handle our finances and to give a straightforward account of their stewardship, whether in administering law or in spending the people's hard-earned money. This our people will insist upon.

THE "SACRED APPEAL."

IN his paper "Le Devoir," Mr. Henri Bourassa, M.P., discusses, with characteristic dogmatism and satire, the debacle that overtook Mederic Martin in the Montreal mayoralty election. The factors which contributed to Mr. Martin's defeat are summed up by Mr. Bourassa as being his advocacy of the purchase of the Montreal Water and Power Company, the sordidness of his appeals to the electorate, and the political role played on his behalf by Senator Casgrain, who gave the ex-Mayor the alleged blessing of Premier King.

"Not content," writes Mr. Bourassa, "with this sordid appeal to the lowest instincts, the Mayor had, with the assistance of a collaborator, brought Mr. King into the affair. He tried to utilize for his own benefit, the great upheaval of indignation which incited the public in 1925 and 1926, at the call of the sacred appeal.

"That was sacrilege itself. Mr. King managed to extricate himself all right. But, with robust hand, although a septuagenarian, this buffoon-senator kept him before the foot-lights in this play at political massacre. And Mr. King, thanks to this senator and to a paper which also aspires to make a senator out of its director, got the benefit of a left-handed compliment. In the solitude of Kingsmere, the Prime Minister can meditate on the proverb: 'Protect me, O Lord, from the mask of rags.'

Notes by the Way

IN days gone by barbers thought it necessary to talk to their silent and helpless customers in the chair more than they do now. It was in another city and the colored artist was voluble, using words which he had selected for their sonorous length and thundering sound. The weather was unsuited on this particular date. "As the result of my observation," he began, "I conjecture that after a few more sploviations the weatheh will tranquelize into a permanent condition of convalescence."

The political weather in the Legislature is still subject to sploviations and it does not tranquilize. The delay of tranquillity seems to forecast the possible return of more sploviations—whatever that may mean. For the first time we note in the columns of the Government organ a word of praise for the Premier's leadership. But when the sky is overcast with clouds and stormy winds are blowing with quick changes from east to south and west and north, a belated word of praise for the invisible sun does not always bring fine weather.

"His success as a leader" is the subject of his organ's congratulations. His success is not apparent. Where shall we look for any evidence of his success? In the secret, calling together of a few of his friends in Summerside with a strict injunction that others should not be permitted to know of the meeting and consultation? In his consent to tie his own hands and the hands of his fellow candidates by signing the secret pledge exacted by the Alliance? In his subsequent dealings and quarrel with the Alliance? In his promise of an early session, made in midsummer and the fulfillment delayed until the following spring? In none of these can any one find very much evidence of success in leadership.

What was the road machinery purchase made without authority or the projected borrowing of half a million for roads if these were not evidences of incapacity and lack of informed leadership? And the Budget speech, how disappointing it was to the teachers and the suffering consumptives. They were simply told that they must wait and wait. Anybody could say that.

What were other salient features of the Budget? A confessed deficit of huge proportions, without any clear leading as to how it shall be met or a recurrence prevented; a laborious but unsuccessful effort to make it appear from the opinions of handpicked auditors that the Stewart Government were responsible for the larger part of the deficiency, and finally a claim of merit for the Government of the day set up, based, not so much upon anything they had done or could do for the Province as upon the alleged demerits and shortcomings of their predecessors in office.

Such a foundation is but a shifting sand. Plain common sense will laugh at it. As well might a man set up a claim to capability and integrity for himself because in his opinion his neighbor was deficient in those estimable qualities. So much for the evidence in support of Mr. Saunders' "great success" in leadership. We feel compelled to record a Scottish verdict of "Not proven."

Our Prohibitionist friends have said many things against Government Control of the liquor traffic. But have any of them put forward a better plan? We have no vendors, smugglers and bootleggers distributing intoxicating drink, each in his own fashion and any one who wants a drink and can pay for it gets it. The bootlegger prefers Prohibition to the control system because the penalties against him are heavier under the control system. No plan yet devised equals Government Control in making the drinkers pay the lion's share of the taxes and relieving temperance people of a large proportion of their tax burdens. Think it over.

In the hectic campaign of last my friends, I can look after my enemies myself." There is grim humor in Mr. Bourassa's reference to "the great upheaval of indignation which incited the public in 1925 and 1926, at the call of a sacred appeal," which it was "sacrilege itself," for such a politician as Mederic Martin to exploit for his mere secular purposes. The "sacred appeal" that carried Quebec for the King Government in the last two elections only failed in Mr. Martin's case because the intelligence of the people of the province has at last revolted against a school of politicians who have hidden their worthlessness under the mask of rags.



