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WHY DO THEY GO?

We make a grave mistake when we imagine that our young people are lured by the bright lights of the American or Canadian City when they leave us. They are neither following the light nor the flag. They are looking for work and wages; looking for more remunerative employment than that they can get at home. Nor can we blame them. The young man or the young woman who is worth his or her salt and who has sufficient ambition to do his or her work efficiently, be it on the farm, in the office, the factory or the kitchen will go where they can sell their work to the best advantage. This we cannot prevent and we should not if we could.

At present the trek is southward to the United States, not only from this province, but from every province in Canada. This trek has assumed alarming proportions in the past year, and all the more alarming because the stream of European immigration which in former years flowed very fully towards Canada, is now flowing in another direction, to Australia, to South Africa, to New Zealand.

Does not this suggest that there is something wrong in Canada? It is quite conceivable that in a largely industrial country like the United States, employment should be more easily obtained than in a sparsely populated country like Canada with its comparatively few industries and its comparatively small cities. This trek from our own country will continue until our industries grow, until our commerce becomes large enough to give employment to those of our young men and women who are dependent upon employment. The trek from the farm to the city, here or elsewhere, affords a better living than the farm.

Unfortunately the past two years have not held out much inducement to the young farmer. A short crop one year followed by low prices, the next made it difficult for our most prosperous farmers to make ends meet, and impossible for young men to get a start in farming. It may safely be assumed that these adverse conditions are but temporary, but their immediate effect has been discouraging and the result has been that many prospective farmers have given up the idea and gone elsewhere, probably into industrial life.

The whole situation is less promising than we would want it to be. Farming in this province cannot fail; it may have its discouraging years, but it is bound "to come back." In the meantime much could be done by our governments, federal and provincial, to tide over the lean years. Special railway freight rates for agricultural produce should not be a thing impossible in view of the fact that all our other business, industrial and commercial, depends on our agriculture, and particularly in view of the fact that under present conditions, the railway, a government owned utility, gets more in freight charges out of our produce than the producer gets. More practical assistance also might be given by our provincial government. We are now spending many thousands of dollars on technical agriculture, so called, for young men and young women who will never be farmers or farmers' wives and never intend to be. The federal government has been for a year talking immigration, while the immigrants are passing by our shores to go elsewhere.

THE LAST KICK

In a recent issue the Patriot announces the assembling of the provincial legislature on March 7th. With that peculiar prevision which sometimes manifests itself

when the end is approaching it informs us that "as everybody knows this will be the last session for the present government" adding by way of a saving clause, "as it is personally constituted." This follows one of the Patriot's editorial meanderings; hope and fear, confession and excuse, repentance and defiance in ridiculous alternation. "It's businesslike and capable record," "the Bell government has inspired confidence in our people," "stability and soundness in our public affairs"; "childish to talk of broken pledges and betrayed promises;" "there never will be a politician, who is, or will be able to carry out all his promises;" "Yes, the Liberal government will meet the House on the 7th of March." (Then a fearful pause.) "The day is past when the elections can be delayed." "Fortunately the franchise has been extended to women" (perhaps they will be more merciful than the men). "Women as a rule are thrifty and economical;" (this thought brings on a spasm of pain; "they will scan matters carefully"; (another groan). "The present government has proved equal to its task," and so on ad nauseam.

To treat this kind of thing seriously would be only to make it more ridiculous than it really is. It has ever been the Patriot's way, to cover faults by repeatedly declaring they are no faults; to cover the government's palpable and almost universally admitted weaknesses and unpopularity by declaring it is the most popular government the province has ever had. Whether this kind of propaganda deceives the Patriot itself is not evident; it certainly does not deceive the people.

The Patriot's fight against the impending doom of the Bell government recalls that once popular song "Poor Old Nick." Nick had led a wild life, he had sown his wild oats and now nearing the end of a life made old by deeds and misdeeds rather than by years, he sings his song, recalling the sins and the follies but hopefully ending each stanza with the refrain "But while there's a kick in poor old Nick, I'll never say die." Yet, his persistence to the contrary, notwithstanding, Poor Old Nick passed away.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

The following questions and answers were tabled in the House of Commons the other day: Did Duncan Marshall and W. A. Dryden go to Argentine, Chile, or Patagonia or any other South American country at the expense of the government of Canada?

