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NOTES BY THE WAY

Great interest centred in the international skating contest held in Saint John last week in which contestants from Canada, the United States and far-off Finland, took part.

THE DRAMA AT OTTAWA SEEN THROUGH ISLAND EYES

(By R. L. COTTON) (Special to The Guardian)

The general anticipation has been for a very mild time at the House of Commons this week. But instead yesterday afternoon's sitting opened off with a decided breeze and throughout the afternoon and evening there were some pretty hot periods due to the generation of heat from the Nova Scotian, and particularly the Cape Breton coal situation.

After questions and some other formalities, Dr. Johnston, of one of the Cape Breton constituencies, moved that the debate on the address be adjourned in order that a matter of urgent national concern should be brought to the attention of the House.

After a large proportion of the members had signified a desire that Dr. Johnston be heard the Speaker allowed him to proceed. He thereupon launched upon a description of the serious conditions existing at Sydney Mines in the Northern Cape Breton coal areas and at Glace Bay in the southern area, the suffering already existing amongst the miners and their families and the probability of much more serious trouble in the immediate future unless something is done to provide sufficient work for the men.

The matter was discussed at great length first by the Cape Breton representatives and by Colonel Cantley of Pictou, by Dr. Manion, Messrs. Church, Nicholson, Price, Foster and other Conservatives, by the Labor members Messrs. Heap and Woodworth, by Miss MacPhail, by Hon. E. M. MacDonald, Hon. J. H. King and the Minister of the Interior on behalf of the government and by Mr. Meighen.

There was a good deal of cross firing, decided heat displayed some politics played and lively criticism of Sir Henry Thornton, Mr. Meighen and other Conservative speakers, while urging immediate assistance, were emphatic in their belief that the difficulties in the coal areas could never be solved until Canada put into operation a solid national coal policy and stopped its shivering and trembling and cringing before the United States upon whom a large body of Canadian consumers are now dependent for their supply.

Finally the matter was disposed of shortly before 11 o'clock when the Hon. Mr. Stewart, Minister of the Interior promised that the Government would get into immediate touch with Premier Rhodes of Nova Scotia, and through the Minister of Railways with Sir Henry Thornton, and through the Fuel Board with the Board of Railway Commissioners and they would use all their endeavors so that some arrangement might be arrived at which would quickly relieve the distress prevailing.

Miss Dorothy Wyatt of Summerside who has been visiting Miss Lenore Chapman in Ottawa, has gone on to Toronto, where she will remain for some months.

Mrs. W. E. Cotton, entertained Wednesday afternoon at a Bridge and shower in honor of Miss Emma Gordon. The rooms were prettily decorated with daffodils.

Mrs. Augustus Bentley was a Bridge hostess on two occasions this week, entertaining her friends very pleasantly on Thursday and Friday evenings.

Miss Alma Wetmore of Campbellton, N. B., was hostess at an informal tea recently in honor of Miss Constance Pritchard, of Summerside. Miss Pritchard, was also the guest of honor at several other social functions during her visit.

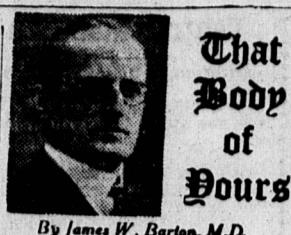
Mrs. W. E. Cotton entertained very agreeably at an afternoon Bridge Wednesday for her numerous friends.

The engagement of Miss Emma J. Gordon and Mr. Roy D. Quigley was announced to their friends this week, marriage to take place in February.

The popular slogan now is not to cut down expenses but to cut down material. Designers have gotten rid of the petticoat even with the sheers and most diaphanous silk frocks by substituting bloomers with a loose panel which hangs down in front and back and provides the necessary shadow proof effect.

