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THE ULTIMATUM TO GERMAN

It seems more and more evident that in the closing months of 1918 the Allied armies were pressed on to Berlin instead of agreeing to an armistice and the terms of peace following, which have proved so sadly disappointing.

It is so far satisfactory to learn that at length the patience of the Allies has been worn out and their ultimatum has been issued demanding of Germany payment for the reparations and fulfilment of other treaty conditions agreed upon under penalty of further occupation of German territory.

Foch. He will know exactly what to do with it and may be depended upon to act promptly and with determination.

ISLAND LONGEVITY

In no part of Canada and we believe the same may be said of the world, do people live to a greater age than in Prince Edward Island. It is a far call from Charlottetown to Oakland, California and in the latter city is published The Maple Leaf, dear to many Maritime people now residents in the United States.

Among the features of each issue of the Maple Leaf is a list of recent deaths in each of the provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. In its latest issue 22 deaths notices appear in the Island list of which in a number of cases no age is specified.

ents time wasted. Such a method might be of advantage in big towns or the city, where those whose future may be in the line of industry, might get the benefit of that manual training so unfortunately abolished since the Bell Government came into power.

It was promised that with the advent of this Government the farmers new era would be opened up. The priceless mussel mud deposits of Richmond Bay, and other estuaries would be opened up, and with a spur line of railway, and at reduced freights, the farmers all over the province would be enriched from what Premier Bell announced as this mine of illimitable wealth.

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.

CORNER LOAFING

Sir:—I presume Charlottetown in common with other cities has policemen who regulate the traffic and to keep people moving. The brass buttoned men seen on the streets would indicate this. Why is it, then, that corner-loafing prevails to such an extent in Charlottetown? Around about the Royal Bank corner and Sunnyside corners may be seen almost any day or night, numbers of men with evidently nothing to do but pass remarks about the passers by, even to the extent of casting insults at ladies, especially when escorted.

PREVENTING FIRES

Sir:—The season has come when fires are starting through the country entailing damage and loss. When we consider that every spring there is needless damage done by those who don't seem to know when and how to set fires I think it is time for someone to offer rules to be observed, and strictly adhered to, which almost entirely insure safety to property.

Never attempt to burn brush where there is any danger, and only between the 15th of June and the first of August. Never light the fire until the afternoon and on a fine calm day. Go to the sheltered side of the field if surrounded by woods, scrape two or three yards all along the woods to prevent fire running down the edge of the brush and guard, when it will burn slowly and will itself against the light air of wind, until it is clean. Scrape off ground so as the fire will not pass over again.

These Days Were Just Made for Women With New Spring Suits

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Piquant ribbon bows, gay toned flowers quaintly used on picturesque shapes, mark this collection of the very newest of the millinery modes.

Hats of glistening straw braids have strands of wheat interwoven with flowers, transparent black hats are veiled in lace and a novel touch is added by clusters of vivid fruit.

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tors and dramatists in any part of Canada and to assemble them during the summer months, housing them rent-free in his fruit pickers' quarters and boarding them at cost. It is hoped that from such beginnings a Canadian company might grow which would tour the land with its repertory of native plays. There are always incredulous smilers and head-shakers to act as a foil to a venture like this. For ourselves we neither smile nor shake the head, but we say in good Canadian: "it counts fine; go to it."

ST. JOHN-BOSTON SERVICE  
ST. JOHN, May 2.—While the arrival at Boston today by the steamer Governor Dingley, that vessel will be withdrawn from the Boston-Portland run, and after re-arranging a thorough overhauling is to be placed on the route from Boston to Eastport, Lubec and St. John for the summer. The steamer Ransom B. Fuller has been painted and her interior overhauled preparatory to taking the place of the Dingley on the Portland service.

Voted For Ban On Hearst Journals

Ontario Legislature Ignored Advice of Premier Drury  
TORONTO, April 30.—Shortly before the adjournment of the Ontario Legislature today, R. A. Fowler (Lennox), secured a unanimous vote of the members present on his resolution that all Hearst publications should be excluded from circulation in Canada, and that the federal Government take immediate steps in connection with the matter. Before the vote was taken Premier Drury said that while no doubt all lamented the mischief being done by these papers, he doubted the advisability of interfering in a Dominion Government matter. "It seems to me we are always putting in our nose where it does not belong," said the Premier. The resolution carried, however, without a dissenting voice.

Spirit Message.  
(Cape Argus.  
A doctor and a parson of a same name lived on the same street. The parson died, and about the same time the doctor went to Aden to a post there. On his arrival he telegraphed home to his wife, but the wire went to the parson's widow by mistake. It was in the following terms: "Arrived safely; heat terrific." As usual the story is hard on the parson.

OFFICIAL VENDORS OF NOVA SCOTIA  
Start With About 100,000 Cases of Liqueur—More This Week  
HALIFAX, N. S., May 2.—The newly appointed provincial liquor vendors commission will start to function officially today and on and after this date all vendors throughout Nova Scotia must produce their stocks through the commission which has established offices in Halifax. The commission has already on hand about one thousand cases of liqueur, and more is expected to arrive this week from England.

The Old Gardener Says

If you are raising rabbits grow a patch of chicory for them. There are few greens which they like so well and none on which they will thrive better. If you grow without chicory you can dig up the roots when fall comes and force them in boxes of sand in the cellar, making a remarkably good salad for your own table; indeed, the very salad which often appears on hotel tables as French endive.