Answer: W. A. Dryden went to Brazil, Uruguay and the Argentine Republic on a mission for the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Marshall spent some months in Great Britain on government business and normally his expenses were paid by the government. What is the total amount paid to each of these men by the government of Canada for salary and expenses?

Answer: Duncan Marshall, salary \$6,274.19; expenses \$2,677.89; total \$8,952.08. W. A. Dryden, advance for expenses \$2,000.

What duties has Mr. Duncan Marshall performed that could not have been well discharged by expert officers already in the department?

Answer: The investigational work conducted by Duncan Marshall in connection with the Agricultural Instruction Act, Dominion Exhibitions, and attendance at various international live stock and dairy conventions could have been performed by expert officers already in the department only by considerable neglect of their present duties.

Notes By The Way

Immigration makes progress. A published report of some remarks made by Premier Bell quite recently touched upon the fact that the Ottawa Government had not yet formulated their immigration policy. Much good advice had before been offered to the Government by friends and supporters in and out of Parliament, showing the importance of securing immigrant settlers of the right class and getting them at once. Now we are told in an Ottawa despatch that there has been "an interesting debate" on this live topic in the course of which Hon. Charles Stewart made an announcement.

It appears that the Minister has prepared a bill which he expects to introduce next week dealing with Chinese immigration. This is not a kind of immigration to be greatly encouraged and is much objected to on the Pacific Coast. Chinese can at present only be admitted to the Dominion on payment of \$500 each in head money, and on arrival must be photographed, registered, measured as to height and carefully described and note taken of any marks, moles or pits on the head, face, neck or hands. The Chinaman's age, name, place of birth and other particulars must be recorded and attested by his signature in Chinese and English if he can write them.

The one new feature of the bill seems to be as stated in an Ottawa despatch of yesterday that "finger prints to secure identification will be taken." After that he may find employment as he can. He is allowed that much liberty but in other respects he is treated officially very much as criminals are treated. And yet he is a man and a brother! We have a few Chinamen in our city. As a class they have been singularly quiet, peaceable, industrious and honest. The late Mr. Hales and others took a deep interest in their welfare. We need not here discuss the question of the advisability of the admission or exclusion of Asiatics to or from Canada. That is debatable. Suffice it to say that the activities of the Immigration Department under its new head for fourteen months past has evolved this new indignity of finger prints for Chinamen.

Possibly the Minister of Immigration may be a reader of Bret Harte and has accepted his creed that "for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, the Heathen Chinese is peculiar." Or it may be that the opportunity to employ a corps of experts in taking finger prints at suitable salaries accords with the King Government's notions of economy. At any rate it appears to be necessary to the propaganda of the times to show that there is something doing in official circles just now. And all the excellent Liberal journals proclaim throughout the Dominion the weighty message, "Chinese to be finger printed." Thus immigration moves on with rapid strides!

The Legislature will meet on March 7th.

The official organ of the Bell Government has made the announcement. It also tells us that "the day is past when the elections can be delayed by the demagogues." This is an apparently new and important discovery. The organ goes on: "It is childish to talk of broken pledges and betrayed promises. There never was a politician who is or will be able to carry out all his promises or pledges." This is its answer to the charge that the Bell government deceived the people, violated its promises and betrayed its trust. It reads very like a confession!

Changes are foreshadowed in the same article. We quote: "As everybody knows this will be the last session for the present Government as it is personally constituted." What has been lauded to the skies as the "best government we ever had" is to be broken up and reconstructed before the election! Who will be the scape-goats that are to go out into the wilderness, bearing its sins? Evidently the Honourables dare not face the people as at present; leagued together, they see and know the original compact of Deceivers is doomed. Their only hope is that a remnant may be saved by reconstruction. But it is too late. The Bell government is doomed!

WOMEN BARRED BY THE BAR.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The Central Criminal Court Bar mess has decided that women barristers shall not be admitted to the mess.

The Public Forum

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

Who's the Matter?

