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THE VETOING POWER

Much interest has naturally been aroused by the recent action of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in refusing his assent to a bill regularly passed by a substantial majority in the legislature. The right of His Honour in theory to exercise his prerogative in assenting or declining his assent to a legislative enactment is not questioned. This is his constitutional right as a lieutenant governor, as His Majesty's representative. The right is inherent in the King as the constituted head of the British government; it is transmitted by His Majesty to the Governors General and to the lieutenant governors of the dominions and provinces overseas respectively.

In the British Parliament the vetoing power, formerly a prerogative of the House of Lords, has been abolished leaving it exclusively in the hands of His Majesty who exercises it solely on the advice of his council in the Canadian Parliament the Senate exercises a limited right of veto over the Commons while the Governor General exercises the right on the advice of his council to allow or disallow enactments which have received the assent of both houses. In this province in former years the Legislative Council held the veto power over acts of the General Assembly but this council was abolished and the only vetoing authority remains with the Lieutenant Governor.

The question naturally arises: Is there a limit to the Lieutenant Governor's prerogative? The limits of constitutional government here are not as clearly defined as they ought to be and we are of the opinion that a definite, authoritative ruling on the matter should be obtained. In the present case for instance the Lieutenant Governor acted without his constituted advisers.

As matters now stand the provincial legislature, the elected representative of the people, is powerless. It may enact legislation in accordance with the will of the majority of the people as represented in the legislature and its legislation may be nullified without explanation by the Lieutenant Governor who receives his authority not from the people but from the Crown.

OLD HOME WEEK

The intention of the Tourist Association to hold an Old Home Week during the coming summer will commend itself to all our people. There are few families in the province that have not members or near relatives abroad, many of them within comparatively easy reach of home and who will avail themselves of the opportunity to join in a general home coming. The arrangements are in good hands and, while the details are not yet worked out, we may expect that every possible advantage will be placed within reach of those who desire to come home during the appointed week, and also that ample provision will be made for their entertainment and accommodation when they come. The main thing at present is for everyone to get behind the movement, to tell their sons and daughters abroad and to sharpen their desire to come home at that time. There is no question that the Old Home Week will be a big success and it will be all the bigger and all the more enjoyable if

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The Budget speech delivered by Hon. Mr. Robb on Thursday last, was an innovation based on a radical change in the book-keeping methods of former years. It was devised to show a surplus and a reduction of the national debt which have no existence in fact and could not be made to appear without this change of method. The main feature is taking the railway deficit and debt out of the national account altogether and thereby conjuring up a book-keeping "surplus on ordinary account," quite after the manner of the Bell government in this Province. In this way a surplus of \$30,000,000 is made to appear instead of a deficit of \$20,000,000 which would be apparent if Mr. Robb had followed the course of Mr. Fielding last year and of the Meighen Government previously.

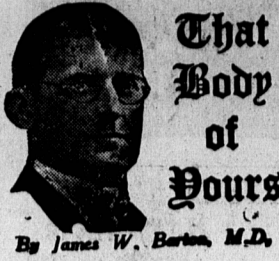
This was pointed out by Sir Henry Drayton in a few words when he stated that "the surplus claimed was obtained by the elimination of railway obligations to the extent of \$72,500,000." By so much the book-keeping surplus and alleged reduction of the net debt of Canada is a fiction devised to humbug the people. The Government and the tax payers are equally obligated to pay the railway debt and the interest thereon as they are to pay any other debt contracted by the Dominion. It is deceptive accounting which has concealed a very real deficit and made a very real addition to the national debt assert itself as a reduction.

The readjustment of the customs tariff and the sales tax come under a different class. The sales tax is reduced from 6 per cent to 5 per cent which is generally conceded to be a short step in the right direction although in that respect it takes off but about one third of what Mr. Fielding added thereto. The number of exempted articles is, however, somewhat increased thus extending further relief in that way. The sales tax on boots and shoes is cut in two and should have the effect of reducing prices to customers.

What will cause much more disappointment and disputation in political and industrial circles is the reduction of customs duties on agricultural, mining and lumbering machines; tools, and implements. There are scores of Canadian manufacturing establishments employing thousands of artisans engaged in making these implements and machines and a much larger number of dependents upon these workers who will be hard hit. Resentment over this treatment arises from the assurances given from time to time by Mr. Fielding last year and from Premier King during the present session of Parliament that Canadian manufacturers in these lines would not be in any way injuriously affected by tariff changes. These assurances have been but little regarded by the ministers who made them.

