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PREPARING FOR ELECTION

Our Liberal friends are making elaborate though complicated preparations for the coming bye-elections. One of the arguments put forward in all solemnity by the Patriot is the desirability of having the provincial government in line with the federal government.

Notes By The Way

Premier Bell with Commissioners Crosby and Lea, but with the Attorney General notably absent, have been attending their party conventions for the nomination of bye-election candidates in the western and eastern sections of the Province.

It is further noteworthy that neither the Premier nor his Commissioners, nor any of his henchmen west or east has made any answer to the grave charge, repeated hundreds of times in the press and on the platform that they gained place and power in 1919 by grossly deceiving the people.

THE CAMPAIGN

The bye-election campaign opened rather inauspiciously for the Liberals in Prince County. As briefly reported in our yesterday's issue the West Prince Liberal Association had a stormy meeting at O'Leary.

It is cheap argument to lay all the country's ills at the door of the previous government but this particular ill, if ill it be will not down in that way. The facts are self-evident; the Progressive party is very largely Liberal and for the simple reason that they had no faith or confidence in their party or their leaders.

The deceivers, to cover up the fraud by which they gained a victory at the polls three years ago tell us of roads they built and are building. If these were all that they are claimed to be could they atone for the deception they practised upon the people, or by paths and crooked roads by which they climbed to power? Did they tell the people in 1919 that they intended to expend a half million dollars in road building?

SWIMMING

To be a good swimmer is not necessarily a guarantee of immunity from drowning. Many good swimmers have been drowned, in fact it may be admitted that over-confidence in one's swimming ability has been the cause of many a drowning accident.

LIBERALS AND PROGRESSIVES

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It is apparent that the old feuds between leading members of the Bell Cabinet have not been healed and that the government is meeting the electorate in the coming contests as a house divided against itself—a house which cannot stand.

But every delegate knew the reason, as all the country knows it. It was because of the blundering and incapacity of the government in the first place and their lawless decision afterward to defy the law of necessity and the imperative statute of which the Premier had spoken and to deny to the electors their constitutional right of representation.

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In this sea-girt province of ours swimming is an art in which many of our young people are experts. Possibly too little attention is paid to the art and many go in bathing who cannot swim a stroke. They should all learn to swim and there are few places in which it can be more easily or safely learned than at our many summer resorts.

In a country like ours more emphasis should be placed on swimming as an athletic exercise and swimming contests would make a valuable and entertaining addition to our other athletic sports.

REDUCTION OF LEGISLATURE AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

It has been said that there is wisdom in a multitude of counselors. Where there are large, wide spread and varied interests to be dealt with, and where the counselors are competent men, familiar with the details of the matters under consideration, the old saying is still doubtless true.

As to the public business of this smallest of the provinces of Canada—there is nothing intricate or difficult about it. The education of the young, the conviction of law-breakers, the provision of good roads, the safe-keeping of persons mentally defective or insane, the expenditure of less than \$500,000 per year—these are its chief duties—and all these are carried on upon long-tried and well-understood principles and methods.

A new era in communication between Europe and America began yesterday, according to radio engineers, when the big wireless station of the Centre Radioelectrique de Paris at Sainte Assise, France, opened officially.

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It is larger; proportionately to amount of the provincial revenue and the sums to be annually voted, it is also larger. Nor will it be contended that the public affairs of this province are more efficiently or more satisfactorily conducted than those of the other provinces.

To effect this needed change, efficiently and satisfactorily, the first step is, I submit, a reduction of the Legislature to one-half its present size. By this first step, \$6,000 a year would at once be saved by the province; and this amount, whether applied to the payment of interests on the provincial debt or economically expended in the public service, would be the beginning of a better administration of provincial affairs.

As described by radio experts here, the service means a tremendous impetus to commerce by wireless across the Atlantic Ocean. With the inauguration of the new company, the French Government has ceased to control the radio in France and private initiative is to take the place of Governmental administration.

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Daily Selections for Guardian Readers From the W. S. Louson collection THE GREAT UNWHIMPERING. A little band of stern-eyed men is marching on with heads held high. With broken swords, with hope struck low, With pride that fell before a foe, With neither tear nor sigh. They are the beaten; they the whipped. Of life's great throng, the rank and file Who clutched at victory and lost; Who grimly fought, but paid the cost. Yet see their dauntless smile, Tight is the grasp upon the hilt; Bloody each face, yet on they swing. No banners float, no trumpets sound, But to the heights their course is bound— The conquered conquering. They knew the battle at its worst; They felt defeat's unhalloed sting; But their immortal souls took And made for them a victor's name— "The Great Unwhimpering."

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