By James W. Barton, M.D. AVOIDING SEA OR CAR SICKNESS

When you see a seasick passenger and try to appreciate how he is suffering, you are not surprised when he tells you that instead of fearing that the vessel will sink he is afraid it won't.

You may be planning a sea trip for a future date. In conversation with a number of ships doctors, it would appear that they all have their own ideas as to the cause and how to treat seasickness.

However they do agree on one thing and that is that it is a mistake not to eat. And yet it is easily understood how distasteful food must be to a seasick passenger. The very odor of food is too much for him.

Now it has been shown that if the sugar reserve in the blood and tissues is lowered that "acidosis," an acid condition, often develops, with vomiting and nausea.

It was then discovered that if sugar were given that there was a relief of the symptoms. Dr. G. H. Oriol says that if passengers can be persuaded to eat plenty of fruit and starches, and avoid fats, they are never violently sick. He suggests the use of sugar as a preventive of seasickness, giving injections of insulin also, where the sugar itself does not seem to keep down the extremely acid condition.

Now the above is in line with what ocean going travelers have noticed for some time. They learned that if they cut out fats entirely, cut down on their meat, increased the amount of starches, sugars, and vegetables for a week or so before starting the trip, and then kept to this diet while aboard ship, they avoided seasickness entirely, or were but very slightly ill.

Some of the nausea, vomiting and headaches that are caused by long motor rides, and which are blamed on the exhaust gases from other cars, may be easily due in many cases to the habit of eating large meals whilst on the journey.

The fresh air stimulates the appetite and so foods rich in butter and fats are taken in abundance, with the resultant headache and feeling of nausea.

So the lesson is worth remembering whether on a sea or land journey, where there is likely to be some "shaking up" of the abdominal contents. The wearing of a wide abdominal belt has proven of help in many cases. However first getting the intestinal tract clean, and then using a diet as suggested above, is your best safeguard against seasickness.

The Land We Love

By Frank Yelsh

Q. What is the story of the "Nonsuch"? A. A small sailing vessel, the "Nonsuch," sailed from England on a voyage of enterprise and discovery in 1668 and it was directly through this pioneer voyage that the first of the western trading posts, Fort Charles (later known as Rupert's House) was established on James Bay, south of Hudson Bay, and the charter was granted by King Charles II in 1670 to the Hudson's Bay Company whereby they were privileged to enlarge their trading and exploring enterprises in Canada, thus opening the way for the development of the West.

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Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Is it rude and ill-bred for a woman to smoke in a public restaurant? A. It is rude only if the smoke is annoying to others or if the management objects.

Q. Why is it that the day of the "wallflower" is practically over? A. Because the sensible girl of today does not go to dances if she finds that she is not popular in the ballroom.

Q. What should always accompany a wedding gift? A. The donor's card, usually enclosed in a small card envelope.

Airplane Passes Over Kingsport

KINGSPORT, N. S., April 13—A plane flying very high and proceeding west, south west was sighted over Kingsport at 10:30 o'clock A.M. The plane was seen by the Canadian Government Marine steamer Arras. Captain Barkhouse said it was too high to distinguish any markings but he was sure it was the German plane Bremen. He said several other persons saw and heard the plane.

Happenings of the Week



The Duchess of York recently opened the new half-million dollar home for nurses at the Kingston and District Hospital, Kingston Hill, England. She was photographed while strolling through the grounds after the ceremony.

The Hon. D. A. McKinnon, ex-Governor, who was operated upon at the City Hospital last week, is convalescing nicely.

Miss Jean Grant was home from Edgchill and spent a delightful holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Grant.

Mr. Heughan, the great Scottish bassist, who made so many friends while visiting here, is giving a series of concerts in Victoria Hall, Montreal, this week.

Miss Edna Gordon is having a very pleasant holiday with relatives and friends in Boston.

The many friends of Mrs. R. V. Goodwill are glad to know that she has been improving in health for the past week. Mrs. Goodwill is leaving early next week for Montreal.

Senator and Mrs. Crowe, of Vancouver, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Greenfield Avenue, for the Easter recess, leave this morning on return to Ottawa. Mrs. Crowe, who is a former Island lady, was very cordially welcomed by numerous old friends and relatives.

Miss Evelyn Allen is making a satisfactory recovery in the P. E. I. Hospital, after her recent operation.