Others' View Points

A Theatre in the Rockies.  
(Canadian Forum Toronto.)  
—We hear this month of a novel theatre in Naramata, B. C., which has been constructed by Mr. Carroll Aikens, dramatist and fruit grower. The theatre is situated on the third floor of a fruit-packing house in the midst of lakes and mountain scenery. Its purpose is stated on the opening programme, dated November 3, 1920: "We feel that we have reached the point in our history where we may look for a Canadian literature to record Canadian achievement; and it is in this faith that we have built this theatre for the giving of Canadian plays by Canadian actors. We hope that it will be used by the young actor as a training ground for his abilities, and by the young poet as a testing ground for his work; and we have great pleasure in offering it to them, for the service of beauty and for a true expression of the Canadian spirit." Mr. Aikens wishes to get in touch with established or would be ac-

Current Comment

A bee inspection department has been instituted, the salary provided by the Dominion Government. It is in charge of an excellent and competent inspector—Mr. Harold Newson—who with some system of encouragement could re-establish this industry, which years ago flourished handsomely in the province. That encouragement, to the extent of less than one of their seasonal indemnities, has been denied. The difficulty to overcome is in the procuring of stock, which because of long distances and high express charges for small parcels makes the cost almost prohibitive to the individual importer. To import an initial supply of bees and fixtures would involve an outlay of

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ONLY WAIT  
Oft there comes a gentle whisper o'er me stealing.

When my burdens and my trials seem too great; Like the sweet-voiced bells of evening softly pealing, It is saying to my spirit, "Only wait."

When I cannot understand my Father's leading, And His dealing seems to me but cruel fate, Still I hear that gentle whisper ever pleading, "God is working, God is faithful—only wait."

When the promise seems to linger, long delaying, And I tremble lest perhaps it come too late, Still I hear that sweet-voiced whisper ever saying, "Though it tarry, it is coming—only wait."

Oh, how little soon will seem our hardest sorrow, And how trifling is our present brief estate; Could we only see the light of heaven's tomorrow, Oh, how easy it would be for us to wait.

I have chosen my eternal portion yonder, I am pressing hard to reach you heavenly gate; And though oft along the way I weep and wonder, Still I hear that cheering whisper, "Only wait."

—Joshua Tappineyer

Amongst those Liberal, literal and metaphorical, defamations of the Guardian during the session, was the frequently repeated assertion that we were "knocking" their Agricultural and Technical School. Of course, like their other slanders this was their own manufacture, the creation of some of their own day dreams of what they thought ought to be. Our stand, however, has been in every essential and detail for the betterment of education in every department of usefulness, and in connection with this special school we adopted the same advocacy. This is the lone chick hatched over, from a big setting of eggs, by the Department of Agriculture, and we are not inclined to blame the Hon. Mr. Lea for doing a lot of clucking over it, provided he keeps his fuss within his limited brood. It quite often occurs that an old hen will cluck and fuss more over a single "scrub" chick than a sensible hen will do over a full brood of healthy offspring. But when the old hen commences to fly at those who merely peep through the fence at its antics it reaches the point either of amusement or protest. In this sense we suggest to the hon. gentleman either to read our articles correctly, or else let them severely alone.

The Technical School, even as now established and managed, is not in any sense of the word lost money to the province. It will give, as the Government claim for it, magnificent returns for every dollar of its cost. Nor is their complaint against its teaching staff, which is both practical and efficient. Let there be no misunderstanding or further misrepresentation, either by the Government or their twisty organ on these points. But on matters of which we did speak let us be even more pronounced, in the light of more convincing evidence now before us. There are about fourteen thousand five hundred farmers in this province. From this vast number about thirty or thirty five of their sons are receiving the benefits of this special education. Is not this trifling with the interests of almost the whole of our farming population, who have to pay their por-

tion of the costs, but receiving absolutely none of the benefits? Their answer to this is that, as Mr. Lea puts it, we can't employ a host of teachers with a caravan of equipment to travel around the country giving lessons to every section of the country. This is simply building up straw castles to provide amusement in punching them down. No one advocates any such a scheme, nor have we on our part even dreamed of such foolishness.

Cramming has been denounced by the best of the world's educationalists, in all the general branches of study. Modern philosophy has demanded more of specialization in all departments of Education as well as in industry. We have even heard a voice rather like unto this from the Hon. Mr. Lea himself, when pleading his pet dairy theories. Now according to its prospectus this Agricultural and Technical school is designed to get one of the most perfect cramming systems in the province. Not content with instructing the student in the best principles of agriculture, which should include horticulture, forestry, budding, pruning, grafting, soil analysis, lawn and ground planning, dairying, stock raising, preparing marketing of produce, and similar incidentals; but they propose the further instruction in the mechanical arts to QUALIFY THE STUDENT FOR CITY AS WELL AS COUNTRY LIFE. Efficiency can not be possible where, so much is attempted to be crammed, within a few short months, into one mind. In each of their departments of instruction they have a special teacher who has spent many years perfecting himself in his art or science, and yet it is proposed to inject all the knowledge acquired by all these different instructors, into the one student's brains, within the short period of his tuition in this school. It is simply something that cannot be done.

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