Hon. Mr. Fielding in his last year's budget speech argued strongly for tariff stability on a level with the rates of duties then existing and refused to hold himself or the Liberal party bound by their pre-election platform. But the western Free Traders and Progressives have captured control of the Government and another Budget Maker has arisen who knows not Fielding. The old time struggle of 1878, 1882, 1891 and 1896 between free trade and near free trade on the one side and industrial protection on the other is apparently about to be renewed throughout the Dominion. Instead of tariff stability promised last year, Mr. Robb has given tariff disruption of a very disturbing and unsettling character.

Sir Henry Drayton is to resume his speech on the budget today and will throw further light upon it which will be awaited with interest. In the meantime the Progressives have held a caucus, the result of which has not at this writing transpired, but they will find little difficulty in supporting



Chat Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

SNORING

A British physician has announced a cure for snoring. You are trying to get to sleep on the train, in a hotel, or even at home, and some on near you is snoring so loudly that sleep becomes impossible. What causes this snoring? Usually there is some obstruction in the nose, and part of the air necessary for the lungs goes through the open mouth, which was opened up to admit a sufficient quantity.

This physician's idea is to enlarge the two openings at the back of the nose leading into the throat.

As you know these two openings are very much like the two openings into the nose in front.

Just how he intends to enlarge these openings was not stated in the article, but the idea is certainly a good one.

In a former article I spoke of an athlete I saw in England some years ago, who was wearing an apparatus to keep his nostrils dilated during a foot race.

Experience had taught him that at the critical moment in a race he might need an extra amount of air, and he didn't want to inhale through his mouth, as that would admit the dust or dirt of the track or road to enter, and thus irritate his throat.

Mouth breathers have irritable throats as the moisture that should come from the lining of the nose to moisten the air going into the lungs, is taken from the throat instead.

Many people have slight obstructions in the nose, and when they fall asleep the mouth gradually opens, and so snoring begins.

Sometimes it is only a habit because in desperation they will actually strap or gag their mouth, and sleep all right until morning.

So if you are affected, or are afflicting others with snoring, it would be well to try putting a bandage over your mouth at night.

If you find that you are unable to get enough air this way, it would be wise to consult a nose specialist.

In the meantime we'll all wait to learn just how this physician spoken of above, proposes to enlarge the back openings of the nose.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

ONE EASTER-LILY IN A HOT-HOUSE POT

By CHARLOTTE BECKER.

- One Easter lily in a hot-house pot May bring back all the fragrance of the spring; And one caged linnets wistful carolling Store all the music of some woodland spot; Within the glory of our forced apricot May lie the down of an orchard's gold; And one wee fountain's trickling sighs may hold A river's rippling through a forest grove; So may a woman's subtle charm convey Beauty a myriad times beyond her own; Beguitten from a glance or gesture thrown, As dawn may hint the splendor of the day; So often something infinitely less Reveals the very soul of loveliness!



ARTHUR HAVENS

British open golf champion, who won the unofficial world championship over the United States, when he defeated Bobby Jones recently at Atlanta, Georgia.

adopted at their own instance and as the price of their continued assistance to the King government. The industrial communities of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes have other views which will no doubt find expression as the debate proceeds. The United States tariff mounts up from day to day. Surely this is not the time to throw away or weaken the moderate protection so far enjoyed by the workers and producers of Can-

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.

MOUNTIES PENSION GRIEVANCES

Sir,—Owing to inadequate pensions, the little band of surviving veterans of the Royal North West Mounted Police are living in many cases, in actual want. The Royal North West Mounted Police Veterans' Association, through their friends in the Dominion House of Commons, intend to press for an adjustment during the present session of Parliament. This appeal is to ask you to help them by pushing their claim with your representatives in the House.

The Association is asking Parliament to carry out two acts of simple justice; first, to raise the pensions received by the old-timers of the force to the scale at present enjoyed by the members of the present Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as from January 1st, 1919, but not at present applicable to men who left the corps before that date; second, to concede the grant of land scrip as issued to all other units, to the old-timers of the force who aided in suppressing the North West Rebellion of 1885.

The pensions received by these veterans are based on a percentage of the pay they received when in the service. The pay of the old-time constables amounted to the small sum of 50 to 75 cents per day, while the pay of the higher ranks was in proportion. Superintendents, who had the responsibility of policing vast areas and were recognized as being equivalent in rank to Major and Lieutenant-Colonels of the army, receiving only \$1400 a year. Here are some of the YEARLY pensions they receive, under the 1909 regulations:

Constables of the old force, after 25 years' continuous service, receive as pension an annual sum equal to thirty-fiftieths of their annual pay, with an addition of one-fiftieth of his annual pay for every completed year above 25, the pension in no case to exceed two-thirds of his annual pay at retirement.

