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THE DIFFERENCE

In the course of his speech on the Pledge the Hon. A. E. Arsenault drew a comparison between the Government and the Opposition in the observance of the Prohibition Act. He showed that the members of the Government did not parade before the country as belonging to the "holier than thou" category. Neither did they allow their offices to be used for the distribution of liquor on nomination day, nor wink at 87 cases of whisky, built up to represent hay, as Mayor Saunders testified being imported into their constituencies. The Government believes in acts not words. Prohibition is the law of the Province and the Government enforces it without fear or favour. It gives no countenance to so called "Apostles of Temperance" who thunder and rave on the hustings and on Temperance platforms and at the same time shut their eyes on nomination day to the very practices they hoped to denounce.

The Patriot tries to make capital out of this in its usual Bureau-of-Garbling-and-Misrepresentation method. Lest some of our readers may have overlooked the passage the Patriot refers to, we have pleasure in reprinting it. Mr. Arsenault said:

"Now my opinion on the Temperance Question is this, that all right thinking people are about sick of hearing so much about it. We had an hour of it the other night—one solid hour—from the Leader of the Opposition. My friend the Leader of the Opposition is not only a financial critic; he is also the apostle of temperance in this province. He is Simon Pure and wears the robe of innocence in matters of temperance. He also has an adviser in this matter his *Fidus Achates*. My friend knows what that is, because he has read the classics. We see him travelling with him. He is his travelling companion between here and Summerside. He never leaves the city but that man escorts him to the train, his faithful adviser on matters of temperance. He frequently follows him right through to Summerside and accompanies him back. We all know who he is. He is the man who has been the soul and body of the Temperance Alliance in this province for the last three years.

"Now, I have respect for a man with temperance sentiments, who believes that liquor is harmful, who believes that it should be banished from the community, who believes that it should not be used in any shape or form. If that man is sincere he has my admiration, my respect. But I hate a hypocrite; a man who holds up his hands and says 'Lord, I think that I am not as publicans and sinners.' Men of that stamp I have no use for. And the man who is the advocate of the political section of this province—because there is a political section, although it is a very small one, consisting of two or three men—I say that man who is the advocate of that section he has put himself on a par with his employee. That man stands to-day as a self-confessed corrupter of the electorate. I say it advisedly. Why should we have a man come forward and tell us that we are the friends of intemperance when he himself confesses that he has been *aparticeps criminis*?"

Mr. BELL: Does the hon. gentleman refer to me?

The PREMIER: It looks like it. (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. ARSENAULT: Does the cap fit the hon. gentleman?

Mr. BELL: If the hon. gentleman refers to me I would ask him to withdraw his words. He is not justified in saying anything of the kind.

Hon. Mr. ARSENAULT: Does the hon. member think the words apply to him?

Mr. BELL: No; I don't.

Hon. Mr. ARSENAULT: So far as I am concerned I have had my last say in this matter. The Government does not pose before the country as apostles of temperance. They say that there is a law on the statute book and so far as they are concerned the law will be administered without fear or favour.

There is no misunderstanding these sentiments. They have the ring of sincerity and truth in them, and the people know that it is so. Why does the Patriot refuse to publish the context? Simply because as the Bureau of Garbling and Misrepresentation truth would appear incongruous in its columns.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPORT

The departmental reports for the past year are now out and the story of the year's work, so far as the Government is concerned, is in the hands of the people.

The Public Schools report is an especially interesting one and tells of continued progress in what is per-

haps the most important of all our departments. A table on page twelve, giving the enrolment, average daily attendance, percentage of attendance, supplements voted at annual school meetings and expenditure by the Government since 1885 tells in concise form the story of the decline and the revival of our public schools. From 1885 to 1898 the enrolment fluctuated from a minimum of 21,845 to a maximum of 22,852 while the supplements voted by the people fell gradually from \$12,227 to \$8,478 and the government expenditure for these years increased from \$109,316 to \$129,817. From 1898 till the late government went out of power in 1912 there was steady yearly decrease in enrolment from 22,852 to 17,078; an increase in supplements voted, from \$8,478 to \$25,811 showing the increasing efforts put forth by the people to save the dying schools; a decrease in government expenditure fluctuating from \$129,817 to \$121,695 in 1904, then a spasmodic fluctuation upward to \$127,547 in 1910 and a fall to \$126,438 in 1911.

Since 1912 the first year under the present government the enrolment increased steadily from 17,078 to 18,402 in 1915; the supplements voted increased from \$25,811 to \$27,811 while the government expenditure increased from \$126,438 in 1911 to \$168,312 in 1915. This record speaks for itself and is a prediction of even better conditions in the years to come under the encouragement and assistance given by the present government to the cause of education.

In the matter of school building improvements the people of Summerside are especially complimented by the Acting Superintendent, Mr. H. H. Shaw, on the remodelling and enlarging of Central School; the people of West Royalty on the fine modern new building erected, a building which, with its grounds, is referred to as "an excellent type of a one department school." New school buildings were also erected at Canavoy, St. Andrews, Cardigan North, Bradalbane, Brookfield and Bideford.

The Superintendent expresses regret at the number of small schools throughout the province. "In 1911," says the report, "there were 182 schools with an average daily attendance of less than 15 and in 1915 there was still 143 schools with this small attendance. While it is encouraging to see this reduction in their number there are still too many small schools." He recommends that a serious effort be made to reduce the number of these small schools.