Mrs. Creelman McArthur and Miss Adele McArthur of Summerside were among the guests in attendance at the first of the season's skating parties given by their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Lady Byng of Vimy.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Jenkins, wife of Lieut. Col. S. R. Jenkins, entertained at her lovely home in Brighton, eleven tables of Bridge being played during the afternoon. An abundance of daffodils were effectively used while in the dining room handsome American beauty roses were used to good effect. Here tea was poured by Miss Amy Palmer and the ices cut by Mrs. Ivan Reddin, assistants were Miss Dorothy Simpson, Miss Nellie Gillespie, Miss Adele McLellan, Miss Camilla Hornby and the



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Hours

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Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

January 30, 1926 A RENEWED COVENANT— "And he dreamed; * * * And behold, Jehovah said, the land wherewith thou livest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; * * * and I will be in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Gen. 28: 12-14.

January 31, 1926 A SATISFACTORY VOW— "And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, * * * and I will be my God, then this stone * * * shall be my God's house; and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Gen. 28:20-22.

THE BRIDGE-BUILDER An old man, going a lone highway. Came at the evening, cold and gray To a chasm vast and deep and wide. The old man crossed in the twilight dim.

THE GHOST COLLEGE When shades of eventide descend, And night comes on the stage, And we upon our book of life Have turned another page.

THE "MINUTES" OF THE MEET BEFORE Are read by Giant John, And when adopted as they're read, The meeting then goes on.

THE BRIDGE-BUILDER (continued) The sullen stream had no fear for him; And he turned when safe on the other side And built a bridge to span the tide.

THE BRIDGE-BUILDER (continued) "Old man," said a fellow-pilgrim near, "You are wasting your strength with building here; You never again will pass this way; You've crossed the chasm deep and wide, Why build you this bridge at evening-tide?"

THE BRIDGE-BUILDER (continued) The bullock lifted his old gray head, "Good friend, in the path I have Price, daughter of Mr. George Pritchard of Toronto, to Mr. Albert William Plunkett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Plunkett, of Toronto, was solemnized on Friday at noon in the Fort Rouge United church.

THE BRIDGE-BUILDER (continued) Winnipeg, the Rev. E. F. Church officiating. Mrs. Plunkett will accompany her husband on his tour with the Dumbells to Vancouver. Public announcement of the wedding was made in the theatre at Winnipeg on Friday evening by Mr. Ben Allen, member of the Dumbells, as Mr. Plunkett stepped on the stage to sing. At the close of the show the company and a few immediate friends of the party went to the Marlborough hotel, where an informal reception and supper were held by Mr. Morley Plunkett, and Capt. M. W. Plunkett, who had attended their brother's wedding earlier in the day. The ceremony was held immediately after the arrival of Miss Price from Toronto.

UNDECIDED Inquiring Visitor—To what do you attribute your long life, uncle? Oldest Inhabitant—Well, I don't rightly know. Several patent medicine companies is bargaining with me now.

A TRUTH PROVED Reformer—"Young man, don't you realize that you will never get anywhere by drinking?" Stewed—"Ain't it the truth? I've started home from this corner five times already."

COOKING OILS can frequently be used as a substitute for melted butter.

Dr. Errol Notting, V. S. who is giving a course of lectures in the Truro Agricultural College, spent the week end in Dartmouth with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Notting, Crichton Avenue.

Miss Emma Gordon was guest of honor at an afternoon tea and shower given by Mrs. Samuel Kennedy and Mrs. R. H. Jenkins, at the former's home Thursday afternoon. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Seth Henderson, accompanied by Mrs. Baker, Mrs. W. A. Miller poured tea and the following ladies assisted in serving, Mrs. Frank

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LUST OF POWER

We note by our Ottawa despatches yesterday that the temporary Liberal leader, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, has announced that he will ask for an adjournment of six weeks in order to reconstruct the Cabinet. We note also that there is strong opposition among the different groups in the House to such an adjournment.