Sir.—In the Guardian of the 16th inst. so-called "Farmer" is out with the second chapter of his "Clash-na-claver" and in the issue of the 19th the third chapter appears. Fair mon, he is wasting his "boom" hoed. Gin he had gae on a farm and had the cool ground under his feet and the sunshine and pure air about him he might be cured of the haemorrhage that he has the Divine right to add five to fifteen cents per ton to the price of the farmers' fertilizer for his ain benefit.

I am, Sir, etc. POTATO GROWER. In Scotland means "idle talk." means empty.

Revenue Permits

Sir.—When your paper arrived at Souris the other day it caused a general good laugh when we read about the secrecy of the home-brew law, for there was none in twenty ever knew or heard there was such a thing required for home-brew. Their own without troubling about a permit. Was the government ashamed to have it known through notifying the public in the grass that such a license was required and an extra tax as well? If they had asked a certain individual why he would have explained it all to them this way. Last summer two men came to this house and asked his wife if she could give them a drink of beer, she gave them some and told them that when her husband was away on the farm he had made it for her to drink in making of water. What was her surprise later when she found they charged him with supplying the liquor notwithstanding that he proved that he did not sell it. He was fined \$50.00 or one month in jail, he could not pay the fine so served the month. There were lots of others who had home-made brew and sold it publicly and drunkenness resulted, nothing was done in their case. I understand the collector was turned down losing his job and he fed a lawyer to find out why the commission or the government turned him down, but I do not think he got any satisfaction. At first, sign you will be surprised at the number who stayed at home from the plebiscite at some of the polls, but after the explanation you gave them about Mr. Bell and the Customs Department and the lawyers the people will be sorry they had been at the polls at all. I am, Sir, etc. KING'S COUNTY.

Milk and Honey

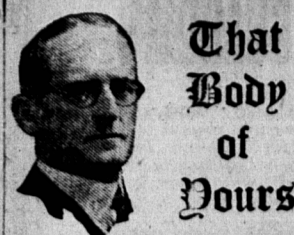
Sir.—"P. E. I. flows with milk and honey," says the Hon. W. M. Lea on his return from Toronto Exhibition. If Messrs. Lea and Crosby hold office until July next, their full term they will take in each year in the vicinity of \$24,000 from the treasury of the province into their pockets. Messrs. Lea and Crosby sure honey for us.

Premier Bell and Hon. J. J. Johnston also drew from the treasury \$20,000.00; while the late Conservative Government filled the first two offices for \$13,000.00 and the last two for \$7,000.00. Together this would mean an increase of \$24,000.00 over the late Conservative government.

The farmers of Bonshaw, Tryon and Cardigan in order to pay these four men the above salaries would have to plant, harvest and sell the products of: 500 acres of wheat, \$9,000.00. 500 acres of hay, \$4,000.00. 500 acres of oats, \$3,500.00. 250 acres of potatoes, \$5,500.00. 200 fat cattle, \$7,000.00. 400 fat hogs, \$7,200.00. 500 fat sheep, \$2,000.00. 500 fat lambs, \$2,000.00. 500 ducks, \$750.00. 500 geese, \$1,500.00. 500 turkeys, \$1,500.00. 500 chickens, \$500.00.

This counts for the decrease in our population, the boys going to the United States rather than remain home on the farms to be come hewers of wood and drawers of water. We will see what Mr. Lea has done for us. Having imported four horses for his government at a cost of \$5,693.00, the expenses for one season will take in a cash bonus of \$150.00 making the total cost of horses so far \$5,758.00 with Mr. McLean's expenses to be added for bringing one horse to the Island and to this add the expenses of Messrs. Reid and Crosby who went to buy the fourth horse in the spring, paying spring prices \$2,000.00 and left him with the owner till late the following fall, when he was shipped here, when season was over which does not show much business ability. The net service receipts amounts to the sum of \$592.00 from the horses.