Constables of the old force, after 21 years' continuous service, receive an annual sum equal to twenty-fiftieths of his annual pay, with an addition of two-fiftieths of his annual pay for every completed year of service over 20 years.

Corporals and other Non-commissioned Officers fare little better than Staff-Sergeants, who receive over \$30 a month. These examples speak for themselves and provide sufficient argument for immediate action.

Compared with these, the pensions now awarded to members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the successors of the Royal North West Mounted Police, are princely, though none too generous. These, too, are based on pay, so that nowadays a constable receives \$2 and upwards a day, and for this, may draw a pension after 10 years' service, if discharged through disability, or after 20 years' service under ordinary conditions. Such pensions are actually being drawn by ex-members of the force eligible for them.

The new force after January 1, 1919, receive: Constables, 1st year, \$1.50 per day plus 50c bonus (formerly 50c per day), increasing by 5c per day up to third year, and to \$1.75 per day for fourth and subsequent years; Corporals, \$2.00 per day plus 50c bonus (formerly 80c per day); Sergeants, \$2.25 plus 75c bonus (formerly \$1.00); Staff-Sergeants, \$2.50 plus 75c bonus (formerly \$1.50).

It is perfectly obvious that a pension which may have been adequate 25 years ago, when the regulations under which the veterans of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police draw their pensions were enacted is totally inadequate now, owing to the phenomenal rise in the cost of living. This has been recognized by the authorities in granting increased pensions to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. But it costs a veteran of the Royal North West Mounted Police as much to live as it does a veteran of the younger corps. Therefore, the pension drawn by the former obviously should be on a par with that of the latter.

A fact that makes life doubly hard for the old-timer of the Royal North West Mounted Police is that, owing to strict regulations, he was prevented, in the old days, from sharing many of the opportunities for making money enjoyed by his civilian contemporaries. He had to stay poor.

Then as to THE LAND GRANT FOR THE VETERANS OF 1885. There is absolutely no justification for the action of the governments of the day, and of those which followed it in denying the Mounted Police the grant bestowed to all members of the Militia who served. The Mounted Police bore by far the greater brunt of the struggle, and their claim is undeniably just.

To right these wrongs will cost little. The old-timers of the force are but a handful and are dying off rapidly. It is necessary to remind any Canadian, Eastern or Western, of the debt owed by Canada to these men? Without them, the peaceful upbuilding of Western Canada, with the prosperity it has meant to all but the veterans themselves, would have been utterly impossible. These men constantly risked their lives and endured great privations to make Western Canada a fit place for the Western Settler to live in, and safe for the investment

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Under the above heading, we advertised in the "Halifax Chronicle," "Halifax Herald," "St. John Telegraph" and "Charlottetown Guardian" for three issues of each paper, during the week commencing January 28th to February 2nd of the year that "One of our native patriots who was successful in keeping his own eligible sons out of the firing line denied to us the privilege of handling a certain line of merchandise" (meaning Hohner Harmonicas) or "in other words refused to grant us the right of doing business in the country we fought for."

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We much regret the publication of the mis-statement and desire to apologize to the gentlemen named therein. Mr. Pattillo and his sons have agreed to accept this retraction and apology with our paying their expenses in full satisfaction and that no action of actions will be taken against ourselves or the papers publishing the advertisement.

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It is now our duty to see that they are given justice in their old age.

It may be added that the survivors among the veterans of the R. N. W. M. P. of the early days are receiving payments of about one-third of the average long-service pension which the members of the succeeding body, the present R. C. M. P., are awarded upon discharge today. Constables with 26 years' service were receiving \$226.30 per year, as compared with \$669, which is paid to constables today for the same length of service. A corporal with 20 years' service with the old body receives only \$155 a year, while under the new scale for a minimum of 12 years' service, a corporal of the present forces receives \$262.80, which would be approximately twice that amount for 20 years' service. It is estimated that about 125 of the veterans are still living.

I am Sir, etc. HARWOOD STEELE

Your Birthday

APRIL 14.—You have a strong, clear mind, a sweet temper, a kindly spirit, and good judgment. Most of your ideas are practical, and you think and act quickly. Your love is inflexible, and might be thought too demonstrative by some. You will have many friends. Cultivate hope, and never give way to jealousy. Your birth-stone is a diamond, which means innocence. Your flower is a daisy. Your lucky colors are red and yellow.

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