Probably a more shamelessly brazen request had never before been presented to a Canadian or any other parliament. A party defeated at the polls by a majority of the electors and by a majority of the provinces—by all the provinces in fact where politics was an issue—comes back to parliament with a dismembered cabinet usurped governmental powers and has the presumption to ask the members to go home for six weeks, for what? To give the defeated Liberal party an opportunity to rake Canada from end to end in order to provide eight or nine safe seats for cabinet ministers where their own constituencies have turned them down! To ask eight or nine Liberal members, who had been elected by apparently safe majorities, to resign their seats to make room for prospective cabinet ministers! Ancient Gaul, we are told was divided into three parts: the gall of the Liberal leaders at Ottawa is evidently whole and undivided.

The House—Liberals, Conservatives and Progressives—is opposed to this new presumption. The members have settled down for a leisurely winter. They are ensconced in comfortable quarters, in hotels, in private boarding houses, in temporary homes of their own. Why should they break up house-keeping, they ask. Why should they leave the gay and comfortable capital for the bleak and cheerless country, perhaps to meet irate electors and to explain things that can't be explained?

The lust of power is insatiable. Perhaps matters will be so presented to them as to make them realize that it is to be a six weeks adjournment or a dissolution. In that case many of them, perhaps the majority will give their consent and obediently go home—for the six weeks.

The situation at Ottawa has become a national disgrace and this request for a six weeks adjournment has sunk it even below that. Just how long Canadians will stand for it cannot be predicted, but if we are not hearing a national catastrophe we are certainly hearing a good and sufficient cause for it.

The Liberal party after muddling through four sessions without accomplishing anything, by their own admission because they had not enough support in the House, come back with less support and presume to go on doing nothing indefinitely and now want six weeks to scour the country in an attempt to change the opinion expressed on October 29! This appears to be the limit.

OUR HOPE

With a few notable exceptions the Liberal press throughout Canada is laboring to prove that Mr. Mackenzie King has taken the right course in hanging on to the government. This, notwithstanding the fact that his party was defeated and the still more important fact that, as his party is, liable as it is to be defeated on any worthwhile motion, that indeed no worthwhile motion can be introduced on which there may be differences of opinion!

Was the Liberal party defeated on October 29th? Here is the record of votes polled: Liberals, including two who ran as independents and who were elected because they were supposed to be not too

These figures alone show that the Liberal party lost the election by over 200,000.

By an arrangement with the Progressives and other groups who were elected in straight opposition to the government, the Liberals have, up to the present, a majority of three. Out of their ranks, however, they have to form a cabinet which will mean that whatever portfolio members are appointed and there must be four of five at least, they must return to their constituencies for re-election.

These three or four or five, as the case may be, cannot all be turned loose at one time or the government would be defeated. They must be led to the slaughter one by one. The first one, no doubt, will be taken to a "safe constituency." If he is defeated the government's majority will be reduced to two. If elected the "great victory" will be acclaimed all over the country in the hope of helping the next one that shall be called out and the farce will be continued till the necessary number of cabinet ministers are elected or the whole party turned out bag and baggage. It all recalls the old nursery rhyme about the "nine little niggers sitting on a fence"—each in succession meeting a fence—"disaster untill, at last, there was none."

And this is the government of Canada today, this situation that Liberal newspapers going into Canadian homes are trying to justify, falsely and misleadingly trying to defend. Men elected, presumably in the belief that they were honest and honourable are making eloquently evasive speeches in parliament in defence of it; the real situation is being misrepresented, the truth is being suppressed by men posing as the trusted representatives of the people, and for what? To hold office, to get a ministerial salary or a sessional indemnity!

And Canada is a great country, a country of vast possibilities, of almost unlimited resources, a country capable of becoming the greatest on the American continent because it has the greatest natural resources of any country in the world.

EDITORIAL NOTES

This province is not accustomed to blizzards but there was a near approach to one on Thursday night.

The Progressive tall is wagging the Liberal dog these days, all right, but the effort makes a poor sort of administration.

Some road masters have forgotten that the roads should be broken immediately after each snowstorm. Neglect of this is a serious inconvenience to the public. Cases have occurred where medical attendance was sorely needed and could not be procured because of impassable roads.