The Agriculture Department advertised eight bulls for sale, aged two and three years but they found no buyers, and in order to make a sale wrote farmers asking how much they would pay for the bulls but were turned down every time. Farmers knew that the celebrated 4th prize bull, loaned by Mr. W. M. Lea was the sire of this stock. It would appear to me as well as



By James W. Barton, M.D. (COPYRIGHT) THAT PERISITENT NOSE BLEED

Don't let a nose bleed frighten you. It is often Nature's method of preventing a spoxely in middle aged or older persons. But a persistent nose bleed does cause weakness and depression and should be stopped. Sometimes the person is so weak that it is impossible for him to stand up. In such a case have the head held erect with the nostril from which the blood is coming held higher than the other side. Have all clothing about neck loosened up and then try your old-fashioned methods, because they are usually successful. This is cold applications to the back of the neck to the forehead, and to the bridge of the nose. Keep cold running water of a basin with cold water available as your best procedure if the bleed still persists although there are many styptic like gum, hydrogen peroxide, and nitrate of silver, your best method is simply to pass the nostril from loss of blood with the most absorbent cotton. This of course your last resort, but it will stop the bleeding every time. In past days we simply passed the cotton up the nostril until we had the completely inserted. It was uncomfortable of course as it means breathing is done entirely through the mouth. Soaking the absorbent cotton in hydrogen peroxide before inserting is frequently used. While this plug stops the bleeding, and often prevents fainting or profound depression from loss of blood it has one disadvantage. When you attempt to remove the plug the dry clotted blood on being removed often opens up the small vessel and you have bleeding again. To overcome this a very ingenious method is now being used. An ordinary thin rubber finger still is inserted into the nose with the open end toward you. This is packed tightly with gauze and the compression on the bleeding point stops the hemorrhage. The other tax payers that we are not getting the results we should when we consider what it has cost.

I am, Sir, etc. GEORGE WHEATLEY

The Northern Shrike

Sir.—Replying to "Fisherman" I regret that I cannot refer him to the publisher of Bird Neighbors to the book with all others in my possession having been destroyed by fire. Failing to secure it he might find Nuttall's Birds of Canada, published by the Musson Book Co. Limited, Toronto, a satisfactory one though the colored plates are not true to life in this book.

"Fisherman" need have no fear of the gross break interfering with the native birds. I have shot his neighbor was doubtless right, the Northern Shrike it must have been. This bird, often called "The Butcher," is the terror of the feathered tribes, especially the smaller ones. It kills for the mere love of killing and gets its unpleasant nickname from the characteristic habit of impaling its victims upon twigs or otherwise hanging up the bodies, as a butcher does his meat, birds.

No doubt some one else will oblige us both with the information re "Bird Neighbors." I am, Sir, etc. M. W. FYFE. Emerald, Feb. 22, 1923.

P. W. College

Sir.—It is to be hoped that during the coming session of the Legislature an inquiry will be held into the unsatisfactory state of affairs at the P. W. College, by which it is becoming increasingly necessary for our young people to enter foreign colleges to acquire their education. It is very evident from the trend of affairs that another wholesale "slaughter of the innocent" is due next spring, and the public who provide the funds for this institution would like to know the reason why. How is it that matriculation is made so easy that a large number can enter and then after parents have scrippled and saved enough to keep their sons and daughters there for a term, and when good honest work has been done by the latter, that in the marking of the papers such an unprecedented standard is expected that for the great majority of the students the year is lost. A teacher would not be tolerated in any of our school districts whose pupils showed approximately 75 per cent of failure as did the second year students at Xmas and no doubt the same was true of first year pupils also. There is much indignation throughout the province. Let us have a non-partisan commission appointed who will go into this matter thoroughly and see what can be done to avert the threatened breakdown of the system of higher education for our youth. I am, Sir, etc. PARENT.

The petal cape is gaining in favor. One shows very wide petals in triple tie arrangement. At the seaside resorts one sees printed cottons and lincens to the exclusion of crope dresses.

Happenings Of The Week

Prince George, youngest son of King George and Queen Mary, had a narrow escape from injury in an automobile collision Saturday evening between London and Plymouth. The Prince was travelling in a car owned by Lady Mountbatten, who was driving, when the car collided with another machine at a dangerous crossroad. None of the occupants was injured, but the other vehicle was rather badly damaged.

The Queen called at the home in Bruton street, London, of Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon Monday and discussed with the bride-elect various matters connected with the coming marriage, including dress. Lady Elizabeth took great pleasure in showing the queen the wedding presents she has already received.

Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon has given proof of her love for the people and things of her "ain country" by ordering part of her bridal trousseau from drapers in Dundee. Instead of being completely fitted out by London's court designers, as might have been expected, she placed a large order for white crepe de chine with a little-known dealer in the Tay-side city.

Queen Mary has given Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon a "sunburst" diamond brooch, the stones being set in the form of a rising sun. The gift was presented when the Duke of York and his fiancée visited the King and Queen at Sandringham. Queen Mother Alexandra also presented Lady Elizabeth with a piece of jewelry.

The prevailing cold has interrupted several social gatherings planned this week and many prominent citizens are among the missing in business and social activities.

Miss Ethel Bagnall, of St. Anne de Bellevue, is visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reid, Ottawa.

A delightful afternoon tea in aid of the P.E.I. Hospital, given in the Victoria Hotel dining room yesterday through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, was very largely patronized everyone intent on helping in the upkeep of this popular institution.

In the death of Mr. A. W. Sterns, Charlottetown loses a citizen who will be kindly remembered in all circles. Genuine sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Miss Ethel Bagnall, is spending a pleasant holiday with her brother Dr. Stanley and Mrs. Bagnall in Halifax.

The 70th Birthday of Dr. Alex McNeill, Summerside was made the glad occasion for presenting him with a gold headed cane by the Medical Fraternity and conferees of the P. C. Hospital as a mark of their high esteem and appreciation.

Mr. James Patton's interesting talk on his recent European tour afforded much pleasure to those who were present in the Hearze Memorial Hall on Monday evening.

The Mount Allison Ladies Basketball team which has already played the Charlottetown Club, won from the Acadia girls 16-15 in a special match on Saturday afternoon. The game was close in every phase, with both teams striving hard to secure the winning points. At all times, both teams were in striking distance of a lead, but the one point that Mount Allison landed in the last minutes of the match gave them the game.

Little Effie McKay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McKay, Summerside has been quite seriously ill, but is happily now out of danger.

That the Red Maes are good sports was demonstrated in the graceful manner in which they took their defeat on Wednesday from the successful Abbie Sisters who are heartily congratulated on their well earned success.

Radio fans who enjoyed several splendid concerts this week had the pleasure of hearing among the vocal musical members, Miss Penelope Davies of New York, who is so pleasantly remembered here where she charmed everyone with her wonderful singing.

Mrs. A. A. McLean entertained at two bridge parties this week for ladies who are in Ottawa for the parliamentary session. Skirts are of medium length

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Daily Selections For Guardian Readers From the W. S. Louson collection IF WE KNEW. There are gems of wondrous brightness Oftimes lying at our feet. And we pass them, walking thoughtless Down the busy, crowded street. If we knew, our pace would slacken— We would step more oft with care Lest our careless feet be treading To the earth some jewel rare. If we knew what hearts are aching For the comfort we might bring If we knew what souls are yearning For the sunshine we could fling Walking pathways roughly laid, We would quickly hasten forward, Stretching forth our hands to aid. If we knew that friends around us Feel a want they never tell— That some word which we have spoken, Pained or wounded where it fell, We would speak in accents tender, O each friend we chanced to meet, We would give to each one freely Smiles of sympathy so sweet! —G. Richardson. MONTREAL PASTOR'S CALL. AMHERST, N. S., Feb. 23.—The First Baptist Church of Amherst has decided to extend a call to the pastorate of the church, within the coming vacant March 31, when Rev. R. Rose leaves for Peterboro, Ont. to Rev. F. L. Orchard, B. A., B. D., who for the last six years has been pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, Montreal, Rev. Mr. Orchard is a native of New Brunswick, a graduate in arts of the University of New Brunswick and in theology of New York Theological Institution. Rev. Mr. Orchard, on being appointed last night, stated that no formal call had reached him as yet, so that he was not in a position to make any comment upon the despatch. Lord Harewood to a dukedom whereupon Viscount Lascelles would be an Earl and his son a Viscount. But it is thought that the details of this and the christening will be left until Princess Mary is able to give the matter her personal attention.

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