The enrolment of pupils for the year shows an increase of 333 over that of the preceding year and the average attendance an increase of 524. At the annual school meetings there was an increase of \$438 in the amount voted for teacher's supplements, an increase of \$1895 in contingent expenses and an increase of \$24,600 for improvement of school buildings. "These votes," says the Superintendent's report, "afford the best index of the public interest in the work of the schools, and show that the effort put forth within the last few years to increase the teacher's salaries has been well maintained and that the energy of the district is now more particularly devoted to the improvement of the school property.

The reports of the different Inspectors are optimistic and tell of almost invariable progress in the different schools. There are a few schools in which neglect on the part of parents is evident but generally speaking little fault is found either with the parents teachers or pupils, while in the great majority of cases all are complimented on the increasing interest taken and the progress made in the schools.

Reports are also given of the School Supply Branch the Teacher's Association, the Summer School of Science, the Manual Training School, Summerside and Charlottetown School Boards, Prince of Wales College, the Rural Science Department of Prince of Wales College.

THE BRAND OF THE BUREAU

Hon. J. A. MacDonald, in a letter in yesterday's Guardian issued a challenge to Mr. J. J. Johnston. When the Government laid bare the gross misrepresentation of the Opposition on the oats question and left them in the pitiable position of not having even a shadow of excuse for their scandalous conduct, member after member of the Opposition rose from their seats and protested that they had never used the oats scandal to further their election. Among the number was Mr. J. J. Johnston, Mr. MacDonald in reference to Mr. Johnston disclaimer said "that he could be guilty of such unblushing and deliberate falsehood as this is almost incredible."

Has Mr. Johnston repudiated the charge? He has not nor has he even resented the reflection on his honour and integrity. He has merely satisfied himself with writing a characteristic letter to the Patriot quoting Dooley just as he quoted Finnigan in another connection. The brand of the Bureau remains indelible.

NOTES

The Neueste Nachrichten, of Leipzig, says that there are 10,000 pet dogs in the city, and that if the worst comes they can be killed and eaten. This seems hard on the German Fowlers, but if, through the fortunes of war, it really comes to pass no precedent will be created. The people of beleaguered cities have been compelled to eat even rats on occasion in the past. And, anyway, "dog" is not an unknown eatable in the Fatherland.



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- MISSING**
- J. F. Paters, Charlottetown
 - Pte. Jas. Dawson Brown, New London

- DIED FROM WOUNDS**
- Private William Gordon, Montserrat
 - Patrick A. McManus, Bonshaw
 - Gunner Nell McIsaac, Souris
 - John Currie, Charlottetown
 - George Dunn, Rustico
 - Private John Curley, Charlottetown
 - Gordon Manderson, Malpeque
 - Pte. John W. McDonald, Bradalbane
 - Private Arch. McKinnon, Canoe Cove
 - Private Walter Smith Pownal, (Western Canada)
 - William D. McKinnon, Heatherdale
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- KILLED IN ACTION**
- Cyrus B. Birt, Risquid East
 - A. S. Henderson, Union Road
 - John McLean, Charlottetown
 - Corp. Robert O. Stewart, Dunstaffnage
 - Pte. Arthur Robertson, Augustine Cove
 - Charles McFarlane, City
 - Charles L. Pitts, Charlottetown
 - Sergt. Wm. B. Brady, Charlottetown
 - Pte. Alex. Lorne McNeill, Rocky Point
 - Moses Gallant, Wheatley River
 - Sapper S. Robinson of Charlottetown
 - Mr. Leo Wannacott, Hunter River Cove
 - Pte. Daniel McLeod, Charlottetown

- DIED ON MILITARY SERVICE**
- Gunner Alfred James, Midgell
 - Bom. Adolph Gallant, Rustico
 - Bom. James Stevens, Kingston
 - Gunner Martin Dalton, Georgetown
 - Pte. A. R. McArthur, Alberton
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 - James Taylor, City
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 - Gunner Robert McPhee, Charlottetown
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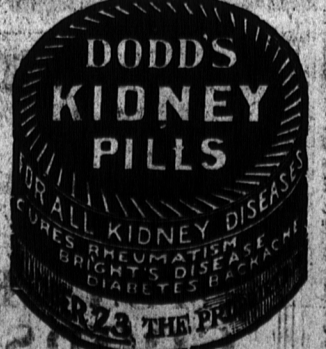
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It is a sad thing when we allow life's disappointments to make us despondent. The problem of Christian living in this world is not to escape experiences of hardship, but to retain sweet peace of spirit in all such experiences. When the snow melted away after the long winter, a little plant was seen looking up into the warm blue sky as fresh, tender, and full of life, as if it had passed the cold months in a conservatory. Under the great drifts it had hidden, cosy and warm; and was ready at the first coming of spring to burst into the full vigor of fragrant life.

That is a picture of the way every Christian life should pass through the winter of adversity. That is not the way many people do endure. You must sometimes go from the cool shade and gurgling waters of life out into the hot desert. You must have hardships, losses, sorrows. But see to it that you retain through all these a heart gentle as a child's, and full of trust and hope. Turn when the winter is past and the spring comes, as spring always does come after the longest winter, you will emerge unharmed, with even richer life, tenderer beauty, and deeper joy. The secret of such victorious living is a trust in God that never fails.



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