The raffling and bartering at Ottawa has become so thoroughly disgusting that even the best Liberal papers have ceased discussing it. The idea of 244 men marking time and another seeking a safe seat out in the west—all for the sake of holding a job which was taken from them by the people is both humiliating, and lamentable.

Cardinal Mercier's death, says an exchange, recalls his judgment on the two German governors of the occupied districts in Belgium with whom he came intimately in contact: "Van Falkenhausen was more cruel and inhuman than Von Bissing, and more perfidious, insidious and dangerous. There was

Swapping horses while crossing a river is proverbially difficult and dangerous, but it is not to be compared to the difficulty and danger of replacing half a dozen defeated ministers with new ones and re-electing the latter in a hostile country while the political battle goes on at Ottawa. The posterous plea for a long adjournment immediately after the address is passed ought not to be granted and we trust it will not be entertained.

Many measures have been promised by the Government, most of which are of a controversial nature and must involve long debates. To these, we are now told, another is to be added making provision for old age pensions. A long adjournment now would delay the most urgent business of the country, which is to provide the means for carrying on the public services of the country. Such delay would almost inevitably extend the session to next mid-summer.

There is no belief that the Government can carry half of the measures that it has foreshadowed. The last session ended with the bulk of the Government's proposed bills and projects thrown into the parliamentary waste-basket. The effort to have these bills and projects enacted and sanctioned by Parliament proved utterly futile and what prospect is there for anything better in the way of useful legislation this year if the useless and shattered King government is permitted to carry on?

In the present crisis it is not an adjournment that is wanted. That could not relieve the situation, help the country or mend the fortunes of an imbecile and useless government which, like a dog in the manger, is still clinging to place and power with no legitimate claim thereto. The country has waited through November, December and January for the resignation of the King Government, due three months ago, and after Parliament has been in session for weeks, with the Prime Minister and half his former colleagues banished from the Chamber, the best that the shattered fragment of an Administration can offer is a six weeks' adjournment! How long can such sordid and humiliating conditions be permitted to continue? Surely, not very long.

Yours truly, J. E. BURNETT

JANUARY 30.—You have the power to influence all with whom you come in contact, either for good or evil. Use this power wisely. You will never be demonstrative, but will, nevertheless, love with a true, strong passion. Be careful to abstain from jealousy.

Your birthstone is a garnet, which means faithfulness. Your flower is a snowdrop. Your lucky colors are navy-blue and black.

JANUARY 31.—You have a keen sense of justice, and are a lover of nature and out-of-door life. You

Happenings of The Week

A single thought of kindness. And one small word of cheer. Do more to help a man along Than preaching for a year.

A single act of friendliness. A handshake, firm and true. Do more to help a lame dog on Than most advice will do.

But just one word of sympathy. With just one sunny smile. Will make a fellow square his jaw— And things seem worth his while.

The Prince of Wales has accepted nomination for the captaincy of the Mid-Surrey Golf Club, of which he is a member. He frequently plays over the club's course in Richmond.

Mrs. Stewart, wife of Premier Stewart, entertained the young married ladies at a very delightful Bridge at her home Thursday evening. Last evening Mrs. Stewart was hostess for her popular daughters at a mixed Bridge, the young people having a most delightful evening terminating very happily with a deliciously served supper.

Miss Bona Mills, B. A. is in Montreal this week in connection with the National Girls' Work Board. Canadian Girls in training who are holding conferences there.

Mrs. A. A. McLean of Ottawa, entertained at a delightful week-end tea in honour of visiting Islanders, Mrs. George Hyndman presided at the tea table and among the guests was the Hon. Arthur Meighen.

Mrs. E. S. Blanchard entertained very delightfully at Bridge on Thursday evening.

Mrs. D. R. Morrison of Summerside is among the welcome guests here this week and is widely entertained.

In despair. What you need most is perseverance and a greater degree of confidence in your own ability. You should have a very happy marriage. Your birthstone is a garnet, which means faithfulness.