Mr. R. H. Jenkins, M.P., and Mrs. Jenkins, spent the Easter season in Toronto, Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y.

Empty candlesticks are no longer considered decorative, for the essence of success in furnishing the modern room is to create the impression of beauty also being a necessity. An empty candlestick, however charming, is not useful, and should be filled with an example of candle art, for the wax columns are now made to fit in with the general scheme and color of any room.

Miss Jean Winchester, of Edgchill, spent the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winchester.

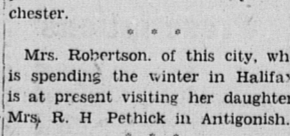
Mrs. Robertson, of this city, who is spending the winter in Halifax, is at present visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Pethick in Antigonish.

The Misses Alone and Irene Horne were among the Bridge hostesses entertaining on two occasions this week.

The sympathy of many friends goes out to the family of the late Mr. James St. C. Moore, of Eldon, whose death occurred this week. His daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) David McKenzie, of Montreal, came home last week to be with him.

It is the dress show season in London, and the parades at West End salons are thronged by Society people. If the forecast of one of the most important and the most carefully studied dress shows proves true, this year's ballrooms are likely to see a jewellery revival. Some distinguishing jewelled ornament—a buckle, a shoulder strap, a chain—is the really important feature of every evening frock. Not merely

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AN ATTIC SALT-SHAKER

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NAPOLÉON was very fond of pork sausages. But like many other men before him and since, and far less illustrious, he had to do without a favorite dish because the serving of it gave offense to someone in the household. Much as corned beef and cabbage—a favorite with lots of men—is on many a household blacklist in these days,

BUT one day the Emperor sent for Dunan—that was his Cook's name—and said to him: "I want pork sausages."

"But, Sire, it is not a dish known to culinary art! It is not aristocratic! It would not be suitable for your Majesty! I should fear to dishonor my kitchens and to discourage the Imperial table."

"I want pork sausages," repeated the Emperor, in the tone in which he dictated the peace of Tilsit.

THE cook gave way, and on the morrow a dish of flat sausages was served to the Emperor at luncheon. Hardly had he tasted them when he hurled his plate across the table, wrenched off the cloth and everything on it, flung the whole on to the carpet, stamped on the dishes, and made off to his study, boiling with rage.

POOR Dunan expected to be shot, declared Anatole France when relating the incident to his secretary, Jean Jacques Brosson, who puts it in his book "Anatole France Abroad." But the storm passed. Its explanation was that the cook thinking to do well, had substituted white of partridge for the pork. And the tastelessness of it upset the Eagle.

BROSSON once picked up, at a second-hand bookstall, a first edition of "Esther," and presented it to Anatole France who thereupon led him to his library and pompously compared it with five other sumptuously bound first editions of "Esther." The Master, perceiving his secretary's discomfiture, to cheer him up told him a story.

"NOW there was once a young man," began M. France, "young and generous like you, who offered a rich financier a tiepi of lapis-lazuli. By the way, was it lapis-lazuli? Is it a stone worn in tiepi? I am not well versed in jewelry. Well, our Turcaret took the pin, turned it about in contemptuous fingers and then remarked: "Thanks. In my country-house I have a mantelpiece of lapis-lazuli."

TOLD by Anatole France: "A certain learned man had the reputation of being the most skillful cartographer (map maker) in England. He had published an universal atlas and knew the Globe like his pocketbook. One evening, having drunk a glass or two extra, he lost himself in a wood close to his native town. "What?" cried his harsh-tongued simperton of a servant, "You write about the whole world, and you don't know where you are three miles from home?"

THE custom of a half-holiday on Saturday was started by Sir Robert Walpole when British Prime Minister, recalls M. V. Hughes in his book "About England." Walpole closed Parliament on Saturday at noon so that he could go to his country estate for the week-end. This half-holiday habit spread to the nation and to the whole world.

SUPPORTING actors of Junius Brutus Booth—father of Edwin Booth and himself an eminent tragedian—were always a little afraid of him, and not without cause. One night at the Boston Theatre, he says Otis Skinner in "Mad Folks of the Theatre." He had been known to refuse to die, as Richard on Bow-wow Field and to attack his Richmond so savagely as to back him off the scene out through the stage door of the Bowery Theatre and to chase him, sword in hand, up the alley to the street and along the Bowery for several blocks!

THE passers-by were given the amazing spectacle of two armored individuals, sword in hand, wigs and plumes astrain, racing and clanking under the intermittent street-lamps.

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